

The North Central Camera Club Council

News Bulletin

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President's Message

Greetings,

The deadline is fast approaching to register for the Spring mini-convention. The grounds of the new facility are wooded and the time of the year should be conducive to Spring ephemerals. Additionally, Bob has lined up a nice variety of interesting topics for the seminars and some time to play with our cameras is built in to the conference. These are always fun. The accompanying photos were taken at previous mini-conventions.

Again, I would like to remind judging clubs that contest rules passed at the Fall convention do not take effect until after they are published in the handbook this Summer. That means the size changes don't happen yet, nor is creative currently changed to altered reality. There have been reports of disqualified images with the reason being cited as the rule changes. Furthermore, the only categories that prohibit manipulation are nature and photojournalism. Therefore, manipulation is not a reason to disqualify an image in any other category. It's certainly ok to comment that the judges feel the image would score higher in creative.

As many of you already know, The date change for the Spring convention means I'll be stuck at work; while the rest of you are having fun. Oh well...enjoy!

Linda Rutherford Iruther1@comcast.net







REVISED N4C Spring Camp In 2017* St. Thomas More Center, Panorama, Iowa Schedule

Friday	, May 5th
3:00	Check-in
4:00	Welcome – Linda Rutherford, President
4:15	N4C Board of Directors Meeting
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Larry/Delores Meister – Springbrook Information
	N4C Results at PSA and Basic Composition – Gene Schwope
8:00	Shooting the Night Sky – Matt Moses
9:00	Popcorn
9:00+	Night shooting – Go out to shoot with Matt
Saturd	lay, May 6th
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Rodeo Photography - Marty Welter
10:00	Break
10:15	Looking Back – Jerry Bonsack
11:00	Tabletop Photography – Terry Butler
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Zambia! – Donna Gustafson
1:45	Photographing In and Out of My Car – Diane Darnielle
2:30	Travel Photography and Photojournalism – John Larson
3:30	Break
3:45	Breakout**/Panorama Print Judging***
	Jerry Bonsack – Cut Glass with Black Light and Lasers
	Paul Grillo-Working with Textures and Layers to Elevate Your Images
	Dwight Tomes – IR Photography
	Donna Gustafson – Zambia!
	John Larson – Travel Photography and Photojournalism
	Matt Moses– Shooting the Night Sky
	Marty Welter – <i>Rodeo Photography</i>
	Terry Butler – Tabletop Photography
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Sharing – Ideas to take back to your club
9:00	Popcorn and wine

Sunday, May 7th

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Invitation to Rapid City
- 9:30 Photo Essays Dwight Tomes

- ** Most presenters will be available during the breakout session.
- *** Bring prints to be judged to the camp-in.

^{*}A major change this year is that members staying in the dormitories must bring their own bedding (including a pillow) and towels/wash clothes. A sleeping bag will work.

May 5, 6 & 7, 2017

N4C SPRING CAMP-IN REGISTRATION

St Thomas More Center, Panorama, Iowa

Mark your calendar NOW to attend.

Complete the registration form and send it along with your check NOW.

DEADLINE DATE for arrival of your registration is Wednesday, *April 26*.

NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of *April 26*.

PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April *26*.

A confirmation email will be sent out to you upon the receipt of your money and registration.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N4C - SPRINGBROOK CAMP - IN

Return Registration & check to:	Delores Meister 421 Pleasant View Dr. Solon, IA 52333	phoi	stions? ne: 319-6 iil: <u>LDKlik</u>		6 <u>@aol.com</u>	
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NEW THIS YEAR: They did discont ing costs this year. Therefore the p			e was no	increase	e in food or lodg	-
		Nun	nber of pe	eople	Total cost	
Package #1: Dorm Room Use @ 9 (Includes: Meals & lodging in dorn Bring your own BEDDING, TOW	ns – 8 beds per room.	etc.)			\$	
Package #2: Day Use @ \$93 per (<i>Includes: Meals & day use learnii</i> Not use of dorm room)	-				\$	
			Grand	l Total	\$	

Please make these changes in your N4C Handbook/Directory, Page F-10.

Rules for Panorama Print Annual Contest,

- 1. A Panorama print is considered to be a photographic print with a minimum of at least a 2 to 1 ratio; with no square inch limitation.
- 2. Open contest, any subject, mode, or process, color or Black & White.
- 3. The print may be produced by the entrant or by a commercial laboratory.
- 4. The print **MUST** be mounted.
- 5. Any contingency not covered by these rules will be referred to the Chair of the Panorama Print Competition, whose interpretation and decision will be final.
- 6. Ribbons will be awarded according to current N4C judging club rules; points will count towards Club of the Year and Photographer of the Year.
- 7. To reduce cost and problems with mailing oversize prints, this contest will require that entrants deliver their entries to Springbrook, either in person or make arrangements to have them delivered and picked up afterwards. No prints will be returned by mail.

The Chairman is Ed Siems, <u>ed siems@yahoo.com</u>, of the Central Iowa Camera Club. Prints are generally brought on Saturday morning to the library (across the hall from the meeting room). Be sure your print has a title, your name, your club name, and your N4C number on it.

I generally start sorting and arranging these after lunch, so they will be ready for judging around 3 pm in the same library room. Prints are shown to the assembly and ribbons are presented at Springbrook.

Judges are chosen by Ed Siems after it has been determined which clubs are represented in the contest. Judges are not allowed from any club which has an entry in the contest.

Pat Schwope N4C Secretary



B & W Pictorial Prints

1st	At the Table - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
2nd	Pontiac - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
3rd	Bird Song - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
НМ	Mt Moran - Diane Darnielle Des Moines

HM No Alcoholic Beverages Were Harmed in the Creation of this - John Ryan, Des Moines

HM Strong City Kansas - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

Brunch on the Mississippi Potty Foster Dos Moines

31 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Melissa Anderson, Betty Bryan, Marilyn Rau.

Color Prints

ารเ	Brunch on the Mississippi - Patty Foster, Des Moines
2nd	Foggy Day at Landscape Arch - Mark Shaw, Iowa City
3rd	P-Town Bikes for Rent - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
HM	Color My World Orange - Sharla Glick, Des Moines
HM	Beauty & the Beast - Greg Punelli, Des Moines
HM	Effie's Brook - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM	Short-eared Owl - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
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36 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Doug Conrad, Ron Nicolls, Carl Hardy. Comments: A ver good variety of subjects. Excellent composition and colors.

Creative Prints

1st	Old Victorian Lines - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
2nd	Two Butterflies on Flower - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
3rd	Water Lily & Bee - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
HM	Atlas Moth - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM	Riding & Roping - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

Colorful Ornament - Ed Lower, Color Shooters

14 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Kuntemeier Kamera. Chair: JoAnn Kentemeier. Judges: Carrie Berge, Judy Smith, Jeff Bernier. Comments: Need more entries in this category.

Digital B&W

1st	Critical Eye - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
2nd	Ice Beach - Jim Boots, Wichita Area
3rd	Inspector Amberg - Don Loseke, Omaha
HM	Bubble Bath - Larry Headley, Omaha
HM	Hard at Work - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM	Creation - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul
HM	Prairie King - Linda Humphrey, Black Hills
HM	Old Barn Light Switch - Bob Rude, Iowa City
HM	Zaanse Schans Windmills - Jose Santos, Minnesota Valley

85 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Diane Darnielle. Judges: Dwight Tomes, Susan Christensen, Diane Lowry. Comments: An excellent group of very diverse images. The first three images were tied with a score of 45 and the judges had to break the ties. The winners were outstanding.

Biographies of Officer Candidates on N4C Ballot, 2017 - 2018

For President: Bob Lathi - Duluth Superior Camera Club

I formerly served as President of the Duluth-Superior Camera Club, for two 2-year terms. I retired from the Duluth public schools 12 years ago, after teaching English for 33 years. After retiring, I turned to my little pursued hobby of photography, which allowed me to continue learning, something I hold dear. I've been married to my wife Ethel for 46 years. We have two children: Briana and Greg. Once I made the decision to improve as a photographer and to learn as much as possible about the new digital age we enjoy, and because I compete in N4C and PSA, my photography has improved.

For 1st Vice President: Debbie Bates – Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs Camera Club

Debbie Bates has been involved with photography for over 31 years. She helped to organize the Southwest lowa Shutterbugs Camera Club in 2009. She recently retired after 25 years at Walmart, 10 of those as photo manager. She believes in learning as much as possible and passing it on to others to help them in their photography. Debbie has been married to Keith Bates for almost 22 years.

For 2nd Vice President: Mark H. Gromko – Iowa City Camera Club

I have been interested in photography since I was young, but it is only since my retirement in 2009 that I have been able to devote time and energy to developing my photography in a more studied way. I worked for 31 years at Bowling Green State University, first as a faculty member in genetics and evolution, and then in administration (Vice Provost for Academic Programs). Freed from those responsibilities, and with our children grown and out in the world, I have undertaken photography trips to a variety of locations. I have concentrated on landscapes of the natural world, but I am also interested in macro and wildlife photography. I have been a member of the lowa City Camera Club since 2010, and served as President of that club in 2015-2016.

For Secretary: Pat Schwope - St. Paul Camera Club

My husband, Gene, and I enjoy spending time with our grandchildren, ages 13,11,9 and 6, attending their various church, school, and Scouting events, and doing some photography on our yearly travels. Gene and I are St. Paul Camera Club Co-Historians, and Co-Editors of the SPCC Yearbook. I have been a member of SPCC since 1979, and am currently serving as Special Competitions Chairman, N4C Representative, and Delegate to the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs. I have served as N4C Secretary since 2003, and am pleased to be asked to continue. I have very much enjoyed attending Springbrook; am looking forward to the Iowa Camp-In at our new location; and always enjoy attending the yearly N4C Convention.

For Treasurer: Lynda Richards – Des Moines Camera Club

I have served as N4C Treasurer since 1999, and would be honored to continue in that position. As an officer of N4C, I believe it is important to attend both Springbrook and Conventions. I am very interested in trying to think of ways we can encourage our clubs and their members to be more involved in these two very educational and fun events. I treasure the friendships and camaraderie found with other N4C members. As a long-time member of the Des Moines Camera Club, I have served in several offices, including President, Newsletter Editor, Convention Chairman and Camera Show Chairman. Since 1986, Imaged by Lynda Richards has been my portrait business, giving me the opportunity to photograph senior high students, weddings, families, children and special events. Some of my favorite subjects havebeen by grandchildren, Christian and Olivia. Traveling is one of my favorite pastimes, and allows for many photo opportunities. Over the years my husband Jim, and I have prepared and shared many slide shows to different organizations. Some of the places we have traveled besides all 50 states are Russia, Belarus, New Zealand, Tahiti, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Canada, and Mexico. Besides continually working my business, I am currently working on family history slide shows, combining old and new family photos set to music.

Biographies of Director Candidates on N4C Ballot, 2017-1018

For Director Number 1: John Larson, Jr. - Shutterbug Camera Club

I am very happy to be asked to serve as Director #2 for N4C. I am a retired electrical engineer now teaching math part-time at Southeastern Community College, and married to Ruth. For 38 years I worked as an engineer with both General Electric and Marathon Electric. During that time, my responsibilities included managing all of the engineering computer efforts, primarily CAD and CAM. I took my first photography class in 1991, and joined the Shutterbug Camera Club. My first digital adventures were having slides scanned to CDs. I then purchased a Canon D-30, followed by a Digital Rebel, and now primarily use a Canon 6D and 7D. I enjoy sports of several varieties, especially skiing in winter. I began to be active in N4C activities in 2004, and currently am PJ Chairman. I joined PSA in 1994, and am in my second term as Chairman of PSA's PJ Division. I was names APSA in 2009

For Director Number 2: Steve Thompson – Sioux Falls Camera Club

I've enjoyed photography ever since my first contact print became visible in the tray while in Junior high. I joined the Sioux Falls Camera Club in 1984, and have held most of the offices and committee positions. I've attended most N4C Conventions since 1988, and have made it a habit to attend Springbrook. Whenever I get a chance, I promote photography, and share what I have learned with those new to photography. I am currently a member of the N4C Service Awards Committee, and served as Convention Planning Chairman from 2006-2012. The best part of N4C for me is the fellowship and the inspiration I received to improve my photography.

For Director Number 3: Doug Conrad – Sioux City Camera Club

Photography has been a passion of mine for over 30 years. I began shooting in the early 70's with a Petri 35mm SLR film camera, which I purchased while in the Navy, and then later upgraded to the Canon AE1. I began shooting digital in 2003 with the Canon A80 point and shoot, and in 2007 purchased my first DSLR, the Nikon D5000/ I'm currently shooting with the Nikon D7200. My passion is shooting nature and landscapes, but I enjoy taking all types of photos. My dog, Lambeau, and my grandkids are also popular subjects.

For Director Number 4: Paul J Grillo - Des Moines Camera Club

I have been a member of Des Moines Camera Club Since September 2010, and have attended N4C Spring-brook Conferences since April 2011, including a couple of the Annual Conventions with committee participation when Des Moines hosted. In addition to judging for our local camera club, I regularly judge for N4C, and have also judged for PSA. Photography is becoming a larger part of my life as I look toward retirement from my current career in the IT Composition and printing world. I enjoy being in organizations like N4C, and over the career have served and held top positions on many trade organization boards, and personally have served on condo association boards as President. I have taken these positions because I believe that you must participate and contribute to you profession or passion in order to reap maximum benefits that you expect.

For Director Number 5: Greg Hoglund – Topeka Camera Club

I have been a member of the Topeka Camera Club for 10 plus years, and have been President of the club for the past 3 years. I have attended the last 7 conventions, and have been to Springbrook for the last 8 years. I love taking pictures, and concentrate on travel and people photography (mostly family related). With 20 grandkids, there is never an end to photo opportunities! I also do portrait photography with a small studio in my basement. I look forward to the day when I can retire from work, and spend more time taking photos.

For Director Number 6: Terry Butler – Western Wisconsin Photography Club

I have been a member of the Western Wisconsin Photography Club (WWPC) since 2011. I soon started to represent my club at the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs (TCACCC), which includes more than 20 camera clubs in Minneapolis, St. Paul and outstate. I have been serving as Secretary of that organization since 2013. When I became President of WWPC in 2015, I was the driving force for our club's joining N4C. At this time, I am still President of WWPC and serve as its webmaster, am called upon to judge salons for other clubs in the TCACCC, have given photography-related presentations to local clubs, and help with the TCACCC's annual Spring Break event. I especially enjoy the many friendships I've made, and the opportunity to help others on their photography journey.

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Digital Creative

1st Three Hummingbirds - Melis	ssa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
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2nd Sunrise in the Forest - Bob Rude, Iowa City

3rd Execution of a Woody - David Smethers, Dubuque

HM Sunrise on the East Pasture - Paul Grillo, Des Moines

HM Red Dress Series 02 - Michael Huber, Western Wisconsin

HM Head to Head Battle - Jodie Lemke, Black Hills

HM Dreams of Summer - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior

HM Needles - John Nannenga, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Died and Gone to Heaven - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

HM Doorway to the Universe - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Metal Bench - Don Loseke, Omaha

101 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Kim Walter. Judges: Linda Freeman, Brenda Strauss, Sheila Sutton.

Digital Journalism

1st	Good Clean Fun - Mike Barker, Omaha
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2nd Stick Save - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines

3rd Learning to Dance - Sue Olson, Minnesota Valley

HM Tough Ride - Harlan Humphrey, Black Hills

HM The Search, Leap and Dinner - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills

HM Bronc Riding - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

HM Master Glassmaker Shaping Molten Glass - Allen Kurth, Omaha

HM Oh Noooo! - Bob Lundquist, Saint Paul

HM Bsketball Layup - Donald Martin, Topeka

HM Did We Win - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

92 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux Falls Camera Club. Chair: Jim Craig. Judges: Rob Junker, Sandy Jorgenson, Betsy Peterson.

Digital Nature

1st	Booted Racket Tail - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
2nd	Aurora Storm - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior

2nd Aurora Storm - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior3rd Mantis - Sarah Becker, Des Moines

HM This Paw's for You - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

HM Four Martins Two Eggs - Peggy Boike, Saint PaulHM Whisperer - Harlan Humphrey, Black Hills

HM Woodie - Markus Erk, Black Hills

HM Gotcha - John Ryan, Des Moines

HM Moon Over Toadstools - Mark Gromko, Iowa CityHM Meet the Neighbors - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley

HM Northern Saw-Whet Roosting - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead

103 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Larry W. Headley. Judges: Mike Barker, Allen Kurth, Dorothy Sansom. Comments: So many fine entries, it was very difficult determining measurable differences in the top 15-20 entries. Two issues came up; neither issue affected the scoring, but should be mentioned:

1) A fantastic photo of newly hatched birds in a nest raised questions about how it was taken without causing "distress or injury to any wild creature". The camera had to be incredibly close to the subjects and the nest looked like a picture out of Good Housekeeping magazine. 2) Several entries of flowers looked like they were "cultivated", which is not allowed in this category. However, it begs the question: How is a photo of a wild animal in a zoo any different from a photo of a wild/exotic plant taken in an arboretum or botanical garden? Some clarification is in order here. The Omaha Camera Club hopes its comments (100% of entries) are helpful.

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Digital Pictorial

1st Burning Sunrise - Pavel Blagev, Western Wisconsin
2nd Badlands Splendor - Harlan Humphrey, Black Hills
3rd Steptoe Sunrise View - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
HM Big Red Gulp - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead
HM I See You - David W Lohrman, Great River
HM Alaska Reflection - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
HM Julia on a Rainy Day - Mike Barker, Omaha

HM Pink in the Sky Over Lake Superior - Roxanne Westman, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Wells Fargo Building - Steve Pacholl, North Metro

HM Do Drop In - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City

HM Cranes at Sunrise - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead

108 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglund. Judges: Craig Strever, Dave Horner, Dawn Buttery. Comments: Lots of great images from 22 clubs.

Digital Travel

1st Kenya Elephant Safari - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin

2nd Alhambra (Spain) - Jose Garcia, Dubuque

3rd Split Rock Lighthouse MN - Drago Nemec, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Minneapolis-Minn Skyline - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Charles Bridge and the Prague Castle, Czech Republic - Jose Santos, Minnesota Valley

HM Bonnie Lake, Alaska - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
 HM Torres del Paine Chili - Jean McDonough, North Metro
 HM Climbing Mt. Snowdon, Wales - Mike Barker, Omaha
 HM Young Musher Duluth, MN - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

HM Salt Water Cowboys, Chincoteague Island, Virginia - Craig Strever, Topeka

HM Yellowstone National Park (WY) - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

106 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Bev Hawkins, Terri Sposito, Linda Rutherford. Comments: Many strong images. Nice to see so many clubs entering.

Journalism Prints

1st Lawyers in Training - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 2nd Head Over Heels - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
 3rd Working Together - Scott Thomson, Duluth-Superior

HM Baling Hay - Paul Grillo, Des Moines

HM Tornado Aftermath - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
HM Young Man Start Up Hill - Ed Lower, Color Shooters

17 entries from 6 clubs Judging Club: Fargo Moorhead. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Zach Lavelle, Eline Berg, Miranda Lavelle.

Nature Prints

1st Bobby Sox Trees - Terri Dermody, Des Moines2nd Wallow Rage - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

3rd Northern Saw-Whet Owl - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Springs - Bob Rude, Iowa City

HM Fox Kits at Den - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
HM Unencapsulated - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

30 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Amanda Bierbaum, Naomi Belisle, Richard Hudson.

Travel Prints

1st Mission San Xavier - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

2nd Doors Immigrant Hospital - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

3rd Sunrise Saguaro - AZ - Mark Gromko, Iowa City HM Yellowstone - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

HM Morning View from Steptoe Butte - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

HM Norris Geyser Basin - Bob Rude, Iowa City

18 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo Moorhead. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Zach Lavelle, Eline Berg, Miranda Lavelle.

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