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President's Message

The photo below is important to me because I use the silver maple tree and tire swing as a reminder for me to change my focus (bad pun, I know). Fall is done; winter is around the corner. I'm one of those photographers who spends too much time envisioning shots prior to taking them. This scene tells me annually that it's time for me to start thinking and envisioning about winter images. Do you have a prompt like this? They do work.

As I've indicated in the past, one of the common complaints about N4C that I've heard is the inconsistency in monthly judging. We all know that judging is subjective and that will not change. However, following N4C guidelines and rules is something we as a council can improve. Plan on discussing the rules/guidelines of each category during an upcoming club meeting and make sure your club goes over the rules/guidelines prior to doing a monthly judging. Also, members who enter contests will be submitting more compliant images if they know the expectations of the judges beforehand.

Deb Bates has been working diligently on putting together this coming year's mini-convention at St. Thomas More Center in Panora, IA. Set aside the first weekend in May and plan on attending. The opportunity to learn more and meet fellow photographers should not be missed.

Bob Lathi
N4C President
Duluth/Superior Camera Club





Contest Results

Altered Reality Prints

- 1st Mystery on the Tracks - Bob Rude, Iowa City
 - 2nd A Cold Winter Morning - Bob Rude, Iowa City
 - 3rd Eclipse Gazing - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 - HM Alaska Friends - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
 - HM Sparks Lane in Spring B&W - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
 - HM Portland Head Light - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 21 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Chuck R, Sharon Watson, Pam Bernstein.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Hofrunger - Proud & Strong - Brian Duffey, Des Moines
 - 2nd Canoe Shed - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
 - 3rd Paul - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
 - HM Late Evening Snow Egret - Greg Punelli, Des Moines
 - HM St. Jerome Catholic Chapel - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
 - HM Amish Countryside - David Brown, Des Moines
- 18 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Great River. Chair: Ryno W Olson. Judges: Hal Woods, Leigh Ann Nixon, Perry Schmelzer. Comments: Challenging set of prints to judge. Good Job.

Color Prints

- 1st Palouse Colfax Barn - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
 - 2nd Coquille River Lighthouse - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 - 3rd Autumn Luminosity - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
 - HM The Phone Booth - Bob Rude, Iowa City
 - HM Indian Dancer 4863 - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
 - HM Shadow Valley Motors - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 39 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Kunte-meier Kamera. Chair: JoAnn Kunte-meier. Judges: Jeanie Yee, Jane Kemp, Roger Brown..

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Fall Colors - Dave Horner, Topeka
 - 2nd Split Personality - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
 - 3rd Lotus Position - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 - HM Almost Complete - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
 - HM Night Bikes - Larry Headley, Omaha
 - HM Dogwood Tree - Mike Barker, Omaha
 - HM Model T in Color - Ed Lower, Color Shooters
 - HM Bentonsport Presbyterian Church - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- 78 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Gene Schwope. Judges: Herb Gustafson, Morris Gildemeister, Pat Schwope.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Indian Dancer 4883 - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
 - 2nd Wearing Her Art DM Arts Festival - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
 - 3rd Bulldogging - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
 - HM Leaping for a Victory - Greg Hogle, Topeka
 - HM Uncle Sam Wants You to Vote - Sonja Hogle, Topeka
 - HM "Let Go" Swimming at Pillsbury Crossing - Sonja Hogle, Topeka
- 19 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Don Pagelar, Jim Schmidt, Donna Palmlund.



Contest Results

Digital B&W

- 1st Tulips Reflected - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Watchful Wolf - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Phillips Tip - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Milwaukee 251 Steaming Through the Midwest - Chad Mertz, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Close Encounter - Lori Moilanen, Western Wisconsin
- HM Avalanche Lake - Ellen Janke, Des Moines
- HM Preparing for Battle - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM White Peacock on Red - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul
- HM At Rest - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- HM Falls Flow - Steve Paulson, Sioux City
- HM Galapagos Giant Tortoise - Gabriele Dellanave, Saint Paul

108 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson, Jr.. Judges: Shirley White, Patricia Anderson, Larry Cutsinger. Comments: Nice participation from a wide number of clubs.

Digital Journalism

- 1st Come with Me - Willie Gorham, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Not Quite 8 Seconds - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- 3rd Iditarod Lead Dogs - Tom Schendel, North Metro
- HM Airshow Overview - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Time to Get Stapled No Pain No Gain - Jennifer Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Wide Load Tight Corner - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Outboard-Hydroplane Races - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Neighbors Without Walls - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior

80 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Wilford Yoder. Judges: Delores Meister, Larry Luebbert, Celine Hartwig. Comments: A good variety of images and the over all quality was very good. only a few that didn't fit the journalism category.

Digital Nature

- 1st Flight of the Snowy - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Pallas' Long-Tongued Bat - Martha Farwell, Great River
- 3rd Black Belly-Hummingbird - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Birds Bees Flowers Trees - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Skogafoss - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- HM Morning Dew - Mary Dreckman, Iowa City
- HM Yellow-rumped Warbler - Andreas Exner, Dubuque
- HM Common Yellowthroat Warbler - Andreas Exner, Dubuque
- HM Capuchin Monkey - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
- HM Puffin - Dave Eckmann, Saint Paul
- HM Milkweed - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

110 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro Photo Club. Chair: Tom Schendel. Judges: Bruce Barsness, Laura Davies, Pat Boudreau.

Nature Prints

- 1st I Love Clover - Jill Armentrout, Des Moines
- 2nd Helens Alpenglow - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 3rd Pika - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Early Morning on the River - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Water Lily - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Protecting the Young - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

21 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Great River. Chair: Ryno W Olson. Judges: Hal Woods, Leigh Ann Nixon, Perry Schmelzer



Contest Results

Digital Pictorial

- 1st GranCanal - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- 2nd Milky Meteor - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- 3rd Long Billed Hermit - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Lady 2 - Dan Ray, Black Hills
- HM Early Spring Reflections - Marty Barker, Omaha
- HM Pretty Peacock - Sharon Berg, Saint Paul
- HM Morning Blues - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Portugese Chapel Tiled in Blue - Bob Muschewske, Saint Paul
- HM Water Lily (1 of 1) - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
- HM Horses in the Snow - Cara Pusateri, Dubuque
- HM Quiet Time at Sunset - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Trestle - Kathy Lauerer, Western Wisconsin
- HM Proud Eagle - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley

115 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Cedar Rapids Camera Club. Chair: Sandra Kotowske. Judges: Susan Stepanek, SuAnn Tichy, Regina Kotowske.

Digital Travel

- 1st Car Trails and Fireworks - MN - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Window Arch Arches NP Utah - Greg Hoglund, Topeka
- 3rd Peggys Cove Nova Scotia Canada - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Lights of Minneapolis MN - Fred Sobottka, Western Wisconsin
- HM Thor's Hammer, Bryce NP Utah - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Boston Harbor in the Seaport District Massachusetts (1) - David Smethers, Dubuque
- HM Farm, Jackson County, Iowa - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Arches NP Utah - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Top of the Rock Branson, MO (1) - Paul Bellinger, Omaha
- HM Inspiration at the Point - Utah - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Chinese Acrobats Branson, MO - Jim Wendel, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter

108 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Lidgerwood Camera Club. Chair: Sharon Frolek. Judges: Tom Jones, Virginia Goerger, Daniel Frolek.

Travel Prints

- 1st The Tragurtha Departs - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Cable Mill Cades Cove TN - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 3rd Steptoe Butte View Washington - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Grainery & Milky Way - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids
- HM Pine Creek Grist Mill - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Easter in Amsterdam - Diane Fonger, Duluth-Superior

23 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Peggy Gibson, Jim Schmidt, Donna Palmlund. Comments: Had one club that didn't have camera club name on their envelope.

Member In Search Of:

Long-time former DMCC member, Jim Day, called asking for anyone with a 3-D projector who might be willing to sell. He currently has a TDC Vivid #116 Model 716 which needs some parts or a complete new one. Other possibility: a Realists Projector. Please contact him at: twodays_2@msn.com or by cell phone: 515-229-9717.



MINUTES OF THE N4C ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

The Annual Business Meeting of the North Central Camera Club Council was called to order at 3:20 p.m., Saturday, September 23, 2017, by President Linda Rutherford, at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza Hotel & Conference Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. Ten Officers and Directors were present. Director No. 6, Greg Hogle, was absent. Linda reminded us that at this annual meeting, everybody can make a motion, and everybody can vote.

The minutes of the 2017 Spring Mini-Convention were mailed to Officers, Directors, and Chairmen, and were printed in the N4C Bulletin. **A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Secretary Pat Schwope, seconded by Debbie Bates, and carried.**

The 2017-2018 Officers and Directors who will take office following tonight's Banquet are: President, Bob Lahti; 1st Vice President, Debbie Bates; 2nd Vice President, Mark Gromko; Secretary, Pat Schwope; Treasurer, Lynda Richards; Director No. 1, John Larson, Jr.; Director No. 2, Steve Thompson; Director No. 3, Doug Conrad; Director No. 4, Paul Grillo; Director No. 5, Greg Hogle; Director No. 6, Terry Butler.

The Financial Report from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017, audited by Sharon Allen on September 17, 2017, was read by Lynda Richards, Treasurer. Checking Balance On Hand August 1, 2016: \$3,387.69. Receipts: \$7,868.92. Expenses: \$6,651.03. Checking Balance On Hand July 31, 2017: \$4,605.58. The \$8,212.21 Certificate of Deposit was reinvested at People's Bank, Carlisle, Iowa, on May 15, 2017, at 1.50% for 24 months, to mature on May 15, 2019. Net Worth As Of July 31, 2017: \$12,817.79. **A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Debbie Bates, seconded by Steve Thompson, and carried.**

Committee Reports: Debbie Bates announced that arrangements for the 2018 Spring Mini-Convention, to be held on May 4, 5, and 6, are coming along with no problems. Something new on judging was done this year -- instead of having all of the Contest Chairmen contact the clubs, Debbie contacted all of the clubs at once. The matrix for 2017-2018 monthly contests has been sent to all Contest Chairmen.

Convention Planning Chairman Ed Siems announced that Dubuque Camera Club has volunteered to host the 2018 Convention, Des Moines in 2019, and two cities are thinking about hosting in 2020.

Supplies Chairman Teresa Vokoun needs to order more medals, and also adhesive backs for them. Club Contest Chairmen who do not receive enough Honorable Mention ribbons for the months they are judging, need to request more ribbons from the N4C Contest Chairman of the categories being judged.

Old Business: Ed Siems volunteered to see what can be done to obtain lights for the print racks.

Two motions tabled from the Spring Meeting were **brought forward by John Larson. Motion #1 was seconded by Debbie Bates. It reads: "I move that the N4C Handbook be modified so that Travel images are subject to the same allowed digital modifications as are currently used for both Nature and Journalism." An amendment "to eliminate flipping in Travel, Nature, and Journalism," offered by Mark Gromko and seconded by Debbie Bates, was accepted by John Larson. Following discussion, the motion was carried.**

John Larson's Motion #2 : "I move that for ALL contests except for Journalism, judging clubs be given the option of using the T-C-I scoring concept (1-3 points, Total of 27 points possible) for each category, or a one score (1-9 points, Total of 27 points possible). For Journalism judgments there would only be one score (1-9 points, Total of 27 points possible).

For the one score (1-9 points) the following scoring guideline would be used:

1 -- reserved for DISQUALIFIED images

3 or 4 -- image weaker than most other entries

5 or 6 -- marginally acceptable image, preferably not for a Merit Award

7 -- good acceptable image, worthy of consideration for a Merit Award

8 -- possible consideration for an HONORABLE MENTION OR HIGHER and N4C Best Of The Best

9 -- worthy of consideration for a 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD PLACE RIBBON and N4C Best Of The Best

(Note: Ideally at least one-third of the entries will be scored 7 to 9. To reduce the need for tie-breaking, scores should be spread across the full range, preferably with fewer than one-third scored below 5.)"

Motion #2 was seconded by Mark Gromko. Following discussion, the motion was defeated: 3 to 26.

President Rutherford reminded everyone that this year the new size maximum is 1920 pixels on the longest side, but the file size remains at 500.

New Business: A motion was made by Ed Siems, seconded by Mark Gromko, to eliminate the dollar limit on which the Treasurer can write checks without checking with the President. Motion carried.

President Rutherford announced that it is within the purview of the President to assign jobs. She therefore assigned a new job to Director No. 2: Verifying that the updates from the minutes get to Carl Hardy to be published in the new Handbook. (Note: This job duty should be added to the job description for Director No. 2.)

We have a motion from George Bebout. He feels that the Digital Advisory Committee has done what needed to be done, and there is really nothing more for them to do. He would like that Committee to be dissolved. The motion was seconded by Paul Grillo, and carried.

Lynda Richards suggested N4C tee shirts -- food for future thought.

Carl Hardy commented that he appreciated Linda Rutherford sending him all of the changes that needed to be made in the new Handbook.

Linda Rutherford mentioned -- no motions, no discussions, just something to think about for the future: HDR is showing up in newspapers. It started in the sports section, and now is on the front page. With HDR available in-camera, at some point it is probably going to be widely accepted among photojournalists. Just a heads-up that this might be coming down the road in a few years....

Ed Siems asked, "Can we do a study on print size?" A lot of people like to send prints in. A smaller size (8 x 12) might save people a lot of money, and would have consistency. Someone else said, "I think it would kill prints. People who do prints now would lose interest in having to do small prints, because they're not usable for anything else." During discussion, a number of clubs indicated that they do not enter prints because they're too expensive. JoAnn Kuntemeier mentioned that she has eight 8 x 10 prints in the Best of the Best.

Teresa Vokoun said that she would like to see John Larson write some letters for the newsletter proposing these new judging rules. "I think it has a lot of merit. We need to get some ideas out and get our membership and our clubs thinking about things."

Linda Rutherford said, "Our organization has historically needed time to warm up to change."

Larry Meister had a suggestion for the years when there is no host club for the Convention: "A club be given a fee of \$500 to arrange for the judging, so that the Best of N4C still happens, and at least makes the web site."

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Linda Rutherford extended thanks to her "hard-working Board, and all the people who are agreeing to come onto it so I can go off of it," and some Committee people who deserve some kudos too: "Larry Meister, who had the initiative to find a new venue, and not very far away, when the State of Iowa closed the Springbrook Education Center. That change of venue worked out very well, but it meant that Bob Lahti, in addition to scrambling to make sure that all of his speakers could make it, and finding replacements, and running the Spring Mini-Convention, also had to take my place in presiding over the Board Meeting, so thank you very much, Bob."

"Other kudos go to Ken Johnson. All those things that were changed and sent to Carl Hardy, Ken took it upon himself to do what I was going to do over the summer."

"I also want to extend a thank you to Carl Hardy, who has had to put up with many last-minute revisions to the Directory, because people have been busy proving that they see what they expect to see instead of what's really there, when they're asked to proof something. I appreciate your patience with everyone."

The invisible gavel was handed over to Bob Lahti.

Bob had the gavel re-engraved, and "it is sitting very securely, very comfortably on my dresser, right where I was going to grab it, and it also contains the bill for the engraving."

Bob said, "One of the final observations that I have -- just a general comment -- We. WE. We need to start thinking more in terms of us. Not our club, but US. That's what we have to be thinking about. How can WE be better? How can WE improve? How can WE draw more people in? That kind of stuff. Think of that plural. WE. How can you do that? And the other thing is that some of you have some tremendous ideas about things that you do that you probably don't even realize, that I brought back to my club already."

The newest member of the Board, incoming Director No. 6 Terry Butler, was introduced. She said, "I didn't realize that next year I'm Director No. 5.... You've got to get some young blood in here...."

Ed Siems thanked the Black Hills Photography Club for putting on such a good Convention. "The only complaint I have is you had too many really really good programs to go to."

Carl Hardy said, "Kudos to Gene Schwope for bringing back the Communications Contest. Without his work on that, it wouldn't have happened."

Treasurer Lynda Richards reminded us that there are still 16 out of 39 clubs that have not paid dues yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Schwope,