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President's Message

Winter has reared its snowy head in the Northland this past week. Spring, though, is not far behind. Yipee!

On March 10th, 12 to 14 officers, Board of Directors, and N4C "veterans" met in Carlisle, IA, just east of Des Moines to discuss the duties of each of the positions listed in the N4C *Handbook*. The main purpose is to improve the knowledge of these N4C officials in order to make them better in their position and therefore better able to serve the membership. Another goal will be to make revisions to the *Handbook* that are overdue. Time was a major factor for this meeting. All of the people who made it to this meeting have gone above and beyond what has traditionally been expected of people who have occupied the various N4C positions. If you know of someone who attended, a warm "Thank you" would be nice for him/her to hear.

N4C's Spring Mini-convention is all set for this spring. It will be held at St. Thomas More Center (that's the photo attached if you have not been there) in Panora, IA, on May 4, 5, and 6. Go to www.n4c.us to see the program schedule and download the registration form. This year's spring convention offers interesting speakers and stimulating discussions. Make every effort to attend. And on that note, give Deb Bates, a heartfelt "Well done" when you see her, and Larry and Delores Meister have done their normal great job in putting things for St. Thomas More together.

Bob Lathi
N4C President
Duluth/Superior Camera Club



FEBRUARY



Contest Results

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Amish Delivery - David Brown, Des Moines
- 2nd Loading the Strongbox - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 3rd Antique Corner - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Uphill Bike Racing - Ed Lower, Color Shooters
- HM Windows in Time - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Small Flower - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

27 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: David Giese. Judges: Any Snyder, Linda Eastman, Jim Svec. Comments: Judges scores were very high for these B&W images; all "winning" scores fell in a 5 point range! A pleasure to judge these images.

Color Prints

- 1st Blue - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- 2nd Home - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- 3rd The Grass Dancer - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Azalea Garden in Fall - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Early Autumn - Delores Meister, Iowa City

36 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Lidgerwood. Chair: Virginia Goerger. Judges: Allen Costain, Tom Jones, Linda Jones.

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Double Trouble - Erica Harvey, Black Hills
- 2nd Reading Magic - Mike Barker, Omaha
- 3rd Steam Train - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Zoom With a View - Brian Stockton, Des Moines
- HM The Gate - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Winter Scene in a Soap Bubble - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Nah, nah, boo, boo! - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
- HM Just a Little Bigger than a Hairball - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- HM Baby, It's Cold Outside - PK Mattingly, Wichita Area
- HM Fairy Piper - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul

96 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Jose Garcia, Greg Nauman, Rick Noel.

Digital B&W

- 1st An Elegant Pose from a Cooper's Hawk - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd Lemur Mom and Baby - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Beacon of Hope - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Atomic Silver Phoenix - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
- HM Shack - Martha Farwell, Great River
- HM Creation - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul
- HM Peonie - Judy Lathrop, Women's Color
- HM Gang way! - Keith Anderson, Sioux Falls
- HM White Tulips - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM Audrey - Cindy Anderson, North Metro
- HM Winter Lighthouse - Fred Sobottka, Western Wisconsin

109 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Madhu V. Singh. Judges: Willford Yoder, Mark Gromko, M. Celine Hartwig. Comments: Many excellent images, Several filenames were not correctly formatted, which caused the software to make errors. Members should be 'forcefully' reminded to proofread filenames before submission.

FEBRUARY



Contest Results

Digital Journalism

- 1st The Struggle is Real - Howard Hinton, Iowa City
- 2nd Up in the Air - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- 3rd Evading the Defense - Angela Hoffman, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Frozen By Time - Erica Harvey, Black Hills
- HM A View from the Top - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- HM One Handed INT - Tom Ward, Iowa City
- HM Ha-Ha I Bucked You Off - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Defeated - Steve Pacholl, North Metro

79 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Allen Kurth, Bob Bresley, Sandra Wentworth. Comments: Nice variety of interesting images. Most were appropriate to DJ, but we did encourage some resubmissions elsewhere. Commented on all images (numbered when from two or more judges). Tried to be constructive. Biggest challenges: 1) limited DJ scale = numerous ties to reconsider; and 2) range of file sizes (480-1920) made evaluation difficult in some cases..

Digital Nature

- 1st Soaring Eagle - Bud Carter, Topeka
- 2nd Painted Bunting - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- 3rd 6162 Taking Off - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
- HM Hummingbird in Flight - Joseph Schufman, Saint Paul
- HM Perfect Landing - Gary Fagan, Dubuque
- HM House Finch - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Lookin at You - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Wolfpack Portrait - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM White Pine Sunset - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM Fight Fair - Don't Bite My Feet - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Young Bull Elk in Velvet - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

106 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Beverly Hawkins, Judy Lathrop, Marilyn Victor. Comments: Many outstanding images. A few were disqualified due to the image having the appearance of manipulation either through painting vs very soft focus, texture overlay vs very noisy, or HDR. Advise those entering to review nature rules which are very strict..

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Passion Flower - Martha Farwell, Great River
- 2nd Layers and Curves - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
- 3rd Hanging On - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM My Little Peacock - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
- HM Burano - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- HM Still Life - Diana Borash, Iowa City
- HM Moose at Sunset - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- HM Water Lily and Spider - Pat Boudreau, North Metro
- HM She Gazes - Craig Lance, Saint Paul
- HM Super Blue Blood Man @ Devil's Tower - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
- HM Rainy Day in Estonia - Larry Headley, Omaha
- HM Out of Darkness - Pat Chiconis, Western Wisconsin

114 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Diane Darnielle. Judges: Dwight Tomes, Diane Lowry, Paul Grillo. Comments: A very good group diverse images for pictorial. DMCC commented on all images as we consider it an important part of judging to provide feedback on what we are seeing and if we have suggestions for improvement.

Congratulations to Joel Erickson of the Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Club, for his full-page color photo of Fountain Lake, which was published in the March/April issue of Albert Lea magazine!

FEBRUARY



Contest Results

Digital Travel

- 1st Split Rock Lighthouse MN - Mike Chrun, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Apostle Islands Sea Caves - Wisconsin - Allison Herreid, North Metro
- 3rd Norway's Aurora Borealis - Jackie Stoken, Des Moines
- HM Solheimasandur Plane - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- HM Moody Morn at the Motor Mill/Elkader, IA - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Reflections Yukon, Canada - Dave Horner, Topeka
- HM Taking a Break from the Vegetable Stand Mukono Uganda - Bob Wilson, Black Hills
- HM Hawaii Lava Flow 7602 - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
- HM National Cathedral Washington - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City
- HM Minneopa Falls Minnesota State Park - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Turret through the Window Utah - Joyce Sauer, Black Hills

103 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Sheila Sutton . Judges: Debra Loudon, Linda Buxton, Michelle Jones.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Moving the Hotel - Dean Randall, Mitchell
- 2nd Til Day is Done - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 3rd Skyhawk Salute - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Changing Season - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

16 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Tom Schoening. Judges: Ron Nichols, Terry Mennenga, Carey Anderson. Comments: The judging panel included several experienced professional photojournalists who gave out points sparingly.

Nature Prints

- 1st Pelicans at Rest - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 2nd In a Huff - John Woodward, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Chipping Out a Nest - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- HM Flowing Spring - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Snowy on the Flight - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Painted Ladies - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

27 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: David Giese. Judges: Amy Snyder, Linda Eastman, Jim Svec. Comments: A number of the nature photos were outstanding and captured a wide range of interesting subjects.

Travel Prints

- 1st Stairs Steps I Held - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 2nd Maine Coast at Dawn - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 3rd Thornton Lake - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM In for the Winter - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Takakaw Falls - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
- HM Above & Below - Nancy Heather Brown, Des Moines

17 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Tom Schoening. Judges: Ron Nichols, Jerry Mennenga, Craig Anderson. Comments: The judging panel included several very experienced, and well traveled photojournalists who gave out points sparingly.



May 4th – 6th N4C MINI SPRING CONVENTION

I hope everyone is planning to attend a great weekend in *Panora, IA* on the first weekend of **May 2018**. It's a great weekend to spend with fellow photo enthusiasts.

Where else can you spend a weekend for \$113, that includes food, lodging and lots of great information and fun???? These are some photos of St. Thomas Moore Center



Great Food, Fun and Photo Time!!

I have some great things planned.



Night and Astrophotography on Friday night with Willard Sharp. (See Feb. newsletter) Saturday Night, Jerry Bonsack has some great new toys to play with for light painting.

Check out some of his y-tube videos: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=light+painting+-+Gerry+Bonsack&&view=detail&mid=97D608C9A90261E0C24C97D608C9A90261E0C24C&&FORM=VDRVRV>, Jerry has been working on these since 2017 mini spring convention. If the weather doesn't cooperate we can actually do these inside the building. So Plan on fun with the camera!

Saturday: We have two great speakers on judging: John Larson and Dwight Tomes. Both have great learning tools, making it easier to understand judging. Sometimes I think we take too long in judging, when we are not sure of ourselves or we get over picky on the critiquing.



Paul Grillo has a presentation:
"Thinking and Presenting Your Photography Artistically"



Ty Smeades will bring us some great photos of the ***"The Great Outdoors"***. (See Feb. Newsletter)

N4C Mini – Spring Convention May4-5-6th, 2018

Saint Thomas More Center, near Panora, Iowa

<https://stmcenter.com/directions-to-stmc>

Tentative Agenda

Friday: 3:00 Check-in
4:00 Welcome- Bob Lahti
4:15 Board Meeting
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Larry/Delores-STMC information
7:10 PSA Presentation by Gene Schwope
8:00 Willard Sharp "Storm Chasing and Astrophotography".
9:00 Popcorn

Depending on weather those wanting to participate; Willard Sharp will be setup for star trails or some light painting after the meeting.

Saturday: Dubuque Camera club will have information available about Fall convention.

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Ed Larson: "One Score or None Judging Criteria"
10:00 Break
10:15 Ty Smead –The Great Outdoors
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Dwight Tomes – TCI
2:00 Paul Grillo
2:00 Panoramic Print Judging
3:15 Break
3:30 Ken DePu "Drones"
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Panoramic Winners
7:15 Jerry Ranch - "It Only takes a Moment"
9:00 Popcorn

Play time with Jerry Bonsack–Light Painting. Jerry has come up with some great new toys for everyone to play with. Plan on staying after dark!

Sunday

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Dubuque Camera Club presents the 2018 Fall Convention September 14-15, 2018
9:30 Photo Essays
11:30 Lunch

Revision date: March 7, 2018 by Debbie Bates

May 4, 5, & 6, 2018

N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Saint Thomas More Center

<https://stmcenter.com/directions-to-stmc>

Near Panora, 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 Monday, April 23.

NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 23.

PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 18.

NO REFUNDS AFTER April 26.

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION

Return Registration & check to:

Delores Meister
421 Pleasant View Dr.
Solon, IA 52333

Questions?

phone: 319-624-2516

email: LDKlikmeister@aol.com

Please PRINT

Name(s): _____ Day Phone: () _____ - _____

Address: _____ Eve. Phone: () _____ - _____

City-State-Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____

Member of _____ Camera Club in N4C

THIS YEAR: Note the location - NO bed linens or towels provided. Where else can you enjoy photo programs, meet friends, eat 6 meals all for \$98 and then room two nights for an additional \$15?!

	Number of people	Total cost
Package #1: Dorm Room Use @ \$113 per person (Includes: Meals & lodging in dorms – 9 beds per room. Bring your own BEDDING, TOWELS, soap ,toiletries, etc.)	_____	\$_____
Package #2: Day Use @ \$98 per person (Includes: Meals & day use learning center. Not use of dorm room)	_____	\$_____
	Grand Total	\$_____

Biographies of Officer Candidates on N4C Ballot, 2018 – 2019

For President: Debbie Bates – Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs Camera Club

Debbie Bates has been involved with photography quite a few years, first as a hobby, then getting in the business side (running the Walmart Photo Lab), then forming the Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs Camera Club in 2009. Debbie loves to learn all kinds of new techniques and methods of photography. She loves to help others learn about her passion too. The best part of learning and passing on information is seeing what others -- camera club and 4H kids -- achieve with their photography. Every summer you will find Debbie judging 4H and FFA photos at county fairs. Debbie has been married for 20 years to Keith Bates. She has 5 kids, 24 grandkids, and 16 great grandkids. She works for Havens Accounting, and has a side business of reconstruction, restoration and printing, known as the Photo Dr.

For 1st 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 as 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 Iowa City Camera Club since 2010, and served as President of that club in 2015-2016.

For 2nd Vice President: John Larson, Jr. - Shutterbug Camera Club

I am very happy to be asked to serve as 2nd Vice President 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 I am currently Digital Journalism Contest Chairman. I joined PSA in 1994, and have received FPSA and MPSA honors.

For Secretary: Pat Schwope – St. Paul Camera Club

My husband, Gene, and I enjoy spending time with our grandchildren, ages 14,12,10 and 7, 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, Delegate to the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs and N4C Representative. I joined PSA in 2010. I have served as N4C Secretary since 2003, and am pleased to be asked to continue. I have very much enjoyed attending N4C's Spring Mini-Conventions, and always look forward to 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 the Spring Mini-Convention and the Annual Convention. 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, Images 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 have been my 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. 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, 2018-2019

For Director Number 1: Doug Conrad – Sioux City Camera Club

Doug Conrad, a lifelong resident of Sioux City, Iowa, is a Past President of the Sioux City Camera Club, and devotes much of his time to many of the club's activities. He has been a photography enthusiast for many years, starting out shooting film with the popular Canon AE1 35mm SLR. His current passion is shooting nature and landscapes, but he enjoys taking all types of photos with his Nikon D7200. His dog, Lambeau, and his grandkids are also popular subjects. Doug is a current N4C Board member, and has served for the past two years.

For Director Number 2: 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 the Spring Mini-Convention 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 3: Paul Hagen - Fargo-Moorehead Cameral Club

As a child growing up, there was always a camera in someone's hands, or his own, learning to take color 35mm film with his father's old Minolta SR101. You could say the hobby was instilled in Paul at birth. As he moved through 4H and Scouts as a youngster, he would pick up the camera for entries in the County Fair, in hopes of winning the pretty purple ribbon. Paul is married to his wife of 10 years, Kristie, and has a 2 year old toddler. He has been a longtime member of the Fargo-Moorehead Camera Club, with the last six years as club Vice President, President and currently Secretary. In 2016, Paul was Chairman of the 60th Annual N4C Convention in Fargo. He is a Technology Integration Specialist with Site On Sound in Fargo, and a professional emcee and disc jockey. His photography is an extremely passionate hobby. He will almost certainly meet you in the dark to shoot sunrise, or walk home in the dark with you at sunset, but admittedly cannot take a decent portrait even by accident. As a technology guru, he is always willing to try the next new photo gadget or cool thing as he concentrates mostly on landscapes, wildlife, macro, and trick photography.

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

A member of Des Moines Camera Club Since September 2009, I have served as a Board Member for about 6 years. I have also acted as DMCC Coordinator for N4C prints from 2012-2017. I have served on the N4C Board for the last 3 years as Director No. 6,5 and 4 respectively. I have attended N4C Spring Mini-Conventions since 2011, and a couple of the Annual Conventions with committee participation when Des Moines hosted. A member of PSA, I have judged photo contests for them, as well as for the Central Iowa Fair. In addition to judging for our local camera club, I regularly judge for N4C. I have given informative photographic presentations at DMCC and other N4C clubs. All of these voluntary efforts show a commitment to furthering the art of photography. I believe that you must participate and contribute to your profession or passion in order to reap maximum benefits.

For Director Number 5: 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.

For Director Number 6: Dwight Corrin - Wichita Area Camera Club

I got my first camera when I was 9 years old. I graduated from inexpensive box cameras to 35mm when my uncle gave me his Argus C3 when I was in junior high. I shot with that through college; mostly Tri-X and Kodachrome. After college, when I had a real job, I got my first DSLR. It had a primitive light meter, but you had to set the aperture and shutter speed manually. Seems shocking now, you had to focus the camera too! My first digital was an EOS 300D in 2003. I soon left my darkroom behind, and I haven't looked back.