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President's Message

When you read this, N4C's 2018 mini-convention will be history. If you did not attend, please read about it in the newsletter and/or talk to your club members who attended. Based on what First Vice President Deb Bates had planned, I'm betting that they will let you know that you missed something worthwhile. Plan ahead to attend next year.

Over the past few months I have received several e-mails with the same complaint: some clubs are not judging photojournalism the way it is laid out in the *Handbook*. If you have seen or personally received feedback (both digital and print) where all 9 boxes are filled in, then you have. The judging criteria are different for photojournalism, some of which are as follows: a "perfect" score is 15 (5 x 3), not 45 (15 x 3) as it is for the other categories; comments usually reflect the successful capture of an image that tells a story; composition and technical merit are normally not important (but, as the *Handbook* suggests, can weigh in when distinguishing among the very top images; titles should be read, at least for an initial judging; diptychs or triptychs are acceptable; although common, human interest does not have to be present in an entry; no special effect filters can be used; and editing should be minimal, creating a "natural" appearance.

If your club is judging a photojournalism contest before this year ends, please have everyone there (or better yet, at a club meeting) go over the information in the *Handbook*: Rules for All Categories of Digital Images 6. (F—6) and What is Journalism Photography (F—13). If not this year, make sure your club does that prior to judging photojournalism next year. We all have to be on the same page on this one.

As I indicated in November, when the fallen leaves accumulate around the tire swing in our neighbors' yard, that's my sign that fall is here; spring arrives for me when the first of the big ships who have spent the winter here at the Head-of-the-Lakes depart. This year that was the *James R. Barker*, followed closely by the *Kaye E. Barker*—the only two ships on the Great Lakes named after a husband and wife.



Bob Lathi
N4C President
Duluth/Superior Camera Club



Contest Results

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st In Her Glory - Roxanne Westman, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd A Welcome Smile - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- 3rd Silver Anniversary Portrait - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Haunted - Barb McGraw, Des Moines
- HM Dinghy - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Portland Head Light - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City

19 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Cedar Rapids. Chair: Susan Stepanek Judges: SuAnn Ticky, Regina Kotowske, Sandra Kotowske.

Color Prints

- 1st American Bald Eagle - Scott Christiansen, Minot
- 2nd The Old Barn - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
- 3rd Rainy Day Mountain Meadow - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- HM Old Prairie Style Barn - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Crystal Cascade - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Two of a Kind - Janet Evans, Sioux City

52 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Albert Lea. Chair: John and Linda Eisterhold. Judges: Jean Aamodt, Carol Haroldson, Mitch Pederson. Comments: Plastic envelopes were left on because labels were on envelope. The plastic affected images. Some pictures were not labeled in upper left hand corner. We turned them the correct way. There was a great variety of subjects and great interpretation of color.

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Jack - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Flexible - Michael Huber, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Yum Yum - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- HM Light on the Dock - Bill Williamson, Central Iowa
- HM Dandeloin Disquise - Bill Tresek, Topeka
- HM Dark Prairie - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- HM Nomade - Gary Rothfus, Des Moines
- HM Singing the Blues - Mike Miller, Duluth-Superior

83 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Donna Turner, Don Loseke, Mike Barker. Comments: Tough category to judge. Often editing seemed to have been done "just because it could be" rather than to create a "better" image. We felt some images were not "altered" enough to meet new category guidelines. Commented on all images (numbered when from two or more judges); tried to be constructive.

Digital B&W

- 1st Snowy Owl - Martha Farwell, Great River
- 2nd Alley Smoke Break - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- 3rd Egret on Nest-2 - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- HM Junco SOOO Ready for Spring - Robin Spann (Inactive), Black Hills
- HM Spanish Cathedral - Marty Barker, Omaha
- HM Spring at the P - Pat Chiconis, Western Wisconsin
- HM Washington a GoGo - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior
- HM White Cleome by Shed BW - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul
- HM Colorado Landscape - 3 - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Searching - Paul Bellinger, Omaha
- HM Preparing for Worship Mont St Michel France - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul

108 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Grey Nauman, Cecil Pfeiffer, Andreas Exner.



Contest Results

Digital Journalism

- 1st Tight Corner - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- 2nd Calf Roping - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 3rd Get Ready-Surf City Competition is Coming to Huntington - Kevin Swann, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Rider Down - Fred Sobottka, Western Wisconsin
- HM Chicago Triple Brass Aged - Robert Felderman, Dubuque
- HM Not This Time - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- HM Kill Shot - Tim Larson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM 8 Second Ride - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
- HM Blocked - Donald Martin, Topeka

82 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Gene Schwope. Judges: Jim Duncan, Morris Gildemeister, Herb Gustafson. Comments: The judges were surprised at the quality of the top images. They were also surprised that so many images did not tell stories and did not have centers of interest.

Digital Nature

- 1st Embraced by Autumn - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- 2nd My Best Look - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 3rd Egret with Nest Material - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- HM Mud Creek Aurora - Steve Simmer, Saint Paul
- HM Eagle - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Male Meadowlark Dancers - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Sharp-tail Display - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
- HM Waterfall in Iceland - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- HM Cactus Flower 2 - Jim Duncan, Saint Paul
- HM Egret - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
- HM Hummer at Rest - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Butterfly-1 - Greg Hogle, Topeka
- HM Junco in the Crabapple Tree - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

129 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Marilyn Victor, Beverly Hawkins, Terri Sposito. Comments: So many great photos had to get extremely picky. Couldn't comment on all images, started lower numbers and worked up. Took 5 hours.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Vik, Iceland - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- 2nd Car Trails and Fireworks - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Out of Darkness - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
- HM Ground Dove Reflection - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Christmas Car Show - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul
- HM Right Foot Please - Larry Headley, Omaha
- HM The Big Wave - Beverly Hawkins, Women's Color
- HM Feline Stealth - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Nice Barn - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Hennepin Ave Bridge, Minneapolis 5367 - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
- HM Master of the Air - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Golden - Dack Nehring, North Metro
- HM In a Fog - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior

125 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Sharon Watson, Angela Hoffman, Robert Sparks.



Contest Results

Digital Travel

- 1st White Sands NM - Martha Farwell, Great River
- 2nd Dakota - Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Nighttime View of the Historic Fergus Falls State Hosp. MN - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Mono Lake California - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Maroon Bells, CO - Pat Schwope, Saint Paul
- HM Dead Man's Bay-WA - Larry Headley, Omaha
- HM Foggy Palouse Morning, WA - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM Mother Child & Llamas Cuzco - Jean McDonough, North Metro
- HM Sunrise, Grand Marais, MN - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul
- HM Marshall Point Sunrise ME - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Portland Maine Lighthouse - Meg Klink, Iowa City

112 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: John Zoerb, Brian Narveson, Sue Retzlaff. Comments: Overall a nice selection of images to enjoy. Makes me want to pack my bags and gear and tell the wife I'll be back in a month or two.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Determined to Win - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd The Deal Goes Down - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 3rd Quiet Time - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- HM Ride 'em Cowboy - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Reversal - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Family Farm does the Fair - Jill Armentrout, Des Moines

17 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Black Hills. Chair: Dan Ray. Judges: Linda Geyer, Sherry Robb, Richard Carlson. .

Nature Prints

- 1st Red Fox - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 2nd Sunlight and Sandstone - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Common Redpoll - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Young Sloth - Pam Brumfield, Duluth-Superior
- HM Just Call Me Woody - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Wood Duck - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

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Travel Prints

- 1st Cold Afternoon at Hyde Mill, Madison Wis - David Brown, Des Moines
- 2nd Door Immigrant Hospital, Ellis Island - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 3rd Ely's 1893 Stone Arch Brid, Monticello - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Bass Harbor Head Main - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM St. Louis River - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
- HM His Majesty's Sunset Prague - Barry Brestel, Des Moines

25 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Black Hills. Chair: Dan Ray. Judges: Mike Slaback, Linda Geyer, Sherry Robb.



Contest Results

Photo Essays

- 1st Apollo High School - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 2nd Capturing the Western Prairie - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Alleys and Graffiti - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM At Home in Water, Wind, and World 2 - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Showing Their True Colors - Nancy Heather Brown, Des Moines
- HM Future Olympians - Tom Ward, Iowa City

16 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka. Chair: Dwight Tomes. Judges: Daryl Hurley, Greg Hougland, Bob Wright. Comments: Lot of creativity and good ideas. Range of topics was not as broad as some years. Newer techniques were used which was interesting. The judges were interested in the 'story line' with a combination of images, sound and progression of a concept from initiation to summary.

Panorama Prints

- 1st Arches National Park - Sonja Hogle, Topeka
- 2nd Lightning Strike - Greg Punelli, Des Moines
- 3rd Wild Ride, Night At the Fair - Cindy Carlssen, St. Paul
- HM Lake Reflections - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City
- HM Parade of Elephants, Tanzania, Africa - Greg Hogle, Des Moines
- HM Seattle Skyline, Nor Azida Azhari (club not provided)

16 entries from 8 clubs. Chair: Ed Siems. Judges: Gerald Bonsack, Linda Rutherford, Teresa Vokoun.

2018-2019 N4C Officers and Directors

By Pat Schwope, N4C Secretary

36 ballots for 2018-2019 N4C Officers and Directors were sent to the 36 N4C club Presidents on February 25, 2018. 26 ballots were returned.

The following Officers and Directors were elected, and will take office on Saturday evening, September 15, 2018, at the N4C Convention in Dubuque, Iowa.

- President: Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
- 1st Vice President: Mark H. Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd Vice President: John Larson, Jr., Shutterbugs
- Secretary: Pat Schwope, St. Paul
- Treasurer: Lynda Richards, Des Moines
- Director #1: Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- Director #2: Greg Hogle, Topeka
- Director #3: Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead
- Director #4: Paul J. Grillo, Des Moines
- Director #5: Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- Director #6: Dwight Corrin, Wichita

Best of the N4C Winners Roundup for the Fall N4C Convention in Dubuque

First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention winners in all categories of the 2017-18 monthly contests are eligible to be judged in the Annual Best of N4C Contest. Merit award winners are NOT eligible.

A preliminary list of all winners through April has been sent to clubs so they can begin rounding up prints..

Dubuque Camera Club is hosting the N4C Convention in Rapid City, SD and has established the **deadline for Prints.**

Entries must be received by 5:00 PM Monday, July 9, 2018 if hand delivered, or **postmarked not later than July 5, 2017 if mailed.**

Eligible **DIGITAL entries (with gray background on the listing)** have been saved each month and **do NOT need to be sent.**

IMPORTANT: All prints MUST BE MOUNTED (on a stiff backing) for this annual contest. For loose prints they must be mounted on a stiff backing for year end display at the convention. Secure the loose print to the stiff backing by either double sided tape-across the top edge of the print or hinge them along the top edge so the original print tag can be seen.

The winning PRINT entries are to be mailed to:
(NO DIGITAL ones and NO PANORAMA PRINTS)

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Dubuque, IA 52002
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A list will be sent out in early June by Diane Darnielle of all the qualifying entries from the September through May contests.

Contact Ken Johnson at email address web@n4c.us, 515-964-1944 if someone in your club has not seen a list by June 15 and think you should have eligible entries.

All prints received for this annual contest will be displayed in a convention salon and slides will be projected for those attending the convention.

Awards for the Best of the Best will be announced and presented at the N4C Convention banquet on Saturday, September 15th along with Photographer of the Year, Clubs of the Year, and other awards.

Thanks to all the entrants, clubs, judges, and contest chairs.

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