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The first Mini Spring Convention held at Westley Woods was a great weekend. The facility at Westley Woods, The Lodge and food were exceptional. The dorms were just like staying in a motel, even the beds were great. Mark Gromko did an exceptional job putting the weekend agenda together. I think everyone had a good time. Very relaxing and a lot of great areas to get out and take some photos. Light painting was a lot of fun too.

Make sure you take time to read the newsletter. At the Board Meeting, a lot of time has been taken to update the contest descriptions and rules. We will be putting these into the Handbook that will be coming out soon.

It's that time of year when we need to be sending our new officers information in to Carl Hardy for the Directory. It takes a lot to get all the clubs' information into the directory in time to send out to the clubs in a timely manner.

Take time to check out the information for the fall convention in Des Moines. Please read the newsletter and pass on to your members. Plan now to attend. Save money and register now. The hotel has a great rate on rooms that helps make up the cost of the registration.

Debbie Bates, President N4C

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

At the spring Board Meeting, we passed a revision to the rules and definitions for the monthly competitions. The main point of the revision is to clarify and simplify the presentation of the rules and definitions. The following should be noted by all competitors and judges.

1. The “rules” and “definitions” were separate before; these have now been combined in a single section.
2. The “Color Prints” competition has been renamed “Pictorial Prints.” Thus, each of the six competition categories (Journalism, Nature, Travel, Pictorial, Black & White, and Altered Reality) now has a digital competition and a print competition.
3. “Pictorial” and “Black & White” categories are similar in character; color images should be submitted to “Pictorial” and monochrome images should be submitted to “Black & White.”
4. There was formerly a list of “allowable adjustments” for all digital categories. That list has been eliminated; each category now identifies limitations on adjustments appropriate to that category.

The revised rules and definitions have been incorporated into the Handbook. We urge all competitors and judges to read the updated material.

Thank you, Mark Gromko, 1st Vice President.



Sharla Glick has done a great job on the newsletter for many years. Please keep Sharla Glick in your prayers. She is having a lot of family issues right now and could use an extra prayer. ***Please send all newsletter articles to the President – Debbie Bates at flowerslave@hotmail.com -- til further notice.*** I'm trying to help out with the newsletter, so I hope I don't make too much of a mess of it.



The Des Moines Camera Club is pleased to host the 2019 N4C Convention on September 19 – 22, 2019.

The host hotel is the Sheraton of West Des Moines, 1800 50th Street; a block of rooms is ready to accommodate your reservation. Access the reservation link through the DMCC website or call the Hotel and reference the N4C room block. A rate of \$114 per night is negotiated, which may be less than either of the past two years.

Register for Convention by August 11 for the early bird N4C member rate of \$185. This all-inclusive rate offers good value and access to 10 on-site speakers, 8 guided field trips, 9 independent field trip options, the opening reception Thursday evening at the hotel, and a Banquet meal with awards on each Friday and Saturday night. In addition there are door prize drawings and a grand prize drawing; your name is automatically entered for both when you pick up your registration packet at Convention. Steve Sweringen will be setting up his camera sensor and lens cleaning clinic, so bring along items for him to work on.

Des Moines is excited about the top shelf group of speakers! Offerings include topics from techniques to getting the shot, wildlife to sports, and street to macro, b/w processing, and showing your work. Guided field trips place our experts at your side at some of our favorite locations. Have we mentioned how excited we are about the keynote speakers! Both Don Komarechka and David Thoreson are sure to be captivating and leaving you with much to think about.

To learn more about the 2019 N4C Convention check our website <https://www.dmcameraclub.com/n4c-convention-2019> and look for our Facebook page <fb.me/FindingYourLightinDesMoines> for all the latest information and announcements.

Registration is at <https://www.jotform.com/build/90824442441150>.

Please share this information with your clubs so they can register today.

See you in September!

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N4C April 2019 Contest Results

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Patterns Unto Themselves - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 2nd Snowy Mountain Ridge - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City
- 3rd After a Early Morning Rain - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Old Fashion Ice Cream - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Natural Bridge - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
- HM The Boss - Ed Lorson, Iowa City

16 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Fort Dodge Camera Club. Chair: Gloria Johnston. Comments: An excellent selection of Black & White Prints

Color Prints

- 1st Red Buildings - Vernice Kingsbury, Sioux City
- 2nd Monarch - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
- 3rd Tangerine Dream - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
- HM Old Country Store - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
- HM 100 Years to Late - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- HM No Waiting - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

38 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Black Hills Photography Club. Chair: Dan Ray. Judges: Rachel Pogorelski, Markus Erk, Colton Erk.

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Shell Station_1535 - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 2nd Fighting for the Ball-Glowing Edges - John Larson, Shutterbug
- 3rd Bicycle Rider - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
- HM Abandoned - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Smoking Candles - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Aurora Borealis Phenomenon - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Red Barn - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior
- HM Seattle Light House - Sonja Hogle, Topeka

72 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Gene Schwope. Judges: Morris Gildemeister, Herb Gustafson, Jim Lindsay. Comments: The judges were concerned that most entrants did not apply image editing tools to tell a story, but simply to distort an image.

Digital B&W

- 1st Nel's Roadster - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
- 2nd Juvenile Bald Eagle - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
- 3rd Cheetah - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Wilson KS Elevator - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
- HM Walking Path Under the Bridge - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Doctor's Office - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Standing Trees - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Black and White of a Red to Be - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
- HM NH River - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Remains from the Past - Roxanne Westman, Fargo-Moorhead

95 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Eva Lovas, Larry Headley, Marty Barker. Comments: Black and White is a favorite category for all our judges, and they particularly enjoyed the April submissions. There were many excellent images, and we had ties to break at almost every level. Judges commented on all entries.

Digital Journalism

- 1st Twin Pwers Activate - Chris Manning, Des Moines
- 2nd March in Iowa - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- 3rd Charlottesville Crowd Control - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
- HM Clistered Nun - Markus Erk, Black Hills

HM Red Bull Fire - Richard Birger, Saint Paul
HM Did Daddy Forget You Out There Again - Janiece Kinzle, Omaha
HM Fire! - Marv Vikla, Saint Paul
HM Fire on Clinton Street - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City
HM Groovin' - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
HM Hanging on Tight - Bob Rude, Iowa City
100 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Bev Hawkins, Marilyn Victor, Terri Sposito.

Digital Nature

1st The Dance - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
2nd Morning Flight - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior
3rd 7116 Snowy Egret Skimming - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
HM View from Below - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Cat's Eye Snake - Martha Farwell, Great River
HM 2049 Rosy Spoonbill - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
HM Alligator Napping at Six Mile Cypress Slough - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
HM Osprey - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
HM The Landing - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
HM Making Tracks at Hyland - John Rystad, Minnesota Valley
HM Violet Sabrewing - Anne S Olson, Great River
HM Turtle Power - Dan Ray, Black Hills

111 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Sharon Watson, Bob Sparks, John Calvin. Comments: With respect to the quality of images this was hands down the finest contest we have ever judged. I went by the awards calculator to determine the number of merits but it does not do this contest justice. If you scored in the upper 20's and above you should – ENTER YOUR IMAGE AGAIN !!
From all of us, for a great judging experience ... THANK YOU !!

Digital Pictorial

1st Red-Eyed Frog - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
2nd Two Lilies - Allen Kurth, Omaha
3rd Bouquet of Fireworks Over People & Mississippi River - Robert Felderman, Dubuque
HM Santa Fe - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
HM The Attic - Candy Erk Manthey, Black Hills
HM Jumping for Joy - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Wild Columbine - After the Rain - Don Specht, Western Wisconsin
HM Gus - Bob Rude, Iowa City
HM Mesa Arch Sunrise - Tom Schendel, North Metro
HM Red Barn After Spring Snowfall - Greg Hogle, Topeka
HM Porsche 918 Spyder - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
HM Impatiens Pedals in Waterford - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area

113 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: John Zoerb, Kim Ambrose, Hans Madland.

Digital Travel

1st Volcanos NP Lava Field HI - Tom Schendel, North Metro
2nd Prairie Homestead _ North Easter South Dakota - Markus Erk, Black Hills
3rd Vintage Ford Pit Stop White Ta - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Vatnajokull Glacier Iceland - April Oedekoren, Black Hills
HM Faux Wildlife Safari (IA) - Scot Howe, Des Moines
HM The Golden Light_Scotland - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Sunset at the Pier Oceanside, CA - Kristel Saxton, Iowa City
HM Aurora Over Split Rock, MN - Steve Simmer, Saint Paul
HM Oregon Coast 2 - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
HM Nambia Africa Sunset - Don Jackson, Topeka

93 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Gary Nauman, Kevin McTague, Andreas Exner.

Journalism Prints

1st Brawn and Courage at Stock Trial - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
2nd Eleventh Hour 100 Years Late - Stephanie Nelson, Des Moines
3rd Sunrise 900 Beams - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
HM We Need Help Here - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
HM Storm Damaged Barn - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
HM Church and State - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
12 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hogulund. Comments: A lot of photos did not have the category or member numbers

Nature Prints

1st Happy Couple - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
2nd Zebra Crossing - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
3rd Old Man Egret - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
HM Colorful Parrot - Susan Stepanek, Cedar Rapids
HM Berries for Lunch - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
HM The Pounce - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
19 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Fort Dodge Camera Club. Chair: Gloria Johnston.

Photo Essays

1st Winter in Iowa - Madhu Singh, Iowa City
2nd Safari - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
3rd What I Learned This Summer - Nancy Heather Brown, Des Moines
HM Welcome to My Nightmare - Bob Rude, Iowa City
HM Working Dogs - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
HM Clouds Sunrise to Sunset - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City
9 entries from 2 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Tomes. Judges: Donna Gustafson, Dennis Zabel, Dave Schmidt. Comments: Thanks to the Lincoln Camera Club for judging the photoessays for 2019. Most of the club attended the judging which was beneficial. A description of the photo essay contest rules and adaptation of the T C I system of judging was given before showing photoessays.

Travel Prints

1st Fighting Breast Cancer - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
2nd Swift Current at Motor Mill - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
3rd Side Rail in 1800 Town South D - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
HM Antelope Canyon AZ - Alyssa Azhari, Iowa City
HM Picture Window in Deep - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
HM School Days China - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
15 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hogulund. Comments: A lot of photos did not have the category or member numbers

Please have June newsletter articles to Debbie Bates as soon as you can.

Thank you

