

# **News Bulletin**

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## "Where Names Become Faces and Faces Become Friends"

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# President's Message: From Mark Gromko

Two people commented to me recently with different concerns and questions about judging. I found both comments interesting and well worth sharing.

The first came at our local club on a "critique night"; club members give helpful (it is to be hoped) comments on how to improve a photo, or comment on why a photo "works." One person shared a photo they wanted to enter in a Travel competition. Someone's critique noted the photo did not reveal the character of the place. The maker was surprised to learn that Travel photos were judged on that basis. The Definitions and

Rules for all competition categories have been revised and updated this year; the rules state in part, "A strong travel photo is an image that expresses the feeling of a time and place; portrays a land, its people, or a culture in its natural state; and has no geographical limitations. Emphasize the location's qualities that make the place unique."

The reason I thought this example was worth sharing is that the Definitions and Rules (pages F-5 to F-6) for competition categories have been updated; they provide valuable help to anyone entering a contest. They will help you understand what judges will be looking for in the various categories, and how the categories differ from one another. I hope you will take five minutes to read the recently updated Definitions and Rules for all competition categories.

The second comment was by email asking about qualifications for judges. I once again thought that the published rules would provide good advice. In this case, the rules state (item 24 on page F-3): "Member clubs should choose judges who are working in the area of photography in which they will judge. Judges who have an aversion to certain subject matter or techniques should not be chosen. A good judge should be able to analyze an entry from the standpoint of composition as well as technical quality. If member clubs do not have enough qualified judges from within their local membership list, then they should go outside of the club. Good judges can be developed from within the club, but this experience should be obtained prior to judging an N4C competition. A club judge may be combined with a local artist and a commercial or professional photographer to create a well-balanced judging team."

At my local club, we expect that the minimum requirement in terms of experience and expertise is that to be a judge one must have won at least an Honorable Mention in the competition category they will be judging. By whatever means your club implements the need to find qualified judges, the people submitting their work for competition will be grateful for your efforts! For clubs that are smaller or that have fewer experienced members, the provision allowing you to look outside the club to find qualified judges might provide a very useful option.



## MINUTES OF THE N4C ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

The Annual Business Meeting of the North Central Camera Club Council was called to order at 12:30 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2019, by President Debbie Bates, in the Marion Room of the Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines, Iowa. Ten Officers and Directors were present. Director No. 5 Terry Butler was absent. The Des Moines Camera Club was thanked for hosting, and Patty Foster was thanked for updating our Presidents' poster.

The minutes of the May 3, 2019 Spring Mini-Convention Board Meeting were mailed to Officers, Directors, and Chairmen by Pat Schwope, Secretary. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Doug Conrad, seconded by Dwight Corrin, and carried.

The 2019-2020 Officers and Directors who will take office following the Banquet on Saturday night are: President, Mark Gromko; 1st Vice President, John Larson, Jr.; 2nd Vice President, Doug Conrad; Secretary, Pat Schwope; Treasurer, Lynda Richards; Director No. 1, Greg Hoglund; Director No. 2, Paul Hagen; Director No. 3, Paul Grillo; Director No. 4, Dwight Corrin; Director No. 5, Jennifer Tigges; Director No. 6, Donna Gustafson.

The Financial Report from July 31, 2018 through August 1, 2019, audited by Sharon Allen, was read by Lynda Richards, Treasurer. Checking Balance On Hand July 31, 2019: \$4,167.12. Receipts: \$6,621.77. Expenses: \$5,824.10. Checking Balance On Hand July 31, 2019: \$4,964.79. The \$8,475.69 Certificate of Deposit was reinvested at People's Bank, Carlisle, Iowa, on July 8, 2019, at 2.50% for 20 months, to mature on March 8, 2021. Net Worth As Of August 1, 2019: \$13,440.48. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Mark Gromko, seconded by Greg Hoglund, and carried. There were 43 registrations for the Spring Mini-Convention. 2019-2020 dues from 12 clubs have not yet been paid. We had 37 clubs last year. We lost Cheyenne and the North Shore club. We have a new club this year called the West Central Iowa Camera Club. They have 3 members, and meet in Manning, Iowa. We also have a club called Image Makers, which meets in Hartford, Iowa. Our checking balance is at Great Western Bank in Carlisle, Iowa, and our CD is at People's Bank in Carlisle, Iowa. Ken Johnson and Dwight Tomes are also signatories on those accounts. A motion to approve moving the checking account to People's Bank was made by Mark Gromko, seconded by Doug Conrad, and carried.

A motion was made by Mark Gromko, seconded by Lynda Richards, and carried, that Debbie Bates will be taking over as Editor of the N4C Bulletin.

Mark Gromko reported that the Spring Mini-Convention was the main duty for the First Vice President.

A motion was made by Second Vice President John Larson, seconded by Mark Gromko, that N4C establish an annual Photojournalism Story Contest, to be held at the Spring Mini-Convention. A maximum of five images, either digital or print, with up to 30 words per image for a caption (150 words total), and no music allowed. To be co-chaired by John Larson and Dwight Corrin, with judging similar to the Panorama Contest. Motion carried.

John Larson hopes that judging clubs are perhaps into the idea of using one score per judge. We can always use speakers for the Spring Mini-Convention; right now, he has four outside speakers lined up, and would certainly love to have N4C people as speakers. Wesley Woods 2020 dates are April 24, 25, 26. 2021 dates are April 23, 24, 25. Deposits for both years have already been sent in.

Greg Hoglund has been in contact with a club in Kansas City about possibly joining N4C. Gloria Johnston will get in touch with them.

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Old Business: Dwight Tomes reported that he did test Dropbox with several Board members, and it did work. It cost \$350 -- three times as much as individual. He will re-try again. He is thinking of a regular kind of account which should be roughly \$100 a year, and will do testing on it again and will continue with that. Short-term people can use the N4C folder for public access. Reason: more communication between clubs if willing to share. Easy way to send a Photo Essay is by Dropbox. Any time you send a link he can download from it. Different clubs can share PowerPoint presentations.

Ed Siems reported on the 2020 Convention. We have nobody for 2020. Duluth said they were interested in it, so he sent them all of the information, and then they weren't going to do it. By that time, it was getting pretty late in the year, and Wichita got ahold of it, and decided they wanted to do it, but then they voted to do a Convention, but not next year. Ed has some suggestions. He thinks we need to change how we run the Convention. The Convention is a lot of work. The major thing is getting all of the pictures judged by outside judges. That is a huge, huge job. If we would split it up, one club could do the Convention, and their members would not be charged full price; and one club could be in charge of getting the judging done.

A motion to hold the 2021 N4C Convention in Wichita was made by Lynda Richards, seconded by Paul Grillo and Mark Gromko, and carried.

Carl Hardy suggested that Sioux City just talked about this. Sioux City could work with Sioux Falls on the 2020 N4C Convention. Sioux City could host, and Sioux Falls could be in charge of the judging.

Larry Meister said, "We're always going to have contests. End of the year judging always has to be done, whether we have a Convention in a city or not."

Following up on an idea proposed by Penny Adam, Debbie Bates suggested that it be set up so that in 2021, the Directors will take care of the end of the year judging. A motion was made by Mark Gromko, and seconded by John Larson, that the two of them will work with Debbie Bates on a proposal of exactly how the Directors will work together on the duties which need to be handled. Motion carried.

The subject of Video Competition had been tabled. In the absence of Jerry Bonsack, Dwight Corrin and Carl Hardy were asked if they would like to discuss this. Carl Hardy looked over the proposal for Photo Essays, and said that basically, we could use the same one for Video Competition (although Photo Essays are only for still images.) Dwight Tomes agrees, and the same guidelines can be used to take care of copyright infringement. A motion to initiate a Video Contest as previously described, to install Carl Hardy as Chairman of the Video Contest for at least one year, starting at the 2020 N4C Spring Mini-Convention, and at the end of that time to decide if we would move forward, how it would be modified, and how it stands in relationship to the Photo Essay Contest, was made by Mark Gromko, seconded by Paul Grillo, and carried. Carl Hardy will find judges. Debbie Bates will put the notice of this new contest in the newsletter.

Storage of display cases. We will come back to that subject.

New Business: Penny Adam, Convention Chairman, discussed awards and the printing of certificates. A motion was made by John Larson, seconded by Mark Gromko, that this is an N4C expense which benefits all people who have entered. N4C will pay for the judging and award expense for Best of the Best, not to exceed \$500, starting with this Convention; this is not retroactive. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Schwope, N4C Secretary

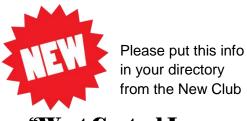
All 10 Board members have voted in favor of the change to Duluth.

Mark

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- > On Oct 1, 2019, at 9:23 AM, Mark H Gromko < mgromko@bgsu.edu > wrote:
- > I have received 9 responses from Board members; one director has not responded. All nine agree that, given the progress the Duluth Superior Camera Club has made on convention planning, Duluth Superior will be the convention host for 2021.
- > This decision overturns the Board's vote at the Des Moines convention which accepted the Wichita Area Camera Club's offer to host in 2021. That decision was made without having been informed of Duluth Superior's commitment to and progress on convention planning for 2021.
- > I apologize to members of both clubs for the confusion, particularly to the members of the Wichita Area Camera Club, who may be understandably unhappy with the change. My hope is that the members of the Wichita Area Camera Club will accept our apology, and be willing to postpone their convention-hosting until 2022.
- > Although not directly related to the change described above, it should be noted that Sioux City Camera Club and Sioux Falls Camera Club have agreed to collaborate to host the convention next year, in 2020.
- > I extend my gratitude to all four of those clubs for their work on behalf of N4C.
- > Mark Gromko
- > President N4C
- > October 1, 2019

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# N4C 2019 Convention, After Convention Summary October 16, 2019

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On behalf of the Des Moines Camera Club, thank you for attending the N4C 2019 Convention! We had a great time and hope you did as well. The purpose of this summary is to provide information about the Convention and make observations that may be beneficial for future N4C Conventions. The dates for the 2019 N4C Convention were September 19 - 22 and held at the Sheraton in West Des Moines, Iowa with the Des Moines Camera Club hosting.

The overall goals, themes, components of Convention, and attendance are listed here with details in the following sections. The overall goal was to provide a thought provoking, and learning, atmosphere to challenge attendees to think about their photography, perhaps in a different way. The central planning committee consisted of four Club members, all of whom are board members with broad experience in photography and with the Des Moines Camera Club (DMCC). In addition, the entire operating board of the DMCC was kept current with planning and asked for their opinions at all stages of the planning and implementation process. We chose to ask Club members for the session speakers and nationally known speakers for the keynotes. The planning committee looked at past Conventions DMCC has hosted so field trip locations would not be duplicated. The theme of "Finding Your Light in Des Moines" seemed to fit our goals for Convention while referencing the art of photography. We chose to self-fund the start-up checking account. This loan will be repaid to DMCC ahead of determining disbursement between the Club and N4C.

Components for planning, and further described below, included: 1) search for a host hotel, 2) publicity, 3) keynote speakers, 4) session speakers, 5) field trips, 6) registration process, 7) best of best judging and awards, 8) opening reception, 9) banquets and farewell breakfast, 10) door prizes and grand prizes, and 11) Camera Clinic.

Several quotations were requested from local hotels / conference centers that had the location and amenities to provide a great convention experience. Site visits were also made as part of the qualification process. The Sheraton in West Des Moines was the successful hotel and worked well with the planning committee in achieving the goals for Convention. After discussion it was determined it would be more efficient, and take less time, to have the banquet meals plated and served rather than a buffet line. Cash bars were set up for the nightly full group sessions.

Several publicity items were done to boost awareness and registrations. An early version of the invitation to the 2019 N4C Convention was completed and presented at the 2018 Convention in Dubuque. This photo essay used pictures of Des Moines to generate interest in attendance. An updated photo essay was presented at the 2019 mini-convention and was refined to include field trips and both keynote and session speakers. Additional information about Des Moines was also provided as hand-outs. A website for Convention was set up on the DMCC Club's website to provide information and a place to register. A Facebook page was set up to share information about the Convention, speakers, field trips, and to generate interest. This venue allowed us to communicate more directly with registered and potential attendees. Shortly thereafter we began promoting the two keynote speakers. Closer to Convention, speaker highlights and field trip announcements were prepared and posted. We had ½ page flyers made for distribution at the Iowa State Fair, several local camera stores, and as hand-outs for our members at Club meetings. In addition several promotional articles were written for the N4C newsletters and several email blasts were sent out.

Session speakers were selected based on the depth of their photographic experience in one or more areas of photography, novel content and expertise, and ability to communicate to a broad audience. Keynote speakers were chosen based on national/international expertise in specific technical and subject content as well as demonstrated communication skills. The overall objective in determining speakers was based on the goal to stimulate attendees to try new techniques, subjects, and locations for their own photography. Since major international camera and lens manufacturers no longer support paid speakers who fit the criterion mentioned above we also expected to bear the cost for speakers who met our challenging requirements. This additional cost will be an ongoing consideration which should not be completely paid by the host club(s), in our opinion; N4C and smaller level donations from camera and/or lens companies should also be solicited. With this in mind DMCC has offered a suggestion to the N4C Board to earmark and provide non-reimbursable funds, in the amount of \$2,000 as a minimum, to be put towards speakers for the 2020 Convention and going forward. We realize this will require further discussion, perhaps at the mini-convention in 2020.

The Friday keynote speaker Don Komarechka from Barrie, Ontario, Canada presented; "The Universe at our Feet (Macro). The Saturday keynote speaker David Thoreson from Okoboji, Iowa presented "Finding Your Own Light: Photography as a Powerful Storytelling Tool". Each also presented additional speaker sessions and Don led a field trip. Overall there were 10 concurrent speaker sessions, four on Friday and six on Saturday. Except for Don and David, the speakers were DMCC Club members who also speak at other photography events locally and regionally. Here too, the philosophy was to provide information covering a range of topics on pre-production, production, post-production, and showing your work. Field trips were all led by DMCC members with maps and driving directions provided. Overall there was one field trip on Thursday, four on Friday, and two on Saturday.

For the most part, registration was covered on-line. However, attendees could also register partially on-line with payment mailed in, or fully by mail. The registration process captured field trip intentions of the attendees as well as their food selections for the plated banquet meals.

Best of Best judging and awards were handled differently based on the medium of the images. For the digital competition we hired a local university photography professor who judged all the images returning a list of those who placed in each of the categories so awards could be completed. The print competition was judged live as we organized this session locally. Each of the winning print images was photographed for use in making a slide show for the awards presentation. The photo essay, website, newsletter, and panorama competitions were handled by others, separately, with winners communicated so awards could be made and presented.

For future Conventions it is suggested all the competitions are announced under the same "round up" notification with judging coordinated by the same team for efficiencies in both judging and having awards made.

It was discussed at the N4C Board meeting that since these are N4C competitions, and not those of the hosting Club, they are managed by the Board rather the hosting Club. After discussion, motion, and positive vote the N4C Board will further research and discuss managing the best of best competitions, judging, awards, going forward starting with the 2021 Convention. In further discussion the N4C Board voted to allow up to \$500 in judging expenses, effective immediately.

The print display was located in a room large enough to set up six racks. Tables along one side of the room provided surfaces to display the front pages of the newsletters, the past Presidents board, and a TV with a continual loop of the digital candidates. To set a precedent for future N4C Conventions, a tribute to Steve Paulsen consisting of a display of his photographs was also included. Steve was a member of Sioux City Camera Club and active in N4C as well. It is thought this can be repeated, as needed, in the future. Steve Sweringen with the Camera Clinic out of Mandan, ND was set up for sensor, camera, and lens cleaning in a room adjacent to the print display room.

The opening reception was held on Thursday evening with DMCC providing pizza and Club members providing additional food items. The Friday keynote speaker was Don Komarechka from Barrie, Ontario, Canada who presented; "The Universe at our Feet (Macro). The Saturday keynote speaker was David Thoreson from Okoboji, Iowa who presented "Finding Your Own Light: Photography as a Powerful Storytelling Tool". An optional farewell breakfast was offered in the hotel's restaurant to bring Convention to a close.

It was discussed and decided to not hold a vendor fair due to perceived poor vendor representation and attendance at the last N4C Convention. Instead a small committee was empowered to contact local and national vendors to provide donations to off-set speaker expenses as well as photography related items for door prize drawings. About 27 - 30 items were accumulated with the pre-drawing held ahead of the Saturday banquet where they were distributed. Each person registered for Convention was automatically entered into the door prize drawings. Runners were utilized to deliver prizes to keep the evening running efficiently.

One local vendor worked with his suppliers to obtain three very generous grand prize drawings which were drawn live after the door prizes were distributed.

Overall, our organizing committee and the DMCC board are pleased with the Convention and are gratified with both the numerous positive comments as well as suggestions for future Conventions. In closing, we are happy to discuss any parts of the 2019 Convention: Penny Adam (jpkradam@gmail.com & 515.290.1320), Patty Foster (pl\_foster@msn.com & 515.681.4811), Diane Darnielle (dldarnie@aol.com & 515.979.2104), and Dwight Tomes (d.tomes@icloud.com & 515.240.6633).

### A Note on Reimbursement Expenses.

There are times in life when our best efforts to be efficient and timely are entirely laughable; especially when we get to laugh at ourselves!. Right?

Food for thought: When it comes to mailing in receipts for reimbursement, efficiency may carry a cost. For instance, if you have three or four small expenses and you mail them in separately as they occur, two-way postage on that process adds up! Better to save up your receipts and mail them in "bulk." Or, better yet, bring them to Spring Mini Convention or Annual Convention and save postage entirely!

But for larger amounts, please do not hesitate to submit as needed for payment including receipts & N4C Request for Payment Form..

Thank you for your consideration, N4C Treasurer Lynda Richards





# Posted on October 21, 2019 by Dubuque Camera Club

Thirteen lucky photographers attended the Light Painting workshop at the **Dubuque Camera Club** meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019. We were a few days past fine weather, so most of the meeting was spent inside. Participating club members brought tripods and gear. Club president Ron Tigges, with assistance from Willie and Jennifer, arranged a goodie table with a variety of light painting

gadgets. Ron started the meeting with a slideshow presentation of light painting techniques and images. He learned about some of these techniques during an N4C event.

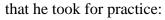
The most elaborate tool that he showed us was a pixel stick. "The pixel stick is kind of like voodoo," said Ron. It contains color-changing LEDs with built-in flash card. You can preload small images that display as you walk. The images are invisible to the eye but can be captured with a camera.



Later, when people set up their cameras for long exposure, the first pixel stick surprise was a *Blufftops & Visions* logo. The flames were really popular too.

There were also some spooky images on the pixel stick. They were photographed in the dark woods by a few brave souls who ventured outside toward the end of the meeting. See the Pixel Stick website for more about what it can do.

Believe it or not, the type of cheap lighting that is sold for *rave* parties is ideal for light painting. Ron tied a bunch of fingerlights on a string and spun them around for a homemade globe spinner. The secret is to mark the spot with a piece of tape to stand on. This ensures that your globe (or *light orb*) has a center. Here's a picture



Light globe photo by Ronald Tigges.



"Be creative. Try all the different stuff," said Ron at the meeting. Free-hand options may be made from simple items you have at home, such as a flashlight or headlamp. Put clear plastic tape over a white flashlight and color the tape with a marker for a "gel" effect. Some flashlights can be set to display a strobe. Try a small strobe to paint twinkling stars behind a model. Remember, if you don't want your model to show in the final image, they should be dressed in black or dark colors.

Another funky option shared at the meeting was an LED color change hula hoop. It's possible to get a "beam me up, Scottie" effect when the hoop is raised from the floor to above the model's head. A couple of seconds of flashlight used as a spotlight completes the effect. Willie Tigges, dressed in black for the light painting demonstration, was the hula hoop model.

Light painting photo by Lori Burrows. Model: Willie Tigges.

At the meeting, people were setting their cameras at about 20 seconds. To do light painting, place your camera on a tripod and set it for long exposure. Pre-focus on a spot, then set it on manual so the focus doesn't drift. To get a neat effect, you'll need to experiment with the exposure triangle (ISO, aperture, and shutter speed). "It's all about the movement," said Ron. At the meeting, the lights were moved, and the cameras were still. You could also theoretically move the camera. [Here's a tutorial about kinetic light painting from Digital Photography School.]

Lori Burrows joined Willie in adding light trails to the scenes. With the addition of light sabers (yes, Star Wars toys!), the club succeeded in taking some adventuresomely weird pictures. Henry Matthiessen III volunteered to serve as model.

"It kind of hearkens back to original photography," said Ron. "When you go back to the darkroom, it's a surprise. Then you build more light in that image." The resulting images are spellbinding!



Light painting photo by Lori Burrows of LoriB Photography. Club member Henry Matthiessen III was the model. Taken at the October 21 meeting of the **Dubuque Camera Club**.





# **N4C Service Award**

Winter is fast closing in and it is once again time to consider recognizing individuals that have gone above and beyond to serve the Council. All members are encouraged to consider nominating someone you feel has demonstrated extraordinary effort to the Council for a

Service Award. Awards will be presented at the Convention in Sioux City. Page D-1 of the current directory lists the requirements. To make it convenient the N4C web site has the proper form you can fill out and mail to me or send via e-mail at this link. http://www.n4c.us/Supplies-Forms/SERVICEA.PDF

Completed forms may be sent to: Steve Thompson 26118 Canary Dr. Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Or they can be sent as a PDF file via e-mail. Be sure to send it to the address in this article. There was a typo in the Directory, if sent there, it will not reach me.

<u>Correct email address:</u> sathomps@unitelsd.com

Deadline for nomination shall be June 15, 2020.



# N4C October (2019-10) Contest Results

# Altered Reality Prints

1st Still Life with Fireworks - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

2nd Stuck in Time - Bob Rude, Iowa City

3rd Old Steel Wheeled Tractor - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Colorful Bird on Branch - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Prairie Dreams - Kristie Burns, Des Moines

HM Evening in the Country - Bob Rude, Iowa City

16 entries from 3 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: David Giese.

Judges: Teresa Vokoun, Bill Williamson, Mary Giese. Comments: Interesting and Creative photos. The alteration on some was less obivious.

#### **B & W Pictorial Prints**

1st Brother's Kelly - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

2nd Tire Stacking - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

3rd Ford - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City

HM Got My New Shoes On - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

HM Fire Dancer - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

HM Photography is Never Old - Ed Lorson, Iowa City

21 Entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area Photography Club. Chair - Mark Gubbins

Judges: Mark Gubbins, Don Pogeler, David Keife No Comments from judges



#### Digital Altered Reality

1st Ray and Marie Stata Center - Ken Wolter, Western Wisconsin

2nd Through the Fire - Patricia Konyha, Wichita Area

3rd Candace - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

HM The Last Photo - Mike Barker, Omaha

HM Moon Silhouette - Sharon Watson, Fargo-MoorheadHM Three Windows Two Bikes - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

HM Bean Reflection - Manuel Vivas, Saint Paul

HM Golden Eyes - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin

72 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro Photo Club. Chair: Pat Boudreau. Judges: Bruce Barsness, Laura Davies, Pat Miller.Judging-Method 1

#### Digital B&W

1st Navajo Elder - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley

2nd John Hancock Center - Chicago - Andreas Exner, Dubuque

3rd Snow Goose - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area

HM Milkweed Silky Seeds - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul

HM Aurora B&W - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin

HM Nomade - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

HM Badlands of South Dakota - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

HM A Perfect Throw - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

HM Gather 'round - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Swan Stretch - Marge Springett, Western Wisconsin

HM Her Wedding Day - Candy Erk Manthey, Black Hills

103 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Alyssa Azhari. Judges: Mark Gromko, Bob Rude, Mary Dreckman. Comments: Received 103 images, judges them, but one image had to be disqualified because it has color on it. Judging-Method 1.

### Digital Journalism

1st Fast Exit - Mike Barker, Omaha

2nd Jack Link's Screaming Saquatch Jet Waco Fargo Airshow - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead

3rd How Does This Thing Work - Jason Ponfil, Minnesota Valley

HM Got Marshmellows - Sharon Berg, Saint Paul

HM Like a Fox Guarding the Henhouse-I Mean Golf Ball - Tom Arnhold, Topeka

HM Keeping Her Eye on the Goal - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin

HM Climbing at St. Croix - Pat Boudreau, North Metro

HM Eclipsed by Cloud Cover - Judy Mitschelen, Iowa City

HM Amazing Street Art - Beverley Kiecker, Minnesota Valley

81 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Cedar Rapids Camera Club. Chair: Sandra Kotowske. Judges: SuAnn Tichy, Susan Stepanek, Regina Kotowske. Comments: Judging-Method 3.

#### Digital Nature

1st Arriving at the Water Hole - Diana Borash, Iowa City

2nd Door County Dawn - Angela Hoffman, Fargo-Moorhead

3rd Chasing that Fish - Eric Williamson, Des Moines

HM Cardinal - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

HM Hummingbird Moth - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

HM Penguin Dance - Roy Hakala, Saint Paul

HM Tiger Swallowtail - Paul Bellinger, Omaha

HM Eagle Challenge - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin

HM All Natural Light - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

HM Tiny Tree Frog on Sedum - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul

HM Twin Climbers - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin

104 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Black Hills Photography Club. Chair: Dan Ray. Judges: Markus Erk, Candy Erk Matheny, Richard Carlson. Comments: Judging-Method 1.



## Digital Pictorial

1st	Hummingbird in Garden - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
2nd	Dragonfly in the Meadow - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
3rd	Canada Days Alberta Canada - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead
HM	Flying Jewel - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
HM	There's Always One - Elaine Sagers, Des Moines
HM	Size Matters - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM	Milky Way Over the Valley of the Gods - Angela Hoffman, Fargo-Moorhead
HM	I Said Girls are First - Kevin Swann, Fargo-Moorhead
HM	Northern Lights and Lily Pads - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
HM	Bengal - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
HM	Day Lily - Allen Kurth, Omaha

Vibrant Tulip - Martha Farwell, Great River

111 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Beverly Hawkins, Terri Sposito, Marilyn Victor. Judging-Method 1

## Digital Travel

HM

1st	Morning Chores on the Steppe-Mongolia - Elaine Sagers, Des Moines
2nd	The Sands of Time in Antelope Canyon AZ - Valarie Anderson, Saint Paul
3rd	Fall in New Hampshire - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
HM	Desert Camping-Utah_04A5094 - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
HM	FedEx Stadium Flyover-Hanover MD - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM	John Wayne Found the Sunrise was the Best Time to Rescue Lost Pilgrims, Utah Mick Richards, Minnesota
Valley	
HM	Rainbow Over Wild Goose Island, Glacier NP Montana - Jose Santos, Minnesota Valley
HM	Milky Way Lone Tree Iowa - Alyssa Azhari, Iowa City
HM	Ocean of Steps San Fran CA - Pat Boudreau, North Metro
HM	Stormy Day at Point Betsie-Michigan - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

94 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Tom Schoening, Mitch Keller, Carl Hardy. Comments: Judging-Method 1.

#### Journalism Prints

1st	On Relay - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
2nd	Missed - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
3rd	She Scores - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
НМ	Beware of Evils of Drink - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club

? entries from ? clubs. Judging Club:Shutterbugs. Chair: John Larson. Judges: Shirley White, Michelle Hall, Eric Louck. Comments: No comments from Judges



1st 2nd	Ready for My Closeup – Annie Greiner, Sioux City Aspens - Veronika Fengler, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
3rd	Japanese Macaque in Snow - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
HM	High Country Falls in Colorado - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
HM	Twisted Stump - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City
HM	Baby Bear - Kim Walter, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

22 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area Photography Club, Chair: Mark Gubbins. Judges: Mark Gubbins, Don Pageler, David Keefe. Comments: No Comments from judges.



#### Pictorial Prints (Color)

1st Last Chance Garage - Doug Conrad, Sioux City2nd Sylvan Lake Reflections - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

3rd Sam, I Am - Randy Moyer, Iowa City

HM Powel Point at Sunset, Grand Canyon - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

HM Dunning Springs - Bob Rude, Iowa City

HM Long Horn Beauty - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

43 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Great River Cameral Club. Chair: Ryno Olson.

Judges: Hsi Woods, Peggy Schmeizer, Roger Luft. Comments: We saw many good prints with just a few snapshots.

#### **Travel Prints**

1st Many Glaciers Sunrise - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

2nd Pier at Sunset - Kristel Saxton, Iowa City

3rd Hawaiian Temple - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club

HM Desolute Ruins.... - Delores Meister, Iowa City
HM Picture Window.... - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

? entries from ? clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbugs. Chair: John Larson.

Judges: Shirley White, Michelle Hall, Eric Louck. Comments: No comments from Judges

N4C Contest Club Chairs, please make sure to read all the information that Ken sends each month for the digital Contest. Print Contest Club Chairs please try to have your results into Ken or Diane by the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month.



New Club:

Image Makers, by Lynda Richards, is located in Hartford, IA.





Thank you Jennifer Tigges for the article from your club. Would love to hear from all of our clubs' activities, please send articles☺

# **Upcoming Events:**

Mini Spring Convention at Wesley Woods –April 24-26<sup>th</sup> 2020

N4C Fall Convention 2020 – Hosted by Sioux City and Sioux Falls Camera Club

N4C Fall Convention 2021 – Hosted by Duluth Superior Camera Club

N4C Convention 2022 – tentative Wichita Camera Club (Change in email board decision minutes)

