

**Mark your calendars for the 1st weekend of May,
May 4, 5 & 6, 2018 N4C Mini Spring Convention at Saint Thomas More Center in Panora, Iowa.**

Everyone always used to say Spring brook, and understood what we were talking about. With the close of Spring brook we have changed the name to N4C Mini Spring Convention or just spring convention for short. Be thinking about a great photo weekend that you can get the best food, great dorm facilities, time with others who have the same enthusiasm as you do about sharing and learning more about photography for little as \$113 for the whole weekend.

Willard Sharp: Friday evening

On Friday night we have some great information and entertainment planned. Willard Sharp, from Madrid, Iowa is a storm chaser and an awesome astrophotographer who loves to show everyone how easy it is to get out and shoot. Milky Way has just started coming out and Willard shoots all year long. We will hear his presentation then we can hopefully get out and shoot some star trails before the moon comes out around 10:30.



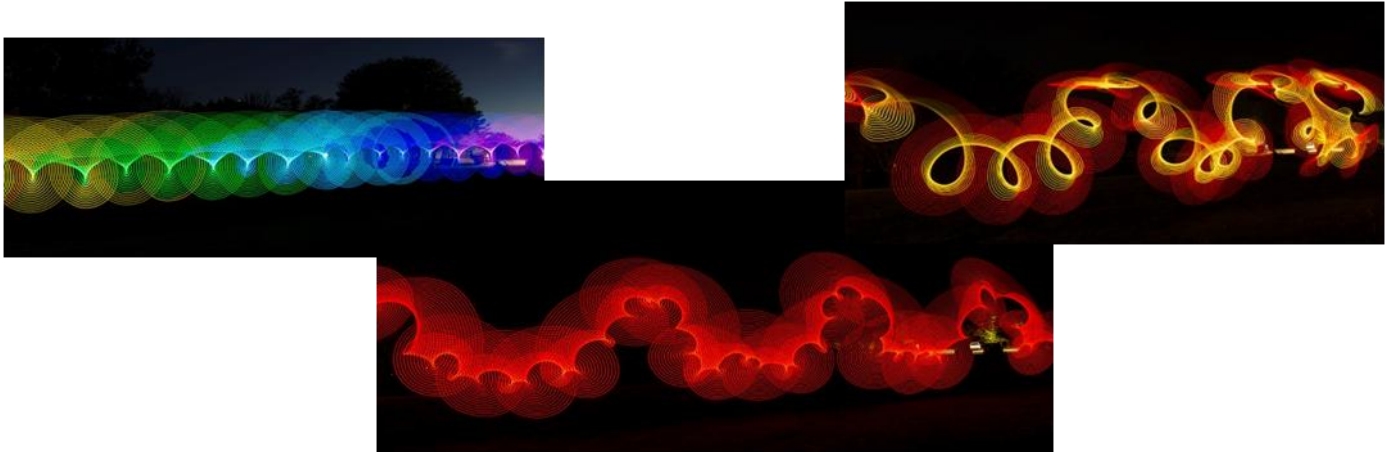
Ty Smedes: Saturday Morning

As an icon of the north-country, the Loon has created magic for all who have enjoyed his antics and that magical "*call of the wild*". Join Urbandale Iowa writer/photographer Ty Smedes as he lectures about the life history of the Loon, and shares many stunning images. Ty has made many trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota, where he has captured iconic images of a female loon, on the nest, with youngsters riding on her back, and even the male feeding the young, as they rest there. Ty will share many anecdotes and will show how a nature photographer pre-visualizes and plans a wilderness photography trip. Join us for an exciting and educational presentation!



Gerry Bonsack: Saturday Evening

I've planned a lot of fun and hopefully great entertainment. As you know, Gerry Bonsack always has some great fun ideas to shoot. He has gone above and beyond with his light painting toys. He has been working since last convention. We will be light painting Saturday night with all of his toys. Old and New. Check out some of his websites he has set up. <https://youtu.be/qsv7cWG-94M> These are from last year.



Check out the agenda we have lots of great participating photography planned and it will be after dark both Friday and Saturday. Great information: Judging information, (Will get you thinking), Drones Photos and more (plan your questions now, Ken will answer all he can and if weather permitting fly, a little.

Jerry Ranch will be the Saturday evening speaker. He has recently returned from a trip to the Grand Canyon and area around. BUT this won't be just a normal trip to the Grand Canyon.

I will have more information in the upcoming months for the N4C Mini Spring Convention and if you come early or stay late great places to shoot around the area too.

Set your calendar now to attend. Registration forms are in this newsletter too. This is a great weekend to enjoy.

See you at the N4C Spring Mini Convention May 4 ,5 & 6, 2018

Dellie Bates

