

***Bird Blinds, Woodland Flowers, Exploding Balloons,
Exotic Places and Drones***

Springbrook Schedule 2015

Friday, April 24

3:00 Check-In
3:30 Board Meeting - Scott Udey, Presiding
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Passage to India - Jo Eland
8:30 N4C Results at PSA - Gene Schwope
9:15 Popcorn

Saturday, April 25

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Bird Blinds - Ed Siems
10:00 Break
10:15 Woodland Ephemerals-Here Today and Gone Tomorrow - Dwight Tomes
11:00 DNR, State of Iowa, Agriculture, Volunteers and a Drone - Jo Eland
Noon- 1 pm Lunch
1:00 Cataloging Images - Myers Burmeister
1:45 Thailand Adventures- Linda Rutherford
2:30 15 minute experts, outdoor photography and drone flying if possible
 Mr Wizard - Gerry Bonsack
 Scott Udey
 Buttons, Feathers, Marbles, Shells, Corks, Glassware and More
 Drone flying if weather permits- if you have one bring one! Jo Eland is bringing hers.
 There may be more in this category
3:00 Break
3:30 Continued 15 minute experts, outdoor photography & drones
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Iceland Adventures - Mark Gromko & Ed Lorson
9:00 Popcorn

Sunday, April 26

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Invitation to Omaha & Photo Essays - Dwight Tomes
11:30 Lunch

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April 24,25 and 26th***

Begone the drab colorless Winter and bring on Spring. What better place to do that then at Springbrook State Park (near Perry, IA) with a bunch of photo friends the last weekend in April where the weather may be definitely end of Winter or perhaps Welcome Spring!

For those of you new to N4C, and our April gathering, it's one of the single best deals you can imagine. In addition to being with fellow photographers for 2 days and hearing all sorts of wonderful photography presentations - a good deal. If you like, you may stay in one of the dorms (note they are not co-ed) have meals on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday for a grand total of \$102. If you are no longer a dorm person anymore you can enjoy use of the facility and 6 meals for \$87. Many of us who are no longer "dormies" stay in the Super 8 in Perry for around \$80. Per night. Anyway you look at it, it's a heck of a deal.

So as far as the 2015 program goes what would you expect to see/ hear?

Ed Siems, a contractor by trade and a long time member of N4C has built himself quite a bird blind on his property and has the photos to prove it. His wife Teresa, a great photographer in her own right with a brand new knee, seems pretty tolerant of the "bird blind" activity and in addition he is apparently building a man cave in his house! I am grateful that he has agreed to present at Springbrook and has worked it into his ½ Marathon Runner's Schedule.

Dwight Tomes former President of N4C and another great photographer, will be presenting "Woodland Ephemerals-- Here Today and Gone tomorrow" which will reflect his long standing love of the woods in Spring. Dwight and wife Jane Owen are often out going all over the country as they pull a travel trailer behind their pick-up so if you ever would have some intentions of doing that they would be the ones to have discussion.



Mark Gromko and **Ed Lorson** both from Iowa City Camera Club will be presenting a program on Iceland as they were both there on separate trips not long ago and had amazing differences in their perceptions. Their presentation was originally prepared for the Iowa City club whose members immediately said it had to be presented to N4C. Mark is a retired professor of biology from Bowling Green University and Ed Lorson has the distinction of having put more jaws/ teeth back together as an oral surgeon in Iowa City who has now retired and taken up photography. Both are excellent photographers and you will enjoy their photographs and their stories of their Iceland Adventures.



Linda Rutherford a nurse colleague was on another medical mission trip to Thailand as well as doing some tourist activities and will share her photos and commentary as well. Linda is currently the 2nd Vice President for N4C and will be putting Springbrook together next year.

Gene Schwoppe one of our major connections to PSA once again will have the results from the PSA Challenge. Every year N4C submits some of the best of their images for the PSA challenge where clubs from around the world compete for the best. The DVD will show all the winners in all categories. Gene has always had extra copies that you can take back for your local club to see. It's always interesting to see others' photography and in particular I enjoy seeing perceptions from other countries.



Last fall I (**Jo Eland**) bought a Phantom II Vision plus Drone and have been having a blast with it. I guarantee it will come to Springbrook to be shown and flown (if weather permits). This is a most interesting new aspect to both still and video photography as it can shoot RAWs or jpgs and 1080 p video. In a few words "it's a really FUN new toy!"

Myers Burmeister a relative new comer to N4C has volunteered a program to show how he catalogs his images. For many folks this is an ongoing struggle of "I know I have that image but where the heck is it?" Additionally presentations like this open up a lot of conversations from people of how they organize their own image files.

Mr. Wizzard – **Jerry Bonsack** will once again be having a blast on Saturday afternoon. Again, for those of you new to N4C, Jerry has more creativity in his little fingernail than most of us have in our entire bodies. This year he's bringing a PVC arrow launcher, compression spring, nylon cord etc. etc to create a stop action arrow shot where the arrow is going to blow up a balloon full of water! Not to worry he cleared this with the DNR the day after we left Springbrook last year! (Photo at right)



I've got one more presenter that I'm waiting to hear from but this pretty much wraps up the speakers that you will be enjoying!

- Jo Eland



Springbrook - Swap and Sell!

Buy ♦♦♦ Sell ♦♦♦ Swap

We're going to try something new this year at Springbrook and offer time on Saturday afternoon during the 15 minute experts for members to bring a few items they would like to sell or swap to other N4C members. If you bring something for sale you will set the price for it but if you do not know what it might be worth then look it up on the KEH site (<https://www.keh.com/>) or eBay for what the value might be.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to sell some equipment without paying a fee or shipping. For example I just purchased the new Canon 100-400 mm f 4.5-5.6 L IS USM lens and have the earlier model for sale and will also bring a Canon 24-105 mm L lens as well and have the original boxes for them.

Please do not bring "junk" as most of us have a fair amount of camera junk that is often old and no one in their right mind would want. We will use the tables in the front of the lecture hall for these items. This is one of those things that might work and then again it might not but how do you know unless you try? So check out your closets, old camera bags etc, come prepared to sell or swap and bring your checkbook!

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