N4C September (2026-09) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality

1st What Have We Done - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
2nd That's My Perch - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Lightpainting Gooseberry Falls - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Old Fishing Boat, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
HM Hang On - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
HM Leaves of the night - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
36 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Terri Stephens, Greg Nauman, Tim Ollendick.

Digital B&W

1st Icelandic Horses, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
2nd Blaze - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Steel and Light - Terry Ingram, Omaha
HM Puffin Portrait - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Old Farm Grinder - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM After the Storm - Bob Rude, Iowa City
60 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Tim Abramowitz, Patty Foster, Diane Lowry.

Digital Journalism

1st So Good So Far - Allen Kurth, Omaha
2nd Training For The Call - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City
3rd The Guardian - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM FMDerby Girls start the season as the Lead Jammer breaks out at the Coliseum in Fargo ND - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Remembering My Dad - Jim Splitt, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Low Break Cross - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
57 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Joni Tauzell. Judges: Brian Rauvola, Michael Miller, Chris Carlson.

Digital Nature

1st Egret family - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin
2nd Crimson Gaze - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
3rd Green Sweat Bee - Craig Peterson, Minnesota Valley
HM Fishin' - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM Pollen time - John Corey, Minnesota Valley
HM Eagle On The Hunt - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
HM Bird's Eye View - Anna Frissell, Fargo-Moorhead
62 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Donna Gray, Jacobus Aucamp, Phillip Wonder. Comments: Many very strong images and a nice variety. Wildlife, especially those shots which caught animal behavior and/or were technically excellent, caught the attention of all three judges. At least one judge commented on every image.

Digital Pictorial

1st Eagle hunting fish - Kelly Matrquardt, La Crosse Area
2nd Checking the Computer's Answer - Mike Barker, Omaha
3rd Submerged Flower and Ink - LaVaughn Hengst, La Crosse Area
HM Bleeding Hearts - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
HM Emergence - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM Dreaming in Yellow - Canan Karatekin, Women's
HM My Lily - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
HM Grouse display - Cathy Richardson, La Crosse Area
HM The Open Door - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
85 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Oscar Sarafian. Judges: Karen Harris, Bernadette Korslund, Kelly Asmussen.

Digital Travel

1st University of Dubuque-Iowa Night Lights on Campus Amphitheater with Fireworks in Background - Bob Felderman, Dubuque
2nd Young Abore Lady-Ethiopia - David Clardy, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Into the Valley of the Gods, Utah - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Reaching for the Sun Estrella Park, Phoenix, AZ - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Dawn on Greece - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
HM Buffalo Grazing in a Field of Geysers,Yellowstone NP, WY - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area
HM Splitrock Light House Lake Superior in the winter - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
62 entries from 12 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson, Jr.. Judges: Michelle Hall, Sarah Bissell, Carolyn Todd-Larson.

Altered Reality Prints

1st Sand and Surf - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
2nd Mirror Rubic - Casey Klein, Dubuque
3rd Sculpted in Ice - Ty Smith, Mitchell
5 entries from 3 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Teresa Vokoun. Judges: Doni Sheldon, Andy Spellman, Ed Siems.

B & W Pictorial Prints

1st The Windup - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City
2nd Train Engine - Shane Monahan, Sioux City
3rd Rocky Mountain Road Trip - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
15 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Sonja Hoglund. Judges: Scott Udey, Bob Wright, Greg Hoglund. Comments: Only 15 images from 5 total clubs. Most were from one club. Several great images.

Journalism Prints

1st Wildfoal at Corolla, N.C. - Karen Durrant, Dubuque
2nd Wrestler Grabs Food - John Larson, Shutterbug
3rd Mame's Hands - Casey Klein, Dubuque
9 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Nick Masuen, Denis Hirschman, Rich Wright. Comments: The numbers were very low. Only 9 entries.

The entries were very good, showing journalism stories in picture form which would go well with news and human interest stories.

Nature Prints

1st King Vulture - Ryno W Olson, Great River
2nd Ready for Takeoff - Peg Gilbert, Sioux City
3rd Puffin With a Big Catch - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
13 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Sonja Hoglund. Judges: Bob Wright, Scott Udey, Greg Hoglund. Comments: Only 13 photos received most were from 2 clubs. Lots of great photos; judging was fairly tight.

Pictorial Prints (Color)

1st Starry Night in White Pocket - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
2nd Sunflower Drop - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
3rd Glacier Bay - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
12 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Teresa Vokoun. Judges: Doni Sheldon, Andy Spellman, Ed Siems. Comments: Did not receive Sioux City CC entries until Wednesday the 23rd. Judging was completed on 21st. Still waiting on print winning labels from Carl Hardy.

Travel Prints

1st Ernie's Station Whalan, Minnesota Root River Trail - Tim Abramowitz, Des Moines
2nd Caddo Lake, Karnack, TX. - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
3rd Hoover Dam Bridge 2025 Colorado - John Larson, Shutterbug
9 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Nick Masuen, Denis Hirschman, Rich Wright. Comments: The numbers were very low. Only 9 entries. The entries were very good excellent Travel images showing the areas represented.