

**Congratulations to all the 2024-2025 N4C
“Best of the Best” Competitions
and Annual Award Winners**

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Contest Category	Year End Award	Photographer	Name of Club	Title
Digital – Altered Reality	1 st	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Night Time Visitor
	2 nd	Peggy Boike	Saint Paul	Iris Bouquet
	3 rd	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	One if by Night
	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Mystery in the Cemetery
	HM	Martha Farwell	Great River	Apple Orchard
	HM	Deb Shoning	Des Moines	Spring Cleaning
Digital - B&W	1 st	Dorothy Sansom	Omaha	Along the River Nore,
	2 nd	Canan Karatekin	Women's Photo	Zoo animals--Lemur
	3 rd	William Fritsch	Minnesota Valley	Monarch
	HM	Allen Kurth	Omaha	Full Gallop Leap
	HM	Craig Alberty	Black Hills	Nebraska Fascination
	HM	Michael Greiner	Sioux City	Harmony
	HM	Cindy Carlsson	Saint Paul	Concentration
	HM	Terry Butler	Western Wisconsin	Dallas Long-Tongue Bat
Digital - Journalism	1 st	Mariann Cyr	Western Wisconsin	Monterey Aquarium
	2 nd	Ron Nicolls	Sioux City	Opps
	3 rd	Mariann Cyr	Western Wisconsin	July 4th Parade
	HM	Markus Erk	Black Hills	Lakota with Sacred Water
	HM	Steve Hansen	Black Hills	Who Needs a Hat
	HM	Allen Kurth	Omaha	Air Show Highlight
Digital - Nature	1 st	Tim Beaulier	Duluth-Superior	Waters in Heaven
	2 nd	Steve Fleagle	Iowa City	Wing Tip Drag
	3 rd	Ken Epstein	Saint Paul	Protein Supplement
	HM	Allen Kurth	Omaha	Sunrise Scuffle on the Prairie
	HM	Chris Carlson	Duluth-Superior	Super Moon Lightning
	HM	David Abernathy	Minot	lightning Strike
	HM	Gary Gilbert	Sioux City	Good Catch
	HM	Steve Fleagle	Iowa City	North Umpqua River
Digital - Pictorial	1 st	Laurie McShane	Duluth-Superior	Out of the Mist
	2 nd	Sharon Watson	Fargo-Moorhead	USAF F-22 Raptor
	3 rd	Kenneth Kiss	Dubuque	Spring Bluebird
	HM	Pat Grewe	Lincoln	Dragonfly and Aster
	HM	Allen Kurth	Omaha	A Simple Drop of Water
	HM	Peggy Boike	Saint Paul	Purple Iris Closeup
	HM	Beverly Hawkins	Women's Photo	The Work Never Ends.2
	HM	Marge Springett	Western Wisconsin	Crane Lift
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Sunkissed Belvedere Mountain-Moorea French Polynesia

Digital - Travel	1 st	Martha Farwell	Great River	Bow River Alberta CA
	2 nd	Margaret West	Omaha	Foggy Morning Over the Slovenian Hills, Slovenia
	3 rd	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Early Morning at Bear Butte, SD
	HM	Marv Vikla	Saint Paul	Balloons over Cappadocia Turkey
	HM	Deb Zimmerman	Black Hills	Fire Opal Skies Over Devil's Tower National Monument, Wyo
	HM	Joseph Schufman	Western Wisconsin	Joshua Tree National Park at Dawn
	HM	Rebecca DeWitt	Black Hills	Light in the Darkness, Oregon
Print – Pictorial - B & W	1 st	Todd Johnson	Minot	Sorem's Westland Service Station
	2 nd	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Storm Brewing Over Fort Randall
	3 rd	Chuck Stowe	Des Moines	Back in the Day
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Land Formations of North Caineville Mesa
	HM	Deb Shoning	Des Moines	Let the Light Shine In
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Kawishiiwi Falls Trail
Print – Pictorial - Color	1 st	Ron Tigges	Dubuque	Port of Dubuque Sunset
	2 nd	Marc Ye	Saint Paul	Frozen
	3 rd	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Layers of Nature
	HM	Crystal Johnson	Minot	The Wind Beneath My Wings
	HM	Chuck Stowe	Des Moines	Doc Armstrong
	HM	Stephanie Nelson	Des Moines	Drummer
Print – Altered Reality	1 st	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Light Bursts of the Forest
	2 nd	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Lake Lida
	3 rd	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Smoke
	HM	Dwight Tomes	Des Moines	The Culed off Colored Leaf
	HM	Tim Zeltinger	Minot	Spirits Give Guidance
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Split Personality
Print - Journalism	1 st	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Fireman
	2 nd	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Keeping the culture alive
	3 rd	Ken Epstein	Saint Paul	Leaders at 25 Mile Point
	HM	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Preparing for the Corner
	HM	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Bronco Rider
	HM	Ronnie Hartman	Saint Paul	Lions of Judah on Plymouth Avenue
Print - Nature	1 st	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Yellow Lady Slipper 2
	2 nd	Ken Epstein	Saint Paul	Heron at Sunrise
	3 rd	Debbie Carroll	Duluth-Superior	Heaven and Earth
	HM	Ken Epstein	Saint Paul	Hoodie
	HM	Deb Shoning	Des Moines	Stone Chat 049T in the Reeds
	HM	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Yellow Lady Slipper 1
Print - Travel	1 st	Debbie Bates	SW Iowa Shutterbugs	Caddo Lake Karnack TX
	2 nd	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Horseshoe Bend at Sunrise Page, AZ
	3 rd	James Durrant	Dubuque	Rainbow Falls Watkins Glen NY
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Rainbows Over Waimea Canyon, Kauai, HI
	HM	Drago Nemec	Photoshooters	Split Rock Lighthouse MN
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Mato Paha Sturgis SD

Panorama Digital	1 st	Mike Cronin	Lincoln	Northern Lights Lake McDonald Glacier NP
	2 nd	Brian Rauvola	Duluth-Superior	Eclipse in Arkansas
	3 rd	Tom Arnhold	Topeka	Crater Lake Sunrise
	HM	Tim Zeltinger	Minot	Ellingson Island & Split Rock Lighthouse
	HM	Kim Walter	SW Iowa Shutterbugs	Ox Bow Bend
	HM	Scott Bohaty	Lincoln	Badlands SD
Photo Journalism Story	1 st	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Colorado Springs Balloon Festival
	2 nd	Tom Schoening	Sioux City	Blue Mass at the Cathedral of the Epiphany
	3 rd	Diane Sisko	Western Wisconsin	Hayward Wisconsin Lumberjack World Championship
	HM	Linda Rutherford	Women's Photo	Bad Luck at the Track
Photo Essay	1 st	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	If These Barns Could Talk
	2 nd	Kathleen Wolleat	Duluth-Superior	Where Time and Beauty Meet: An Italian Journey
	3 rd	Nancy Heather Brown	Des Moines	Boca and Beyond
	HM	Ed Hohenstein	Sioux City	Weathered But Unbroken
	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Let's Get Close
Video Essay	1 st	Kathleen Wolleat	Duluth-Superior	Moments on the Frozen Edge of the North
	2 nd	Tom Schoening	Sioux City	Corpus Christi Sunday Procession In Sioux City, IA
Club Communications – Newsletter	1st	Kevin Segrud	Black Hills	<i>Black Hills Expressions</i>
	2 nd	Carl Hardy	Sioux City	<i>Sioux Scope</i>
	3rd	Laurie McShane	Duluth-Superior	<i>Snapshot</i>
Club Communications - Web	1st	Marty Welter	Omaha	https://www.omahacameraclub.net/
	2nd	Paul Zahorosky	Duluth-Superior	https://www.duluthsuperiorcameraclub.org/
	3rd	Terry Butler	Western Wisconsin	https://wiphotoclub.com/
	HM	Joe Santos	Minnesota Valley	https://minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org/
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	https://www.sccameraclub.com/
Small Club of the Year			Minot Camera Club	
Large Club of the Year			Dubuque Camera Club	
Photographer of the Year		Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque Camera Club	