

N4C September (2025-09) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality

1st Colorful Dew Drops - Allen Kurth, Omaha
2nd Bridge - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Looking For a Friend - Bob Rude, Iowa City
HM Tears and Tragedy - Diana Borash, Iowa City
HM Behind and in Front of the Lens - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
HM Bridge Over the Pond - Sue Retzlaff, La Crosse Area
51 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Tim Tindle, Kevin McTague, Ken Kiss.

Digital B&W

1st Walking Through the Tunnel - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
2nd Oyster Mushroom Closeup - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
3rd Saint Paul's Cathedral - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
HM A Nod to Audrey - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
HM Mama and Baby Elephants - Andrea Pellerito, Dubuque
HM Ice Hoofing - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Barred Owl - Anna Frissell, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Senior Year - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
78 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Jackie Stoken, Patty Foster, Sarah Becker.

Digital Journalism

1st Color Me Terrified - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
2nd Junior Rodeo - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
HM Ahead of the Storm - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
HM 8 Seconds from Victory - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Making Sure It's Good and Tight - David Gonzalez, Saint Paul
HM Folk Dancers - Dennis Kroll, Western Wisconsin
HM Melissa and Mark Hortman lie in state at MN Capitol Rotunda - Judy Lathrop, Women's
59 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Lucy Kragness.
Judges: Joni Tauzell, Amber Nichols, Brian Rauvola. Comments: 3rd Place was disqualified as a previous award winner too late to rejudge.

Digital Nature

1st Great Grey Owl on the Hunt - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
2nd Flying into the Wind - Marge Springett, Western Wisconsin
3rd Lion's Mane - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul
HM Canada Eagle IV - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
HM Take Off - Martha Farwell, Great River
HM A Little Sunlight got Through the Fog - Bob Rude, Iowa City
HM One in Every Bunch - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
HM A Gathering of Monarchs - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
HM Golden Tanager - Mariann Cyr, Western Wisconsin

86 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Allen Kurth, Joel Hauschild, Randall Sullivan. Comments: We enjoyed judging and were impressed by the number of excellent entries. Judges did note that impact is reduced when file size is noticeably smaller than maximum allowable. They also noticed problems on otherwise very good entries, cautioning entrants to pay close attention to issues that may arise from sharpening and/or denoise software.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Hello There! - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Creating Fire - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd The perfect citrus slice - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Model,Want_to_Be_Cheyenne_Col - Bob Felderman, Dubuque
- HM Night Chapel - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Wife of Dracula - Diana Borash, Iowa City
- HM Room Service - Crystal Johnson, Minot
- HM In the Lagoon - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Cactus Flower and Five Buds - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul
- HM Monarchs at Blazing Star - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin

85 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Oscar Sarafian. Judges: Jim Kinkennon, Gail Hollarbush, Bernadette Korslund.

Digital Travel

- 1st The Pier,Lofoten,Norway - Margaret West, Omaha
- 2nd Evening at the Fair Yuma, AZ - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- 3rd Cabin near Estes Park CO - Jeff Westgard, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Pinch Me - Moorea French Polynesia - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- HM Grand Portage MN Hollow Rock Formation in Winter - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Ninepipes National Wildlife Refuge Charlo MT - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Close Encounters Devils Tower WY - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
- HM Tucson AZ, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Temple of Athena Nike,Athens - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin

86 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson, Jr.. Judges: Michelle Hall, Sarah Hall, Shirley White.

Altered Reality Prints

- 1st Cosmic Fantasy - Dwight Tones, Des Moines
- 2nd Free to Imagine - Gordon Rath, Dubuque
- 3rd Sr Donatus Church - Ryno W Olson, Great River

8 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: St Paul Camera Club. Chair: Terry Buter. Judges: Karen Leonard, Gene Schwope, Steve Simmer. Comments: There was a nice variety of creative techniques.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Bursting Forth - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Tingley School House - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
- 3rd Backyard Rabbit - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM All Alone - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

HM Fat Cardinal - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City

21 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglund. Judges: Sonja Hoglund, Bob Wright, Scott Udey. Comments: Good group of photos. Some of the photos have been submitted multiple times and are showing wear from shipping and handling.

Journalism Prints

1st Grace in Motion - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

2nd Tourists, Traditions and Time - Andrew DeShaw, Dubuque

3rd Wicked Awesome House Fire - Bob Felderman, Dubuque

10 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Shane Monahan, Corey Anderson, Carl Hardy.

Nature Prints

1st Zoom - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

2nd Hummingbird - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City

3rd Blue Heron - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

HM Oriole - Kevin Smith, Sioux City

HM Heron - Carey Anderson, Sioux City

23 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglund. Judges: Scott Udey, Bob Wright, Sonja Hoglund. Comments: Lots of great images. There were several ties and wish we could have given a third HM.

Pictorial Prints (Color)

1st Mounted Shoot - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

2nd Anemone in Bloom - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

3rd Lemons - Carey Anderson, Sioux City

HM Ben Morton Point Sunset GSMNP - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

HM Grandfathers Memory - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

21 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: St Paul Camera Club. Chair: Terry Buter. Judges: Karen Leonard, Gene Schwope, Steve Simmer. Comments: There was a very nice variety of quality images.

Travel Prints

1st Lower Falls Yellowstone NP, WY - James Durrant, Dubuque

2nd Somewhere in the Driftness--IL - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque

3rd City Center Motor Lodge, UT - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

11 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Shane Monahan, Corey Anderson, Carl Hardy