

N4C October (2025-10) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality

1st Lucy Sky Diamonds - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City

2nd Time Served - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

3rd Time Travel - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

HM Taking a Walk at Sunset - Bob Rude, Iowa City

HM Fly Me To The Moon - Tom Arnhold, Topeka

HM 50 Ford Illusion - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Washington Monument through the portal - Patricia Konyha, Wichita Area

63 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Great River Camera Club. Chair: Peggy Schmelzer. Judges: Anne Olson, Sharon Snyder, Hal Woods.

Digital B&W

1st Bruges at Dusk - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha

2nd Rosa - Joel Hauschild, Omaha

3rd Summer Rain Squall - Mike Barker, Omaha

HM End Of Day - Randy Ficken, Wichita Area

HM Day Lily - Allen Kurth, Omaha

HM Whale of a Tail - Diane Lowry, Des Moines

HM Glamour in the Warehouse Dist - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

68 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Ed Hohenstein, Doug Conrad, Carl Hardy. Comments: The Digital Black & White images presented were outstanding with great blacks and whites, with outstanding composition, and strong interesting subjects. Very difficult to make decisions on the winners.

Digital Journalism

1st Steer One, Cowboy Zero - Allen Kurth, Omaha

2nd Freedom Park Memorial - Randy Schoener, Sioux City

3rd Running Out Of Real Estate - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley

HM Cowboy vs Steer - Troy Schmidt, Western Wisconsin

HM Going for the Flag!-1 - James Durrant, Dubuque

HM Soul in the Spotlight Teddy Swims - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Focus and Determination - Paul Zahorosky, Duluth-Superior

68 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson Jr.. Judges: Michelle Hall, Sarah Bissell, Karla Gerst.

Digital Nature

1st Seventh Inning Stretch - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City

2nd It Was This Big - Phillip Wonder, Omaha

3rd Emerging Sunflower - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City

HM Leopard on the Serengeti - Kevin Newton, Minnesota Valley

HM Looking Up - Steve Fleagle, Iowa City

HM Red-tailed hawk perched - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

HM You Again - Phillip Wonder, Omaha

HM Eyes Wide Open - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul

HM Ribbit! - Tom Arnhold, Topeka

87 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: H Steve Cole, Steve Plocher, Diane Sisko. Comments: A large number of highly competitive entries.

Digital Pictorial

1st Honeybee on a bed of red - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead

2nd Peaceful morning - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin

3rd Tossed Salad - Joel Hauschild, Omaha

HM Giant Swallowtail Near Sunset - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

HM Feed Me - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Balloons - Martha Farwell, Great River

HM And the Race Begins - David Tincher, Saint Paul

HM Under a Stormy Sky - Margaret West, Omaha

HM Milky Way over Lake Eleanor - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque

85 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Minnesota Valley Photography Club. Chair: Phil Davies. Judges: Bob Tourdot, Jerry Klumper, Mel Zeller.

Digital Travel

1st Peggy's Cove Light Nova Scotia Canada - Mike Barker, Omaha

2nd Sunrise at Devil's Tower Wyoming - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

3rd Train on Bridge Alaska - Fred Sobottka, Western Wisconsin

HM Sedona Landscape Arizona - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Fargo Island Newfoundland - Diane Lowry, Des Moines

HM Bond Falls WI - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

HM Aurora on Fjord Norway - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin

69 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Randy Moyer. Judges: Bob Rude, Larry Luebbert, Sam Kreese.

Altered Reality Prints

1st Painted Lady - Ryno W Olson, Great River

2nd 3 Bridges Over Mississippi River, Composition Innovation-ICM - Bob Felderman, Dubuque

3rd Mesmerizing Music - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque

7 entries from 3 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Shane Monahan, Ella Monahan, Carl Hardy. Comments: Even though there were a small number of entries they were all very good and creative.

B & W Pictorial Prints

1st View from Wolf Rd - Grand Tetons, NP - James Durrant, Dubuque

2nd Japanese Garden - Shane Monahan, Sioux City

3rd General's Gaze - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Lake Reflections - Peg Gilbert, Sioux City

HM A Wistful Look - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

HM Tall Ships - James Voita, Saint Paul

27 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Kim Walter. Judges: Debbie Bates, Linda Freeman, Vera Fengler. Comments: Lots of great photos, enjoyed judging.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Bright Lights - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
- 2nd Gotcha - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Queretaro Offense - Karen Leonard, Saint Paul
- HM Buddhist Temple - Shane Monahan, Sioux City

15 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglund. Judges: Daryl Hurley, Scott Udey, Bob Wright. Comments: Great photos, some of them lacked a story for the journalism category but would fit well in other categories.

Nature Prints

- 1st And Stay Away!! - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Orange sulphur interaction - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- 3rd Wood duck in eclipse plumage - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul
- HM Tufted Titmouse - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Swallowtail - Peg Gilbert, Sioux City
- HM The stillness between them - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City

26 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Kim Walter. Judges: Debbie Bates, Linda Freeman, Vera Fengler. Comments: A lot of really great photos!

Pictorial Prints (Color)

- 1st Solitude - Daniel Oberhauser, Saint Paul
- 2nd After the Rain Beauty - Paul Rogne, Saint Paul
- HM From Beneath - Martha Farwell, Great River
- HM Gardens of the Gods at Sunrise CO - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

20 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Shane Monahan, Ella Monahan, Carl Hardy. Comments: These Pictorial (color) Prints were excellent with vibrant colors, excellent subjects, and good technique. It was very hard making a decision. None of the entries were below 38 scoring, and most were in the 40's.

Travel Prints

- 1st Cascade Falls Watkins Glen NY - Karen Durrant, Dubuque
- 2nd French Harbor Marseille France - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City
- 3rd Deep in Capitol Reef NP UT - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- HM Unloading Rotor Blades Minnesota - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

20 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Sonja Hoglund. Judges: Bob Wright, Greg Hoglund, Scott Udey. Comments: A lot of great shots. Had several ties in the top scores and made it hard to choose winners.