

N4C February (2026-02) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Midnight Stroll - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 2nd Monterey Morning - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- 3rd Time to Write! - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City
- HM Autumn on Fire - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Raining-Cats - Joel Hauschild, Omaha
- HM Melting Moon - Leona Barratt, Lincoln
- HM Photographing the Scene of the Crime - Tom Arnhold, Topeka

66 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler.

Judges: Chap Achen, Diane Sisko, Ken Wolter. Comments: This was fun to judge, seeing a wide variety of concepts, wishing we could give more Honorable Mentions.

Digital B&W

- 1st The Ice Princess. - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- 3rd BW Bulb - Steve Mitoraj, La Crosse Area
- HM Clouds over Essaouira - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Dust In The Desert - Diana Borash, Iowa City
- HM Half Moon 3 - Jerry Weiershauser, Sioux City
- HM Star Trails - Kathy Landsinger, La Crosse Area
- HM Bruges - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Midnight Reflection - Jerry Ranch, Des Moines
- HM One Step Ahead - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

98 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson Jr..

Judges: Karla Gerst, Shirley White, Michelle Hall.

Digital Journalism

- 1st Folk Dance Disagreement - Jill Krentz, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd In a Bad Place - Fred Sobottka, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Supernova_Diving_Save-0747 - Phillip Wonder, Omaha
- HM Bronco Rider - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
- HM Goin All Out - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- HM Icy Cold Anti-Ice - Paul Rogne, Saint Paul
- HM Annunciation Church-School Shooting - Kevin Newton, Minnesota Valley

72 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Oscar Sarafian. Judges:

Bernadette Korslund, Donna Gustafson, Scott Bohaty. Comments: A nice variety of journalistic genres and some entries that did not include a human element.

Digital Nature

- 1st Damselfly-Date - Grant Ofstedahl, La Crosse Area
- 2nd American Kestrel - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- 3rd Talkeetna-Sunrise-and-fog - Lona Marks, La Crosse Area
- HM Looking up - Janie Lawson, Des Moines
- HM Riparian Egret - Todd Johnson, Minot
- HM Eagle Approaching - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul
- HM By Evening Light - Crystal Johnson, Minot

HM Grand Teton in the Fall-1 - Greg Hogle, Topeka

HM Target In Sight - Steve Fleagle, Iowa City

89 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Randy Ficken, David Gray, Greg Perez. Comments: There is a lot of good work here, and it was a pleasure to judge it.

Digital Pictorial

1st Kayaking on river - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin

2nd Wishing for Spring - Sue Oberstar, Women's

3rd Peony Bouquet - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

HM Lake McDonald - Mike Cronin, Lincoln

HM Tower Bridge Blue Hour - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

HM Little Sleepyhead - Laurie McShane, Duluth-Superior

HM Ice Bubble on Snow - Tom Arnhold, Topeka

HM Aurora_Reflections - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM 480 Along the Animas River - Al Kiecker, Minnesota Valley

HM GraceBeautySpiritAndFire - Diana Borash, Iowa City

98 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Dorothy Sansom, Marty Barker, Phillip Wondor. Comments: We always enjoy this category - so much variety in the subjects and approaches. To stand out, entries needed to have good focus, clarity, and exposure as well as a compelling subject and composition. Judges commented on all entries.

Digital Travel

1st Morning Walk Cannon Beach, Oregon - Marty Barker, Omaha

2nd Teton Sunrise - Wyoming - Allen Kurth, Omaha

3rd Echos of Time and Light Sturgis, SD - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Sandstone Pillars Monument Valley Arizona - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Sunset at Hollow Rock MN - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

HM Light House Panama Canal - Allison Fretheim, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Mexican Morning Stroll - Mariann Cyr, Western Wisconsin

HM Storm Coming, South Dakota - Janie Lawson, Des Moines

HM Mountain-Glow, Alaska - Sheldon Farwell, Great River

86 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Ken Kiss, Tim Ollendick, Greg Nauman.

Altered Reality Prints

1st A Dingus - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

2nd Moonbeam Visitor - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City

3rd The Photographer - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

16 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Diane Lowry, Patty Foster, Deb Shoning.

B & W Pictorial Prints

1st Unsettling Site in Serengeti - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

2nd Old Church - Diane Lowry, Des Moines

3rd Pedal Perfection - Karen Durrant, Dubuque

HM Path to Jenny Lake - James Durrant, Dubuque

16 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carey Anderson, Gary Gilbert, Carl Hardy. Comments: These Black & White Prints were excellent, with good blacks and whites, sharp, and excellent subjects. Hard to judge the winners.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Lead Guitarist War and Peace - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- 2nd Inverted Pass - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Clearing the Jump - James Durrant, Dubuque
- HM I Think One Moved - Ty Smith, Mitchell

12 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Larry Luebbert. Judges: Jamie Brown, Randy Moyer, Mark Gromko. Comments: Some great images, great action shots; judges especially gave an HM to the shot with all the "well behaved dogs"; Mark and Randy are both members of ICCC, Jamie is a local B&W film photographer I've known for many years; uses all types of old film cameras.

Nature Prints

- 1st Great Horned Owl - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- 3rd Food Fight - Patty Foster, Des Moines
- HM Floating Like an Otter - Janie Lawson, Des Moines
- HM Puffin Sticks - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Fishing From the Bridge - Jim Harvey, Des Moines

19 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carey Anderson, Gary Gilbert, Carl Hardy. Comments: The Nature Prints this month were outstanding and very difficult to decide on the winners. Excellent subjects with good technique, composition and interest. Great Horned Owl by Ryno Olson stood out at the top. One of the best Owl shots we have ever seen (SCCC Judges).

Pictorial Prints (Color)

- 1st Silent Sentinel - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
- 2nd Showing the Years - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 3rd Moody Blues - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
- HM Working Colors - Karen Durrant, Dubuque

24 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Diane Lowry, Patty Foster, Deb Shoning.

Travel Prints

- 1st Sunrise at Sunset Point - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- 2nd Hawaii from the Lava Tube - Shane Monahan, Sioux City
- 3rd Toyko Tower Minato - Gordon Rath, Dubuque
- HM School Day in Old Havana - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
- HM Heritage Museum - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

23 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Larry Luebbert. Judges: Jamie Brown, Randy Moyer, Mark Gromko. Comments: A lot of great images, some were technically sound but lack a good sense of place to give judges a feeling of travel location. Mark and Randy are both members of ICCC, Jamie is a local B&W film photographer I've known for many years; uses all types of old film cameras.