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A Message From the President

Hi All in N4C Land:

What a change it has been this last couple of weeks. We went from record high temperatures and beautiful fall colors to record lows and snow. All the colors are mostly gone unless you call white a favorite color. But that's life in the mid-west, right?? It proves a point that you take the pictures when they are there and can't wait until the weekend or take a day off next week to go and take photographs. As the saying goes, you can't fool Mother Nature, or out guess her either. I assume the members in the South half of N4C, you still have some fall time left, but the North half is now set for snow photos.

I was lucky enough to be with my family and grandkids visiting Mickey's house in Orlando Florida. When I left home my autumn maple tree was turning colors and when I got home all the leaves were on the ground. Bummer. But it was interesting at Disney World. About everyone now, has digital cameras and you see more kids taking pictures. In this digital age, you can afford to let kids take pictures, where some years ago it was a waste of film and expensive. Today, you just have to delete the photos that may not be any good, but it is surprising the pictures kids take, now. The pictures taken from their point of view and the things they see are very creative: hopefully we all can learn something from them. When we take pictures, we think about all the stuff we have been taught or read about, and forget about what we wanted to photograph. They just see something and shoot the photo, and smile about what they have taken.



Here's hoping you all are having a great Fall (Winter) and take the time to be Thankful for all we have the opportunity to photograph. Also, thankful for all the friends we have in N4C.

Curt Stoever

“The Sore Loser”

The Dark Time Stimulates Creativity

Clocks have lost their hour just as the days have begun their slide toward the winter solstice. Our club had several brave souls who made the effort to photograph the Forest Park Museum near Perry, Iowa this first Saturday in November. Temps in the



30's and strong gusts from the northwest meant only a few minutes for photography. Snow on the wagon wheel was an interesting winter addition to a favorite subject. On our way out to the parking lot a milkweed pod and some other 'remainders' found a place in the truck for a later afternoon indoor composition and photography that speaks of the season. The techniques used for this I owe to Barb Russell of the Des Moines Camera Club.

The milkweed seed nestled on the dried remains of a 2nd unnamed weed wouldn't have been possible in the blustery gusts outside nor would the clear background hanging politely on a hutch. Barb will be sharing her experience in bringing nature indoors while using available light to breathe new life to still life composition and photography. Yes, its already time to look forward to

Springbrook (April 24, 25, 26, 2009) when the days will be longer and winter is but a memory! In addition to Barb's talk to the group we'll also have hands on demonstrations of this and other techniques.

You might have interest in how these images were taken and prepared for this newsletter. The wagon wheel was taken with a 24-105 Canon lens at ISO 400 at 1/125 second at F5.6, one stop from wide open. I used a Canon tilt-shift lens (90mm), at ISO 200 for a 10 second exposure at F22 with a 12mm extension tube for the milkweed. I also used the live view feature of the Canon 1D Mark III with 10x enlargement to assure sharp manual focus. Adobe Lightroom was used for editing, cropping, clean up and export to a small jpg. This article was composed in 'Pages' (Mac word processing program) for image treatment, placement and word wrap features. This was exported to Adobe Acrobat for the Newsletter. D. Tomes , “The Sore Loser”

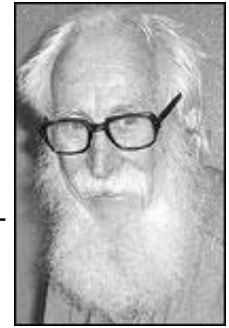


Dick (Doc) Winegarden (9/9/1926—10/16/2008)

"His enthusiasm and zeal for life, photography, and airplanes will be long remembered."

Ken Johnston

In addition to his pursuit of photography, Dick loved gardening, was an avid bowler, and classic airplane enthusiast. He enjoyed camping, fishing and hiking and was active with several Boy Scout troops. He was a retired major with the US Air Force and served during WWII. After earning his pilots license, he flew as a private pilot, enjoyed fly-ins and air shows and owned a 1946 Luscombe Silvaire airplane. Dr. Winegarden was a long time respected Waterloo, Iowa veterinarian, caring for both large and small animals.



I had the honor of sharing a couple of meals with Dick at Springbrook this year. He shared photos and stories of his life and family. It turns out he had bowled for many years with my husband and was their family veterinarian. Small world. I hope you all had the chance to get to know this special man—he will be greatly missed.

Sharla Glick
N4C Bulletin Editor

Judging Workflow for Digital Entries—One Example

At the N4C convention, Jo Eland shared what the Iowa City club does to improve and streamline the judging of digital entries. It was suggested by others that many clubs might find this helpful. It is equitable to entrants, and reduces the overall time that it takes to judge the entries when the judges gather for final critique. Jo was kind enough to write these procedures up for us—maybe your club will find this helpful.

Before the Meeting

- 1) All entries come in to digital contest chair.
- 2) Images are uploaded to digital chair's "Smug Mug" site (accounts available at smugmug.com)
- 3) PASSWORD PROTECTED gallery is created on the site.
- 4) The three judges are given the address and password and sent an Excel spreadsheet.
- 5) Each judge takes as much time as they need—in their own home—to carefully evaluate each entry and make notes.

At the Meeting

- 1) We use Adobe Bridge, and with judges sitting in the front of the room, view the images 4 at a time in a four image full screen slide show. It is helpful to see them on a large screen and also rules out individual color differences in member's monitors.
- 2) Each of the four images is then sorted by judges into one of three folders as potential "Best" "Maybe" or "No."
- 3) Judges continue to look at four images at a time until done.
- 4) Then judges look at "Maybe" and "Best" images to see if they are content with their choices. At this time, they also critique out loud for the benefit of all present. Final decisions are made.
- 5) Judges also have time to go through the "Maybes" to help other club members understand why these images are not the "Best"

At a recent club meeting, it took a little over 1.5 hours to evaluate and make comments on 62 digital contemporary images.

Submitted by Jo Eland—Iowa City

A Note From the Editor....



Thanks so much to all the club newsletter editors who have begun forwarding their news to me. I look forward to being able to include items from each of you!

If you haven't got me on your club mailing list—please do so if you'd like people in N4C land to know what's going on in your club. And if there is something specific from the newsletter that you want to make sure others know about, please feel free to mention it to me. Otherwise I will just pull interesting information out to use occasionally and where space allows. Enjoy what remains of fall and all the interesting winter and holiday shooting opportunities!

Sharla Glick
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Quick Conversion of Raw to JPEG

Did you know that digital Raw files have a jpeg (jpg) image embedded within them? "Instant JPEG from Raw (IJFR)" is a free utility program, recently released, to extract JPEG's from selected single or groups of Raw files. The program automatically creates and saves them in a separate folder in the same directory as the Raw files on your computer. It is as simple as Right-clicking on the Raw files desired and clicking the "Extract" button. There is also an option to reduce the size if desired. It is a small program and very fast. It is available for both Mac and PC computers (XP and 32-bit Vista, however not yet for 64-bit Vista). Read about it on this blog <http://www.scottkelby.com/blog/2008/archives/2027>. Download from this site <http://www.rawworkflow.com/blog/>. It is free, but you must register and you will receive the download link in your email. Read the short manual showing screen prints about it's installation and operation. This utility will not make any adjustments to photos during extraction, but it might have a niche in your workflow if you need jpg's quickly instead of Raw for previewing.

Ken Johnson

The following clubs have yet to pay their 2008 - 2009 dues:

Ames	Anamosa
Cheyenne	Duluth-Superior
Fargo-Moorhead	Ft. Dodge
Heart O Lakes	LaCrosse
Lidgerwood	Lincoln
Linn Area	Minot
Mitchell	Muscatine (Great River)
Sioux City	Topeka
Wichita Amateur	Wyandotte
RV Digital	

If anyone needs a Dues Notice, please email me a jrich10244@aol.com and I will send you one.

Dues should be paid by the end of year. If not, members of clubs entering contests, that are not current on dues, will be disqualified from Best of N4C. Clubs must belong to enter and win.

I'll try to update this list as any club pays. Thanks.

Lynda Richards
N4C Treasurer

N4C Judging Clubs for November

2X2 Pictorial Slides
Central Iowa Camera Club
Jim Svec
Box 952
Marshalltown, IA 50158

2X2 Nature Slides
St Paul Camera Club
Pat Schwope
9385 Parkside Dr.
Woodbury, MN 55125

Nature Prints Lg/Sm
Wyndotte Camera Club
Ramon Magee
1301 NW Duncan Rd
Blue Springs, MO 64015

2 1/4 Slides
Color Shooters
Ed Lower
2603 E. Lombard
Davenport, IA 52803

Color Prints Lg/Sm
Kaposia Camera Club
JoAnn Kuntemeier
386 Schletty Ln
W. St Paul, MN 55118

Contemporary/Creative
Prints and Slides
Minnesota Valley Photo Club
Marvin Brown
13327 Morgan Ave. S
Burnsville, MN 55337

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Color Shooters
Ed Lower
2603 E. Lombard
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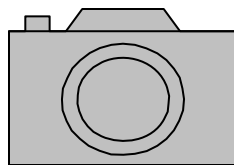


Photo Travel Prints/Slides
Heart O' Lakes Camera Club
Ann Pederson
501 Birch Ave.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Digital Nature
Sioux City Camera Club
Steve Paulson
2420 Jackson St.
Sioux City, IA 51104

Digital Pictorial
Iowa City Camera Club
Jo Eland
820 Bloomington St.
Iowa City, IA 52246

Digital Contemporary
Shutterbug Camera Club
John Larson Jr.
114 Glendale Dr.
Burlington, IA 52601

September Contest Results.....

2 X 2 Photo-Travel Slides

1st **The Flute Player 41**

- John Sents, Cedar Rapids

2nd **July 4th 37**

- Jo Eland, Iowa City

3rd **Amish Oatshocks 37**

- Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM **Utah Desert Lands 35**

- Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa

HM **Tufa 36**

- Regina Kotowske, Cedar Rapids

HM **Early Fall at Glade Creek 36**

- Pat Schwope, St. Paul

Judging Club: Sioux Falls. Judges: Ken Starkenburg, Jim Stone, Steve Thompson. Chair: Roger Rose. 31 Slides entered by 10 clubs.

Photo-Travel Prints

1st **Gaitlinburg Cabin 39**

- Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa

2nd **Falls in the Fall 38**

- Jack Gustison, Shutterbug

3rd **Antique Mining Equip. 37**

- Richard Southwick, Heart o' Lakes

HM **Foggy Morning 36**

- Jo Eland, Iowa City

HM **Sailing Ships 36**

- Jane Heinecke, Duluth Superior

HM **Sandstone Falls 36**

- Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

Judging Club: Sioux Falls. Judges: Ken Starkenburg, Jim Stone, Steve Thompson. Chair: Roger Rose. 17 Prints entered by 7 clubs.



October Contest Results

2X2 Pictorial Slides

1st **Spring at Oxbow Bend, Wy 43**

- Delores Meister, Iowa City

2nd **Astex Lilly 39**

- Dottie Lillstrand, Women's Color

3rd **20 Below Frost Tree 37**

- Rhuben Aga, St. Paul

HM **Peaceful 35**

- Jack Gustison, Shutterbug

HM **Tufa Lime Tower 34**

- Regina Kotowske, Cedar Rapids

HM **Volcano 32**

- John Chadima, Cedar Rapids

Judging Club: Anamosa. Chair: Wilma Anerson. Judges: Ralph Barger, Laura Calhoun, Norma Brady. 50 slides entered by 13 clubs.

Comments: Our Once a year evening doing judging is always enjoyable and fun. There seems to be fewer slides each year, but they are beautiful none the less.

2 X 2 Photo-Travel Slides

1st Monument Valley 44

- John Chadima, Cedar Rapids

2nd S.D. 1880's Town Framed 40

- Morris Gildemeister, St. Paul

3rd Fall at Jackson Hole, Wy. 40

- Delores Meister, Iowa City

HM Sedona, Arizona 38

- Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Bryce Canyon #5, Utah 36

- Jim Duncan, St. Paul

HM Shrimp Boats, Tx 36

- Jack Gustison, Shutterbug

Judging Club: Central Iowa CC. Judges: Teresa Vokoun, Mark George, Ed Siems. Chair: Jim Svec. 37 slides representing 12 clubs.

2X2 Nature Slides

1st **Rattlesnake Grass 45**

- Jim Duncan, St. Paul

2nd **Spot of Light 45**

- Jack Gustison, Shutterbug

3rd **Fawn 43**

- Diane Darnielle, DesMoines

HM **Poppies 43**

- Chuch Peterson, Sioux City

HM **Sunset Glow 43**

- Randall Williams, Sioux City

HM **Mt. Ararat 42**

- Hope Solomons, Iowa City

Judging Club: Women's Color Photo.

Judges: Duane Wraalstad, Linda Jameson, Jean McDonough.

Photo-Travel Prints

1st **Bodie Ghost Town in B&W, Bodie CA 40**

- Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

2nd **Glad Creek Gristmill 39**

- Diane Darnielle, DesMoines

3rd **Plymouth Head Maine 37**

- Mike Walsh, Sioux City

HM **Bristlepine Atop White Mtn, CA 35**

- Dwight Tomes, DesMoines

HM **Porcelain Basin at Norris Geyser Basin 35**

- Richard Southwick, Heart o' Lakes

HM **Tombstone - 1881 35**

- Scott Thomson, Duluth Superior

Judging Club: Central Iowa CC. Judges: Teresa Vokoun, Mark George, Ed Siems. Chair: Jim Svec. 32 Prints representing 8 clubs.

YOU CAN'T WIN
IF YOU DON'T PLAY!

Contest Results Continued.....

2 1/4 X 2 1/4 Color Slides

1st ***Peaceful Stream 43***

- Ed Siems, Central Iowa

2nd ***A Think of Beauty 42***

- Steve Paulson, Sioux City

3rd ***Schwebacher's Landing 36***

- Randall Williams, Sioux City

HM ***A Group of Showy Orchids 35***

- Connie Lower, Color Shooters

HM ***Badlands Texture 34***

- Robert Gillespie, Sioux City

HM ***Fall Time in Tetons 34***

- Teresa Vokoun, Central Iowa

Judging Club: Iowa City. Judges: Jamie Brown, Hope Solomons, Randy Moyer. Chair: Larry Luebbert. 14 Slides representing 5 clubs.

Comments: Judges were really impressed with color and sharpness.

Color Prints - Large Prints

1st ***Hybiscus Spondor 45***

- Mike Landwehr, DesMoines

2nd ***Steps to Reflection 39***

- Dwight Tomes, DesMoines

3rd ***Red & White on Red 38***

- John Anderson, Sioux City

HM ***Honey Maker 37***

- Danny Barker, Central Iowa

HM ***Green Team 35***

- Francis Kingsbury, Sioux City

HM ***Minnesota Spring 36***

- Larry Crabb, Sioux City

Judging Club: Upper Missouri. Judges: Jerry Engel, Rick Nehring and Ann Pivarnik. Chair: Earle Dodd. 25 Prints representing 6 clubs.

Color Prints - Small Prints

1st ***Grand Marais Sunset 42***

- Linda Dunlap, Duluth Superior

2nd ***Lilly #6 40***

- Dan Hodges, DesMoines

3rd ***Pizza Delivery 38***

- Tom Ling, Duluth Superior

HM ***Blue Angel #5 36***

- Scott Thompson, Duluth Superior

HM ***Taconite Harbor 36***

- Larry Dunlap, Duluth Superior

HM ***Old Camera and Lamp 37***

- Bob Rude, Iowa City

Judging Club: Upper Missouri. Judges: Jerry Engel, Rick Nehring and Ann Pivarnik. Chair: Earle Dodd. 36 Prints representing 9 clubs.

Comments: Congratulations to Duluth-Superior on taking four out of six places against 8 other clubs. As usual, there were several entries which might have been excellent prints had they not been severely oversaturated and (usually in the same print) grossly over-sharpened. Remember what the scene looked like and try to duplicate it...was the sunset really a screaming orange and the grass a sparkling yellow-green?

Nature Prints: Black & White or Color - Large

1st ***Morning Swim 43***

- Jack Bristow, Sioux City

2nd ***Grand Canyon Sunrise 40***

- John Anderson, Sioux City

3rd ***Snacking 39***

- Danny Barker, Central Iowa

HM ***Wolf Pup 38***

- Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

HM ***Morel #1 37***

- Randy Moyer, Iowa City

HM ***Yosemite Falls 39***

- Jo Eland, Iowa City

Judging Club: Sioux Falls. Judges: Ken Starkenburg, Keith Anderson, Karel Vanderlugt. Chair: Roger Rose. 24 Prints representing 7 clubs.

Contest Results Continued.....

Nature Prints: Black & White or Color - Small

1st **First Snow 41**

- Catherine Khalar, Duluth Superior

2nd **Gold Finch 41**

- Cecil Organ, Iowa City

3rd **Pasque Trio 38**

- Ty Smith, Mitchell

HM **Fierce Falcon 37**

- Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

HM **Heron Making Nest 37**

- Connie Lower, Color Shooters

HM **Almost Ready to Fly 38**

- Steve Paulson, Sioux City

Judging Club: Sioux Falls. Judges: Ken Starkenburg, Keith Anderson, Karel VanderLugt. 31 Prints representing 10 clubs.

Black & White Pictorial Prints - Small

1st **The Spiral Staircase 43**

- James Hollander, Sioux City

2nd **Breath of Tranquility 39**

- Donna Long, Wyandotte

3rd **Old Homestead 36**

- Mike Walsh, Sioux City

HM **Free Parking 35**

- Tom Ling, Duluth Superior

HM **The Last Cowboy 35**

- Scott Thomson, Duluth Superior

HM **Church in Snow 35**

- Bob Podhandsky, Mitchell

Judging Club: Sioux Falls. Chair: Roger Rose. Judges: Ken Starkenburg, Keith Anderson, Karel VanderLugt. 31 prints entered by 9 clubs.

Black & White Pictorial Prints - Large

1st **Pensive 39**

- Francis Kingsbury, Sioux City

2nd **Yankton Bridge 38**

- Carl Hardy, Sioux City

3rd **The Black Smith 36**

- Jack Bristow, Sioux City

HM **St. Anne's Church 35**

- Jo Eland, Iowa City

HM **Above Montgomery Reservoir 35**

- Larry Luebbert, Iowa City

HM **Wooden Door 35**

- Vernice Kingsbury, Sioux City

Judging Club: Sioux Falls. Chair: Roger Rose. Judges: Ken Starkenburg, Keith Anderson, Karel VanderLugt. 22 prints entered by 7 clubs.

2 X 2 Photojournalism Slides

1st **Volunteer Firefighter in Training 14**

- Jo Eland, Iowa City

2nd **Pondering Next Move 13**

- Jim Kost, Mitchell

3rd **Up in Flames 13**

- Morris Gildemeister, St. Paul

HM **Fire Eater 12**

- Florence Nelson, St. Paul

HM **Rider and Shadow 13**

- Randall Williams, Sioux City

HM **High Hurdles in Action 12**

- John F. Larson Jr., Shutterbug

Judging Club: Ames. Judges: Chris Burton, Mark Slagel, Dennis Chamberlin. 34 slides representing 11 clubs.

Contest Results Continued.....

Photojournalism Prints

1st *Downed at the 1 Yard Line 15*

- Dan Hodges, DesMoines

2nd *A Day at the Beach 14*

- Larry Dunlap, Duluth Superior

3rd *A Header for a Goal 12*

- Scott Thomson, Duluth Superior

HM *Safe at Second Base 10*

- John F. Larson Jr., Shutterbug

HM *Duck Hunters at Dusk 10*

- Jo Eland, Iowa City

HM *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden 10*

- Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

Judging Club: Ames Judges: Chris Burton,
Mark Slagell, Dennis Chamberlin. 27 prints
representing 8 clubs.

2 X 2 Contemporary/Creative Slides

1st *Fishes 35*

- Jean McDonnough, Women's Color

2nd *What Now Little Man 34*

- Dick Gagne, La Crosse

3rd *A Big House 32*

- Connie Lower, Color Shooters

HM *Geometric Illusion 29*

- Robert Olson, St Paul

HM *Solar Mum*

- Dave Schulte, St. Paul

HM *Itasca Scene 31*

- Morris Gildemeister, St. Paul
Judging Club: Iowa City. Chair: Wilford
Yoder. Judges: Jo Eland, Bob Rude, Delores
Meister. 25 slides entered by 8 clubs.

Judges felt the quality of slides wasn't as good
as in past years. This reflected lower scores.
The quality of the prints was much better.

Contemporary/Creative Prints

1st *Spin 39*

- Dick Gagne, La Crosse

2nd *Snowy Station 38*

- Mike Walsh, Sioux City

3rd *Feather Stitch Filtered 37*

- John Anderson, Sioux City

HM *Beating Wings 37*

- Mike Landwehr, DesMoines

HM *US Brig Niagara 37*

- Scott Thompson, Duluth Superior

HM *Evening Departure 36*

- Joe Kubala, Duluth Superior

Judging Club: Iowa City. Chair: Wilford Yoder.
Judges: Jo Eland, Bob Rude, Delores Meister. 26
prints entered by 8 clubs.

Comments: Nice variety of prints. Quality of
prints was much better than slides.

Digital Nature Slides

1st *A Spring in the Fall 44*

- Bob Rude, Iowa City

2nd *Frog 40*

- David Smethers, Dubuque

3rd *Water Action In Yellowstone 40*

- Ken Johnson, DesMoines

HM *Catfish Dinner 39*

- Al Sheldon, La Crosse

HM *Smokey Mountain Stream 39*

- Bryon Annis, La Crosse

HM *Resting Warbler 39*

- Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

Judging Club: Duluth Superior. Judges:
Doug Granholm, Don Larson, Joe Kubala.
Chair: LeRoy Ulrich. 102 entries represent-
ing 19 clubs.

Contest Results Continued.....

Pictorial Digital Slides

1st ***Mt Rundle 43***

- Darrell Watts, Lincoln

2nd ***Greet the Dawn 43***

- Terry Kruse, Des Moines

3rd ***Peyto Lake 42***

- Dave Schulte, St. Paul

HM ***Smooth as Glass 41***

- Tom Ling, Duluth Superior

HM ***Lake Superior Dawn 41***

- Joe Kubala, Duluth Superior

HM ***Paris 40***

- Lois Scholzen, North Metro

Judging Club: Heart 'o Lakes. Judges: Bob Minge, Judy Brown, Richard Southwick. Chair: Paul Stowman. 112 entries representing 21 clubs.

Overall these are probably the best group of pictures we have ever judged.

Contemporary/Creative Digital Slides

1st ***Starfish 33***

- Dick Gange, LaCrosse

2nd ***Sky Diver Breakout 44***

- Linda Jameson, Women's Color

3rd ***Pot Hauler 44***

- Scott Thomson, Duluth Superior

HM ***Blue Disc Splines 43***

- Ed Lower, Color Shooters

HM ***Fall Homestead 43***

- Linda S. Graham, Lincoln

HM ***Fireman's Water Fight***

- Bob Rude, Iowa City

Judging Club: St. Paul. Judges: Jim Duncan, Morris Gildemeister, Gene Schwope. Chair: Dave Schulte. 78 entries representing 18 clubs.

Comments: very interesting collection of images.

N4C Best of the Best

A complete list of winners can be found at http://n4c.us/best_of_n4c_2008.htm

The following "Best of the Best" were inadvertently left out of the September Edition:

2X2 Photo Travel Slides

Ganges River—Hope Solomons, Iowa City

Photographer of the Year

Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

Website Updates:

Winner Galleries—http://n4c.us/Winner_Galleries.htm. In addition to monthly Digital Slide Contests, the winners in all categories of the 2008 Best of N4C are in galleries. The format is improved this year with more flexibility for viewing. View as a slide show for the optimum size. Try toggling the [F11] key to get a full screen view. The space bar will pause & resume. Arrow keys will advance & back up. These "flash" galleries were produced using Adobe Photoshop Lightroom.

Educational Photography Links— There is a tremendous amount of excellent photography information on the web. As a handy reference, many of the best educational sites I have found are compiled on the N4C web: http://n4c.us/photography_links.htm. Many demonstrate the capabilities of Photoshop and Lightroom in addition to general photography. I have tried to limit these links to those with educational value and avoid those that are purely commercial. If you have favorites that are not listed, please send them to me at web@n4c.us.
Ken Johnson - Webmaster

Condensed Meeting Minutes—N4C Executive Board Meeting September 26, 2008



Currently have 40 clubs—no individual members.

Springbrook surveys (40 results from 63 attendees) were discussed: mostly positive comments. Springbrook will be April 24th-26th 2009. Suggestions of methods to increase attendance: will publicize agenda early. 2009 programs to include: butterfly photography, composition, available light floral photography, Galapagos Islands, history of N4C interview with Francis Kingsbury, tabletop workshops (laptops and software available) and photo essay entries.

Motion made by Linda Jameson, seconded by Darlene Kutzler, and carried that [Software currently used for digital contests] be an option [for all contests] which clubs can avail themselves of, should they choose.

Discussion regarding ***a motion which would require clubs with members participating in competitions to be required to judge at least one contest*** (with exceptions for clubs of less than 10 members and new clubs would have two years to learn.) ***This motion was tabled until Springbrook 2009.*** In the meantime we need to make an effort to get more clubs to judge and there will be more information in the newsletter.

New handbook/directory for next year will be split into two sections so the directory can be more easily updated each year.

Convention in Duluth 2009 and LaCrosse 2010. There are no current arrangements for 2011—we need a club (or clubs, jointly) to volunteer to host future conventions—planning needs to start at least two years (preferably three) in advance. Planning manual verbiage was changed to be consistent with the handbook.

New ribbons are flat—no staples, grommets or strings!

Ed Siems will publish a survey in the Bulletin to evaluate trends in projected images—slides vs. digital.

A motion to do away with Small and Large Print classifications in all categories, and to just have Prints, with a minimum size of 8X10 and a maximum size of 16X20 including mount, to begin September 2009, was made by Linda Jameson, seconded by Ed Siems, and carried.

A motion to accept Ken Johnson's recommendation to give everyone an ID number was made by Lynda Richards, seconded by Ed Siems, and carried, with 6 votes for and 1 opposed.

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From minutes of Secretary Pat Schwope
and personal notes of editor

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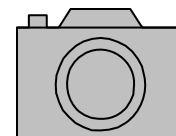
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Coming Next Month.....

- **More Springbrook Information**
- **Winter Photo Tips**
- **Regional News**
- **DIY Tripod Overhaul!**



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