



# The North Central Camera Club Council News Bulletin

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## President's Message



Who doesn't love a road trip? A fellow photographer and I took off this last weekend and went to the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs' Spring Break, in the St. Paul suburb of Arden Hills.

I'm always looking to learn new things. They had some great programs for the day. It was hard to decide which ones to attend. I did pick up some great tips from the Photoshop class, the nightscapes class and Lightroom. It seems everyone was into the nightscapes class; it was a packed house every time.

The biggest thing I took away though was the attendance. It was a larger crowd. Gene Schwope was telling about which camera clubs were in attendance from the TCACCC, and the outside clubs attending, but the biggest group was ...the "NO Club".

88 attendees did not belong to any camera club.

It really surprised me that there were so many who did not belong to a club. Are we as members of our own clubs, looking to bring in new blood to our clubs. Do we offer it enough to people or do we just wait for people to show up. I know several clubs that say their camera clubs are dying; how do we get more people to join clubs?

I have found it to be so beneficial to myself from joining a club and meeting others from other clubs. My photography has improved and I'm still a seeker to learn more. I hope we all are out there trying to bring new members to our clubs. I know our own club has excelled from where we began with learning as a group. To me, the best part of joining any camera club is the learning experience you get from others. I hope you're all learning to share with others and asking them to join your fun.

P.S. We had to visit the Como Conservatory before we left St. Paul. It is a must see. Beautiful place.



Debbie Bates, N4C President



The Des Moines Camera Club is thrilled to introduce the Friday evening keynote speaker for the 2019 N4C Convention "Finding Your Light in Des Moines"!

Don Komarechka joins us from Barrie, Ontario, Canada where he is an internationally renowned photographer best known for his macro photography of snowflakes. In addition he specializes in infrared and nature photography as well as ultraviolet fluorescence imagery. Exploring the world that we cannot see with our own eyes is a common thread in Don's career as a professional photographer. Many of Don's video and images have been featured in documentary films with the BBC and Discovery, National Geographic, and even on Canadian currency. Please join us in welcoming Don to N4C!

Take a sneak preview of Don's awesome photography!

Website: <https://www.donkom.ca/>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/donkom/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/donkomphoto/>

To learn more about the 2019 N4C Convention check our website <https://www.dmcameraclub.com/n4c-convention-2019> and look for our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Finding-Your-Light-in-Des-Moines-N4C-Convention-327350181441472> for all the latest information and announcements.

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## Calling all Volunteers!!!

SuAnn Tichy is resigning as the N4C Travel and Journalism Chairman. She has been chairperson for quite a few years and would like to let someone new take over. It is quite easy and would be a good way to get someone new involved in N4C. She will complete the 2018-2019 year, but she feels that the new Chair should set up the judging clubs for the 2019-2020 year.

SuAnn will be happy to help the new person get started.

THANK YOU so Much SuAnn for your service!!!

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N4C Member Clubs: Please do not forget to return your ballots for 2019-2020 Officers and Directors To N4C Secretary Pat Schwoppe by Saturday April 20th. (That's the same day your Spring Mini-Convention registrations are due - good idea to mail both by Monday April 15th!)



May 3, 4, & 5, 2019

# N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center

<http://www.wesleywoodsiowa.org/retreat/>  
Indianola, Iowa

Complete the registration form and send it along with your check NOW.

DEADLINE DATE for arrival of your registration is Saturday April 20.

NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 20.

PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 17.

NO REFUNDS AFTER April 26.

A confirmation email will be sent out to you upon the receipt of your money and registration.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION

Return Registration & check to: Delores Meister  
421 Pleasant View Dr.  
Solon, IA 52333

Questions?  
phone: 319-624-2516  
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Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Camera Club in N4C

**THIS YEAR: Note the location - NO bed linens or towels provided. Where else can you enjoy photo programs, meet friends, eat 5 meals all for \$105 and then room two nights for an additional \$40?**

	Number of people	Total cost
Package #1: Day Use @ \$105 per person. Includes: Meals & day use of meeting room Not use of dorms	_____	\$ _____
Package #2: Dorm Room use @ \$145 per person Includes: Meals & lodging in dorms. Must have 2-3 People per room. Bring own BEDDING, TOWELS, SOAP ETC.	_____	\$ _____
	Grand Total	\$ _____

I would like to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2019 N4C Spring Mini-Convention

*Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center, south of Indianola, Iowa*

**Tentative Schedule May 3-4-5th, 2019**

<http://www.wesleywoodsiowa.org/retreat/>

<b>Friday, May 3rd</b>	
3:00	Check-in
4:00	Board Meeting – Deb Bates
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Larry Meister – Lodging and Dining information
7:10	PSA Presentation – Gene Schwope
8:00	Bob Lundquist – North Shore and Lake Superior
9:00	Popcorn
<b>Saturday, May 4th</b>	
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Dwight Tomes - Sharing travel and street photography between camera clubs with high resolution and sound quality!
10:00	Bob Lahti – Yellowstone in Winter
11:00	Terry Butler – B&W
12:00	Lunch
1:00	John Larson – Comparing the competition categories
2:00	Des Moines Camera Club presents the 2019 Fall convention info
3:00	Panorama Print Judging
3:00	Copyright and Photo Essays – Bruce McKee and Dwight Tomes
4:00	Free time
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Panorama Winners
7:15	Roger Feldhans – Light Painting
9:00	Popcorn
<b>Sunday, May 5th</b>	
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Photo Essays – Dwight Tomes
11:00	Goodbye, Come to the Convention in Des Moines, September 19-21, 2019



## Contest Results

### **Altered Reality Prints**

- 1st Fractal #1 - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
- 2nd Monster! - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 3rd Multi-Colored Boquet - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Modern American Gothic - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Old Car - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Tree Socks - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

14 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Dennis Olson, Don Pageler, Jim Schmidt. Comments: Our first time judging Altered Reality found some very unique photos.

### **B & W Pictorial Prints**

- 1st Mark - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- 2nd Winter Oaks - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- 3rd Winter in ND - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
- HM There She Blows - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Zebras Drinking - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Tantalizing Eyes - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

21 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Minot. Chair: Betty Nordstrom. Judges: Richard Debertin, Scott Christiansen, Brandy Banken. Comments: Is it fair to leave previous (ribbons) award notations on back of print? Something to think about. Great work. Talent Galore!

### **Color Prints**

- 1st Subtle Sunset-Dramatic Drifts - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
- 2nd Serenity-Painted by a Winter - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 3rd Flamingos - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Swing Bridge - John Woodward, Duluth-Superior
- HM Red Lips, Blue Eyes - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City
- HM Rose Convent Chapel #1 - Jack Bristow, Sioux City

34 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: Paul Schoenfeld, Brian Narveson, Bob Mueller. Comments: Again, there were a few beautiful images that could have scored higher but didn't because of poor presentation.

### **Digital Altered Reality**

- 1st Ink Drop Face and Stars - Mike Barker, Omaha
- 2nd Winterwonderland - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 3rd Scary-tale Castle - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM In Search of Lost Time - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Frosty - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Chihuly & Space Needle - Patricia Place, Omaha
- HM Thunder Dreams - Pat Chiconis, Western Wisconsin
- HM There's a Dinosaur in My Garden - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Nubble Lighthouse - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Vroom Vroom - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

87 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Michael Miller. Judges: Brian Rauvola, Robert Lahti, Kathleen Wolleat. Comments: Very interesting submissions, and a challenging category to judge. Lots of creative ideas.

### **Travel Prints**

- 1st The Gang is All Here! Gulin, China - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- 2nd Sunrise Point (Bryce NP) - Elaine Sagers, Des Moines
- 3rd January Yellowstone (NP) Stream - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Gristmill at Smokey Mt.NP Tennessee - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Potter's Mill on an Autumn Day IA - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM South Pier Lighthouse - John Woodward, Duluth-Superior

16 entries from 3 clubs. Judging Club: Kunte-meier Kamera. Chair: JoAnn Kunte-meier. Judges: Jane Kemp, Jeanie Yee, Karen Caswell.



## Contest Results

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### **Digital B&W**

- 2nd Afternoon in the Parlor - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- 3rd Milkweed Pod and Stem - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul
- HM Drinking Trough - Don Jackson, Topeka
- HM Space Age - Angela Hoffman, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Lion Brothers - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Rough Day - Sheila Mattson, Minnesota Valley
- HM Horned Puffin - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
- HM Evening Arrival - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
- HM Layers of Light - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Austrian Castle - Larry Headley, Omaha
- HM Rolling Thunder - Ronnie Hartman, Saint Paul
- HM Tools of the Trade - Markus Erk, Black Hills

123 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro Photo Club. Chair: Kathy Wall. Judges: Tom Schendel, LuAnn Thatcher, Bob Hosker. Comments: 1st Place had won an award in a previous contest and was withdrawn after the judging was completed..

### **Digital Journalism**

- 1st Morning Hunt - Sheila Mattson, Minnesota Valley
- 2nd Tight Corner - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- 3rd Surrounded - Larry Headley, Omaha
- HM Lateral Pass - Karen Leonard, Saint Paul
- HM Even the Training is Dangerous - Gene Schwope, Saint Paul
- HM Whistle Stop Unknown - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior
- HM Roping-9731 - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color
- HM All I Own - Bernadette Korslund, Lincoln

75 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Photography Club. Chair: Diane Darnielle. Judges: Deb Shoning, Diane Lowry, Paul Grillo. Comments: The winning images really demonstrated the type of photos one finds in the newspaper. They tell a story and contain a human element.

### **Digital Nature**

- 1st Rock Candy Shores - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Elk Sunrise - Dave Carter, Wichita Area
- 3rd Pied-Billed Toucan - Martha Farwell, Great River
- HM You Look Tasty - Tom Ward, Iowa City
- HM Pine Marten Patrol - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
- HM Owl Portrait - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City
- HM Bugling Elk - Greg Hogle, Topeka
- HM Curves and Light - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Dinner Time - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color
- HM Downy Woodpecker 2 - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Splash - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM What's for Lunch - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque
- HM Building My Home - Marv Vikla, Saint Paul
- HM Posturing Wild Stallion - Roxanne Westman, Fargo-Moorhead

121 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Pat Chiconis, Betty Bryan, Melissa Anderson.





## Contest Results

### **Digital Pictorial**

- 1st Away They Go - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
  - 2nd This is Going to Hurt - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
  - 3rd Capitol Dome - Bob Muschewske, Saint Paul
  - HM Cold Forged - Paul Zahorosky, Duluth-Superior
  - HM Fluorscent Flora - Howard Hinton, Iowa City
  - HM Thunderbird with Contrails - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
  - HM Look into My Eyes - Luann Thatcher, Saint Paul
  - HM Hidden Lake - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Manarola Waves Non HDR Dark - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
  - HM Colors and Textures of Utah - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
  - HM Train Wizzes By At Morants Curve - Cory Huntington, Dubuque
- 122 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Sondra Barry, Jim Boots, John Moody.

### **Digital Travel**

- 1st The Mists of Moab, Utah - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
  - 2nd Idaho Rockies - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
  - 3rd Canyonlands of Utah - Becky Mather, Dubuque
  - HM Cable Grist Mill in Smokey Mnt. Nat. Park, TN - Bob Rude, Iowa City
  - HM Cathedral Basilica Santiago de Cuba, Cuba - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area
  - HM Fort Niagara, NY - Candy Erk Manthey, Black Hills
  - HM Sunrise at Bamburgh, England - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Looking Glass Wyoming - Scott Bohaty, Lincoln
  - HM Mesa Arch Utah - Tom Schendel, North Metro
  - HM Scott Falls, MI - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
  - HM Lake Superior Morning MN - John Rystad, Minnesota Valley
  - HM Wedding at Living History Farms Church in Des Moines, IA - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 119 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Sheila Sutton. Judges: Deb Loudon, Sybil Schwochow, Deb Bates.

### **Journalism Prints**

- 1st Quick Dismount - David Brown, Des Moines
  - 2nd Flying After the Hit Ball - Bob Hosker, North Metro
  - 3rd Scaffolding Project Kunning China - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
  - HM Better Catch a F----en Fish - Diane Fonger, Duluth-Superior
  - HM In Sync Birkabinder Cross Cty - John Woodward, Duluth-Superior
  - HM Go-Girl Go - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 13 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Kunte-meier Kamera. Chair: JoAnn Kunte-meier. Judges: Jank Kemp, Jeanie Yee, Karen Caswell.

### **Nature Prints**

- 1st Spearfish Falls - Joann Kunte-meier, Kunte-meier Kamera Club
  - 2nd Golden Flow - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
  - 3rd Birch with Hoar Frost - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
  - HM Curious Coyote - Bob Hosker, North Metro
  - HM Cheetah Mom & Cub - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
  - HM Minus 25 Degrees F at Lower Falls - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- 21 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot. Chair: Betty Nordstrom. Judges: Richard Debertain, Scott Christiansen, Brandy Banken. Comments: Nice variety of nature prints. concerned about handling photos with no backing. Don't want to damage.