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President Mark Gromko's Notes



In years past, Thanksgiving has been a big occasion for my family. The children in our family are dispersed, although not as much as they used to be. The couple that used to live in Alaska has moved to Michigan; the couple that used to be in Germany has moved to Philadelphia. The couple that lives in Washington state find it hard to budge from that beautiful location. The only couple with children lives here in town (which is why we live here). To get this far-flung group together once a year is a special and joyful event.

But not this year. All are taking seriously the advice about the dangers of travel and gathering. Our Thanksgiving plans are for the in-town group to hike and picnic out of doors at a nearby county park. We will bring blankets. I will not photograph a big reunion gathering; I will not have the chance to dazzle them (literally) with my new speedlights.

The pandemic has presented many challenges, and not least among them are photographic challenges. Although some people have found ways to travel safely, I have cancelled several plans for photo trips. Instead, I have turned my attention to local possibilities. In spring and summer, my subjects included macros of flowers, hummingbirds visiting my new feeders, and the night sky. Now that the weather has turned, I spend more time with still-life set-ups in my basement, arrangements involving mirrors, and other contrivances.

Photography for me has been a social activity, being with friends and meeting new ones. Through the sharing of photos, whether in competition or not, photography provides an opportunity for communication and connection. Despite the challenges of photographing closer to home, photography provides a vehicle to remain connected, to share, and to be thankful.



Photos by Mark Gromko



**N4C Print Contests for January through May
have been cancelled until September 2021.**

2020 September, October, & November Prints will be judged in the Best of the Best if there is a September 2021 Fall Convention.

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**2021 Mini– Spring Convention held at Wesley Woods
the end of April has been canceled by the N4C Board.**

Edgar R. Lower, FPSA - Nov. 27, 1927 - Nov. 15, 2020

DAVENPORT-Edgar R. Lower, 92, of Davenport passed away on November 15, 2020 at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House. A private funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 23, 2020 at Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport. The service will be live streamed and may be viewed by visiting our Weerts Facebook page. Burial will be at Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be left to St. John's United Methodist Church or to the family towards his great-grandchildren's college fund. Online condolences may be expressed at www.weertsfh.com



Edgar was born on November 27, 1927 in Savanna, IL to Edgar and Harriet (Bard) Lower. He enlisted in the U.S. Army. Edgar earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He began his career at Alcoa. He then took a position at the Rock Island Arsenal where he retired after many years of service. Edgar was united in marriage to Constance Nickel on April 26, 1958 in Concord, IL She preceded him in death in 2012. Edgar was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church. He was involved in the Q.C. Camera Club, PSA-with top honors. He enjoyed photography, traveling across the United States and many different countries and also spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his children, Lisa Gomez and Mel Lower; grandchildren, Lindsey Gomez (Jonathon Suggs), Nicole Gomez (Aubriana Butler), Erica Gomez (Eric DeMuyneck), Noah and Andrew Gomez; great grandchildren, Caleb Suggs, Maya Suggs, Inara Gomez, Novalyn and Ezlyn DeMuyneck, Mahkinlie Butler, Mahkenzie Butler; one brother, John Lower and a host of nieces and nephews.



Viola Bebout passed away Monday evening November 16th, 2020, after a long battle with Leukemia, just 2 days short of her 91st birthday. Viola was one of the early members of N4C. More information will be published In January.

NORTH CENTRAL CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL

N4C CLUBS

Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Club
Black Hills Photography Club
Cedar Rapids Camera Club
Central Iowa Camera Club
Color Shooters Camera Club
Des Moines Camera Club
Dubuque Camera Club
Duluth-Superior Camera Club
Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club
Fort Dodge Camera Club
Great River Camera Club
Heart O'Lakes Camera Club
Huron Area Camera Club
Image Makers
Iowa City Camera Club
Kuntemeier Kamera Club
La Crosse Area Camera Club
Lidgerwood Camera Club
Lincoln Camera Club
Minnesota Valley Camera Club
Minot Camera Club
Mitchell Camera Club
North Iowa Photo Club
North Metro Camera Club
Omaha Camera Club
Photo Shooters Camera Club
RV Camera Club
Saint Paul Camera Club
Shutterbug Camera Club
Sioux City Camera Club
Sioux Falls Camera Club
Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
Topeka Camera Club
West Central Iowa Camera Club
Western Wisconsin Camera Club

Dear Member Club:

According to the N4C bylaws in the Handbook and Directory, all club membership dues are NOW DUE. Dues are figured at the rate of \$1.00 per club member, provided that the minimum dues of any Club shall be \$10.00; the maximum dues of any club shall be \$60.00. The number of members for calculating dues will be based on the club membership as of the previous May. New clubs will calculate their current membership. Dues shall run from one calendar year, renewal date being the first of September each year.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS OF LAST MAY: _____

MEMBERS X \$1.00 = TOTAL \$ _____

CLUB

NAME: _____

Check #: _____

Person sending payment: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

The following clubs' N4C Dues are Outstanding

Black Hills Camera Club

Fort Dodge Camera Club

Shutterbugs Camera Club (Burlington)



The pres@n4c.us and board members email address has been a target for hackers for some years. If you get an email asking for money or gift cards, even if it looks like it comes from N4C, please trash the email without responding to it.

Thank you,

Mark Gromko, President N4C



Jackie Feil—Fargo/Moorhead Camera Club

N4C CONTEST MATRIX

January Contest:

Digital Black & White
Digital Altered Reality
Digital Journalism
Digital Nature
Digital Travel
Digital Pictorial

Judging Club

Omaha Camera Club
Cedar Rapids Camera
Iowa City Camera
Duluth Superior
Minnesota Valley
Des Moines Camera

NO PRINT CONTESTS

N4C Contest Representatives:

Please take the time to read the information about participating and judging Contest in the Directory and Handbook.

The last several months we have had some issues with contests. Please update yourself on all the great information in the Directory and Handbook that will assist you in your job and keep you in communication with N4C.

If by chance you have not received this years' Directory and Handbook, please contact Carl Hardy at

torcenterprises@cablone.net

N4C CONTEST CHAIRS

Please check this column each month for any updates on addresses for the judging monthly contest.

The following has been changed in the judging information:

New Address:

Kuntemeier Kamera Club

JoAnn Kuntemeier

536 Cedar Court

Taylors Falls, MN. 55084

joakun@frontier.com

Dubuque Camera Club email is incorrect in the directory, it should be:

dubuquecameraclub@gmail.com



NO PRINT CONTEST

JANUARY 2021

FEBRUARY 2021

MARCH 2021

APRIL 2021

BEST OF THE BEST AWARDS PRESENTATION



If you missed the Awards Presentation from October 14, you can find it on these links

The YouTube link to the Award Presentation show
<https://youtu.be/7P-vl6knSZo>

The Best of N4C 2020 Winner Gallery Page (also has the YouTube video):

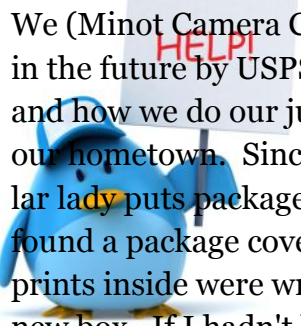
http://n4c.us/best_of_n4c_2020.htm

You can also download the list of winners from this page.

N4C Print Representatives—Please Read!!!

PRINT ENTRIES HIDDEN UNDER SNOW

Lesson: Send an email to the judging club to watch for entries



We (Minot Camera Club) just judged the Pictorial Prints. I have concerns about sending photos in the future by USPS. Now this is not to judge the Postal Service because they do not know what and how we do our judging. With that said I work on the road and my wife is the city auditor of our hometown. Since we are not at home when the mail gets delivered most of the time the regular lady puts packages in my pickup (most of the time). Looking out over my deck this morning I found a package covered in ice and snow from IA city (Wilford Yoder). Thank goodness the prints inside were wrapped in plastic. The postage is wet and I think I can get it to stick to the new box. If I hadn't looked over the deck before snow came it would have been covered until spring. I ask anyone sending me photos to please send me an email to let me know that we have something coming. The prints in the box have not been judged and are very nice. Good technique, composition and interest. I am sure a few of these would have placed but it is now too late. I am not sure if this has happened before or this is a first but if you all take as much pride in your photos as I do mine to have some sitting in a box under snow is not cool at all. So I ask that in the future anything whatsoever coming to the Minot Camera Club please email me to let me know. I would hate to see photos get ruined.

Thank you.

Tim Zeltinger, Glenburn, ND, Minot Camera Club

November 1st Place Digital Winners



Digital Altered Reality 1st "9 Quail A-Bobbing" by Diane Lowry, Des Moines Camera Club

Digital Journalism

1st "Moorhead Police stand ready as the first tear gas is launched into the crowd"

by Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead Camera



Digital Travel

1st "Purakaunui Falls, New Zealand"

by Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul Camera Club

November 1st Place



Digital Black and White

1st "Smorgasbord Style"

by Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club



Digital Nature

1st "Black Crowned
Night Heron with catch of
the day"

by Dale Rehder,
Fargo-Moorhead Camera
Club



Digital Pictorial

1st "Roseate Spoonbill"
by Edgar Evans,
Wichita Area Camera Club

N4C November (2020-11) Contest Results

Altered Reality Prints

1st Glass Globes - JoAnn Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club

2nd One Night in the Woods - Bob Rude, Iowa City

3rd New Glasses - Johnny Brian, Iowa City

HM Vehicle Graveyard - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Old Truck in Ghost Town - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Fall Color Burst - Carey Anderson, Sioux City

21 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: David Giese.
Judges: Teresa Vokoun, Ed Siems, Linda Eastman.

B & W Pictorial Prints

1st The Dark Farm - Johnny Brian, Iowa City

2nd West Façade - Michael Walsh, Sioux City

3rd The Long & Short of It - Linda Buxton, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

HM Mount Evans Colorado - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

HM Susanna - Cheryl Clamon, Iowa City

HM Dirt is Always Fun - Ed Lorson, Iowa City

16 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Douglas Grandholm.
Judges: Robert Lahti, Joe Kabala, Nancy Lindberg.

Digital Altered Reality

1st 9 Quail A-Bobbing - Diane Lowry, Des Moines

2nd Light_Mandala - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

3rd Neon_Water_Drop - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Water Drops Colliding - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

HM Where Not to Shop - Marilyn Victor, Women's Color

HM Sunflowers_2324 - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Peeling Back the Color - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Tiny 2 1-2 in Web - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area

N4C November (2020-11) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality continued

78 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Debbie Bates.

Judges: Sybil Schwochow, Linda Buxton, Sandy McCurdy.

Comments: Good images. Interesting techniques. Couple we wondered where the photo image was.

Digital B&W

1st Smorgasbord Style - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead

2nd Breaking Free - Don Specht, Western Wisconsin

3rd Fur Trapper - Marv Vikla, Saint Paul

HM Nasturtium Flowers - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul

HM Fire Spinner - Matthew Moses, Duluth-Superior

HM Evening View from Brooklyn - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

HM Cowboy's at Camp - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Curiosity - Bob Muschewske, Saint Paul

HM Peruvian Andes - Marv Vikla, Saint Paul

HM Tree Frog - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

HM Gypsy Horse - Ronnie Hartman, Saint Paul

109 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Minnesota Valley Photography Club. Chair: Rich Roberts.

Judges: Al Kiecker, Rick Graves, Daniel Vande Vusse.

Digital Journalism

1st Moorhead Police stand ready as the first tear gas is launched into the crowd - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead

2nd Around the Gate - Matthew Moses, Duluth-Superior

3rd Can'tcatchme - Tom Ward, Iowa City

HM Rushing The Punter - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley

HM Men and Their Cars - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha

HM Ice Racers - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

HM Livi Korbl United Soccer Red River Valley Red Stars Dribbles Through A Crowd - John Gustafson, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Paul-Jarrold Lindemann Pitts S-2B at the 2018 Fargo Airshow - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Albuquerque Balloon Launch - Paul Rogne, Saint Paul

74 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Jerry Brunell, Jim Boots, Patricia Konyha.

Digital Nature

1st Black Crowned Night Heron with catch of the day - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead

2nd Bee-on-Flower - Sheldon Farwell, Great River

3rd Great White Egret - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area

HM Glowing Fungus - Martha Farwell, Great River

HM Owl - John Butler, Saint Paul

N4C November (2020-11) Contest Results—Continued

Digital Nature Continued:

HM Lioness in the Mara - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
HM Monarch on Liatris - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
HM Wing Spread - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
HM Life in the Grass - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
HM Wild Turkey - Lia Huemoeller, North Metro
HM Quick Catch - Barry Mullin, Saint Paul
HM Jumping for Joy - Marge Springett, Western Wisconsin

111 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald.

Judges: Dorthy Sansom, Steven (Mike) Barker, Scott Parker.

Comments: We enjoyed the variety in subjects. A few entries received lower scores due to hand of man or cultivated flowers. Judges used Method 2. Commented 100%; two or more judges contributed comments on most entries.

Digital Pictorial

1st Roseate Spoonbill - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area
2nd Motor Mill sunset on the turkey river - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
3rd Social Distancing - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
HM Green-crowned Brilliant - Martha Farwell, Great River
HM Misty Sunset - Cara Downing, North Metro
HM sand dunes sunrise - Jose Santos, Minnesota Valley
HM Tricolored Heron Fishing - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
HM Chicago_Sunset - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
HM Cloud of dirt - Patricia Konyha, Wichita Area
HM Hello_Below-6505 - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
HM FridayNightOnTheTown-QuarantineEdit - Lucas Harbeck, Sioux City

111 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Mark Gromko.

Judges: Kristel Saxton, Madhu Singh, Mary Dreckman.

Comments: Two B&W photos disqualified, as Pictorial category description specifies entries should be in color. "All subjects qualify" but judges struggled with the number of animal subjects that could (should?) have been entered in Nature. In a few instances the title of the image helped clarify the in-

Digital Travel

1st Purakaunui Falls, New Zealand - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul
2nd Badlands, SD - Manuel Vivas, Saint Paul
3rd Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado - Brenda Stauss, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
HM 382 Steps up from the Sea - Italy - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Washington_Monument_Washington,DC - Paula Warp, Sioux City
HM Night time on the Chicago Riverwalk - Chicago Illinois - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

N4C November (2020-11) Contest Results—Continued

Digital Travel continued

HM macchu picchu, peru - Marilyn Victor, Women's Color

HM Sunrise & Dead Tree, Glacier NP, Montana - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley

HM Punta_Cana_WalkwayDominican_Republic - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Rainy Fall Morning At Lake Of The Clouds_Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park_MI - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead

93 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Pat Chiconis, Melissa Anderson, Jill Krentz. Comments: There were too many images with the same score to determine more merits.

Journalism Prints

1st Farrier - Johnny Brian, Iowa City

2nd Ice Racers - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

3rd Looks Lit it was M--M Good - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Flag Memorial - JoAnn Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club

6 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club Chair: Pam Carmichel

Judges: Bud Carter, Greg Hoglund, Sonja Hoglund Comments: Very few images. Would not have given an Honorable Mention due to quantity, but there was a tie for 3rd.

Nature Prints

1st Trees in Fog - Michael Walsh, Sioux City

2nd Taste Test - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

3rd Minus 25 at Five Hole Falls - Ed Lorson, Iowa City

HM Thor's Wall - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

HM Cautious Eagle - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM Hawaiian Sea Turtle - JoAnn Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club

11 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Douglas Grandholm. Judges: Robert Lahti, Joe Kabala, Nancy Lindberg.

Pictorial Prints (Color)

SE007 Grand Canyon Sunrise - Jack Bristow, Sioux City

SE041 Fall Colors - Kevin Smith, Sioux City

SE057 Peggy Cove Lighthouse - Michael Walsh, Sioux City

SE084 Rushing Brook - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

SE084 Radiance of Fall - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

SE135 Vets Bridge Blue Hour - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

30 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Eric Linser, Rich Debertin, Tony Meiers. Comments: Nice round of photos. (Sioux City had double entries for two months

N4C November (2020-11) Contest Results—Continued

Travel Prints

1st Grand Canyon at Phatom Ranch Arizona - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

2nd Vioareidi Vidoy Faroe Islands - Johnny Brian, Iowa City

3rd Busy Port MN - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

HM Historic Auditorium in Appollo School Burlington Iowa - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

8 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club Topeka Camera Club Chair: Pam Carmicael

Judges: Bud Carter, Greg Hoglund, Sonja Hoglund

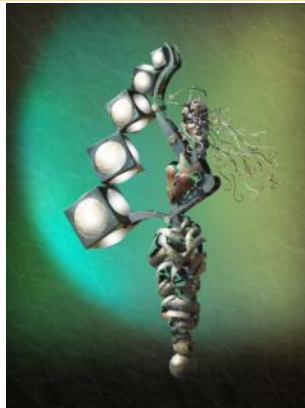
Comments: Very few images, only gave one HM due to quantity of images

Looking forward to seeing lots of great images for the
2020-2021 “Best of the Best “

N4C Fall Convention in Duluth Minnesota



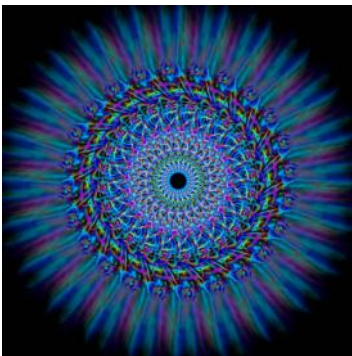
Marv Vikla—Saint Paul Camera Club



Sondra Berry—Wichita Camera Club



Terry Demody—Des Moines Camera Club



Mitch Keller—Sioux City Camera Club

Merit Winners



Jerry Swendsrud—Heart OLakes Camera Club



Nikki McDonald—Omaha Camera Club

Gene Schwope, HonPSA, from the St Paul Camera Club is our representative to PSA. If you have any questions please contact him at

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He can answer any questions you may have about PSA.



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