



North Central Camera Club Council

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Mark Gromko's President's Notes:

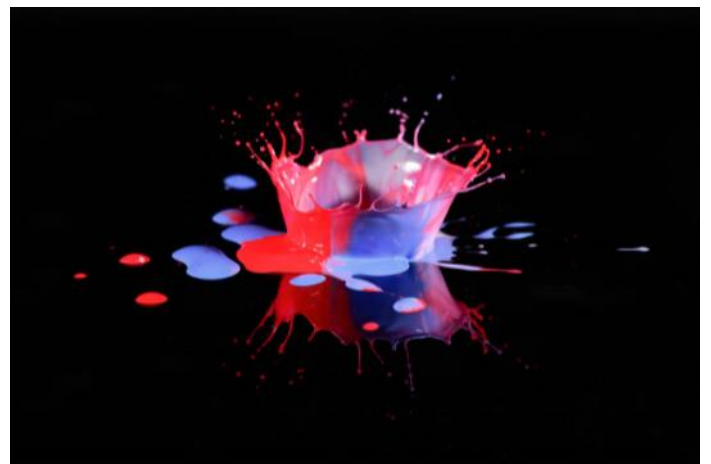


I think a lot about judging photos: how to be a better judge, how to understand judges' comments in the most helpful way, how to judge one's own photos, and more. It recently struck me that judging a photo for awards is a subtly different task than making constructive comments for improvement. And yet our N4C judges are asked to do both at the same time.

Constructive comments for improvement are best received if they acknowledge the strengths of a photo and how to build on them. Such comments

are delivered in the context of support and encouragement. By contrast, when judging for awards the task becomes more centered on pointing out flaws or identifying distracting elements. It is true that these activities are similar in many ways. But the judging mindset is about explaining why a photo didn't do well, perhaps even justifying the numerical score given, whereas the constructive comment mindset avoids making shortcomings the main message.

This is not a hard and fast distinction, of course, and I don't want to overdraw the differences. Nonetheless, I find that if I adopt a different mindset when making comments than when deciding on scores, I am more apt to point out the strengths of a photo that has done less well in the scoring process – tying suggestions for improvement to the photo's strengths rather than commenting on reasons for lower scores. And conversely, when receiving judges' comments, I try to keep in mind the two aspects of the task judges have, how similar they are and how easy it is to conflate them.



Mark

Photos by Mark Gromko

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:

Digital B & W May 2021

Des Moines Camera Club

Janie Lawson

1381 NW 122nd St.

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Digital Pictorial - April 2021

Black Hills Photography Club

Kevin Segrud

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Rapid City, SD 57703

605-209-1696

contest@blackhillsphotographyclub.com

Digital Journalism - April 2021

Fargo Moorhead Camera Club

Bruce Bernstein

1505 8th St. S

Fargo, ND 58103

701-235-5945

brucepamfargo@yahoo.com

(Address is @yahoo.com NOT cableone.net)

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1824 33rd Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

New email: paul@siteonsound.net

New Address and email for:

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536 Cedar Court

Taylors Falls, MN 55084

JoaKun@midco.net



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CONTEST

APRIL or MAY

New e-mail for George Bebout, Historian:

jbybau1645@gmail.com

New e-mail for Carl Hardy, Handbook & Directory Editor:

torcenterprises72@gmail.com

To be in the newsletter, we need your information and new address changes before the 26th of each month. Thank you!

Debbie Bates: edit@N4C.us



"You need strong medicine to relieve your symptoms. I'm prescribing chocolate."



64th Annual 2021 N4C Convention

proudly hosted by the
Duluth-Superior Camera Club.

**Welcome everyone to the
64th Annual N4C Convention! Registration is now open!**

**The Convention will be held September 23-26, 2021
in our beautiful international port city of Duluth, MN.**

Duluth is nestled on a 600 foot bluff overlooking the largest freshwater lake in the world, Lake Superior. With just a hop, skip, and jump across the Blatnik Bridge, you'll be in Superior, WI. We are aiming for a hybrid approach this year due to Covid-19, meaning there are options to join us in person or virtually...or both! I know there is a lot of uncertainty around the Covid-19 virus and will people feel safe attending events in person. We are making every effort to make this a hybrid event, so you can come attend in person or join us from your couch at home. I personally would like to encourage everyone to think about registering early. You can sign up for a virtual ticket and decide to come in person at a later date! We will accommodate changes from virtual to in person and vice versa for tickets. That way you have a dual plan in place to attend!

Also don't forget

that our Early Bird Special Pricing for Registration ends May 31, 2021!

We just started a Facebook Page for the Convention where we will be posting all sorts of fun facts, speakers, promos, and event updates. Hit the "Like" button and follow along with us! <https://www.facebook.com/N4CFallConvention>

Other options to follow us, click on any of the following links to learn more about the convention and keep up to date on details!

<https://www.duluthsuperiorcameraclub.org/events/n4c-convention-2021>

<https://n4cduluthconvention.eventzilla.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1035883203543164/>

The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel-Harborview in Duluth MN. You can call and book your hotel rooms NOW! Call: (800) 333-3333 and let them know you are with the N4C Convention. The Radisson is a local landmark just steps from Canal Park and the Skywalk. Radisson Hotel Duluth-Harborview is Minnesota's only circular hotel. You can use the Skywalk to reach shops, restaurants, and museums that are scattered along the waterfront or hop aboard their complimentary shuttle to get to the airport and other nearby attractions.

After our meetings, you can enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Superior while dining on innovative American cuisine at JJ Astor.

Look for a survey going out in March to all the members in regards to the event so we can gather more information from you the members! We are so excited to host this year's convention and look forward to seeing you all either in person or virtually!





Received a Convention video from Kathleen Wolleat.
This is the short web link to it: <https://youtu.be/Yw8-iXSWvlc>
it is on the N4C web home page <http://n4c.us/>

**N4C 2021 Annual
Convention
Duluth, MN
September 23-26
by Duluth-Superior Camera Club**

N4C CLUBS

Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Photography 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 Photography Club

Image Makers

Iowa City Camera Club

Kuntemeier Kamera Club

La Crosse Area Camera Club

Lidgerwood Camera Club

Lincoln Camera Club

Minnesota Valley Photography Club

Minot Camera Club

Mitchell Camera Club

North Iowa Photo Club

North Metro Photo Club

Omaha Camera Club

Photo Shooters Camera Club

RV Digital Camera Club

Saint Paul Camera Club

Shutterbug Camera Club

Sioux City Camera Club

Sioux Falls Camera Club

Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

Topeka Camera Club

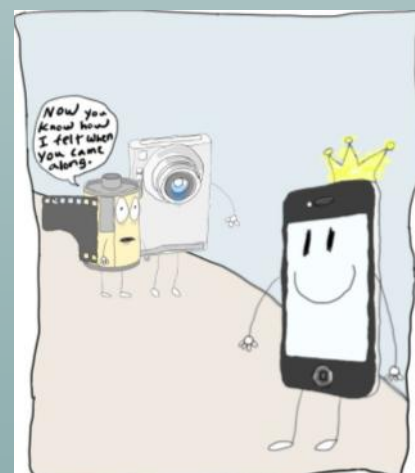
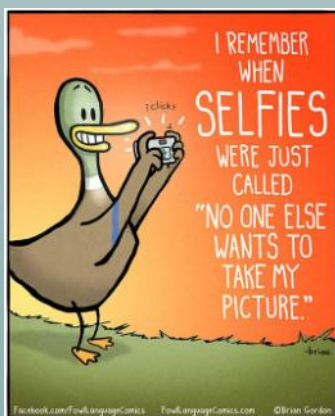
West Central Iowa Camera Club

Western Wisconsin Photo Club

Wichita Camera Club

Women's Color Photography Club

Western Iowa Camera





Digital Altered Reality

**Splash Art,
Mark Gromko,
Iowa City Camera Club**



Digital Black & White — **Badlands,
Dale Rehder, Fargo/Moorhead Camera Club**



Digital Journalism

**I'm Getting Too Old For
This, Allen Kurth,
Omaha Camera Club**

Digital Nature

**Evening Outing,
Jerry Burnell,
Wichita Area
Camera Club**



March 2021 1st Place Winners



Digital Pictorial

**St. Paul Skyline at the
Blue Hour,
John Anderson,
St. Paul Camera Club**

Digital Travel

**Oxbow Bend, Wyoming
Roberta Mullen,
St Paul Camera Club**



Contest Reminders from Ken Johnson

Do not enter versions of the same image in multiple contests. For example, do not enter both a color & B&W version in the same month. If both win, one will be withdrawn. The rule is: "Any entry which receives a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or HM award in a monthly competition may not be re-entered in the same year or later years, in the same or any other category, regardless of variations or changes made."

Encourage your members to explore the N4C website where they will find a lot of photography to study, and photography links with an unlimited number of tutorials and educational videos to learn from. <http://n4c.us/>

Entries must be received by 5:00 pm April 15th. However, make every effort to send them by the 13th to allow time for confirmation.
- Judging may begin on the 16th - make sure you receive confirmation that entries were received.

The cutoff time will be 5:00 pm on the 15th giving the judging chair time to organize them for judging starting on the 16th. The point is....don't wait until the last minute. There have been problems with occasionally missing entries when they are not received until late in the night on the 15th.

The 2020-2021 rules are on the N4C web at <http://n4c.us/competition.htm> by clicking the blue "N4C Contest Rules" button.

The the N4C Directory is available by email from Carl Hardy and his email is torchenterprises72@gmail.com

- The Handbook contains the contest rules and other general N4C Info. The Directory contains the list of judging clubs for all the contests along with contact info for all the affiliated clubs. The Handbook is available for download from the web <http://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms.htm> page.

There are six Digital Image Contests each month - (see the definitions of each category in the Rules):

Altered Reality (DA)
Black & White (DB)
Journalism (DJ)
Nature (DN)
Pictorial (DP)
Travel (DT)

- Maximum of 8 entries per club per contest, not more than one from a member in each contest

Please check your entries before sending them on for judging. Look for three things:

1. File size 750KB max. (A requirement this year)
2. Longest side 1,920 pixels max.
3. File name should look like this example: 01,DE028,DP,Beautiful Sunset.jpg

Content of the Email Message when you send the entries:

- a. Subject Line of the Email should say "N4C Contest Entries from _(your)_ Camera Club".
- b. Specify which monthly contest and how many images are attached to the Email.
- c. List the Member Numbers and corresponding member names to ensure that the Judging Club has that information.
- d. Give the Club Name and your full name.
- e. Attach the image files

(USE YOUR CLUB NAME AND MEMBER NUMBER INSTEAD OF DA044 - zero "0" 44 not a letter "O")
(USE DA, DB, DJ, DN, DP, or DT for the Contest Code - This example is for the Digital Nature Contest)
(Notice commas separating the data in the file names)01,DA044,DN,Deer.jpg
03,DA022,DN,Grand Arch.jpg
04,DA033,DN,Teton Reflection.jpg
05,DA037,DN,White Water.jpg
06,DA002,DN,Shadows.jpg
07,DA025,DN,Horsetail Falls.jpg
08,DA018,DN,Soaring Eagle.jpg

Contest Reminders continued from Ken Johnson

A club will normally have up to 8 entries for a contest. A typical image file name list might look like:

Members should submit entries with filenames similar to the above except for the sequence numbers. The club N4C Rep will rename the files to include the sequence numbers. The club N4C Rep may want to keep things simple for the club members and handle ALL the file naming - how this is done is left to the club. The sequence numbers will determine the sequencing of the image in the judging line-up. All the contest entries will be sorted in alpha-numeric sequence by filename so this will mix up club entries for judging. The 01's from all the clubs will be judged first and the 08's at the end.

Ken Johnson web@n4c.us,

A Digital Contest Chair

Enjoy photography whether or not it is yours!

Please send Ken Johnson(kandsjohnson@mchsi.com) updated member lists when you have added Member Numbers. I'm glad to see new members participating in N4C contests. Naturally I need to get them registered so they are properly identified for the judging clubs. For new members, that really should be done a month in advance of entering. Also if your judging download the latest member listing.

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If you have any trouble reaching these judging clubs, let Ken Johnson know as soon as possible.

ASK THE JUDGING CLUB IF YOU DO NOT GET A RECEIVED CONFIRMATION BACK FROM THEM

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1. As you receive digital entries for judging, please reply to the sender with a confirmation that their entries were received and indicate how many were received. Likewise, when you submit entries to another club, follow up if you do not get a confirmation back that they were received.

2. Also, we would like to have the senders give their club name in the subject line - to help you reply with results. So in your confirmation, if they are not doing so, ask them in a kind way to make that a practice in the future.

After the contest:

email the final ENTRIES.XLS spreadsheet and the winning "jpg" entries to Ken Johnson at web@n4c.us I will expect this by the 26th of the month.

Email the merged document respective results to each participating club.

I am assuming that you are able to copy and paste results for the particular club from the merged document into an email. If you are unable to get the merged document, let me know and I will help.

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When you send me the spreadsheet, I will take care of sending the Judges Report to Deb Bates, N4C Bulletin Editor and Terry Butler, N4C Contest Recording Chair terrybutler@baldwin-telecom.net.

N4C Digital Contacts—

April 2021 Digital Contest

Digital Contest for April 2021

ALTERED REALITY Digital "DA" (Digital Altered Reality) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number

Omaha Camera club
Nikki McDonald
802 E Cary St.
Papillion , NE 68046
402-592-9555
OmahaN4C@cox.net

BLACK & WHITE Digital "DB" (Digital B&W) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Sioux Falls Camera Club
Jim Craig
901 S Marday Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-2933
605-376-0529
jim@jimcraiglaw.com

JOURNALISM Digital "DJ" (Digital Journalism) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Fargo Moorhead Camera Club
Bruce Bernstein
1505 8th St. S
Fargo, ND 58103
701-235-5945
brucepamfargo@yahoo.com
Address is @yahoo.com NOT cableone.net

NATURE Digital "DN" (Digital Nature) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Lacrosse Area Camera Club
Cyndy Thorn
32063 Co Road 11
Houston, MN 55943
507-450-4466



Remember the N4C Bulletin can be found on the N4C Website www.N4C.us

N4C Digital Contacts—

PICTORIAL Digital "DP" (Digital Pictorial) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Black Hills Photography Club
Kevin Segrud
2105 Meadow Lane
Rapid City, SD 57703
605-209-1696
contest@blackhillspartographyclub.com
k.segrud21@outlook.com

TRAVEL Digital "DT" (Digital Travel) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:
Be sure to include the STATE or COUNTRY of the image in the title.

Saint Paul Camera Club
Gene Schwope
9385 Parkside Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125-7508
photopeople01@aol.com

N4C Supplies & Forms - on the web.
Entry forms, Reports and more. Make your job easier - Check it out.
<http://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms.htm>



N4C March (2021-03) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality

1st Splash Art - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
2nd Dandelion Swirl - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City
3rd Grizzly In The Snow - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
HM Lemon Splash - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Symmetrically Twirled Flag - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Social Butterflies Social - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
HM I'm Starting To Doubt Alternative Medicine - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Carbide_And_Carbon_Building - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

70 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Diane Lowry, Deb Shoning, Nancy Brown.

Digital B&W

1st Badlands - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
2nd Hidden Lake Pano - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
3rd Monument Valley - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area
HM Iris On Mirror - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM Noble Chief - Sharold Hipfner, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Up The Stairs - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
HM Winter Fall - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
HM Milwaukee Museum Lobby-2 - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City
HM Bahia Honda Bridge - Bill Frische, Minnesota Valley
HM Reenactment Soldier - Bob Rude, Iowa City
HM Alpha_Male - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

106 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Mike Miller. Judges: Kathleen Wolleat, Amber Nichols, Joni Tazell.

Digital Journalism

1st I'm Getting Too Old For This - Allen Kurth, Omaha
2nd Winter_Apartment_Fire - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
3rd Abandoned Elevator Barber Shop - Mary Dreckman, Iowa City
HM Behind The Chutes.jpeg - Candy Erk Manthey, Black Hills
HM Jeeps 50th Annual Valentines Day Massacre Was A Muddy Mess - Patricia Konyha, Wichita Area
HM Measure Twice Cut Once - Carpenter At Fort Atkinson_bw - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Domination - Tom Ward, Iowa City

68 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Don Bock, Melissa Anderson, Richard Hudson

Digital Nature

1st Evening Outing - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
2nd Long Billed Thrasher - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
3rd Filling Up On Salvia - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul
HM A Bit Of A Cliffhanger.jpeg - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills

N4C March Contest Results— continued

HM Minus 33 - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior

HM Shall We Dance - Martha Farwell, Great River

HM Saturn And The Milky Way Over Ellingson Island - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

92 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Alyssa Azhari. Judges: Mark Gromko, Steve Fleagle, Diana Borash. Comments: We received 92 images, one image was disqualified because the image size exceeding the maximum allowed file size. Lots of great images.

Digital Pictorial

1st St Paul Skyline At Blue Hour - John Anderson, Saint Paul

2nd Cloud Gods Rise - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque

3rd Cabin-#6-Hollow-Rock-Resort - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

HM Night Time Barn - Bob Rude, Iowa City

HM The Morning Catch - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin

HM Morning Color at -16 Degrees Fahrenheit - Will Hoyer, Dubuque

HM Foul Weather Coming - Mike Barker, Omaha

HM Corvette - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area

HM At Rest - Mary Dreckman, Iowa City

HM Atrium At the Pioneer Building-2 - Mick Richards, Western Wisconsin

HM Winter Sunset - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

103 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Great River Camera Club. Chair: Ryno W Olson. Judges: Hal Woods, Roger Luft, Martha Farwell. Comments: Great set of images. Challenge to judge.

Digital Travel

1st Oxbow Bend, WY - Roberta Mullin, Saint Paul

2nd Hollow Rock Lake Superior Grand Portage MN (2) - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

3rd Jasper Lake, Alberta - Martha Farwell, Great River

HM Antelope Canyon AZ - Valarie Anderson, Saint Paul

HM An Evening View From Above The Sedona Desert AZ - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Grand Prismatic Springs At Yellowstone National Park In WY - Bob Rude, Iowa City

HM Bluebird Skies And Morning Reflections At Sylvan Lake (SD) - Will Hoyer, Dubuque

HM First Snow Teton County - WY - Chris Amberg, Omaha

HM The Duomo In Blue, Florence Italy - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin

84 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Debbie Bates. Judges: Linda



John F. Larson has been nominated to serve as Divisions Vice President on the Photographic Society of America's Board of Directors, for the 2021-2023 term, beginning October 9, 2021, following the PSA Photo Festival in Rapid City, South Dakota.

2022 Fall Convention Bid Withdrawn. **Camera Club Needed to Bid for 2022 Fall Convention**

The Wichita Area Camera Club regrets to inform N4C that they will have to withdraw their bid for the 2022 fall convention. They are canceling due to unforeseen circumstances and loss of members and participation. We are letting vendors know that we are effectively, today February 26, 2021, stepping out of the spot for the 2022 N4C Convention.

We have 2 sponsors, Sony and Tamron, that were ready to come at no charge. Sony was checking into being able to pay a vendor fee, and donating something for a giveaway. Tamron was coming and was donating a lens to give away. We have their contacts and can provide them to whichever club steps into place. We also have some presenters that may be willing to travel to another location. Jennifer Idol (Nikon pro), Dixie Dixon (Nikon Pro) and Red River Paper.

The convention committee did not take this decision lightly, and I'm personally very disappointed, as are the remaining club members that we are having to cancel.

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“Where Names Become Faces

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