



# North Central Camera Club Council

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### Presidents Doug Conrad Notes:

Greetings Everyone,

As we embark on another N4C season I can't help but look back on the last couple of strenuous years. The cancellation of the 2020 N4C Convention in Sioux City and cancelling the Spring Mini Convention two years in a row were tough but necessary decisions. Looking for

ways to conduct our board meetings and postponing our print competitions were some of the other challenges the board faced, to name a few. However, whatever the challenges were, I'm proud of the way everyone stepped up to confront them so we could continue on.

I'm an optimist and I see light at the end of the tunnel. Look at us now, we're actually going to have a convention and it looks like the Duluth Camera Club has everything under control. I can't wait to go there and I hope for its success. Our print competitions are back and with the current rule changes I look for it to be even bigger and better. Plans are even underway for the Spring Mini Convention in Indianola, Iowa. Stay tuned for more information as that develops.

All in all, I believe the tide has turned and things are looking up for N4C. Yes, we still have our challenges and issues but I believe the future looks bright and I look forward to serving as your 2021/2022 President.

Doug Conrad

N4C President



Photo by Doug Conrad

# New Print Contest Criteria

At its spring meeting the N4C Board approved changes to the rules for print competitions, which will go into effect with the August/September print contests later this year. The cost for mailing prints has increased noticeably the last few years; that increased cost has created a disincentive for clubs to participate in print competitions. The rule changes are all designed to increase participation in print competitions by making participation less costly.

The rule changes will be reflected in the Handbook, as available on the N4C web site, <http://n4c.us/competition.htm> . In summary

1. **Mats and backing will no longer be allowed.** *All prints must be unmounted.*  
**NEW**

2. **Maximum print** size will be constrained by the size of the mailer. Prints must fit, unfolded, in either a 15-1/8 x 11-5/8 inch mailer OR a 14 x 12 x 3 inch Priority Box. Both the Priority envelope and the Priority Box are available for free at USPS.

### 3. CONTEST COMBINED

- Nature prints and B&W prints are currently judged by the same club, meaning that only one mailing is needed for these two contests.
- Travel and Journalism prints are currently judged by the same club.
- **Pictorial and Altered Reality prints** will be judged by the same club. **NEW**

In addition to combining these contests for mailing, this change will allow us to hold Altered Reality print contests monthly, instead of every other month.

Those who miss the ability to mount and mat prints might note that borders or faux mats can be printed on the print itself.

**Overall, if we made no effort to decrease mailing costs there was a distinct possibility that participation in print contests would dwindle to nothing. A very positive effect of these changes, in addition to cost reduction, is to level the playing field. Presence or absence of matting or large variation in size will no longer contribute to a print's success; the emphasis will necessarily be more tightly on the photography.**

## N4C Projected and Print Judging Clubs 2021-2022 version 7/17/2021

| N4C Contests                  | Sept          | Oct          | Nov             | Jan             |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Digital B & W                 | Shutterbug    | Sioux City   | Wichita         | Iowa City       |
| Digital Altered Reality       | Western Wisc. | Cedar Rapids | Minn Valley     | Fargo-Moorhead  |
| Digital Journalism            | Dubuque       | Albert Lea   | Topeka          | Omaha           |
| Digital Nature                | North Metro   | Saint Paul   | Western Wisc    | Cedar Rapids    |
| Digital Pictorial             | Wichita       | Minn Valley  | Omaha           | Duluth-Superior |
| Digital Travel                | Des Moines    | Black Hills  | Iowa City       | Great River     |
| B& W and Nature Prints        | Albert Lea    | Carl Hardy   | SW Shutterbugs  | LaCrosse        |
| Color Prints & Altered Prints | Kuntemeier    | Womens Color | Duluth-Superior | Minot           |
| Travel & Journalism Prints    | Sioux City    | Great River  | Minot           | SW Shutterbugs  |

| N4C Contests                  | Feb            | Mar             | Apr            | May          |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Digital B & W                 | Black Hills    | Western Wisc    | Womens Color   | Dubuque      |
| Digital Altered Reality       | Dubuque        | Iowa City       | Sioux City     | Wichita      |
| Digital Journalism            | Womens Color   | SW Shutterbugs  | Black Hills    | Des Moines   |
| Digital Nature                | Des Moines     | LaCrosse        | Sioux Falls    | Minn Valley  |
| Digital Pictorial             | Shutterbug     | Topeka          | Fargo-Moorhead | Saint Paul   |
| Digital Travel                | Sioux Falls    | Duluth-Superior | Omaha          | North Metro  |
| B& W and Nature Prints        | Sioux City     | Topeka          | Des Moines     | Minot        |
| Color Prints & Altered Prints | Central Iowa   | Great River     | LaCrosse       | Topeka       |
| Travel & Journalism Prints    | Fargo-Moorhead | Kuntemeier      | Cedar Rapids   | Central Iowa |

**Contest Chairs will be contacting clubs to verify address of clubs and contact persons for contest. Please make sure to confirm to the chair.**

**If any time during the year your club address or contest contact changes please contact Contest Chair, Ken Johnson, and Deb Bates, newsletter editor so the information can be sent to clubs so that everything arrives where it should.**

**As we get back in the groove of sending prints, please give the post office plenty of time to deliver your prints. Contact the contest club that you are sending too so they will be looking for your prints. One time the prints were delivered to address, but the snow covered the box and it was missed to judge.**



## CLUB N4C Contacts, PRESIDENTS, MEMBERS

**As of 8-14-2021 the following clubs have NOT RESPONDED:**

Fort Dodge Camera Club  
Heart O'Lakes Camera Club  
Huron Area Camera Club  
Lidgerwood Camera Club  
Mitchell Camera Club  
North Iowa Camera Club  
RV Digital Camera Club  
Sioux Falls Camera Club  
Topeka Camera Club  
Wichita Area Camera Club



If your club is on this list please use the attached N4C Club Info Interactive form.

Fill it out do a SAVE AS and send it to me. NOTE: I realize that many clubs due to Covid and not meeting as much last year or not at all that this information may come in later than usual. However, if N4C contacts could email me either the completed form or at least give me an idea as to when this information will be sent.

Also, NOTE: If you are not the N4C contact for the upcoming year please pass this email on to your new N4C contact with this information. If your club is on this list please use the attached N4C Club Info Interactive form.



***See You At the  
64th Annual  
2021 NAC  
Convention***

***September 23-26, 2021***  
hosted by the Duluth-Superior Camera Club.



**Our last meeting of the season we have in June and we had a boxed lunch picnic from Hy-Vee and elected our officers.**

**Dubuque Camera Club—Jennifer Tiggs reporting.**

# 2022 THEME CLASS

## The Open Road

*"My life is shaped by the urgent need to wander and observe, and my camera is my passport."*

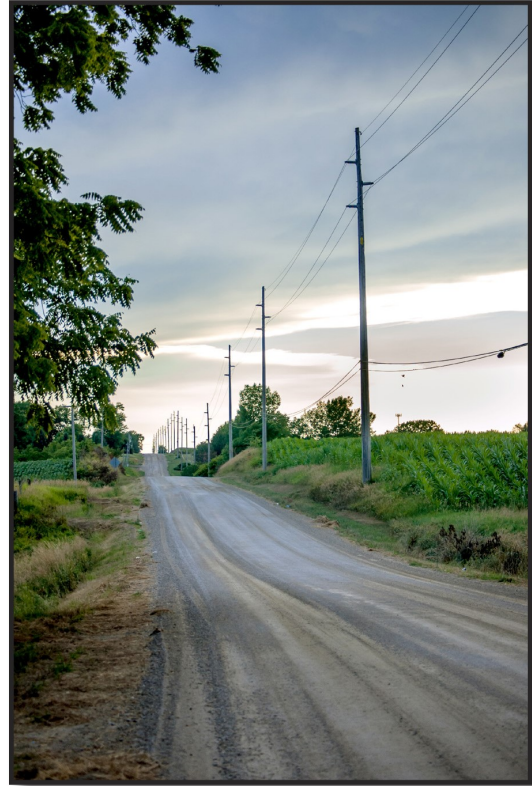
— Steve McCurry

With everything that has happened this past year, it is safe to say that we are all ready to go out and explore the world again. Well, next year's theme should be a great excuse to get out to do just that.

Did you know that there are 4.18 million roads in America? So it's fitting that the theme for next year will be **The Open Road**. The challenge to this theme will be to show us the world, not as we may see it as we are driving down the road, but to show us the story that road can lead us to around it. Your assignment will be to get out of the car and explore the surroundings of the open road before you. Where does the road lead to? How does the road shape the surrounding area? Is this a well traveled road that people have traveled themselves? And if so, how do you photograph it to show us the road as if we have never seen it before?

The challenge here will be to look at the angles. Don't just stand in the middle of the road and take your photo, look for a perspective that will show us how the road plays an important part in the role of the everyday life around it. However, remember the road must be the main subject of the photo!

***We look forward to seeing your photographs of The Open Road!***



**Note: Entry forms for the 2022 Iowa State Fair Photography Salon will be available April 1, 2022 at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)**



**Congratulations! *North Central Club Council Bulletin* won an HM in the 2021 PSA Newsletter Contest, Small Clubs, Councils and Chapters division! Attached are the worksheets from the three judges, the list of winners, as well as the highlight winners. Thank you for participating, and I hope you gather some valuable feedback from the judges' comments! Hope to see you again next year. A virtual ribbon will be sent separately.**

Vicki Stephens

2021 PSA Newsletter Contest Director

**2021**

## **PSA Newsletter Contest Winners Chapters & Councils:**

1st place (tie) - Windy City News - Editor is Mia Bass of the PSA Chicago Chapter

1st place (tie) - In Focus - Editor is Jeffry Klug of the PSA Wisconsin Chapter

2nd place - Foto Fanfare - Editor is Vicki Stephens of the Northern California Council of Camera Clubs (N4C)

3rd place - Double Exposure - Editor is Margaret Sprott of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter

HM1 - Digital Forum - Editor is Jeffry Klug of the Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Org. (WACCO)

HM2 - In Focus - Editor is Kay Crick of the Camera Club Council of Tennessee (3CT)

**HM3 - North Central Club Council Bulletin - Editor is Debbie Bates of the North Central Camera Club Council (N4C)**

*This is the 2nd year I have entered this contest. It has been the results of this contest that we keep improving the newsletter. Both years they have asked to see more from the different clubs in our N4C council. So please send ;me all kinds of things from your club.*

*Thanks Deb*

# N4C Entries into the PSA Council's Challenge

Once again this year, N4C will be entering the PSA Council's Challenge with 30 new images. Below is a listing of all the image makers, and their images.

## Color Entries:

Diana Borash.....Iowa City..... Alone With His memories  
James Durant.....Dubuque.....Nighttime at Fallingwater  
Brad Eide..... Fargo..... Reaching for the Stars  
Mark Gromko..... Iowa City..... In My Sights  
Allen Kurth..... Omaha..... End of the Growing Season  
Diane Lowry..... Des Moines... NYC, NY  
Judy Mitschelen..... Iowa City..... Street Walker  
Bob Rude..... Iowa City..... Mystery in the Cemetery  
Deb Shoning..... Des Moines... Bird Bath  
Sharon Watson..... Fargo..... Furever in My Heart



## Mono Entries:

Sondra Barry..... Wichita..... Ready to Rumble  
Deb Bates..... SW Shutterbugs..... Lighthouse Keeper  
Doug Conrad..... Sioux City..... True Cowpoke  
Diane Darnielle..... Des Moines... Longing to be Free  
Mary Dreckman..... Iowa City..... Nice Bike Dude  
Edgar Evans..... Wichita..... Snow Goose  
John Foty..... North Metro... Going, Going, Gone!  
Mike Grenier..... Sioux City..... Brothers Kelly  
Mark Gromko..... Iowa City..... The Nose Knows  
Mike Walsh..... Sioux City..... House and Barn, Ireland

## Nature Entries:

Kristie Burns..... Des Moines...Fragrant Buffet  
Markus Erk..... Black Hills..... Beware...Eagle Overhead  
Sheldon Farwell..... Great River... Green Crowned Brilliant  
Mark Gromko..... Iowa City..... President Hoover Rapids  
Robert Lahti..... Duluth-Sup... Following Close  
**Stephonie A Schmitz** Dubuque..... Monument Valley, Arizona  
Deb Shoning..... Des Moines... A Bit of Sunshine  
Dwight Tomes..... Des Moines... I Do Not Like You  
Eric Williamson..... Des Moines... Fishing Hole  
Deb Zimmerman..... Black Hills..... You Coming?

Last Year N4C did very well. Jose Garcia, of Dubuque CC, won 1st Place in Monochrome, and had his image reproduced in the PSA Journal. Six other N4C'ers, Mark Gromko, Allen Kurth, Dale Rehder, Bob Rude, Deb Shoning, and Jacki Stoken, all received Honorable Mention Certificates. This year we hope to do even better!

Gene Schwope, N4C PSA Representative



## **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**

**Western Wisconsin Photo Club**

**Wichita Camera Club**

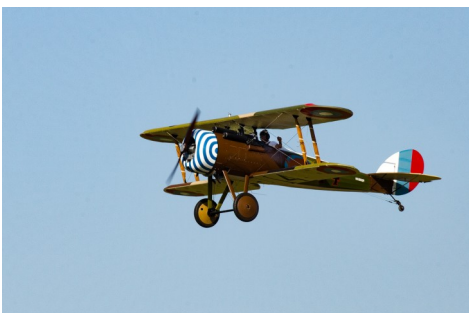
**Women's Color Photography Club**

**Western Iowa Camera**

**West Central Camera Club has been dissolved**

**"Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film."**

# Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs volunteer to cover the Greenfield Aviation Flyin Breakfast and Hall of Fame Inductee Service August 28, 2021 at the Greenfield Aviation Field and Museum





Doug Conrad, Sioux City Camera Club and your future President has a new email address:  
[douglas50@gmail.com](mailto:douglas50@gmail.com).

Please send any club events & pictures to Deb, [edit@n4c.us](mailto:edit@n4c.us).  
Would like to include any events or wards from any of the clubs.  
Helps to give other clubs ideas.



## **North Central Camera Club Council**

**“Where Names Become Faces  
and Faces Become Friends”**

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