



North Central Camera Club Council

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Doug Conrad's President's Notes:

Greetings Everyone,

For many of our member camera clubs, May and June marks the end of their meeting schedules until they start up again in September. That doesn't mean everything comes to a halt, however, as numerous clubs will offer opportunities for members to get together during the off season with organized outings and field trips.

The Sioux City Camera Club, for example, recently participated in a workshop held at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska. Prior to opening the gates to the public, members were instructed and guided during the 2 hour early admission.

It was an opportunity for everyone to get together and photograph the animals without having to navigate crowds of people. Opportunities like these are out there if you take the time to look for them and ask. If your club isn't doing these sorts of things I would encourage you to consider it.

It's also the season where the days are longer and the nights are warmer so a lot of you will be spending more hours out and about as well as traveling to some of the country's most beautiful destinations. Just keep in mind that different seasons call for different approaches, so your summer photography will most likely require some adjustments. Here are some things I have found that hopefully can make this season's photos better.



1. Avoid Harsh Light: We all love to shoot in natural light; however, the sunniest part of the day is the worst time of day to shoot. While that time of day is hard to avoid, try to shoot in the shade as much as possible or use a diffuser to soften the light. If there are clouds, wait for them to block the sun's rays.

2. Plan for the Golden Hour/Blue Hour: An hour or so before sunset or after sunrise is a great time to be out as the light will be soft and warm. If you're out during the evening golden hour, don't leave too early because just before nightfall, known as the blue hour, the light can be just as impressive.



3. Do Some Wandering: Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty or your feet wet to find a unique spot. Travel off the beaten path even if it's just your local park, but be sure to follow all the rules. There are lots of out of the way places to explore.

4. Look for Unusual Conditions: Watch the weather. Plan your outings according to the forecast. Rain and stormy conditions can provide for very moody landscapes as well as some stunning reflections.

5. Experiment with Long Exposures: Waterfalls, streams and ocean waves are calling for long exposures. Slower shutter speeds go hand in hand in transforming those water features into that silky smooth look. Don't forget to bring along a tripod and neutral density filter so you can leave that shutter open longer.

I could go on and on but that's just a few recommendations that I have found helpful. So enjoy your summer and most of all keep shooting.

Doug Conrad
N4C President



Contest Rule Change !

The board approved that we eliminate the Journalism size requirement (item 3) on page F-5 because print size is already covered under **Print Rules for all Print Competitions** (item 4) page F-6 and that it be implemented immediately.

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

N4C April 2022

Contest Results

CORRECTION

Digital Black & White

1st—Can Lucky Fill the Straight -
Mike Barker, Omaha



Best of the N4C Winners Roundup

for the Duluth, MN Fall Convention

Begin collecting prints. This listing gives the winners for your club - September through April. A complete listing will be sent for September through May around June 8.



Check this list for accuracy as it will be used to announce the final awards. First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention winners in all categories of the 2021-22 monthly contests are eligible to be judged in the Annual Best of N4C Contest. Merit award winners are NOT eligible. Duluth Superior Camera Club is hosting the 2022 N4C Convention in Duluth, MN and has established the deadline for Prints which will be judged by the Saint Paul Camera Club.

Entries must be received by 5:00 PM Monday, July 16, 2022 if hand delivered, or postmarked not later than July 9, 2022 if mailed. Eligible DIGITAL entries (Gray Background) have been saved each month and do NOT need to be sent. Photo Essays are not to be sent.

All prints must be unmounted. No Mats or stiff backing allowed. (NO DIGITAL images and NO PANORAMA PRINTS)

The eligible PRINT entries are to be mailed to:

Saint Paul Camera Club

Gene Schwope 9385 Parkside Drive

Woodbury, MN 55125-7508

Email: photopeople01@aol.com

Phone: 651-578-1874



Contact Ken Johnson at email address web@n4c.us, 515-822-8126 if someone in your Club has not seen a list and think you should have eligible entries. All prints received for this annual contest will be displayed in a convention salon for those attending the convention.

Awards for the Best of the Best will be announced and presented at the N4C Convention banquet on Saturday, September 24, 2022 along with Photographer of the Year, Clubs of the Year, and other awards.

Thanks to all the entrants, clubs, judges, and contest chairs. Let one of us know if any corrections need to be made ;

Ken Johnson: kandsjohnson@mchsi.com

Terry Butler: terrymjbutler@gmail.com





We're so excited to open up registration again for the 2022 N4C Convention!

New dates are September 22-25, 2022 here in beautiful
Duluth/Superior!

As many of you know, the pandemic required us to “press pause” on our planned 2021 N4C Convention that was scheduled last September. We are moving full steam ahead to this coming September with our planning.

Our fabulous lineup of speakers include Don Tredinnick, Mike Shaw, Irene Wesse, and John Gregor, just to name a few! We have even added a few new names to the line up. Join us as we network, meet new friends, and grab some great shots of the beautiful area on our field trips.

You can register online at <https://events.eventzilla.net/.../20212022-n4c-convention...> or you can download the paper copy by clicking the link below and mail in your registrations.

IF you kept your registrations from last year thank you and you should still be listed as coming.

Hotel costs have stayed relatively the same and there are details on the event site. Hotel reservations need to be made by August 22,2022 to get the discounted rate!

**Please spread the word to fellow photographers and your club
that registrations are open again. See you this fall**

Amber Nichols Duluth Superior Camera Club

GOT A QUESTION?

Contact the event organizer at dsc.events@gmail.com with your full name and order reference number.

Handbook and Directory Club information

Carl Hardy, Handbook chairperson needs your club information by July 1st, 2022. Please go to the N4C web site and download the Club information worksheet and email to Carl Hardy torchenterprises72@gmail.com

N4C Club Information

This will be published in the latest N4C Directory

Please modify the form below for your club

Correct the officer headings as needed and delete any that don't apply.

Return the completed form by email to:

Carl Hardy, Directory Editor: torchenterprises72@gmail.com

Deadline: July 1

Camera Club Name

Town Location, State Web Link: [httpxxxxx.com](http://xxxxx.com)

President

Sandy McCurdy
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Delete any categories where your club does not compete

Competition Digital: DA, DB, DJ, DN, DP, DT

Competition Prints: BW, CP, AR, PJ, PN, PT, PP, PE

Example:

Meetings: 7:00 pm, 2nd & last Thursday, September to May, Sioux City Art Center, 225 Nebraska Street

Your Club:

Meetings: time, etc.

N4C May (2022-05) Contest Results

Altered Reality Prints

- 1st Sunset in the Country - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 2nd Altered Reality Lilies - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 3rd Catwoman - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- HM Water Color Elegance - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Dried Flower - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM False Color Stage - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

13 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hوجلund. Judges: Daryl Hurley, Sonia Hوجلun, Bob Wright. Comments: There was not that much altering in many of the entries.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Just a splash more please - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd Mara - Randy Moyer, Iowa City
- 3rd Survivor - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
- HM Great Sand Dues NP - Kristel Saxton, Iowa City
- HM Bus Passing - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City

12 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: David Abernathy, Betty Nordstrom, Richard Debertin. Comments: Great job Iowa City with the sweep.

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Balloon Escape - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- 2nd Bird on Branch - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 3rd Moody - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM The Bridge - Renato Scotton, Omaha
- HM Lucky Driver 1 - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul
- HM Danger on the Road - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Tony the Prospector - Steve Thompson, Sioux Falls
- HM Face Off - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Long-tailed Hermit - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- HM Air Sup rieur - Teresa Hofer, Black Hills

73 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Jim Boots, Gary Brownlee, Edgar Evans.

Digital B&W

- 1st Perfect Landing - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- 2nd Tombolo Ice - Daniel Vande Vusse, Minnesota Valley
- 3rd Serious Game of 8Ball - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Morning Chores - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Caylen - Randy Moyer, Iowa City
- HM Feeding the Pigeons - Jason Dierdering, Minnesota Valley
- HM Barred Owl in Aspen - Ronnie Hartman, Saint Paul
- HM Shake It All Off - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Waterfall - Bill Frische, Minnesota Valley

N4C MAY 2022 Contest Results

Digital

Nature

**Baby Merganser -
Edie Thiel,
Fargo-Moorhead**



Digital
Altered
Reality

**Balloon Escape
- Kevin McTague,
Dubuque**

N4C May (2022-05) Contest Results

Digital Journalism

- 1st First Barrel - Steve Thompson, Sioux Falls
- 2nd Swinging for the Fences - James Durrant, Dubuque
- 3rd Climbing-Wildcat-Waterfall - Marty Barker, Omaha
- HM BlueAngelsStarburst - Steve Simmer, Saint Paul
- HM Taking a Spill at the Rothsay Rodeo 2021 - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Navy Seals Leap Frogs Presentation Of The American Flag At The 2021 Fargo AirSho Fargo ND - John Gustafson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Theres a First Time for Everything - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- HM Hosing_Her_Down - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City

72 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Diane Lowry, Jerry Goedken, Nancy Brown.

Digital Nature

- 1st Baby Merganser - Edie Thiel, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd It's getting too crowded in here - Wendelin Guentner, Iowa City
- 3rd Prothonotary Warbler at Nest - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque
- HM Eagle on the Ice - Karen Durrant, Dubuque
- HM Checking the Flower - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Red Eye Tree Frog - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Hello Mr Fly - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
- HM Immature White-crowned Sparrow Plumage - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM House Finch on Cedar - Susan Anderson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM A Drop of Dew - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul

91 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Minnesota Valley Photography Club. Chair: Daniel Vande Vusse. Judges: Bill Frische, Melanie McDermott, Jason Diederling. Comments: Always a pleasure to evaluate diverse images.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Lakewood Chapel - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
- 2nd Taking Flight - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Zion National Park_Utah - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque
- HM Sandhill Cranes at Dawn - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
- HM Skagit Valley Tulip Festival - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Building a Nest - Karen Mahoney, Black Hills
- HM Calling Loon - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
- HM Amur Tiger Cub - Marilyn Victor, Women's Color
- HM Poppy - Janie Lawson, Des Moines
- HM African Gray Parrot - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Katy In Red - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley

102 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Gene Schwope. Judges: Herb Gustafson, Roy Hakala, Pat Schwope. Comments: The judges thought there were some fine images in this group, but the category was overloaded with Nature.

N4C MAY 2022 Contest Results

Digital Pictorial

Lakewood Chapel
Rick Graves,
Minnesota Valley



Digital Journalism—1st First Barrel - Steve Thompson, Sioux Falls

N4C May (2022-05) Contest Results

Digital Travel

- 1st Laundry Day-France - Larry Headley, Omaha
- 2nd Beach Vacation Emerald Isle NC - Teresa Hofer, Black Hills
- 3rd Charelston SC - Lori Burrows, Dubuque
- HM Hagia Sophia Istanbul Turkey - John Hudetz, Dubuque
- HM Walk on the Beach, Hawaii - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
- HM Taking It ALL In- Redwoods National Park CA - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
- HM Trail at Sand Dune Arch-Utah - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Bryce Spotlight Utah - Dan Ray, Black Hills
- HM Zion National Park_Utah - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque
- HM Sunset over Capitol Reef National Park-Utah - Susan Anderson, Fargo-Moorhead

82 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro Photo Club. Chair: Pat Boudreau. Judges: Mariann Cyr, Pat Miller, Steve Pachol. Comments: Unimpressed with quality of images. Very few were actually travel images based on definition.

Journalism Prints

- 1st The Proposal, She said Yes - Randy Moyer, Iowa City
- 2nd Hey Mom, Can I Get a Bite - Diana Borash, Iowa City
- 3rd Keep the Beat - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Number 3 for the Dunk - Jack Gustison, Shutterbug
- HM Asleep on the steps of the Seine River - Ty Smith, Mitchell
- HM Riding the Rocket - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City

10 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club:Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Corey Anderson, Kevin Smith, Carl Hardy. Comments: The majority of the Journalism Prints submitted told an excellent story. They showed outstanding technique, composition and interest reflecting a strong story line.

Nature Prints

- 1st Eagles in Snow storm - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd Growling Lion - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- 3rd Grasshopper on Glass - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Proteting her young - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM Sandhills cranes - Ed Lorson, Iowa City

11 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: David Abernathy, Betty Nordstrom, Richard Debertin. Comments: would like to see more photos in sleeves. Great photos and tough to judge. Ask that clubs mailing in entries send email to receiving club prints are on the way. One club was left out because of Postal issues

N4C MAY 2022 Contest Results



Digital Travel

**Laundry Day-France -
Larry Headley, Omaha**

**Digital Black &
White
Perfect Landing -
Allen Kurth,
Omaha**



N4C May (2022-05) Contest Results

Travel Prints

- 1st Stream in the Smokey Mountains - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 2nd Philly Cheese Steaks - Penn - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 3rd Rib Grande Gorge, Taos NM - Kristel Saxton, Iowa City
- HM Loading Grain for China, Lake Superior WI - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- HM View from the Tunnel, Mount Rushmore, SD - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

9 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Corey Anderson, Kevin Smith Carl Hardy. Comments: Travel images presented interesting destination around the US. They had excellent technique, composition and showed the flavor of the areas represented.

Pictorial Prints (Color)

- 1st Loess Hills Barn - Randy Schoener, Sioux City
- 2nd Badlands Sunrise - Ryno W Olson, Great River
- 3rd Roozen Gaarde - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Unloading Wind Turbine Blades - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Cardinal - Jack Bristow, Sioux City
- HM Lonely Tree - Mitch Keller, Sioux City

21 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglelund. Judges: Sonja Hoglelund, Daryl Hurley, Bob Wright. Comments: Lots of great shots. Many of the shots had small issues that distracted from a potentially great photo.

Founders Award Applications Being Accepted

With the passing of Francis Kingsbury, N4C President, Doug Conrad, has appointed Bob Lahti, of the Duluth-Superior Camera Club to be the new Chair of the Founders Award Committee.

The Committee is composed of the Chair, plus the most recent four Past Presidents of N4C. The Committee will process applications for the Founders Award beginning immediately. See page E-10 of the N4C Handbook for a listing of qualifications.

Bob would like to remind you that all applications have to be in to him by **the third week of June, 2022**. The award will be presented at the Fall Convention in Duluth.

If you have questions about the process, or need help with an application, you may contact Bob Lahti directly at, RJLhati@charter.net or 218-525-2610.

Gene Schwope
N4C E-Bulletin Publisher



**NORTH CENTRAL CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL
FOUNDER'S AWARD NOMINATION**



Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

Camera Club Affiliation _____

Length of Club Membership _____

Length of Club Membership in Council _____

Occupation of Candidate _____

Name of Nominator _____

Candidate is aware of nomination? Yes No

Does Candidate plan to attend the forthcoming N4C Convention? Yes No

If Award is granted, should candidate be advised by letter of the award prior to the Award Ceremony?
Yes No

Please list separately the various photographic activities of the candidate including such things as camera club offices, N4C offices, PSA offices, community services, and any other such activities or accomplishments.

Nominator's Statement: State here or on a separate sheet of paper reasons and statements supporting this application.

Prepare in duplicate Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Mail to the Chairperson of the Founders Award Committee

Bob Lahti directly at, RJLhati@charter.net or 218-525-2610.

Service Award Nominees Wanted

Spring has sprung. It is once again time to consider recognizing individuals that have gone above and beyond to serve the Council. All members are encouraged to consider nominating someone you feel has demonstrated extraordinary effort in service to the Council for a Service Award. Awards will be presented at the Convention in Duluth (fingers crossed) . Page D-1 of the current directory lists the requirements. To make it convenient the N4C web site has the proper form you can fill out. The completed form may be mail to me or send to me at the mail listed below. Service award form at this link.

<http://www.n4c.us/Supplies-Forms/SERVICEA.PDF>

Completed forms may be sent to:

Steve Thompson
26118 Canary Dr.
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Or they can be sent as a PDF file via e-mail. Be sure to send it to this email address

Correct email address

sathomps@unitelsd.com



Hello Everyone,

My name is Cindy Murray. I am a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA), I'm also a member of the Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs and the N4C Chair for the Travel and Photojournalism Print Contests.

In January I was appointed as the new Iowa State Membership Director for PSA. I'm here to offer personal assistance to all PSA individuals and club members in Iowa. I am looking forward to showing you the many advantages and benefits of having individual PSA and Iowa Chapter memberships. Assistance with participation in individual and interclub competitions, study groups and consultants are just a few examples.

If YOUR camera club isn't benefiting from PSA's resources for managing a great photo club, contact me at cmurray@iowatelecom.net for a review of the many services and activities PSA has to offer or go to <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?club-council-member-benefits>

I encourage your to join. Cindy

Walter Fluegel

When my parents lived in Duluth (I grew up there, but I think this is after I left in 1974) they were members of a photography club. I'm assuming that might be Duluth Superior Camera Club. They were quite active, my father Walter Fluegel serving as president for a while - I suppose that might have been the late 1970s or early 1980s - they moved to Minneapolis in 1985. I helped them with the No. [redacted] Margo Ashmore, Publisher [redacted] ons and

Walt was 94 when he passed away on April 6, 2022.
Maxine, my mom, passed on May 10, 2010.



Walt Fluegel
1928-2022

Walter Fluegel was born March 16, 1928 to Johanna (Gunther) and Johannes Walter Fluegel in Mulheim an der Ruhr, Germany. After Johannes died, Johanna went to America to live with a sister, eventually putting baby Walter in care of the Wartburg orphanage in Mount Vernon, NY.

In his mid-teen through high school years (A.B. Davis), son and mother lived on North Fulton Avenue in Mount Vernon. While at the University of Alaska (Fairbanks area), he built her a home there. He had many jobs and enterprises in his youth, including greenhouse, seashell jewelry maker, construction, and barber.

In 1953, Walt traveled from Alaska to Washington, DC promoting Alaska for Statehood, giving slide show lectures for \$10 and a place to stay. He visited factories to "see what makes America tick."

While getting his Master's degree at the agricultural college in Fargo, North Dakota he met Maxine Lott and they married for life. Walt taught college biology and other natural sciences. They lived in Duluth, Roseville, Ashland Oregon and then Duluth, Minnesota again before retiring to Grantsburg, Wisconsin to get away from big-city pollution. They remodeled and redecorated several homes and tended their gardens.

Both enjoyed photography, with Walt in later years using photographic resources to provide color and shape which he would distort and repeat into computer-Photoshopped creations. Walt and Max were members of photography clubs in Duluth, North Metro (Twin Cities, MN) and Northern Exposures. They judged together for other photo clubs, presenting results like Siskell-and-Ebert, not always agreeing. For years they supplied the Grantsburg Public Library with a new display of their arts every few months.

Walt is survived by offspring Margo Ashmore and Grey Fluegel, grandchildren Karl and Larissa.

Widowed in 2010, Walt, always the teacher, continued to write and self-publish books based on his life. His late-life caregivers appreciated "the professor," his stories and art.

[redacted] Margo Ashmore, 612-788-9003 C) 612-867-4874

Walt generously donated his body to the University of Min-

nesota Anatomy Bequest Program. He would be proud to know he will continue to teach as a resource for students of physical therapy.

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“Where Names Become Faces and Faces Become Friends”

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