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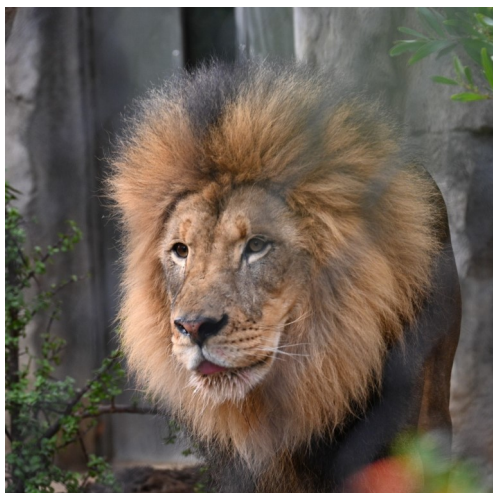
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Greetings N4C

As we enter the new year, we can ask what can we do differently in 2023. What can we learn from the past and how can we improve. There are so many opportunities to learn photography lessons. The best way just, as in sports is through practice. You can practice indoors or outdoors. Just get out there and take your shots. Then review them in detail. If something wasn't quite right, figure out what it was and correct it. Learning from our mistakes is the most important learning. With digital it is so easy to just delete and move on. That is a big mistake. Figure out why the photo failed and what you need to do to make the corrections.



In December we took the opportunity to head someplace warmer. We went to San Diego CA area. While the weather was warmer than home it was far from the always in the 70's for San Diego that we normally hear. It was fun to see some things that we had not seen before. Of course, we had to go to the San Diego Zoo, Also, we got to see the beautiful coastline, parachute gliders, the seals and sea lions of La Joya. We toured the huge Midway aircraft carrier and the lighthouse that protects the shoreline.



Also remember to mark your calendars for this years Spring convention to be held April 28-30, 2023 at Wesley Woods in

Indianola Iowa.

N4C President





Photos by Greg Hoglund

NEWS FLASH

A GUIDE FOR JUDGES NOW ON THE N4C WEB

<https://n4c.us/competition.htm> Look for the blue button to stream the video.

123FreeVectors.com

There were excellent reviews about this judging video and a need to make it accessible.

This presentation by Mark Gromko (a N4C Photographer of the Year & Past President) is intended for club members who judge N4C contests. It gives guidelines about how to score and comment on contest entries. It is also helpful for entrants to understand judging methods and make entry selections.

If you wish to download the video, right-click on the button and "Save link as..."

The 2022-2023 N4C Contest Rules are also available from this web page pictured below.

A screenshot of the N4C website's 'Competition' page. The page has a grey background with a dark red horizontal line. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Home, News, Competition (highlighted with a red underline), Winner Galleries, Meetings, N4C Affiliated Clubs, and About Us. The main content area features the N4C logo (a circular emblem with 'C', 'N', 'C' and a map of the United States) and the word 'Competition' in a large, dark font. Below this, there are two main sections: 'N4C Competition' and 'N4C Judging'. Under 'N4C Competition', there is a blue button with a camera icon and the text 'N4C Contest Rules', followed by a link 'Click for 2022-2023 Rules'. Under 'N4C Judging', there is a blue button with a camera icon and the text 'N4C Judging Guide', followed by a link 'Click for Judging Guide Video' and a paragraph of text: 'This presentation by Mark Gromko (a N4C Photographer of the Year) is intended for club members who judge N4C contests. It gives guidelines about how to score and comment on contest entries. It is also helpful for entrants to understand judging methods and make entry selections.'

N4C Digital (& Print) Contacts,

If I should contact someone different, please let Ken Johnson know.
IF YOUR CLUB ENTERS PRINTS, SEE BELOW FOR WHERE TO SEND ENTRIES.

FOR DIGITAL ENTRIES, they must be received by 5:00 pm Nov15, 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 5:00pm 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 2022-2023 rules are on the N4C web at <http://n4c.us/competition.htm> by clicking the blue "N4C Contest Rules" button. Copy attached.

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

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."

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

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

Please send me 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.

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

SEND NEW MEMBER NUMBERS AND NAMES TO KEN JOHNSON

N4C Supplies & Forms - on the web.

Entry forms, Reports and more. Make your job easier - Check it out.

<http://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms.htm>

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

(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

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.

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/>

Ken Johnson web@n4c.us,

A Digital Contest Chair

Enjoy photography whether or not it is yours!

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January Digital Image Judging Clubs:

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ALTERED REALITY Digital "DA" (Digital Altered Reality) 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

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

Alyssa Azhari
2202 14th St.
Coralville, IA 52241
319-512-8096

alyssa.azhari@gmail.com

JOURNALISM Digital "DJ" (Digital Journalism) 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

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

Cedar Rapids Camera Club
Sandra Kotowske
212 Western Ave
Oxford, IA 52322
319-400-1978

sandra.kotowske@kirkwood.edu

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

Duluth-Superior Club
Lucy Kragness
505 N. 4th Ave. W.
Duluth, MN 55806
218-348-0475

lucykragness@gmail.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.

Topeka Camera Club
Greg Hoglelund
2230 SW Kingsrow Road
Topeka, KS 66614
785-633-2384

greg.hoglelund@sbcglobal.net

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PRINT ENTRIES - JUDGING CLUBS FOR January

Print contest rules are in the attached N4C Contest Rules.

Each of the following three clubs are judging two of the monthly contests:
Entries must be received by these clubs by January 15.

Send both Nature Prints and Black & White Prints to:

Shutterbug Camera Club
John F. Larson, Jr.
609 Stoneledge Rd.
State College, PA 16803
319-671-1568
jflarson114@gmail.com

Send both Pictorial Color Prints and Altered Reality Prints to:

Minot Camera Club
Tim Zeltinger
C/O Cheryl Lesmeister
1608 11th St SW.
Minot, ND 58701
tzbugman@gmail.com

Send both Travel Prints and Journalism Prints to:

SW Shutterbug Camera Club
Debbie Bates
312 NE Grant St.
Greenfield, IA 50849
641-745-5125
flowerslave@hotmail.com

Ken Johnson web@n4c.us,
A Digital Contest Chair

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The Founders Award selection committee is accepting nominations for the 2023 N4C Founders Award.

Please read the nominating information found on page E10 in the Handbook, especially the activities that are considered by the committee. Once you have completed your nomination,

e-mail it to Bob Lahti (rjlahti@charter.net), by June 30th.

**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

, e-mail it to Bob Lahti (rjlahti@charter.net), by June 30th.

Mini-Spring Convention is *BACK!!*

Save the date

April 28 - 30, 2023!

Please pass it on to others in your club.

Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA 50125



CHANGES

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Please check the current N4C News Bulletin for any additions or corrections to this list.

Also Check:

General Rules

Digital Travel Rules

Definition of Travel Photograph

The Digital Travel Judges list has one change as shown in bold and underlined for January.

January 2023

Topeka Camera Club

Greg Hogleund

2230 SW Kingsrow Road

Topeka, KS 66614

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greg.hogleund@sbcglobal.net

The Minnesota Valley Photography Club has an email address change for he submission of contest entries to be judged. I believe that our next turn to judge a contest is in May for Digital Nature. The contact person remains the same but the email address has changed (we have moved to a different email host).

Old info:

Minnesota Valley Photo Club

Craig Peterson

13576 Maryland Court

Savage, MN 55378

952-447-5211

Mvpc-n4c-judging@minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org

NEW INFO:

Minnesota Valley Photo Club

Craig Peterson

13576 Maryland Court

Savage, MN 55378

952-447-5211

n4c-entries-to-mvpc@googlegroups.com

Watch for More Information about
2023 N4C Convention "Blufftops & Backroads"
will be held September 15-16, 2023

**at the Best Western Plus Dubuque Hotel & Conference Center 3100
Dodge St. Dubuque, IA 52003**

The Dubuque Camera Club is working on the details of the 2023 N4C Convention titled "Blufftops & Backroads" With a similar name to the 2018 convention that Dubuque hosted, we promise to shake things up a bit for this one. (Yes we are entertaining bringing back those models) There will be more hands-on opportunities and we will be exploring the neighboring states of Illinois and maybe Wisconsin too. Hotel rooms will be \$139 a night with a daily hot breakfast buffet included with the hotel stay each day. More information coming soon.



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“Where Names Become Faces and Faces Become Friends”

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