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## President's Message

Hello everyone, Hope you're all surviving the winter. Too much cold weather and snow for my taste.

Spring Mini Convention May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. We have a new location this year: Camp Wesley Woods, just south of Indianola, IA. Larry Meister has done a great job in contracting a great location. Mark Gromko has planned some great programs and lots of fun with light painting.



*BUT the best part --- You can spend a weekend for only \$145.00. that includes all your meals, two nights lodging . All kinds of programs, and plenty of time with photography friends old and new.*

I always look forward to Spring Mini Convention. Winter is over, and it's time to get out and play. I hope you plan to attend. If you haven't been to one before, check it out!! You never know what you can learn.

Last Spring Mini Convention, Gerry Bonsack brought us light painting. Roger Feldhans continues the fun at our 2019 Spring Mini Convention. Roger loves to create and share his new creations and gadgets with fellow photographers. Hope you will come join the fun at the May Spring Mini Convention .



Hope you plan to attend the Spring Mini Convention May 3-5, 2019

Debbie Bates, N4C President

We had our first thaw last week, giving us hope of spring, but we will have to wait a while longer for all the ice and snow to melt. I am sure, though, that by May 3-4 spring will have arrived, the snow will have melted, and the colors of spring will be bursting out. Why do I pick May 3-4? The Spring Mini-Convention of course!

The schedule for the Spring Mini-Convention is set. As mentioned last month, we have an excellent variety of programs, including photo tips, travelogues, and opportunities to explore and shoot. Be sure to bring your cameras and tripods!

This year we will be at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center, which is 20 miles south of Des Moines, or 7 miles southwest of Indianola. A map and directions are included below. The facilities are an excellent fit to our needs. The lodging, in particular, looks to be an upgrade from the dormitory style we have had in the past. Most rooms will be two per room (we will not use the upper bunks), so you may want to name a roommate and save Larry Meister the task of pairing you up.



Our meeting space

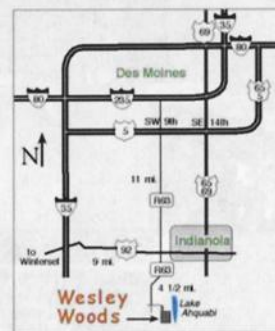


Typical Room



Hiking Trail

Wesley Woods is located 20 miles south of Des Moines or 7 miles southwest of Indianola. Take R63 south of Hwy 92 4.5 miles. Turn East onto Nixon St., which will lead you into the camp.



I look forward to seeing you there!  
Mark Gromko

May 3, 4, & 5, 2019

# N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center

<http://www.wesleywoodsiowa.org/retreat/>  
Indianola, Iowa

Complete the registration form and send it along with your check NOW.

DEADLINE DATE for arrival of your registration is Saturday April 20.

NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 20.

PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 17.

NO REFUNDS AFTER April 26.

A confirmation email will be sent out to you upon the receipt of your money and registration.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION

Return Registration & check to: Delores Meister  
421 Pleasant View Dr.  
Solon, IA 52333

Questions?  
phone: 319-624-2516  
email: [LDKlikmeister@aol.com](mailto:LDKlikmeister@aol.com)

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Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Camera Club in N4C

**THIS YEAR: Note the location - NO bed linens or towels provided. Where else can you enjoy photo programs, meet friends, eat 5 meals all for \$105 and then room two nights for an additional \$40?**

	Number of people	Total cost
Package #1: Day Use @ \$105 per person. Includes: Meals & day use of meeting room Not use of dorms	_____	\$ _____
Package #2: Dorm Room use @ \$145 per person Includes: Meals & lodging in dorms. Must have 2-3 People per room. Bring own BEDDING, TOWELS, SOAP ETC.	_____	\$ _____
	Grand Total	\$ _____

I would like to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2019 N4C Spring Mini-Convention

*Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center, south of Indianola, Iowa*

**Tentative Schedule May 3-4-5th, 2019**

<http://www.wesleywoodsiowa.org/retreat/>

<b>Friday, May 3rd</b>	
3:00	Check-in
4:00	Board Meeting – Deb Bates
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Larry Meister – Lodging and Dining information
7:10	PSA Presentation – Gene Schwope
8:00	Bob Lundquist – North Shore and Lake Superior
9:00	Popcorn
<b>Saturday, May 4th</b>	
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Dwight Tomes - Sharing travel and street photography between camera clubs with high resolution and sound quality!
10:00	Bob Lahti – Yellowstone in Winter
11:00	Terry Butler – B&W
12:00	Lunch
1:00	John Larson – Comparing the competition categories
2:00	Des Moines Camera Club presents the 2019 Fall convention info
3:00	Panorama Print Judging
3:00	Copyright and Photo Essays – Bruce McKee and Dwight Tomes
4:00	Free time
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Panorama Winners
7:15	Roger Feldhans – Light Painting
9:00	Popcorn
<b>Sunday, May 5th</b>	
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Photo Essays – Dwight Tomes
11:00	Goodbye, Come to the Convention in Des Moines, September 19-21, 2019

# FEBRUARY



## Contest Results

### ***B & W Pictorial Prints***

- 1st Hard Working Lady - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
- 2nd Sandy Beacg Road Barn - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
- 3rd Mobius Arch - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Black on Brugge - Diane Fonger, Duluth-Superior
- HM Confidence - Alyssa Azhari, Iowa City
- HM But I Did Not Shoot the Deputy! - Paul Grillo, Des Moines

21 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carl Hardy, Tom Schoening, Kevin Smith. Comments: The prints for February were well done. The composition, colors were excellent. They were very sharp and provided a wide variety of interesting subjects.

### ***Color Prints***

- 1st The Board Walk - Carey Anderson, Sioux City
- 2nd Fencepost - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 3rd September Morn at the Mill - Larry Milroy, Des Moines
- HM Garlic & Potatoes - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Horseshoe Road - Michael Walsh, Sioux City
- HM Cloudy Grand Canyon – Alyssa Azhari, Iowa City

30 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa. Chair: David Giese. Judges: Jim Davis, Mary Giese, Jim Svec. Comments: Subjects of the photos were interesting and varried! Colors were sharp and eye catching. We were impressed with the artistry demonstrated by the makers of the photos.

### ***Digital Altered Reality***

- 1st Transcendental Tree House - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- 2nd Almost Home - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 3rd Fall Colors - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Runaway Train - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
- HM Unwound - Brian Stockton, Des Moines
- HM Night Gallery - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior
- HM Butterflies - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Town and Country - Gary Rothfus, Des Moines

76 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Allen Kurth, Dorothy Sansom, Donna Turner. Comments: Altered Reality is both entertaining and difficult to judge. It's great to see all the creativity and hard to decide which images are, in our opinion, particularly well conceived and well executed. As always, we commented on all the entries; hopefully the entrants will find the comments both instructive and constructive.

### ***Digital B&W***

- 1st Lone Tree - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- 2nd Sulphur Creek - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 3rd Day Lily - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Barrel Racing Action - Bob Lundquist, Saint Paul
- HM Temperance River - John Anderson, Saint Paul
- HM Crowned Crane - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- HM Shipwreck - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM Now You See It-Now You Don't - Larry Headley, Omaha
- HM Riding the C-Curve - Terry Sposito, Women's Color
- HM Doorway to the Past - Larry Mendenhall, Des Moines
- HM Adjusting the Regulator - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Egret - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

112 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Bob Felderman, Andreas Exner, Kevin McTague.

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## Contest Results

### ***Digital Journalism***

- 1st Rock Climber Scales Sheer Cliff Face to Summit Rim GC - David Smethers, Dubuque
  - 2nd Around the Bast Barrel - Mike Barker, Omaha
  - 3rd Cyclo Cross Bike Race Up the Hill - Bob Rude, Iowa City
  - HM Great Northern Railroad - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
  - HM Advancing the Puck - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
  - HM Win the Joust - Tom Ward, Iowa City
  - HM Holding On - Tom Schendel, North Metro
  - HM Learning to Count - Larry Headley, Omaha
  - HM Backhand to the Net for a Fargo Squirt Player - Kevin Swann, Fargo-Moorhead
- 87 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Marilyn Victor, Beverly Hawkins, Judy Lathrop.

### ***Digital Nature***

- 1st Orangutan Afflection - Barry Mullin, Saint Paul
  - 2nd Bee eaters - Tanzaniz - Keith Anderson, Sioux Falls
  - 3rd I Have an Eye on You - Rich Roberts, Minnesota Valley
  - HM Fast Wings - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Chubby - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
  - HM Clown Frog - Martha Farwell, Great River
  - HM Grizzly in Flowers - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
  - HM Eyes on the Target - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM I'm Watching You - Allen Kurth, Omaha
  - HM King of the Jungle - Byron Sieber, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Catch of the Day - Peter Freymark, Des Moines
  - HM Contemplation - Roy Hakala, Saint Paul
- 110 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Jerry Wier-shauser, Tom Schoening, Carl Hardy. Comments: The digital prints submitted for Digital Nature for February were outstanding photography art. The majority of the entries were well composed, very sharp, and displayed a lot of interest and the character of nature. It was extremely hard to pick the winners. There were 20 digital prints which received a 45. This contest shows the professionalism of the photographers in N4C.

### ***Digital Pictorial***

- 1st Boats for Hire - Mike Barker, Omaha
  - 2nd 1950 Mercury - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
  - 3rd Quiet Moment - Cyndy Thorn, La Crosse Area
  - HM Waiting - Martha Farwell, Great River
  - HM Acacia Tree Silhouette - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
  - HM Colorado Church - Greg Hogle, Topeka
  - HM Frosty Truck - Betsy Petersen, Sioux Falls
  - HM Sunrise Peek A Boo - Angela Hoffman, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Sunrise Lake Louise - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
  - HM Camping Under the Stars - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
  - HM St. Paul is First - Craig Peterson, Minnesota Valley
  - HM Night Time in the Country - Bob Rude, Iowa City
  - HM Van Life - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- 126 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Sheila Sutton. Judges: Walter Fengler, Brenda Strauss, Michelle Wood Jones.

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## Contest Results

### **Digital Travel**

- 1st Enjoying the Light - Scotland - Brad Eide, Fargo-Moorhead
  - 2nd Lava Breakout, Hawaii 7602 - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
  - 3rd Liberty Beach Pier CA - Kevin Swann, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Auckland New Zealand - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
  - HM Rockaway Beach, Oregon - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
  - HM Standing Tall Glacier NP Montana - Angela Hoffman, Fargo-Moorhead
  - HM Grey Glacier: Torres Del Paine National Park, Chile - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
  - HM Sunrise at Badwater Basin-Death Valley, CA - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
  - HM Huntington Beach Pier in Huntington Beach, California - Ken Wolter, Western Wisconsin
  - HM Bamburgh Castle - UK - Mike Barker, Omaha
- 102 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Randy Moyer. Judges: Mark Gromko, Alyssa Azhari, Kristel Saxton.

### **Journalism Prints**

- 1st Fast Down Hill - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
  - 2nd Smiling at My Reflection - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City
  - 3rd Another Hard Day Ahead - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
  - HM It's Huck Finn - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
- 11 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro. Chair: Tom Schendel. Judges: Jean McDonough, Bruce Barsnes, Laura Davies.

### **Nature Prints**

- 1st American Hunter in Flight - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
  - 2nd Frosty Barn - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
  - 3rd Wait for Me - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
  - HM Hungry Twins - Kristie Burns, Des Moines
  - HM Cross River - John Eisterhold, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter
  - HM Mountain Goat Crossing - Diane Fonger, Duluth-Superior
- 17 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carl Hardy, Tom Schoening, Kevin Smith. Comments: The nature prints for February were well done. The composition, colors were excellent. They were very sharp and provided a wide variety of interesting subjects.

### **Travel Prints**

- 1st Window View in Immigrant Hospital - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
  - 2nd The Gunslinger - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
  - 3rd Union Station Ceiling - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City
  - HM Dinner is Called - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
  - HM Gristmill in Smokey Mtn Park - Ed Lorson, Iowa City
  - HM Foggy Autumn Color - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 19 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro. Chair: Tom Schendel. Judges: Jean McDonough, Bruce Barsnes, Laura Davies.

TO: ALL N4C REPS, N4C DIGITAL REPS

CC: ALL N4C MEMBERSHIP

FROM: TERESA VOKOUN, N4C SUPPLY CHAIR

RE: N4C RIBBON SUPPLY PACKETS

If you are not aware of the change, **beginning with Digital Contests in September 2019**, the board has voted to change the procedure of awarding ribbons on the suggestion of several clubs. Please note the approved proposal attached.

The N4C rep of each member club of the North Central Camera Club Council will receive a ribbon awards packet from the N4C Supply Chair which should supply you with sufficient ribbons and labels for **all** of the digital contests for the entire contest year.

The change was suggested to decrease the mailings/postage between the judging club and all the winning entries. Also, not all winning photographers desire the ribbons, thus we could potentially save on ribbon costs. Upon notification from the judging club, it will now be the N4C reps' responsibility to issue the appropriate ribbon to the club members who wish to receive the ribbon. The ribbons will no longer be part of the judging packet. At this time, all forms and judging requirements for print contests will come from the contest chair as in the past.

Based on the number of past awards won by your club in previous years, you will receive a ribbon packet with sufficient ribbons to cover the annual clubs' needs. After the initial start-up packet, it will be your responsibility to annually reorder the number of supplies to replenish the packet to the original number provided. It has been past practice to submit a list of needed supplies to the N4C supply chair prior to the Spring Camp-In in order for preparation of supplies to be delivered at the Spring Camp-In for those clubs who have members in attendance. An email order is preferred. If your club has no members in attendance, the packet will be mailed to you.

These changes are an attempt to reduce the number of mailings, cost of postage and cost of unwanted ribbons that the council incurs in the process of sponsoring inter-council contests.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Vokoun at [contessa175@yahoo.com](mailto:contessa175@yahoo.com) or 641-485-0626.



The Des Moines Camera Club is excited to host the N4C 2019 Convention "Finding Your Light in Des Moines"! Mark your calendars to join us September 19 – 22 for diverse and thought provoking speakers, hands on photo shoots, and lots of field trips to some of the best places in Central Iowa. The registration fee includes all this and banquet dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings. We've negotiated great lodging rates with

the host hotel, the Sheraton in West Des Moines, who is ready to make your reservations. Learn more on our website <https://www.dmcameraclub.com/n4c-convention-2019> and look for our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Finding-Your-Light-in-Des-Moines-N4C-Convention-327350181441472> for all the latest information and announcements.



## **New Method of Administering Ribbons & Awards for N4C Digital Contests**

### **Motion proposed for the September N4C Board Meeting:**

Digital Contest N4C Awards will be administered by the ENTERING CLUB based on the contest winner results from the JUDGING CLUB. ENTERING CLUBS will obtain an inventory of ribbons and merit awards from the N4C Supply Officer (around the time of the Spring Convention) in sufficient quantity needed for the following contest season. The awards would be labeled and distributed by the ENTERING CLUB N4C Contact to their winning club members when contest results naming the award recipients are received from the JUDGING CLUBS. Effective beginning with the 2019-2020 contest season.

### **Discussion:**

Ribbons and awards are a must. It makes a difference for those that enter, especially for newer members. This proposal applies only to Digital Contests. The goal is to streamline these nearly paperless contests. With so many entries in digital contests, judging clubs would welcome this time savings by not labeling & mailing awards. Instead, that effort is distributed back to the entering clubs somewhat in proportion to their entry activity.

There are instances where awards are not being received by entering clubs from the judging clubs, and contest chairs are asked to supply them. Some club members do not feel their awards are necessary. Both situations would be resolved by this proposal.

While secondary, cost savings is a benefit. For 48 judgings, postage for mailing of supplies to judging clubs will run about \$90 per year. N4C reimburses judging clubs \$10 to cover mailing awards and that total is \$480 plus postage to mail those checks of \$24. In total, I estimate around 600 pieces of mail and \$594 in cost that can be eliminated by this proposal. I think that also translates to a significant savings of overall time and effort.

As a tradeoff, it does require the Supply Officer to work with more clubs (25 entering digital compared to 6 contest chairs) and it may require a greater supply of awards to establish the initial inventories at each club. We would expect the excess supplies be passed on from year-to-year within the clubs as responsibilities change.

Thanks to Tom Schendel of the North Metro Club for the suggestion.

Ken Johnson

Digital Contest Chair