



North Central Camera Club Council

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Mark Gromko's President's Notes:



Summer is not quite over, but it is time to gear up for a new season at N4C. I'm contributing one last message as President before the fall convention. Speaking of which, I hope you are able to partake in the many interesting programs lined up for the convention, whether you are able to attend in person or choose to join virtually.

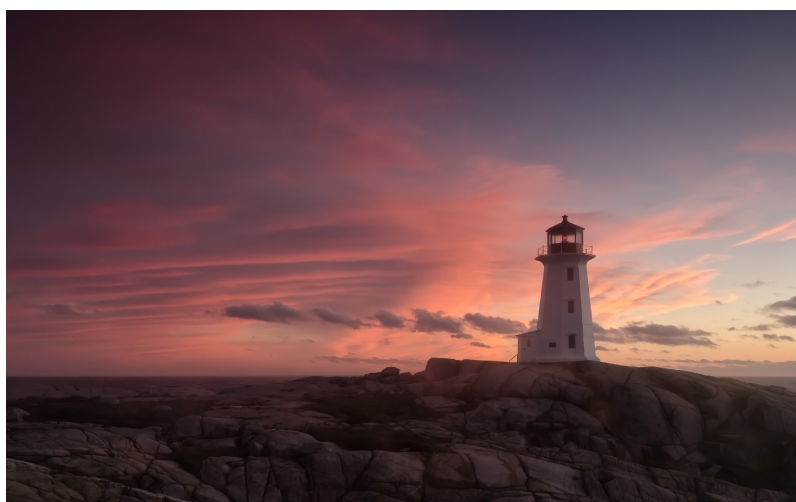
With September almost upon us, another reminder I would like to pass on is that rules for print competitions have changed. Prints will no

longer be accepted with mounting and/or matting. There are also print size restrictions, as detailed on page 2 of this newsletter. The reasons for these changes are primarily to reduce mailing costs, and thereby make it more affordable for people to participate. Another effect of these changes is to level the field: there will no longer be any possible advantage to larger or mounted-and-matted prints.

Please consider submitting your prints to keep this vital aspect of photography well represented at N4C.

Finally, and as my last message in this newsletter, I would like to thank you for your participation in, and contributions to, N4C. The greater the participation, the stronger we are as an organization, and the stronger all the local clubs are, too. Thank you!

Mark



PRINT COMPETITIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2021

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. ***NEW*** Mats and backing will no longer be allowed. *All prints must be unmounted.*
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 United States Postal Service.
3. **CONTESTS COMBINED FOR SENDING**
 - 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.
 - ***NEW*** Pictorial and Altered Reality prints will be judged by the same club.

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.

Happy Printing September 2021

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	Central Iowa	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 Newsletter Editor, Deb Bates, 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 to, so they will be looking for your prints. One time the prints were delivered to the address, but snow covered the box, and it was missed to be judged.



CLUB N4C CONTACTS, PRESIDENTS, MEMBERS

As of 7/30/2021, the following clubs
have NOT RESPONDED:

Cedar Rapids Camera Club
Dubuque Camera Club
Duluth-Superior Camera Club
Fort Dodge Camera Club
Heart O'Lakes Camera Club
Huron Area Camera Club
Lidgerwood Camera Club
Mitchell Camera Club
North Iowa Camera Club
West Central 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 due to Covid, many clubs
are not meeting as much last year or not at all, so
this information may come in later than usual.

However, could N4C contacts please 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.

Thanks, Carl Hardy

N4C Handbook & Directory Editor

torchenterprises72@gmail.com NOTE THIS IS A NEW EMAIL
ADDRESS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!!



64th Annual N4C Convention September 23-26, 2021

Hosted by the Duluth-
Superior Camera Club.



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

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

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Our four-day program will be packed with fun, inspiration and education from industry experts from all around the country. We will offer presentations and photography field trips that will help grow each other's skills and inspire each other as photographers.

If you can't attend, or have uncertainty during the pandemic, we have added an additional component for those who can't attend in person: join us virtually! Any paid attendee will get a code to access the live stream.

We are offering an ala carte format for those who are attending. One flat rate for virtual attendance, general attendance, and separate pricing for field trips and banquet dinners. You can change your in-person ticket to a virtual ticket anytime by emailing us with a request for the change. Send an email to [DSCC Events Coordinator](#) to request this change.

We are also making arrangements for your "spouse or plus one" attendee to have their very own field trips in the afternoon while we are in our workshops/presentations. You can follow updates and connect with others who are interested in the event on the Facebook Event Page. [\(20+\) 46 Degrees North- N4C 2021 Fall Convention | Facebook](#)

The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel-Duluth Harborview.

[Radisson Hotel- Duluth Harborview](#)

218-727-8981

Hotel Room Cost: \$135.00 per night

Use code **N4C921** when booking online.

Cost (convention events only)

\$150.00 – Regular (June 1-Aug 31, 2021)

\$170.00 – Late Registration (Sept 1-Sept 23, 2021)

Amber Nichols DSCC Committee Chair



Duluth Superior Camera Club
Annual North Central Camera Club Council (N4C) Fall Convention

September 23-26, 2021

Radisson Duluth HarborView

Sponsored by the Duluth Superior Camera Club

First Attendee Name: _____

Second Attendee Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

CONVENTION FEES Registration Fees. Including on-site programs, opening reception and more.

SELECT APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE:

Before June 30 : \$130.00 x _____ = \$ _____

From July 1-Aug 31: \$150.00 x _____ = \$ _____

From Sept 1- Sept 26: \$170.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Field Trips:

Enger Tower Light Up (Thursday Evening) \$35.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Northshore Exploration Fieldtrip (Friday Morning) \$55.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Duluth Architecture and MN Ballet Models (Friday Morning) \$55.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Superior Gems (Saturday Morning) \$55.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Duluth Gems (Saturday Morning) \$55.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Some classes, workshops and field trips are limited in size. Please register early!

Dinners:

Thursday Late Afternoon Buffett: \$35.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Banquet: \$45.00 x _____ = _____

Saturday Night Banquet: \$45.00 x _____ = _____

All Attendees Pay:

Ticketing Event Site Processing Fee Per Person: \$3.50 x _____ = _____

4. Grand Total (Add above fees and pay this amount) **Grand Total \$** _____

Payment Method: Check or money order must be in U.S. funds payable to: **Duluth Superior Camera Club.**

Print and mail this completed registration form with payment to:

DSCC/Doug White, 1935 Lakeview Drive, Carlton, MN 55718

Your registration will be confirmed by email. Email is also how we will communicate with you and send you further information about the convention. Thank you!

If you have any questions please email Amber Nichols at dsccevents@gmail.com.



Welcome to the Sioux City Camera Club. **Where names become faces and faces become friends.** The Sioux City Camera Club was founded in order to provide an organization where individuals meet and exchange photographic knowledge and ideas. We provide a common ground in which the beginning photographer and the experienced photographer can swap fresh ideas for welcome advice.

The purpose of the club is to provide a means for the mutual education and learning in the science and art of photography and to promote and encourage the advancement of its members in the knowledge and practice of photography.

The Sioux City Camera Club is a member of the **North Central Camera Club Council (N4C)** and the **Photographic Society of America (PSA)** and has been active for over 100 years.



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www.siouxcitycameraclub.com

The Sioux City Camera Club's website received an Honorable Mention award in the 2021 PSA Website Competition.

Sioux City was one of 23 organizations that entered this contest for the first time this year. Entries were up by 40% and came from the United States, Canada, the UK, Australia, Belgium, India, and Egypt. Doug Conrad is the club's webmaster and their web address is www.siouxcitycameraclub.com.

USPS MAILING RATE INCREASE (STARTING AUGUST 29, 2021)

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will implement a postage rate increase for mailing services on

Sunday, August 29, 2021.

- The First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the Post Office will increase three cents to \$0.58 from \$0.55.
- "Metered Mail" rates for First Class Mail letters (1 oz.), which includes online postage and postage meters, will increase two cents to \$0.53. This five-cent discount compared to Post Office rates for a First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) represents a savings of 9%.
- Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter (Post Office and Metered Mail rates) will cost \$0.20 (no change).
- First Class Mail Flats/Large Envelopes (1 oz.) rates will increase sixteen cents to \$1.16 from \$1.00. Each additional ounce will cost \$0.20 (no change).
- Postcards will increase by four cents to \$0.40 from \$0.36.
- Certified Mail will increase by fifteen cents, to \$3.75 from \$3.60.
- Special services such as Registered Mail, Signature Confirmation and Return Receipt will also increase in August 2021

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 Schmitt....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

West Central Iowa Camera Club

Western Wisconsin Photo Club

Wichita Camera Club

Women's Color Photography Club

Western Iowa Camera



**LIFE IS BETTER
WHEN YOU CRY A
LITTLE, LAUGH A
LOT, AND ARE
THANKFUL FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE GOT.
AMEN.**



Doug Conrad, Sioux City Camera Club and your future President, has a new email address:

douglas50@gmail.com

Please send any club events & pictures to Deb, edit@n4c.us. We would like to include any events or awards from any of the clubs. This helps to give other clubs ideas.



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