



North Central Camera Club Council

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Greetings,



Taken at the 4-28-30, 2023 N4C Spring Mini-Convention held at Wesley Woods Conference

We just finished up our Spring Convention at Wesley Woods. It was a great event, however I wish we had more attendees to join in the fun. Paul Hagan put together a great program.

The spring convention kicked off with our board meeting. One of the big items of discussion is that we have had several resignations over

the last couple of months that we need to fill. Pat Schwope resigned from the Secretary position that she has held for 25 years. She will be sorely missed. Her husband Gene is also resigning from being the N4C PSA representative also for 25 years. They have 3 banker's boxes of N4C historical information that came from our former historian that needs to find a home.

Deb Bates is resigning from her Newsletter editor position that she has held for the last 5 years and has done a wonderful job. We also need to fill two print chairmen positions, the first being the B&W and Nature print chair that Deb Bates held and the Travel and Journalism print chair that Cindy Murray held. One final position is that of Supply chair that Tereesa Volkoun has held for many years. Its position mails out the supplies of ribbons and forms to clubs when requested and orders new supplies when they are needed.

At the spring meeting a couple of people stepped up. Sonja Hoglund volunteered to be the secretary which then will vacate her director 4 position. And Carl Hardy volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor and volunteered to be the N4C PSA representative that Gene Schwope held. I appreciate that these positions are filled.

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Board Meeting: L to R Carl Hardy, Sonja Hoglund, Greg Hoglund, Lynda Richards, Paul Hagen. On the screen are Paul Grillo and Dwight Corrin joining by Zoom

We still have the following soon to be open positions as of September of this year.

- B&W and Nature Print Chair
 - Travel and Journalism Print Chair
 - Supply Chair
- N4C Board Director 5 & Director 6 positions will be open as the remaining board members will move up one spot.

If you have questions on any of these positions, information is in the directory and

handbook with descriptions of duties or you can contact the current holder of the position to find out more. Please let me know if you are interested or have someone that you would like to suggest.

Back to the spring convention. After the Friday Board meeting, we had a Zoom presentation about how to take better custom car images put on by Tamron and sponsored by Hunts Photo. While the photos were specifically about car shows many of his suggestions pertained to many genres of photography.



After that we had the PSA video on the camera club council challenge. N4C entries received 1 HM awards in Mono-

chrome and 2 HM awards and a 3rd place award in the Color category. The HM awards went to Mike Barker, Gordon Court, and Alan Kurth. Diane Lowry received a 3rd place award for her Color image "Derecho". Congratulations to all. As a council N4C placed 3rd out of 11 in the Color Category and 5th out of 11 in the Monochrome Category.



Saturday, we had a wonderful presentation on photoshop put on by John Calvin from Fargo Morehead Camera Club. Next was a presentation on judging N4C photos put on by Mark Gromko. It was a modification from his previous video he had made which was sent out to clubs. It provided some great information and suggestions on comments with examples. He agreed to make an updated video to send out for interested clubs.

Presidents notes continued:

After lunch Saturday we had another Zoom meeting sponsored by Hunts Photo and put on by a young but accomplished photographer Josh Hauge from the Washington DC area who presented on photographing common species of birds. He had many great ideas on how to improve your photography skills and being creative with wildlife photography by learning on the easy to find and approach birds in your local area.

Ed Siems gave a presentation on his back yard bird blinds and the wonderful shots he was able to get of many different species of birds.

Paul Hagan did a demonstration on how to photograph water drops with an automated system. Then a few other members tried their hand at the fun.



Water Droplet demonstration by Paul Hagen, - Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club



We finished up the evening with a terrific zoom presentation by Nick Palmieri on how to make competition quality photos. He had wonderful insights and suggestions both entering and judging photos. A couple of take-aways from that for me was that not all great photos make great competition photos. In fact, he said most of what he considered to be his best photos were never entered into competition. The other item is do not fret over the comments. Judges are not always right and its not worth the aggravation over a 49-cent ribbon.



And finally, we ended up Sunday morning with Dwight Tomes showing us the 11 photo essays that had been submitted and a presentation by Jennifer Tigges on the upcoming Fall Convention in Dubuque, IA in September.

It was a wonderful spring mini-convention and I hope that more members will come to it next year. It will still be at Wesley Woods Retreat just south of Des Moines IA and it will be the last weekend in April as it was this year. After 2024 it may be moved to a location that may be closer to a larger number of clubs.

Again thank you to Randy Moyer for making all the arrangements with Wesley Woods Resort and to Paul Hagen for coming up with the programs for this event.

2022-2023 President

Greg Hogle

An attractive group after evening dinner. In the distance is the convenient large meeting room where programs were held



N4C April (2023-04) Panorama Print Contest Results

Panorama Prints

1st Starry Night at Toad Stacks, UT - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

2nd Dusting the High Country – John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead

3rd Twin Springs Autumn Twilight – Ronald Tigges, Dubuque

6 entries from 2 clubs. Judging Club: N4C Spring Convention Chair: Ed Siems. Judges: Lynda Richards, Greg Hogle, Dwight Tomes

Also judged was a new contest called Photojournalism Story Contest which included up to 5 images on a single subject and the captions that would go with them as if they were in a newspaper. 7 Entries were judged

N4C Entries into the PSA Council's Challenge



Once again, N4C images are being sent to PSA to compete in the 2023 PSA Council's Challenge. These images are being taken from N4C's Best of the Best Competition.

Monochrome Entries

Mike Barker.....	Omaha.....	Right on Time
Mark Gromko.....	Iowa City.....	Morning Chores
JoAnn Kuntemeier.....	KCC.....	Walk on the Beach
Allen Kurth.....	Omaha.....	Perfect Landing
Bob Lahti.....	Duluth.....	Morning at Mammoth
Ryno Olson.....	Great River.....	Two Red Fox
Kim Walter.....	SW Iowa.....	Eye to Eye Wolves
Sharon Watson.....	Fargo.....	Shake it all Off
Joni Welda.....	La Crosse.....	Great Grey Ghost
Wilford Yoeder.....	Iowa City.....	Bygone Days

Color Entries:

Suzy Adams.....	Black Hills.....	Blue Water Lily
Tim Beaulier.....	Duluth.....	Clean Humor
Marianne Diericks.....	Western Wisc.....	Violet Saberwing
Anna Frissell.....	Fargo.....	Strength in Family
Paul Grillo.....	Des Moines.....	Rival Air Fight
Steve Hansen.....	Black Hills.....	Looking up for a Hand
Janie Lawson.....	Des Moines.....	Court House Tower Arches
Mark O'Loughlen.....	Sioux Falls.....	Swimming Duck
Bob Rude.....	Iowa City.....	Danger on the Road
David Zur.....	Black Hills.....	Lucid Dreams

Last year the N4C did well in this competition, with many people scoring Honorable Mention Awards. For 2023, we hope to do even better.

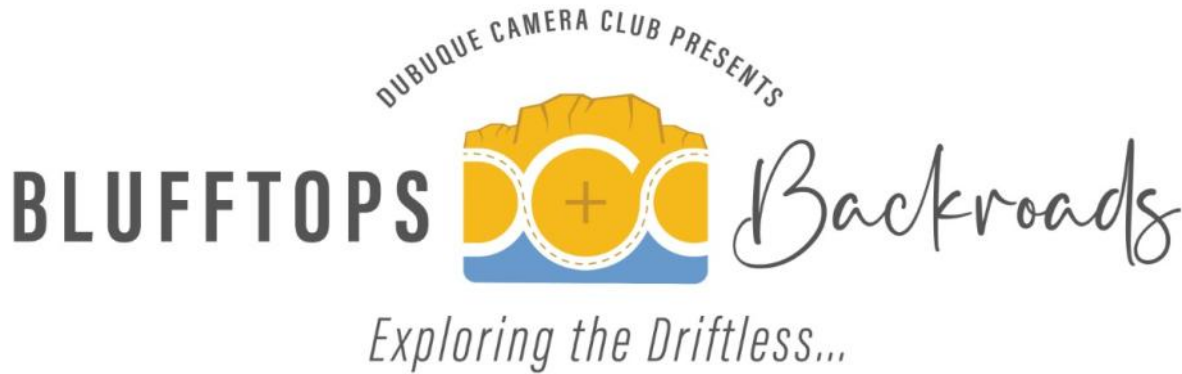
NOTE: N4C is not able to enter PSA Nature Competition. Again this year, we can only enter General Color and General Monochrome.

Gene Schwope
N4C's PSA Representative



2023 N4C Fall Convention

"Blufftops & Backroads"



Our club has had several meetings and working on some exciting opportunities to photograph both in our area and in the classroom. We will be changing the format just a bit this year. Friday we have tentative plans for a lunch and learn with a speaker. That will free us up to have a gathering at Eagle Point Park on Friday evening. Eagle Point Park. We will have someone to speak on this history and features of the park and a photo walk with a guide.

Eagle Point Park is one of the most outstanding parks in the Midwest. This park is 164 acres which overlooks the Mississippi River and Lock and Dam No. 11. It also offers a stunning view of Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin from atop a bluff. The park is on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Park History

The idea for the park was conceived in 1907 when Charles M. Robinson, a noted eastern park specialist, visited Dubuque. After touring scenic locations in the city, Robinson made this comment to his hosts: "I have never seen a place where the Almighty has done more and mankind less, than Dubuque."

A citizen's committee was formed in 1908, with aid from the Civic Division of the Dubuque's Women's Club, one hundred acres were purchased from A.L. Rhombert. The property was then deeded to the city and became Eagle Point Park. Since the original purchase, 17 parcels have been purchased or donated, which brings the park to its present size.

Streetcar traffic began to serve in 1912. Union Electric Company constructed the track, turnaround and wait station at Eagle Point Park where the information booth is now located. Prior to Lock and Dam No. 11 being built in 1933, a bathing beach was available for park goers.

The park took on a new look in the 1930s when the City hired Park Superintendent Alfred Caldwell. A \$200,000 Works Progress Administration grant was received and the gifted landscape architect began work. His love of Frank Lloyd Wright prairie style architecture is very recognizable in the buildings and gardens. Caldwell's exceptional use of native construction materials, craftsmanship and unique designs make the park one of the most beautiful in the mid-west.

Native Stone Shelters

The Terrace Room, Veranda Rooms, Indian Room, and Bridge Complex(where we will be) were built in the 1930s during the Great Depression. The riverwalk was constructed in 1950 and has quickly become one of the more popular locations at Eagle Point Park due to its views of the Mississippi River and the tri-states.

Watch for More Information about
2023 N4C Fall 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.



Best Western Plus Dubuque Hotel & Conference Center will be our home for the convention. Beyond the beautiful meeting space there is a pool with courtyard and relaxing rooms. Stay just a few steps away from our meeting space in a quiet section of the hotel away, but very near the pool area. Hotel rooms will be \$139 a night with a daily hot breakfast buffet included with the hotel stay each day. More information coming soon.

Entries must be received by 5:00 pm May 15, 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)
If you have any trouble reaching these judging clubs, let Ken Johnson know as soon as possible.

May 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

Wichita Area Camera Club

Dwight Corrin

1201 W. River Blvd. Apt. 108

Wichita, KS 67203

316-207-6581

wacc.n4c.rep@gmail.com

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

Dubuque Camera Club

Cara Pusateri

3420 Saint Catherine Rd.

Bellevue, IA 52031

563-542-0380

cpusateri5@aol.com

JOURNALISM Digital "DJ" (Digital Journalism) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Des Moines Camera Club

Janie Lawson

1381 NW 122nd St.

Clive, IA 50325

515-778-7277

DMCC.N4C.Digital@gmail.com

Include "N4C" in the subject line

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

Minnesota Valley Photo Club

Craig Peterson

13576 Maryland Court

Savage, MN 55378

952-447-5211

n4c-entries-to-mvpc@googlegroups.com **(This is a change from the N4C Directory)**

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

Saint Paul Camera Club

Terry Butler **THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE DIRECTORY**

9396 Preserve Trail

Woodbury, MN 55125-7502

651-340-8386

terrymbutler@gmail.com **FOR THIS CONTEST. (Terry belongs to two clubs)**

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.

Western Wisconsin Photography Club

Terry Butler

9396 Preserve Trail

Woodbury, MN 55125-7502

651-340-8386

PRINT ENTRIES - JUDGING CLUBS FOR April

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 April 15.

Send both Nature Prints and Black & White Prints to:

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

Send both Pictorial Color Prints and Altered Reality Prints to:

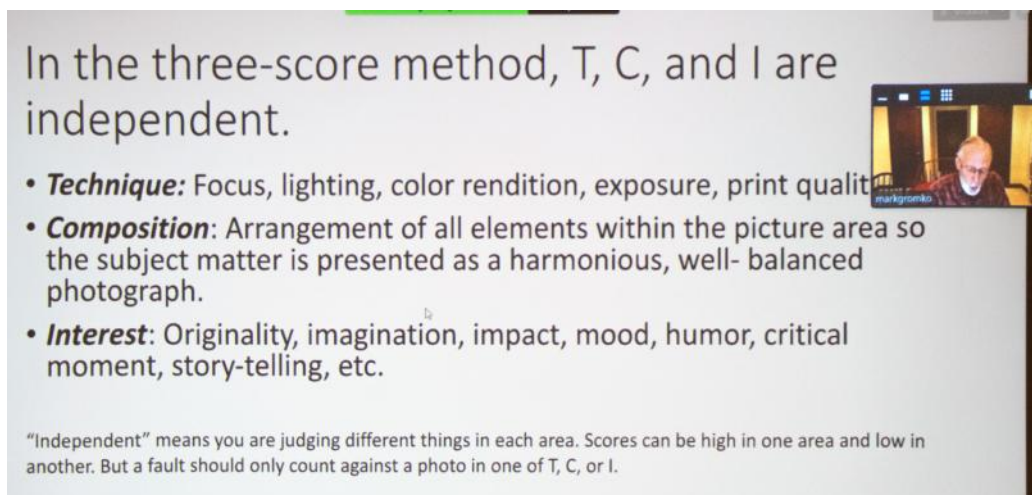
Topeka Camera Club
Greg Hogleund
2230 SW Kingsrow Road
Topeka, KS 66614
785-633-2384
greg.hogleund@sbcglobal.net

Send both Travel Prints and Journalism Prints to:

Be sure to include the STATE or COUNTRY of the image in the title of TRAVEL PRINTS
Central Iowa Camera Club MAIL EARLY

Linda Eastman **WILL BE JUDGING MAY 17**
2144 B, Marsh Ave.
Marshalltown, IA 50158 **CORRECT ZIP CODE IS 50158**
641-752-8528 **ZIP IN DIRECTORY WAS WRONG**
dleastman002@gmail.com

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



In the three-score method, T, C, and I are independent.

- **Technique:** Focus, lighting, color rendition, exposure, print quality
- **Composition:** Arrangement of all elements within the picture area so the subject matter is presented as a harmonious, well-balanced photograph.
- **Interest:** Originality, imagination, impact, mood, humor, critical moment, story-telling, etc.

"Independent" means you are judging different things in each area. Scores can be high in one area and low in another. But a fault should only count against a photo in one of T, C, or I.

markgromko

Salon Judging Demo and discussion lead by Mark Gromko via Zoom. Rave reviews by the group with requests for Mark to record it.

1st Place images—April 2023



Digital Pictorial Lesser Violetear - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin



Digital Travel Las Vegas, Nevada - Keith Anderson, Sioux Falls

N4C April (2023) Contest Results

Altered Reality Prints

1st Flock of Gulls - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
2nd Passing Time – Ty Smith, Mitchell
3rd Obelisk to the Sky - Casey Klein, Dubuque

9 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Mark Gromko. Judges: Celine Hartwig, Steve Fleagle, Bill Case.

Comments: The images that were most successful were ones in which the “alteration” or “effect” matched the story or the intent of the image.

B & W Pictorial Prints

1st Sydney Opera house - Ryno W Olson, Great River
2nd Love is in the Shadows - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
3rd American Kestrel - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM Statements in Strange Places - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
HM Yellowstone Snow Cap - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
HM Elizabeth reclining - Randy Moyer, Iowa City

31 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Deb Shoning, Larry Mendenhall, Diane Lowry.

Digital Altered Reality

1st Suddenly Everything Was Spinning - Allen Kurth, Omaha
2nd Still Standing - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Night Crusing Sandhill Crane - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
HM Lilification.jpeg - Dan Ray, Black Hills
HM This Is The Way - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
HM Prairie Skimmer - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Civil War Barn - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
HM Old Canoe - Shirley Gates, La Crosse Area

78 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carol Blair, Gary Gilbert, Carey Anderson.

Comments: This months Digital Altered Reality images were very inventive and altered with great imagination and skill. Striking colors and a nice variety of subjects.

Digital B&W

1st Cougar - Ryno W Olson, Great River
2nd Scripps Pier in BW - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
3rd Preening Pelican - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
HM Can't Let Go - Steve Hanson, Black Hills
HM Black-necked Stilt - Andreas Exner, Dubuque

1st Place images—April 2023



**Digital
Altered Reality -
Suddenly Everything
Was Spinning
- Allen Kurth, Omaha**

**Digital
Journalism
F-35 High Speed
Pass -
Ken Cheung,
Minnesota Valley**



N4C April (2023) Contest Results

B &W Digital

HM Young Warrior - Bruce Danuser, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Pelican Fixture - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Storm in the Dolomites - Mary Dreckman, Iowa City
HM Lost Falls - Debbie Abraham, La Crosse Area
HM Bighorn - Karen Harris, Lincoln
HM Upward Outward Onward - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Rugged_Dunes - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
HM Peaking though at Dallas Zoo - Sonja Hoglund, Topeka

125 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Color Photo Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Bev Hawkins, Mary Johnson, Terri Sposito. Comments: Due to the large volume of entries (125) and one judge having influenza, we judged on Zoom and limited comments to the bottom third of images

Digital Journalism

1st F-35 High Speed Pass - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
2nd Siesta-in-Granada-Nicaragua - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
3rd Remembering Chris Darnell Shockwave Jet truck driver killed in a crash at Battle Creek Air Show 2022 - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Guarding the Cattle-Ethiopia - David Clardy, Fargo-Moorhead
HM High Drama at Almonzo Race - Kevin Corrigan, Minnesota Valley
HM Thunderbird Excitement - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Two Solid Hits from old #106 The widow maker always hurts more at the National Rodeo 'in Wichita Kansas - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
HM Wyatt Martin roosting the corner - Patricia Konyha, Wichita Area

72 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Black Hills Photography Club. Chair: Kevin Segrud. Judges: Matt Gade, Robert Koester, Ted Ayers.
Comments: Many nice pictures. However many we felt did not fit into this category. Did not tell a story

Digital Nature

1st Sandhill Crane and Colt - Roy Larson, Minnesota Valley
2nd A Brief Pause - Joni Welda, La Crosse Area
3rd Dipping-the-Wing - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
HM Fruit Bat - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
HM Waiting for Lunch-1 - James Durrant, Dubuque
HM Peekaboo - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
HM Brilliantly red - Susan Anderson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Vermillion Flycatcher at rest to digest-1 - Wendelin Guentner, Iowa City
HM Blue Dasher Dragonfly - Kevin Corrigan, Minnesota Valley
HM Cedar Waxwing in Juniper - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM River Otter - Mike Fuerst, Saint Paul
HM Female Green Honeycreeper - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
HM North Shore Milky Way - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
122 entries from 20 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux Falls Camera Club. Chair: Keith Anderson. Judges: Robert Orton, Sandy Jorgenson, Jerry Marrion.

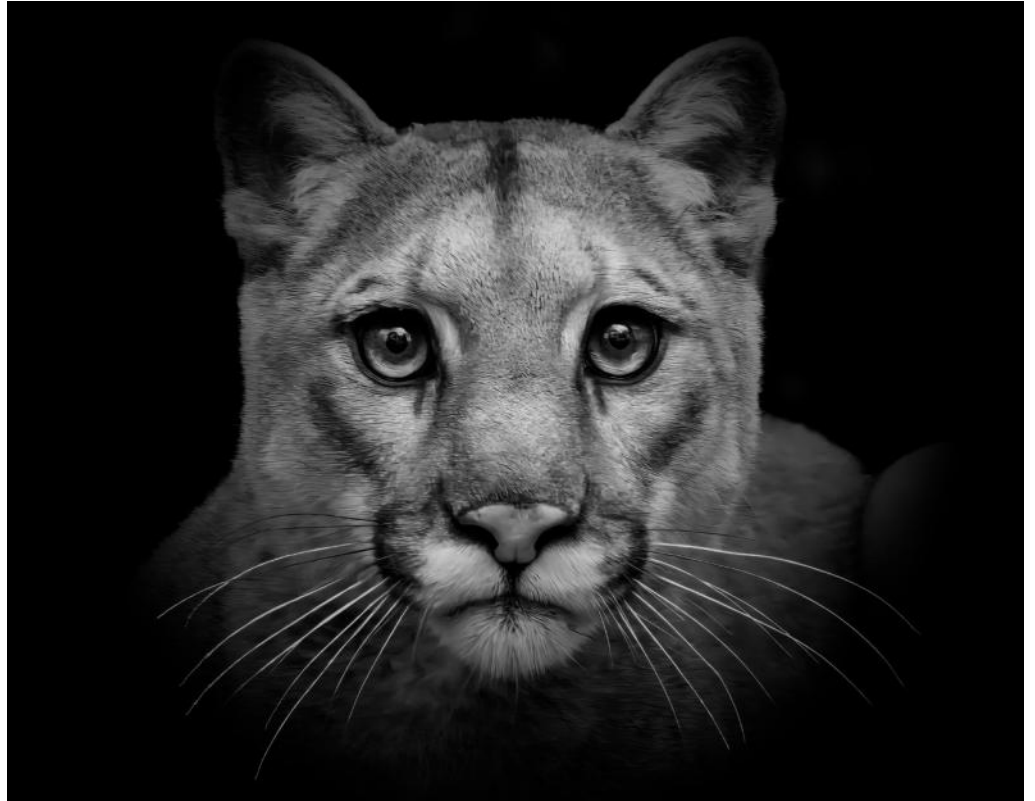
1st Place images—April 2023

Digital

B&W

1st Cougar -

**Ryno W Olson,
Great River**



Digital Nature Sandhill Crane and Colt - Roy Larson, Minnesota Valley

N4C April (2023) Contest Results

Digital Pictorial

1st Lesser Violetear - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
2nd Lunar Eclipse - Kathy Landsinger, La Crosse Area
3rd Thunderbirds - Randy Ficken, Wichita Area
HM Momma's Coming - Martha Farwell, Great River
HM Getting the Hay In - Debbie Abraham, La Crosse Area
HM Crabapple1 - Karen Harris, Lincoln
HM BreakfastIsServed - Todd Johnson, Minot
HM Snowy Owl - Crystal Johnson, Minot
HM Interloper - Esther Brabec, Omaha
HM By dawns early light - Keith Anderson, Sioux Falls
HM Crown Graflex - Cramer's Dry Plates - Steve Plocher, Western Wisconsin

105 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Sharon Watson, John Calvin, Doug Long.

Digital Travel

1st Las Vegas, Nevada - Keith Anderson, Sioux Falls
2nd The_Bund_at_Night_(China) - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
3rd Cavell Lake, Jasper NP Canada - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
HM A Glimpse into the Sacred Mayan Waters, Yucatan, Mexico - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
HM Come Explore With Me in the Dune Fields of Great Sand Dunes NP - CO - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
HM beach stroll miami fl - Paul Zahorosky, Duluth-Superior
HM 9385 East Channel Light MI - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
HM Space Shuttle Discovery Chantilly, VA - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM 1880's_Town_SD_Milky_Way[1] - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
HM Fajada Butte, Chaco Canyon, NM - Richard Birger, Saint Paul
HM Pastel Houses,FL - Mick Richards, Western Wisconsin

110 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Allen Kurth, Dorothy Sansom, Larry Headly.

Comments: Travel entries “convey the feeling and sense of the place visited . . . [and] emphasize the character that makes the place unique”. We saw many landscapes and other nature images that fell short in this respect, possibly because makers feel non-wildlife photos are at a disadvantage in Nature and enter them in Travel or Pictorial.

Journalism Prints

1st Handoff for the Touchdown - James Durrant, Dubuque
2nd R & B Guitarman in Old Market - Carl Hardy, Sioux City
3rd Knockout - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
HM Spitfire - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

17 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Cedar Rapids Camera Club. Chair: Sandra Kotowski. Judges: Su-Ann Tichy, Susan Stepanek, Regina Kotowski

N4C April (2023) Contest Results

Nature Prints

1st Expectant Mare - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
2nd Sunflower uprising - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
3rd Three's a crowd - Ryno W Olson, Great River
HM Milk seeds - David Abernathy, Minot
HM Matching fall colors - Jerry Mennenga, Sioux City
HM Monarch butterfly on zinnia - Randy Schoener, Sioux City

29 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Deb Shoning, Larry Mendenhall, Diane Lowry

Pictorial Prints (Color)

1st A Stoll Through the Dune Field - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
2nd Incoming Tide Schoodic Peninsula – James Durrant, Dubuque
3rd Franconia SP Waterfall - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
HM Cut Flower Color – Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

16 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Mark Gromko. Judges: Celine Hartwig, Steve Fleagle, Bill Case.

Travel Prints

1st Fall in Duck Brook Acadia NP ME - James Durrant, Dubuque
2nd Sedona Hiking, Sedona AZ – Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque
3rd Coastal Dreams, Rockaway Beach, OR - Kristel Saxton, Iowa City
HM Sunset over Chicago IL - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
HM A Path to Dream Island KE, RMNP - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
HM Alaska Coastline - Alaska – Michael Walsh, Sioux City

26 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Cedar Rapids Camera Club. Chair: Sandra Kotowski. Judges: SuAnn Tichy, Susan Stepanek, Regina Kotowski.

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.

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.



The screenshot shows the 'Competition' section of the N4C website. On the left is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, Competition (highlighted), Winner Galleries, Meetings, and N4C Affiliated Clubs. The main content area features a large 'Competition' header. Below it, there are two blue buttons with camera icons: 'N4C Contest Rules' and 'N4C Judging Guide'. To the right of the 'N4C Contest Rules' button is a link that says 'Click for 2022-2023 Rules'. To the right of the 'N4C Judging Guide' button is a link that says 'Click for Judging Guide Video'. Below the 'N4C Judging Guide' button, there is 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.'

Best of the N4C Winners Roundup for the Dubuque, IA

Fall Convention

First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention winners in all categories of the 2022-23 monthly contests are eligible to be judged in the Annual Best of N4C Contest.

Merit award winners are NOT eligible.

A preliminary list of all winners through April is being sent to clubs so they can begin rounding-up PRINTS. Begin collecting prints.

A complete listing will be sent for September through May around June 8.

Dubuque Camera Club is hosting the 2023 N4C Convention in Dubuque, IA and has established the deadline for Prints.

Entries must be received by 5:00 PM Monday, July 17, 2023 if hand delivered, or postmarked not later than July 8, 2023 if mailed.

Eligible DIGITAL entries (Gray Background) on the listing 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:

**Dubuque Camera Club Stephonie Schmitz
2740 Pleasant View Dr
Dubuque, IA 52001 info@saodzynz.com
563-564-9093:**

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 16, 2023 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

Service Award

One of these days winter will end. While we are waiting for Spring, please consider recognizing individuals that have gone above and beyond to serve the Council. All members are encouraged to consider nominating someone you feel has shown extraordinary effort and service to the Council for a Service Award to be presented at the Convention in Dubuque. 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 and mail to me or send via e-mail 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 address sathomps@unitelsd.com

Deadline for nomination shall be June 30, 2023.



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

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