



North Central Camera Club Council

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Greetings,

This year is flying by at an incredible rate. Here we are at the end of this year's competitions and the beginning of summer.

Ken Johnson recently sent out a list of photos that are to be considered for the Best of the Best competition. If you received first, second, third or an honorable mention in any of the digital competitions this year, your photos are automatically included in the Best of the Best competition. These will be judged this summer and revealed at the N4C Fall convention. If you placed first, second, third or Honorable Mention in the print categories you will need to mail your winning entries to:

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

To be judged for the Best of the Best contest, entries must be received by 5:00 PM Monday, July 17, 2023 if hand delivered, or postmarked no later than July 8, 2023 if mailed.

You can keep up to date on the September 15-16 Blufftops + Backroads N4C fall convention in Dubuque, IA . The registration will be on the website soon. Please get signed up early.



I have another plea for volunteers to fill some of the critical positions needed for N4C.

The positions that we are still looking for are:

- ◆ Director #6
- ◆ Director #5
- ◆ Travel and Journalism Print Chair
- ◆ Supply Chair

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.

As many of the clubs take the summer off, please make sure your N4C Representative keeps you up to date on any N4C News.

As summer comes so do the family vacations, 4th of July celebrations and numerous other photographic opportunities. Just because we are not having competitions over the summer doesn't mean that you shouldn't get out there and hone your photographic skills for this next season of competitions. Perhaps even going back to some of your previous photos that you have not entered and try out some of the latest improvements in photography editing software. It is amazing how some small changes can take a photo from a snapshot to a piece of art.

Again, I hope you put the fall convention on your calendar and plan on attending. Also, if you or another club member would be interested in any of the positions above or would like to be more involved in N4C please let me know. The best way to get more out of N4C is to put more into it. We would love fresh new ideas and get some of the younger generation involved in our wonderful organization.

Have a wonderful summer!!

Greg Hoglund

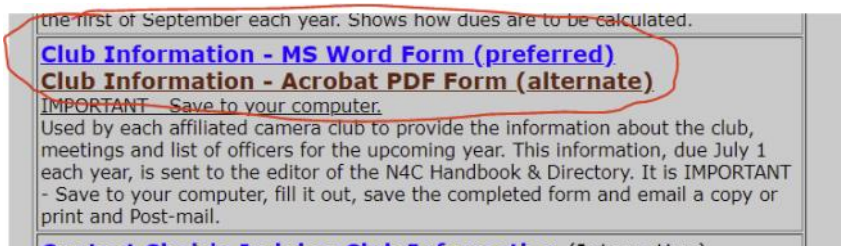
N4C CONTACTS/PRESIDENTS

NOTE: If you have received this email and you are NOT the current N4C Contact for your club please pass this information on.

This information is due to the N4C Directory and Handbook Editor by the July 1st deadline. In the past only a small portion of the N4C Clubs made this deadline; therefore, I am taking that into account and am beforehand extending the deadline to August 1st; but this is the FINAL deadline. **NOTE: If your club elects late like a few clubs did last year PLEASE email me when I can expect your update.**

Email your update to: Carl Hardy @ torchenterprises72@gmail.com with (Your Clubs name and 2023-2024 Information Update) in the Subject area.

Ken has updated the Club Information sheets as listed on the N4C website under the <https://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms.htm>



Use this website to access the form. You can use either form as listed depending upon your needs.

NOTE: You can also fill out the form and mail it to me (Carl Hardy) to:

N4C Bulletin & Handbook Editor

Carl Hardy

3236 Maplewood Street

Sioux City, IA 51104

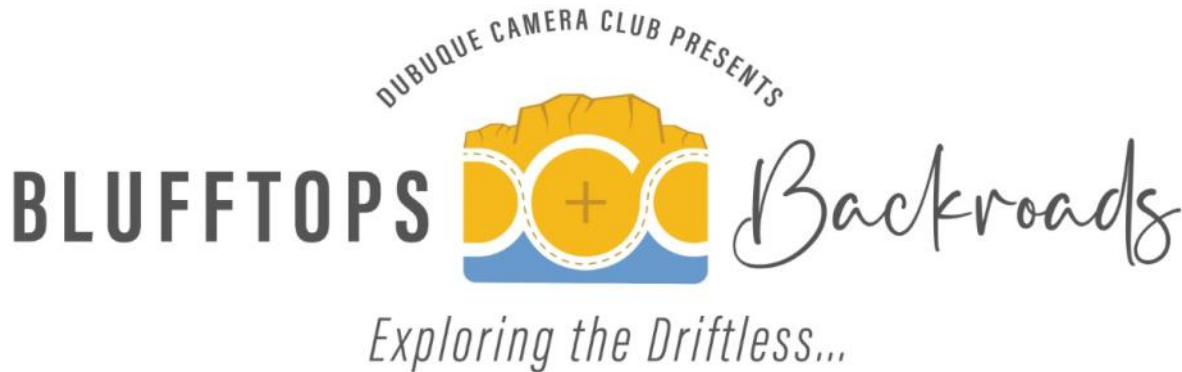
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2023 N4C Fall Convention

"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.

Best of the N4C Winners Roundup for the Dubuque, IA Fall Convention

Collect prints this year's winning prints from your club.

This listing gives the **winners for your club - September through May 2023.**

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 2022-2023 monthly contests are eligible to be judged in the Annual Best of N4C Contest.

Merit award winners are NOT eligible.

Dubuque Camera Club is hosting the 2023 N4C Convention in Dubuque, IA and has established the following **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)** 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:

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Dubuque, IA 52001
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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

N4C May (2023-05) Contest Results

Altered Reality Prints

1st On the Warpath - Bob Rude, Iowa City
2nd Out of Time - Bob Rude, Iowa City
3rd Reflection at Maroon Bells - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
HM Stag Beetle - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

14 entries from 8 clubs Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Daryl Hurley. Judges: Sonja Hoglund, Bob Wright, Greg Hoglund. Comments: Several good photos and we had several ties. We gave one HM because we had a tie for 3rd place.

B & W Pictorial Prints

1st Smoke gets in your eyes - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
2nd Igniting at Torquefest - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
3rd High Falls on the Pigeon river - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
HM Light and Glass - Steve Guns, Des Moines
HM Stare Down - Bob Rude, Iowa City

26 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: David Abernathey, Cory Hansen, Richar Debertin. Comments: Putting sleeves over the pictures should be done. Handling them can damage them. Some prints came in with just member number listed and club listed in different line of entry. Should look like this on back of image JA032 not 032 Iowa City. Some people use priority mail and put stamps inside envelope for us to get envelope and attach the stamp to new return envelope. I live in small town and sometimes envelopes are not available locally making it a pain. Shorting the return postage is also a problem.

Digital Altered Reality

1st Dandelion Swirl - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City
2nd Foggy Street at Night - Mary Johnson, Women's Color
3rd Sparks - Renato Scotton, Omaha
HM Paris Staircase - Kathy Bury, Saint Paul
HM Tears and Tragedy at the Border - Diana Borash, Iowa City

69 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Randy Ficken, Barry Gaston, Patricia Konyha.

Digital B&W

1st A Tender Moment - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin
2nd The Chase - Allen Kurth, Omaha
3rd Stormy Coaster - Mike Barker, Omaha
HM Rope In Hand.jpeg - Steve Hanson, Black Hills
HM Angel Eyes - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM Little Girl Playing In The Shadows - LaVaughn Hengst, La Crosse Area
HM Winter flight - Keith Anderson, Sioux Falls
HM Self-Portrait in Profile - Elliott Lindgren, Saint Paul
HM I'm So Pretty - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Pottery and Cassia - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul

N4C May (2023-05) Contest Results

Digital Journalism

1st A Girl at Work - Crystal Johnson, Minot
2nd All In - Steve Hanson, Black Hills
3rd Enjoying the 4th on the Fairway - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
HM Northern Lights on April 23, 2023 at Bear Butte, SD - Deb Zimmerman, Black Hills
HM Not Admiring the View - Sharon Langfeldt, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Rider at the Wahpeton Bull Bash enjoys protection of his helmet protecting the part of his body that told him to get on the bull - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Red Baron Stearman Performance At The 2021 Fargo AirSho - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
HM A Couple Of Divers Underwater In The Ocean Looking At Sea Life - LaVaughn Hengst, La Crosse Area
HM Cleaning the Tank - Ron Nicolls, Sioux City

85 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Deb Shoning, Barbara Ritchison, Jerry Goedken.

Digital Nature

1st Feeding After Dark - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul
2nd Cardinal Love - Chris Amberg, Omaha
3rd I Saw It First - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
HM Violet Sabrewing - Anne S Olson, Great River
HM Hummingbird - Mike Fuerst, Saint Paul
HM Eye of the Dragon - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Snow Monkey Trio - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color
HM Red-Legged Honeycreeper - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
HM Bluebird - Janie Lawson, Des Moines
HM Loon on Fall Lake - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

99 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Minnesota Valley Photography Club. Chair: Daniel Vande Vusse. Judges: Kevin Corrigan, Bob Tourdot, Roy Larson. Comments: It was a privilege to evaluate this great set of nature photography.

Digital Pictorial

1st Mosinee Millie - Shirley Gates, La Crosse Area
2nd Japanese Iris - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin
3rd Flowering Helianthus Nutans Giant - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Mantidfly - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Bluebird's Catch - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque
HM Falls in the Fall - Mike Magda, Black Hills
HM Moon rise - Jim Walters, Duluth-Superior
HM Feeding Time - Dale Rehder, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Upside Down Blue Angels - Sonja Haske, La Crosse Area
HM Heartland Farmland, Autumn - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Grandpa Doesn't Live Here Anymore - Dan Ray, Black Hills
HM High Water at Lighthouse 2779 - Mark Gromko, Iowa City

110 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Steve Simmer, Hernán Navarrete, Pat Schwoppe. Comments: Judges all commented on the diversity of subject matter; many high quality entries.

N4C May (2023-05) Contest Results

Digital Travel

1st Reflections,Canadian-Rockies - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
2nd Ndotu Dawn Tanzania-9779 (1) - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
3rd Buttercup_Sand_Dunes_California - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
HM Bruges Sleeping-Belgium - Kenneth Stevens, Omaha
HM Down Broadway - Arches NP Utah - Steve Hanson, Black Hills
HM California Sunsets - Debbie Hanson, La Crosse Area
HM Artist at Work -Warsaw Poland - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Hassan II Mosque - Casablanca Morocco - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM Smoky Mountains, TN, Whispering Stream - Nancy Heather Brown, Des Moines
HM Turret Arch and La Sal Mountains Utah - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley

97 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Melissa Anderson, Michael Waterman, MJ Springett.

Journalism Prints

1st Motions of the Blacksmith - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
2nd Making Street Art - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City
3rd One Row at a Time - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM A Night to Remember - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
HM It's a Hard Knock Life - Diana Borash, Iowa City
HM Keeping Up with Littles as They Take the Lead - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

16 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Linda Eastman. Judges: Teresa Vokoun, Doni Sheldon, Mona Knopsie. Comments: Two entries were judged to be overtly manipulated – were judged down.

Nature Prints

1st Advertising - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
2nd Northern Flicker Reflection - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Giraffes - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM The Working Beaver - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
HM Atlas Moth - Ryno W Olson, Great River

25 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: David Abernathey, Cory Hansen, Richar Debertin. Comments: Putting sleeves over the pictures should be done. Handling them can damage them. Some prints came in with just member number listed and club listed in different line of entry. Should look like this on back of image JA032 not 032 Iowa City. Some people use priority mail and put stamps inside envelope for us to get envelope and attach the stamp to new return envelope. I live in small town and sometimes envelopes are not available locally making it a pain. Shorting the return postage is also a problem.

Panorama Print (Annual)

1st Starry Night at Toad Stacks, UT - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
2nd Dusting the High Country - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Twin Springs Autumn Twilight - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

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

N4C May (2023-05) Contest Results

Photojournalism Story

1st Alzheimer's can't keep a good golfer down - Linda Rutherford, Women's Color
2nd Ragbrai Riders - Tom Schoening, Sioux City
3rd Heroes for History - James Durrant, Dubuque
HM Sandhill Crane - Mike Magda, Black Hills

7 entries from 6 clubs (one disqualified). Judging Club: N4C Spring Mini-Convention. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Ken Johnson, Sonja Hoglund, Randy Moyer, Bob Rude, Paul Hagen, John Calvin, Doug Long. Comments: Entrants could enter up to five images to tell the story.

Pictorial Prints (Color)

1st Sunset of the Drying Lake Powell, AZ - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
2nd Abandoned School Auditorium - Bob Rude, Iowa City
3rd Modello Especial Bottle w/mirror reflection - Robert Felderman, Dubuque
HM Orchid Blossom - Ryno W Olson, Great River
HM Northern Lights Dance in the Sky - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

25 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Daryl Hurley. Judges: Sonja Hoglund, Bob Wright, Greg Hoglund. Comments: Lots of great photos. Only a few points separated the top several photos.

Travel Prints

1st The View at Hunts Mesa Monument Valley - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
2nd Sunset over Cadillac Mt. Acadia NP Maine - Karen Durrant, Dubuque
3rd Manitoba Stampede Air Time Morris Manitoba - Tim Zeltinger, Minot
HM Male Resplendant Quetzal Dantica Cloud Forest Costa Rica - Kim Walter, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
HM House on Fire - South Central UT - Jerry Burnell, Wichita Area
HM Silky Beauty of Gooseberry Falls MN - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

25 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Linda Eastman. Judges: Teresa Vokoun, Doni Sheldon, Mona Knopsie. Comments: Nice Variety of Locations.

Email Change:

Drago Nemec has a new email address: drago56572@gmail.com

1st Place images—MAY 2023

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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.





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N4C Competition

 **N4C Contest Rules** [Click for 2022-2023 Rules](#)

 **N4C Judging Guide** [Click for Judging Guide Video](#)

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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.



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“Where Names Become Faces and Faces Become Friends”

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