

## The North Central Camera Club Council

# News Bulletin

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### President's Message

Merry Christmas everyone. This is the time of the winter that photographers enjoy greatly. Colorful lights and photo ops abound both indoors and out. For those who plan ahead, shots for next year's Christmas card are there for the taking.

I started planning this year's card 18 months ago, when I photographed the milky way with a lone tree at a local park. I knew I wanted space on either side, so I shot it as three horizontal images overlapping vertical, then stitched the vertical panoramic with a more usual ratio. The crèche scene was taken at my church last Christmas. The light balance was adjusted to give a more fire-lit tone rather than the fluorescent lighting at church. A few years ago, I photographed a camel train on a desert trip. I just copied the lead part of the train and pasted it in. Then, it just needed to be filled with black to make a silhouette.

There are tutorials online for making fanciful stars using the liquefy filter. Using the luminousity blend mode switched from yellow and orange to white, which I felt matched the milky way. I can't draw.











Fortunately pings are available for use on the internet. The angel was originally gold, so I used the luminousity blend mode on that as well. So that is how a bunch of disparate images became a Christmas card.

I hope this inspires you to create your own cards next year. They are apparently making a comeback, as my millennial stepdaughter asked for addresses to send them out this year. Have a happy and photogenic holiday season.

Linda Rutherford



#### 2 x 2 Slides

1st California Mono Lake #901 - Jim Duncan, Saint Paul
2nd Arizona Havasu Creek #2 - Bob Lundquist, Saint Paul
3rd Sandcastles - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
HM Cougar & Reflection - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids
HM Antelope Slot Canyon - John Chadima, Cedar Rapids

HM Civil War Soldier - Ed Lower, Color Shooters

39 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Are. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Don Pageler, Michelle Harmdierks, Mark Gubbins.

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

1st Mud Man V - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
2nd Garden Arbor - Michael Walsh, Sioux City
3rd Written in Stone - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM Low and Outside - Karen Collins, Des Moines
HM Palouse Barn - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

HM Tahquamenon River Lower Falls - Ryno W Olson, Great River

28 entries from 9 clubs. Judging Club: Mitchell. Chair: Dean Randall. Judges: Ty Smith, Jom Thomas, Bob Podhradky. Comments: Most of the prints were good quality Black & White. The biggest problems were lack of contrast and color tints, either magenta or greenish.

#### **Color Prints**

1st Salt Rock Reflection - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club

2nd Colorful Miss Twinkle - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

3rd The Curve - Jack Howells, Des Moines

HM HMS Bounty - In Memoriam - Robert Lahti, Duluth-SuperiorHM Cane Dwelling At Mesa Verde - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

HM Iowa Soybean Harvest - Steve Litwiller, Iowa City

27 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse. Chair: Gerald Bonsack. Judges: Shirley Bates, Robert Mueller, Doyle Gates. Comments: Top 9 score created: 2 sets of ties and 1 set of quads to break. Great diversity of subjects.

#### Digital B&W

1st Gametime - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines

2nd Wide Right - Joe Kubala, Duluth-Superior

3rd Pier to No Where - Lori Burrows, Dubuque

HM Time for Tires - Paul Bellinger, OmahaHM Bridge - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Old Car in Kansas - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

HM Ophelia - Shannon Scott, Williston

HM Holy Steps of the Vatican - Shane Monahan, Sioux City

HM Gooseberry Falls - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

HM Ready to Draw - Rich Wright, Sioux City

HM Living History Farms - David Brown, Des Moines

109 entries from 23 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Jim Boots, PK Mattingly, Bruce Ward.



#### **Digital Creative**

1st	Last Chance Garage - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
2nd	Bridge to the Aurora - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead

3rd Miss Steampunk - Bob Rude, Iowa CityHM Leave Me Blue - Bonny Fleming, Black Hills

HM Extremely Cold - Linda Eisterhold, Albert Lea Lens & Shutter

HM Psychedelic Kernel - Larry Syverud, Saint Paul
 HM Electric Engine - Gene Schwope, Saint Paul
 HM Legend of Tragedy - Sondra Barry, Wichita Area
 HM The Nature of Things - Tim Beaulier, Duluth-Superior

100 entries from 24 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Jesse Green, Jose Garcia, Kenneth Kiss.

#### Digital Journalism

1st	Looking to Score - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
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2nd Sloppy Track Conditions - Paul Grillo, Des Moines

3rd Shooting Foul - Greg Punelli, Des Moines

HM Thunderbird Prescision - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

HM Fully Engulfed - Jonathon Atkins, Fargo-Moorhead

HM Air Time - Chad Mertz, Fargo-Moorhead

HM One Shoe Wonder - Tom Ward, Iowa CityHM MN State Fair BMX Bikers - Jean McDonough, North Metro

HM Whoops! - Daryl Hurley, Topeka

HM Oops! - Melissa Anderson, Western Wisconsin

94 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Black Hills Photography Club. Chair: Jacqueline Rinehart / Sherry Rabb. Judges: Dan Ray, Michael Slaback, Richard Carlson.

#### Digital Nature

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2nd Sneak Attack at Dawn - Allen Kurth, Omaha

3rd Late for Dinner - Katmai National Park - Tom Schendel, North Metro

HM Who You Lookin' At - Brian Voges, Sioux Falls

HM Ferruginous Hawk - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

HM Safely Out of Reach - Delores Meister, Iowa City

HM Yellow Sulphur on Knap Weed 2581 - David Perez, Minnesota Valley

HM Sunrise Rock Star - Pavel Blagev, Western Wisconsin

HM Lunch - Linda Humphrey, Black Hills

HM Getting Approval - Eric Williamson, Des Moines

HM Hitching a Ride - Jeff Bucklew, Western Wisconsin

HM Solar Storm - Steve Silseth, Minot

113 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Gene Schwope. Judges: Paul Rogne, Morris Gildemeister, Herb Gustafson. Comments: The judges were very pleased with the quality and variety of the Nature images. One judge, who has 60 years of experience, claims that he saw images of things he had never seen in a Nature salon before..



#### Digital Pictorial

2nd Violin & Rose - John Larson, Shutterbug

3rd Sharing the Joy - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

HM Morning Lake Reflections - Rich Bugalski, Dubuque

HM Splash of Color - David Smethers, Dubuque
 HM Milkweed Home - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
 HM Cinderella - Doug Heimstead, North Metro

HM My Favorite Tree - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead

HM There is a Storm Coming - Dan Ray, Black Hills

HM Harvest is Done - Becky Mather, Dubuque

108 entries from 22 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carol Blair, Jerry Wiershauser, Carl Hardy.

#### Digital Travel

1st	Mesa Arch - Canyonlands - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area
2nd	Morning on the South Rim, AZ - Richard Birger, Saint Paul

3rd El Colloceo Rome Italy - Jen Joos, Des Moines

HM John Hopkins Glacier, Alaska - Kevin McTague, Dubuque HM Lake Superior Pilings, MN - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

HM Zion National Park in Utah - Julia Ackerman, Minnesota Valley

HM Tremont Bridge, Great Smoky Mtns TN - Sandy Jorgenson, Sioux Falls

HM Waiting in Like Rose Parade - Pasadena, CA - Markus Erk, Black Hills

80 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Diane Darnielle. Judges: Dwight Tomes, Diane Lowry, Shane Abbitt. Comments: A good group of travel images. A wide variety of subjects. DMCC has commented on all images, as we feel it is important to give written feedback rather than just scores. .

#### Journalism Prints

1st	Uphill Spirit	<ul> <li>Robert Lahti,</li> </ul>	Duluth-Superior
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2nd Torque - Scott Thomson, Duluth-Superior

3rd Can You Send Warm Weather - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

HM Old Threshers Reunion - Mark Gromko, Iowa CityHM Cowgirl Roping - Scott Thomson, Duluth-Superior

HM Going for the Takedown - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

16 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo Moorhead. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Miranda Masterrde, Zach LaValle, Eline Berg.

#### Nature Prints

1st Cardinal on Branch - Sandra Kotowske, Cedar Rapids

2nd Wild Horse Foal Sticking Close to Mom - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

3rd Baby Mink Stares Back - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines

HM Illinois Sunset - John Paulson, Sioux City

HM Alert Cobra - Doug Conrad, Sioux City

HM White Pelican - John Ryan, Des Moines

27 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Mitchell. Chair: Dean Randall. Judges: Ty Smith, Jim Thomas, Bob Podhradsky. Comments: Nice variety of animals most well done. Some clubs send along high denomination stamps; wish everyone would. Also I wish all clubs would put their club name on the return label.



#### **Travel Prints**

1st	New Harbor Maine Lighthouse - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
2nd	Palouse Field of Grain WA - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

3rd One Tree Bridge WA - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
 HM Iowa State Fair IA - David Brown, Des Moines
 HM Balloon Festival CO - Bob Rude, Iowa City
 HM All in a Day's Work - Anne S Olson, Great River

Please note, there is an error in the N4C Directory.

The judging club for *January Color Prints* is actually the Ft. Dodge Area Camera Club.

Entries should be mailed to Gloria Johnston, 2100 Edgewood Dr., Webster City, IA 50595. Reported by Delores Meister

These clubs still owe their 2016 - 2017 Dues: Please send to:
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Thank you.

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