

**DOWNTOWN PLACES and FRIENDLY PLACES**  
**2012 N4C CONVENTION**  
**DES MOINES, IOWA SEPT 6-8**

As the banner indicates, the Des Moines Camera Club will be hosting the annual convention in 2012. We will be featuring one of our speakers or a special topic about the convention each month. This month we feature **Rick Sammon**, a Canon Explorer of Light, who will not only be a featured speaker but will also lead a workshop including a model on the creative use of portable flash units. Rick will be spending Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:00 PM with our group.



In his informative and fun-filled presentation, Rick Sammon will begin by sharing his pictures from around the globe – some of which have appeared in his books and thousands of newspaper and magazine articles. For every image, Rick will share a photographic technique, digital darkroom tip, or a photo philosophy. He will cover seeing the light, controlling the light, playing with the light, HDR photography and Photoshop and Lightroom techniques.

This is not just a slide show of pretty images. Rick will take us on a visual journey through the exciting world of digital photography and he'll be with us to share what he's learned over his many years as a professional photographer.



Rick describes his photographic career in this excerpt from his biography: I'm very proud to be a **Canon Explorer of Light**, a Westcott Top Pro and a Lexar Elite Photographer. As one of the "godfathers" of the photo industry (as Trey Ratcliff calls me), I still try to be one of the most active photographers, lecturers and instructors around. I just can't sit still. In fact, in 1962, the nuns at St. Annes in Garden City, New York tied me to a chair with my belt in an effort to keep me from squirming around! It was the wool pants that I had to wear in June that drove me nuts! To this day, that's why I don't like getting dressed up!

You are invited to check these web links from Rick Sammon (you'll likely need to cut and paste into your web browser): This first link has "Tips to improve your photography"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1Unv6DPJiU>

The next link is an expanded version of his bio:

<http://www.ricksammon.info/p/bio.html>

The Canon Explorers of Light write-up about Rick:

[http://www.learn.usa.canon.com/resources/contributors/explorers/sammon\\_bio.shtml](http://www.learn.usa.canon.com/resources/contributors/explorers/sammon_bio.shtml)

**And finally the YOUTUBE 'slide essay' about the convention:**

<http://youtu.be/5KpD9-dENE0>

