

2023 N4C Fall Convention "Blufftops & Backroads"



Exploring the Driftless...

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. Rhomberg. 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 midwest.

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

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"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.