

## N4C November (2025-11) Contest Results

### *Digital Altered Reality*

- 1st Old International at Midnight - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- 2nd Christmas Card - Scot Howe, Des Moines
- 3rd Midnight Rider - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM House of the Dragon - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Fall Color Burst at Springbrook State Park - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
- HM Is the Water Cold - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Japanese Garden Koi - Janie Lawson, Des Moines

63 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Allen Kurth, Dorothy Sansom, Mike Barker. Comments: Though the judges enjoyed many of the entries, they felt many others - whether composites, applied art filters, or "double exposures" - were "altered" simply for the sake of being altered. Too often, there didn't seem to be a reason for the selected treatment; as a result, it did not improve the photo.

### *Digital B&W*

- 1st Willow River Falls in January - Steve Plocher, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Man At The Stairs - Jeremiah Gardiner, Des Moines
- 3rd PleaseDon'tCry - Melissa King, Dubuque
- HM White Lily - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul
- HM Nature's Spin - Crystal Johnson, Minot
- HM Artist & Palette - Ronnie Hartman, Saint Paul
- HM Abigail - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM The 1906 Wreck of the Peter Iredale - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Along the Gunnison River, CO - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM Egg Shells - Donitta Gardiner, Des Moines
- HM Spreading His Wings - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin

105 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Photography Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Judy Babcock, Bev Hawkins, Terri Sposito.

### *Digital Journalism*

- 1st Hatton Grain Elevator Fire Total Loss - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- 2nd Firefighters Against the Beast - Craig Peterson, Minnesota Valley
- 3rd Maximum Effort - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Cowboy Gives it his best attempt at the Abercrombie Rodeo - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Edging on the Outside - Crystal Johnson, Minot
- HM The Sad Reality of the Maasai Tourist Stop - Jennifer Novack Haar, Omaha
- HM Fargo AirSho Blue Angels Number 4 - Mike Saunders, Fargo-Moorhead

65 entries from 13 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Barbra Ritchison, Nancy Heather Brown, Lindha Steffen.

### *Digital Nature*

- 1st Sunrise; Leaving the Refuge to Feed - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul
- 2nd African elephant - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Wildebeest on the move - Andrea Pellerito, Dubuque
- HM Wildebeest migration - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin
- HM Semipalmated Sandpiper Contemplating Her Reflection - Mike Saunders, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Bee in dahlia - Canan Karatekin, Women's
- HM Bay-headed Tanager - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- HM My Fish - Eric Williamson, Des Moines

HM Goldfinch in Fall Plumage - Kenneth Kiss, Dubuque  
HM Lilac Breasted Rollor - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin  
100 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Cyndy Thorn. Judges: Bob Herman, Kathy Lansinger, Kim Ambrose. Comments: Wow! Tough competition! Really nice images.

### ***Digital Pictorial***

1st Dungeness Light and Mt Baker - Mike Barker, Omaha  
2nd Sunset Little Hunters Beach Acadia NP-1 - James Durrant, Dubuque  
3rd ICM-Symphony in yellow - Canan Karatekin, Women's  
HM Really Why would you want to take my Picture Im just a boring gull - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead  
HM Oregon Coast Sunset - Steve Fleagle, Iowa City  
HM Burrowing Owl Portrait - Crystal Johnson, Minot  
HM Blue Eye Soul - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley  
HM Summer Storm - Ginny Gaynor, Western Wisconsin  
HM Canals of Amsterdam - Kevin McTague, Dubuque  
HM Chanhassan to Glencoe - Ken Epstein, Saint Paul  
99 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Randy Ficken, Brenda Heard, Greg Perez.

### ***Digital Travel***

1st Nocturnal Goblins, Utah - Jerry Ranch, Des Moines  
2nd Dom Lui's I Bridge Illuminated A Porto Evening in Motion Portugal - Elliott Lindgren, Saint Paul  
3rd Louvre Blue Hour (France) - Mitch Keller, Sioux City  
HM North Shore Lake Superior - Diane Lowry, Des Moines  
HM Roadhaven Resort Apache Junction AZ - Todd Johnson, Minot  
HM DeadVlei -Namibia - Linda Rutherford, Women's  
HM Rotterdam at nightfall, Holland - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul  
HM African Sunrise - Kenya - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
HM Sunrise Thunder Hole Acadia NP ME-1 - James Durrant, Dubuque  
HM Autumn Reflections Alta WY - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley  
91 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Oscar Sarafian. Judges: Karen Harris, Dennis Zabel, Jim Atkins. Comments: Oscar: The number of landscape entries is remarkable. Only a few strike a journalistic chord.

### ***Altered Reality Prints***

1st Planters in Bloom, - Ryno W Olson, Great River  
2nd Obsidian Twilight, - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City  
3rd Zooming In, - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
30 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Stephonie Schmitz. Judges: Bob Felderman, Kenneth Kiss, Tim Ollendick.

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

1st Egret's Catch - Terri Dermody, Des Moines  
2nd Protector - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs  
3rd Silhouetted Leaves - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
HM Grandpa's Bed - Carol Crowdus, Minot  
HM Grackle Sticks the Landing - Ted Samsel, Saint Paul  
22 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Kevin Smith, Carl Hardy, Nick Massuen. Comments: Clubs not labeling the back of prints correctly member missing numbers. Wrong category listed on print compared to sheet. Not enough postage.

### ***Journalism Prints***

1st      A Near Miss - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
2nd      Teddy Swims on the Grandview Stage - Doug Conrad, Sioux City  
3rd      Froster Score Round - Karen Leonard, Saint Paul  
HM      Great Grandms's Farm - John Anderson, Saint Paul  
HM      Wheelchair Racer - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
13 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Bvetty Nordstrom, Adam Papin, Danielle Schmidt. Comments: Missing numbers on entries.

### ***Nature Prints***

1st      Camouflaged - Ronnie Hartman, Saint Paul  
2nd      Messy Easter - Gordon Rath, Dubuque  
3rd      My Nose Itches - Kim Walter, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs  
HM      Humminbird Moth - Stephanie Nelson, Des Moines  
21 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Kevin Smith, Carl Hardy, Nick Massuen. Comments: Clubs not labeling the back of prints correctly member missing numbers. Wrong category listed on print compared to sheet. Not enough postage.

### ***Pictorial Prints (Color)***

1st      In the Light of Spring Unfolding - Lindha Steffen, Des Moines  
2nd      First Time at Golden Gate Bridge - Ella Monahan, Sioux City  
3rd      Coyote - Patty Foster, Des Moines  
HM      After the Blizzard - Mary Klauer, Sioux City  
HM      Little Bee Eater - Terri Dermody, Des Moines  
HM      Aztec Dancer - Ronnie Hartman, Saint Paul  
30 entries from 8 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Stephonie Schmitz. Judges: Bob Felderman, Kenneth Kiss, Tim Ollendick.

### ***Travel Prints***

1st      Echos of Time Sturgis SD - Doug Conrad, Sioux City  
2nd      Discovering the Driffless IL - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque  
3rd      Martique France - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City  
HM      Grand Prismatic Spring WY - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
HM      Barn Bluff Red Wing MN - David Tinch, Saint Paul  
25 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Minot. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Bvetty Nordstrom, Adam Papin, Danielle Schmidt. Comments: Clubs not labeling the back of prints correctly member missing numbers. Wrong category listed on print compared to sheet. Not enough postage.