

# N4C April (2026-04) Contest Results

## *Digital Altered Reality*

- 1st Midnight in the Country - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 2nd Remembering 911 Heroes (1) - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City
- 3rd Outside of Time - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Hatching Spring - Linda Rutherford, Women's
- HM Super Cell - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM The Breath of Life - Jennifer Novack Haar, Omaha

56 entries from 13 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson, Jr.  
Judges: Sarah Bissell, Shirley White, Michelle Hall. Comments: The judges struggled somewhat with the definition for altered reality. They felt some entrants had creative images that did NOT fit the definition of altered reality.

## *Digital B&W*

- 1st Freedom Flight - Martha Farwell, Great River
- 2nd REBEL - Dean Traver, Iowa City
- 3rd Call to Worship - Eric Holloway, Topeka
- HM Blizzard - Kelly Matrquardt, La Crosse Area
- HM What's Your Problem - Bruce Danuser, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Winter Visitor - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Soupy Skies At the Beach - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
- HM A Blossom That is Hard to Miss - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Mathias Church Budapest Hungary - Brian Narveson, La Crosse Area

82 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Saint Paul Camera Club. Chair: Terry Butlerr. Judges: Peggy Boike, Gene Schwoppe, David Wheaton. Comments: There was a nice range of subjects and some high quality images.

## *Digital Journalism*

- 1st Bringing in the Flag at the Airshow - Greg Hoglund, Topeka
- 2nd The Barrel Winner - Cindy Hanson, La Crosse Area
- 3rd Choreography in the Clouds-1 - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Taking it Down the Field - James Durrant, Dubuque
- HM Rita Wehseler halfway to winning the 2026 Gunflint Mail Run near Grand Marais MN - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Bike Team from Iowa City - John Larson, Shutterbug
- HM Looking for 8 at the Chippewa County Fair in Montevideo MN - Paul Hagen, Fargo-Moorhead

67 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Great River Camera Club. Chair: Peggy Schmelzer.  
Judges: Ryno Olson, Anne Olson, Hal Woods. Comments: Overall a great group of photos. Some were just more interesting than others, but all fit the category.

## *Digital Nature*

- 1st Nectar Bat - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- 2nd The-Hunter - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- 3rd Mom and Pup - Anna Frissell, Fargo-Moorhead

- HM Majestic Moment - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Clouds Over Vernal Fall - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
- HM Battle at the Lek - Donna Gray, Omaha
- HM Crested Caracara - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Mallard Feeding - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
- HM Mirror Reflection Catch - Steve Fleagle, Iowa City

84 entries from 17 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Oscar Sarafian. Judges: Gail Hollarbush, Chuck Hackenmiller, Leona Barratt.

### ***Digital Pictorial***

- 1st Lake Superior - Jim Walters, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Desert Spiny Lizard - Wendelin Guentner, Iowa City
- 3rd Streaming Lights, Timeless Films - Neon Night at the Dundee.jpeg - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Dawn Ice - Laurie McShane, Duluth-Superior
- HM Pink Orchids - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Shroom Cycle - Jeff Westgard, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Virgin River in Zion National Park - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
- HM Lost in the Memories - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
- HM End of Shift - Mike Barker, Omaha

83 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Bob Felderman, Tim Ollendick, Ken Kiss.

### ***Digital Travel***

- 1st Threatening Skies Over Lofoten Village, Lofoten Norway - Margaret West, Omaha
- 2nd St. Vitus Church - Prague - Richard Beutel, Dubuque
- 3rd Derwentwater Isle Boathouse Wales UK - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Left Mitten Butte Monument Valley AZ - Todd Olson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Gristmill in the Fall-West Virginia - John Larson, Shutterbug
- HM Bowling to Canyonlands - Christine Garbe, Minnesota Valley
- HM Alone On Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada - Peg Gilbert, Sioux City
- HM Guardians of Monument Valley - Arizona - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

80 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Photography Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Bobbi Hansen, Judy Lathrop, Marilyn Lamoreax. Comments: 2 entries were such an extreme close-up as to lose sense of place. Not allowed in DT.

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

- 1st Painted Raven - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- 2nd True Grit - Ty Smith, Mitchell
- 3rd Faded Rose - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City

9 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Albert Lea Lens & Shutter. Chair: John & Linda Eisterhold. Judges: Carol Haroldson, Mitch Pederson, Liz Reichl. Comments: Interesting subject to judge. Lots of different ideas.

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

- 1st Blues Singer - Stephanie Nelson, Des Moines
- 2nd Soprano Sax - Ryno W Olson, Great River

- 3rd Unforgotten - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
- HM White Skiff - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Ryan - Carey Anderson, Sioux City
- HM The Darkened Stairway - Deb Shoning, Des Moines

27 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Betty Nordstrom, Todd Johnson, Crystal Johnson.

### ***Journalism Prints***

- 1st Is This Holding - James Durrant, Dubuque
- 2nd Hold On Ice - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 3rd A Picture You Can Hear - Henry Matthiessen II, Dubuque
- HM The Prospector Stanton, AZ - Ty Smith, Mitchell

16 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carl Hardy, Nick Masuen, Jerry Weiershauser. Comments: The Journalism Prints told an outstanding story of the events. A few missed the mark.

### ***Nature Prints***

- 1st Snowshoe Hare - Patty Foster, Des Moines
- 2nd Say Cheese - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- 3rd Eyes Wide Open - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City
- HM Apple of My Eye - Jim Harvey, Des Moines
- HM Stopping for a Quick Drink - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Giant Yellow Tail - Terri Dermody, Des Moines

30 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Minot Camera Club. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Betty Nordstrom, Todd Johnson, Crystal Johnson.

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

- 1st The 4th Element - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Condo By The Sea Mexico - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
- 3rd Is This Heaven? - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

28 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Albert Lea Lens & Shutter Club. Chair: John & Linda Eisterhold. Judges: Carol Haroldson, Mitch Pederson, Liz Reichl. Comments: Beautiful pictures & many different subjects.

### ***Travel Prints***

- 1st Winter at Mesa Arch - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Fall Visit to Thunder Bay Falls - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- 3rd Star Brewery Reflections - Casey Klein, Dubuque
- HM Bridge to Mississippi- IA - Lori Ollendick, Dubuque

20 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carl Hardy, Nick Masuen, Jerry Weiershauser. Comments: The Print Travel images this month were outstanding. Even though the numbers were low, the quality was there.