



North Central Camera Club Council

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Newsletter

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President Minute Message:

I feel empowered when I wear what my friend calls my "parlor boots". These inexpensive, waterproof rubber boots let me travel to places my other shoes would get soggy at. Spring ephemerals just keep transitioning. It is hard to catch them as they only flower for a short time. Wild edibles have piqued my interest lately. Did you know you can eat bluebells? There are amazing educational and hilarious videos by Alexis Nicole aka Blackforager if you want to learn more. Step outside and take a look today.



So much is happening for the N4C Fall Convention. I have had the honor of assisting Tim Zeltinger and his group of volunteers via phone call and Zoom meetings. Wow! Just wow! The lineup and venues are incredible. I had a phone call with Carol Polich, one of our Keynote speakers and presenters.

We discussed how she needed to tell her story. And that she did right then and there. Who goes to Africa by themselves to shoot without a guide or group? Amazing stories and colorful history! Zoom meetings with Tim and his volunteers and the Medora foundation are bringing things together. You will get all the details very soon. Start making your plans and watch for updates at n4cconvention.com

Jennifer L Tigges, President N4C 2025-2026

563-590-9868 call or text

Dubuque Camera Club

2026 Spring N4C Fall Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2026 6-8pm Central Time Virtual Meeting

Present:

Officers: Jennifer Tigges, President, Tim Zeltinger, First Vice President, Carl Hardy, Second Vice President, Lynda Richards, Treasurer, Sonja Hoglund, Secretary

Board Directors: Stephonie Schmitz, Andrea Pellerito, Randy Moyer, Adam Papin

N4C Members: Richard Debertin, Katherine Debertin, Gordon Court, Julie Olson, Ryno Olsen, Greg Hogund, Tom, Paul Hagen, Deb Bates, Richard Russell

Call to Order 6:08pm via Zoom

Minutes: Approval of minutes of the September 2025 meeting- Motioned by Lynda, second by Andrea, approved

Treasury Report - Lynda Richards - see below. Motioned by Lynda, second by Stephonie, approved.

Convention Report: 2026 Tim Zeltinger. April 27, 2026 next planning meeting via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Information will be released about the convention as soon as they are available. Zoom meetings with local clubs discussing details of the convention are available from Tim. Please reach out to Tim at tzbugman@gmail.com. Gordon will reach out to Tim with information on specific campgrounds that will be available.

Board meeting continued:

N4C Competition Rules Updates

Update submission date change for Photo Essays- May 15th, same as all other submissions for judging. See below: Motioned by Stephonie, second by Tim, approved

Update submission dates for Photojournalism story - August is not allowing enough time for judging and submissions for end of year point submission and to get things ready for convention display. Changed to May 15th by Carl Hardy, Chair of the category

Return panorama contest to a print contest - Discussed with mixed feelings. The Panorama contest will stay as a digital contest at this time.

Continue to submit entries by May 15 for the Photo Essay, Photojournalism Story and panorama contests.

Board Elections

Board Members for the 2026-2027 Season- we need 3 more directors. send out for vote once nominated. Currently no additional nominations. Jennifer read an email from Paul Hagen highlighting declining participation. Several participants, including Paul, expressed concerns about declining membership and participation, while others emphasized the importance of maintaining the board size to support growth and engagement

New Board Election Change: Change to Bylaws regarding officer Structure. Make Board members a 2-year Term. Change the current Board to 3 board directors instead of 6. Leaving with Pres, VP, 2nd VP, Sec, Treas, and 3 directors. The board of directors will be elected every two years now. Motioned by Lynda, second by Tim, approved after lengthy discussion.

2025-2026 End of Year Judging- Thank you to the following clubs who volunteered to find judges for the end of the year judging:

Board Member Reports/member suggestions - Carl Hardy has the 2026-2027 monthly judging matrix is almost done. Tim discussed asking what individuals and clubs did to teach youth via community involvement. Discussion of how individuals and clubs are currently working with teaching photography in their area. Carl to submit to newsletter on how the Sioux City club does youth outreach and how club meetings are done in summer. Consider nominating club members who already are involved with their communities or youth for the yearly Service Award. Jennifer suggested informal discussions at fall convention on what is working for clubs for engagement.

Next Board Meeting Date- October 10, 1-2:45 pm In Person the Rough Riders Rendezvous Convention in Medora, ND

Future Agenda items: Challenge to provide instruction to youth in clubs communities. Review of some judging rules.

Adjournment 7:23 Motioned by Carl, Second by Stephonie, motioned passed.

Minutes by Jennifer Tigges, aided by Zoom AI
Jennifer Tigges, N4C President



N4C SERVICE AWARD AND FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINATIONS

It is that time of year to consider members for an N4C Service award or a Founders Award. It has been some time since anyone has been nominated for either award. You will find an excerpt below of the requirements for nominations for each of these awards. After receiving the nominations, the award committee will review and vote on who should receive the award for this year. The awards will be presented at the Fall Convention. It has been a few years since anyone has been nominated. The full information on this process is in the Directory as well as the list of those that have received the awards in years past.

The deadline for nominations will be July 1st, 2026. Please give thought to someone in your club or someone else in N4C who you feel fits the requirements for nomination.

The nomination forms for both awards are found on the N4C Website under the Supplies & forms section. Please send completed nomination forms to me at greg.hoglund@sbcglobal.net.

Greg Hoglund

Chair Founders and Service Award Committee Service Award Requirements

1. The service Award is presented to a candidate for his or her outstanding contribution of service to N4C along with service to their own camera club and photographic services to their local community.
2. Any person, who is a member of a camera club in good standing with the Council, may act as a proposer for a candidate(s).
3. The candidate must also be a member of a club in good standing with the Council.
4. The proper application can be completed as a PDF file or a copy of the original completed application file, with or without the knowledge of the candidate.
5. Applications are available from the Chair of the Supply Chair.
6. Deadline for all applications will be three months prior to the date of the annual convention.
7. The chair of the Service Awards Committee will accept completed applications by mail or e-mailed PDF files.

Founders Award Requirements

1. The Founders Award shall be the highest award given by the Council.
2. The award shall be given only for services to the Council above and beyond the call of duty.
3. The award need not be given annually but should be reserved for candidates who have worked tirelessly in the interest of the Council for several years.
4. The members are past presidents, each serving a term on this committee immediately following their retirement from the presidency.
5. After the death of all founders, the committee shall be composed of five past presidents, who shall elect the committee chair each year.
6. Any member of the Council shall be permitted to submit the name of one person for consideration for the Founders Award. Applications for nomination of a candidate may be secured from the Supply chair.
7. The name of consideration must be submitted to the chair of the committee at least three months before the annual convention.

For scads of photo-ops, plan a photographic vacation

All members come to the 2026 N4C Convention

October 8-11, 2026, Medora, North Dakota

"Capture the Spirit of the West"

Rough Rider Rendezvous

Many other photo-ops as you travel to & from, so plan ahead to see them

Website: <https://www.n4cconvention.com/>

Link also at: <https://n4c.us/meetings.htm>

Annual contest awards will be presented at the convention

FORWARD THIS INVITATION TO ALL YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.

More information to come in the N4C News Bulletins

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These are the last monthly contests of the current 2025-2026 season, Due May 15.

There are special ANNUAL contests also due. Be sure to work on those. See the attached rules.

**Due May 15:**

- **Digital Panorama**
- **Photo Essay**
- **Photojournalism Story**
- **Video Story**

**Club Website**

**Due June 15:**

**Club Bulletin or Newsletter**

Please send me updated member lists when you have added Member Numbers. I'm glad to see new members participating in N4C contests. Naturally, I need to register them so they are properly identified for the judging clubs. For new members, that really should be done a month before entering.

(Entries must be received by 5:00 pm May 15, however, **make every effort to send them by the 13th to allow time for confirmation.**

- Judging may begin on the 16th - make sure you receive confirmation that entries were received.

If you have any trouble reaching these judging clubs, let Ken Johnson know as soon as possible.

**May Digital Image Judging Clubs:**

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**ALTERED REALITY** Digital "DA" (Digital Altered Reality) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number

La Crosse Area Camera Club

Cyndy Thorn

32063 Co Road 11

Houston, MN 55943

507-450-4466

[cyndythornimagery@live.com](mailto:cyndythornimagery@live.com)

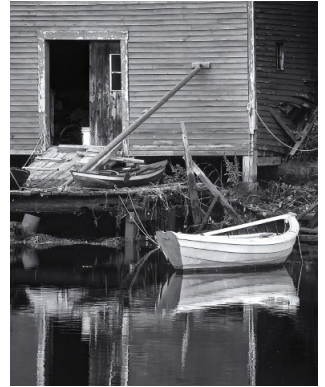
**BLACK & WHITE** Digital "DB" (Digital B&W) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:  
Western Wisconsin Photo Club  
Terry Butler  
1620 Wexford Way  
Woodbury, MN 55125-7502  
612-270-1653  
[n4ccontest@wiphotoclub.com](mailto:n4ccontest@wiphotoclub.com)

**JOURNALISM** Digital "DJ" (Digital Journalism) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:  
Topeka Camera Club  
Greg Hogleund  
2230 SW Kingsrow Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
785-633-2384  
[greg.hogleund@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greg.hogleund@sbcglobal.net)

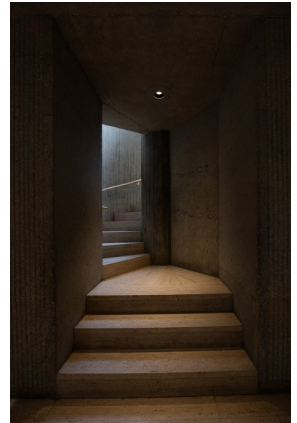
**NATURE** Digital "DN" (Digital Nature) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:  
Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club  
Bruce Bernstein  
1505 – 8th St S  
Fargo, ND 58103  
701-235-5945  
[brucepamfargo@yahoo.com](mailto:brucepamfargo@yahoo.com)

**PICTORIAL** (Color) Digital "DP" (Digital Pictorial) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:  
Des Moines Camera Club  
Janie Lawson  
1381 NW 122nd St.  
Clive, IA 50325  
515-778-7277  
[DMCC.N4C.Digital@gmail.com](mailto:DMCC.N4C.Digital@gmail.com)

**TRAVEL** Digital "DT" (Digital Travel) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:  
**Be sure to include the STATE or COUNTRY of the image in the title.**  
Omaha Camera Club  
Nikki McDonald  
802 E. Cary St.  
Papillion, NE 68046  
402-592-9555  
[OmahaN4C@cox.net](mailto:OmahaN4C@cox.net)



HM,Black & White Print  
White Skiff—  
Robert Lahti,  
Duluth Superior CC



Hm Black & White Print  
Deb Shoning, Des Moines CC

## PRINT ENTRIES - JUDGING CLUBS FOR May

**Because of experienced delays in mail and shipping, other clubs recommend that you also send an email to these judging clubs to expect your entries. Ideally, give them your tracking number.**

### Send both Nature Prints and Black & White to:

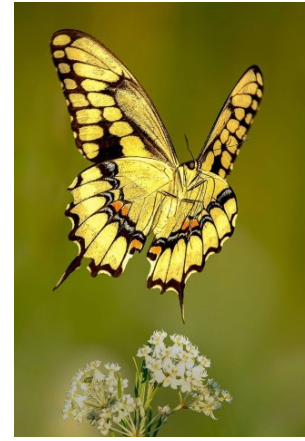
Sioux City Camera Club  
Carl Hardy  
3236 Maplewood St.  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-281-3345  
[torchenterprises72@gmail.com](mailto:torchenterprises72@gmail.com)

**Send both Pictorial Color Prints and Altered Reality Prints to:**

Minot Camera Club  
City of Glenburn  
C/O Tim Zeltinger  
PO Box 97  
Glenburn ND 58740  
[minotccn4c@gmail.com](mailto:minotccn4c@gmail.com)

**Send both Travel Prints and Journalism Prints to:**

Dubuque Camera Club  
Stephonie Schmitz  
2740 Pleasant View Dr  
Dubuque, IA 52001  
563-564-9093  
[info@saodzynz.com](mailto:info@saodzynz.com)



HM Nature Print -Giant Yellow Tail  
Terri Dermondy—Des Moines CC

**SPECIAL ANNUAL CONTESTS - JUDGING CLUBS FOR May**  
**See Attached Contest Rules for Definitions and Rules**

**Digital Panorama "PANO" is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:**

Contest Chair  
Ed Siems  
1251 Prairie Avenue  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
641-751-4386  
[ed\\_siems@yahoo.com](mailto:ed_siems@yahoo.com)

**Photo Essay "PE" is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:**

Contest Chair  
Dwight T. Tomes  
7883 NW 103rd Ln.  
Johnston, IA 50131 |  
515-240-6633  
[d.tomes@icloud.com](mailto:d.tomes@icloud.com) or [dwrighttomes@gmail.com](mailto:dwrighttomes@gmail.com)

**Photojournalism Story**

Contest Chair  
Carl Hardy  
3236 Maplewood Street  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-281-3345  
[torchenterprises72@gmail.com](mailto:torchenterprises72@gmail.com)

**Video Story**

Contest Chair  
Carl Hardy  
3236 Maplewood Street  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-281-3345  
[torchenterprises72@gmail.com](mailto:torchenterprises72@gmail.com)



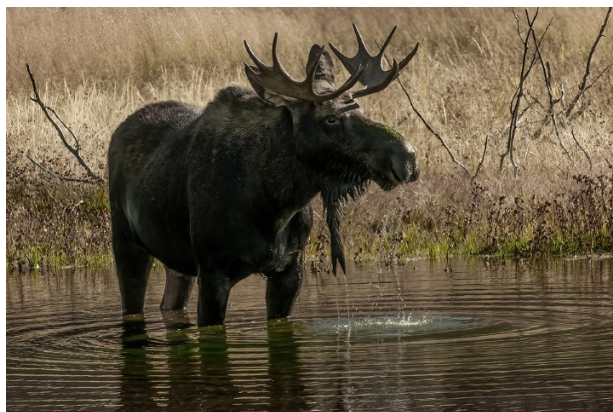
HM Nature Print—Apple of My Eye  
—Jim Harvey, Des Moines CC

## Club Website

Contest Chair  
Carl Hardy  
3236 Maplewood Street  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-281-3345  
[torchenterprises72@gmail.com](mailto:torchenterprises72@gmail.com)

## Club Bulletin or Newsletter Due June 15:

Contest Chair  
Carl Hardy  
3236 Maplewood Street  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-281-3345  
[torchenterprises72@gmail.com](mailto:torchenterprises72@gmail.com)



HM Nature Print—Stopping for a Drink -  
Robert Lahti, Duluth Superior CC

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## SEND NEW MEMBER NUMBERS AND NAMES TO KEN JOHNSON

N4C Supplies & Forms - on the web.  
Entry forms, Reports and more. Make your job easier - Check it out.  
<http://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms.htm>

A club will normally have up to 8 entries for a contest. A typical image file name list might look like:  
(USE YOUR CLUB NAME AND MEMBER NUMBER INSTEAD OF DA044 - zero "0" 44 not a letter "O")  
(USE DA, DB, DJ, DN, DP, or DT for the Contest Code - This example is for the Digital Nature Contest)  
(Notice commas separating the data in the file names) 01,DA044, DN,Deer.jpg  
03,DA022, DN,Grand Arch.jpg  
04,DA033, DN,Teton Reflection.jpg  
05,DA037, DN,White Water.jpg  
06,DA002, DN,Shadows.jpg  
07,DA025, DN,Horsetail Falls.jpg  
08,DA018, DN,Soaring Eagle.jpg

Members should submit entries with filenames similar to the above except for the sequence numbers. The club N4C Rep will rename the files to include the sequence numbers. The club N4C Rep may want to keep things simple for the club members and handle ALL the file naming - how this is done is left to the club. The sequence numbers will determine the sequencing of the image in the judging line-up. All the contest entries will be sorted in alpha-numeric sequence by filename so this will mix up club entries for judging. The 01's from all the clubs will be judged first and the 08's at the end.

**Encourage your members to explore the N4C website where they will find a lot of photography to study, and photography links with an unlimited number of tutorials and educational videos to learn from. <http://n4c.us/>**

Ken Johnson [web@n4c.us](mailto:web@n4c.us),  
A Digital Contest Chair  
Enjoy photography whether or not it is yours!

HM Black & White Print—Ryan  
Carey Anderson—Sioux City CC





**SAVE THE DATE**

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**Welcome to the 2026 N4C Convention**  
**"Capture the Spirit of the West"**  
**Oct. 8-11, 2026, Medora, North Dakota**

### **Convention Notes**

I just want those to know that a group of us 6-12 have been diligently working on the convention in Medora this fall. We have come a long way but still have things to go over. Motels have been locked in; we have around 70 of them set aside. The itinerary is close to being done and this convention is going to be a lot of fun with multiple field trips planned. Today, N4C is a diverse group of photographers – beginner to pro, owners of art and photography galleries, as well as business-  
es.

**The 2026 N4C Convention will take place in Medora, ND on October 8-11, 2026. Some of the field trips we have planned are:**

- Native American dancers**
- Cowboys riding and roping and more at the Bar X Ranch**
- Classic cars**
- Camera for Kids (Cameras in the hands of our Children)**
- Light painting**
- Night sky photography against the backdrop of North Dakota's landscape**
- Ukrainian Dancers**
- Wild Bill Cody and others**
- BMX riders**
- Newly added off camera flash Setup**

### **Keynote Speaker for Friday night:**

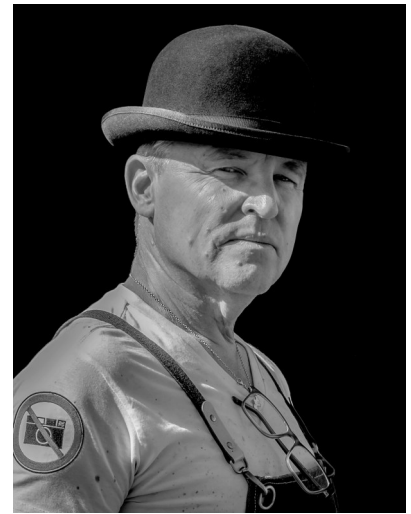
**Carol Polich**, living in Bozeman, Montana, has been photographing and publishing her nature and travel stories for over 30 years. As you scroll through her website and photo galleries, get to know Carol through her observational artistic eye with interesting comments on each intro page. From solo photographic travels to publishing both overseas and in the USA, teaching photo classes and giving workshops and lectures, she has gained an international following. Explore her website at <https://wildnaturetrails.com> and you'll understand why.



## Saturday Night Keynote Speaker:

**Shane Balkowitsch has been a practitioner of Frederick Scott Archer's 1851 Wet Plate Photography process for over a decade.**

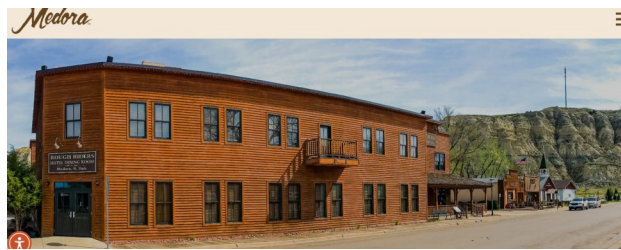
Shane's life's work is titled "Northern Plains Native Americans: A Modern Wet Plate Perspective". Using the wet plate process, this project is a journey to capture 1000 present day Native Americans on glass plates at his Bismarck, North Dakota, natural light studio.



Among the 110 international collections that have archived his work are the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the University of Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum and the Royal Photographic Society of the United Kingdom.

Shane does not own, nor has ever used, a digital camera.

[www.nostalgicglasswetplatestudio.com](http://www.nostalgicglasswetplatestudio.com)



**The Medora Chamber of Commerce,** along with our members, is thrilled to welcome you to Medora this October for your upcoming conference. There's something truly special about this place in the fall: the crisp air, the golden hues

across the Badlands, and the quiet beauty that seems to unfold around every corner.

We're excited for you to experience it all firsthand and to share the unique character of our community. From sweeping landscapes to the small, authentic moments that make Medora what it is, we hope you'll find endless inspiration to capture and reveal through your photography.

Our local businesses look forward to hosting you and making your time here both memorable and meaningful. We can't wait to see how you interpret the spirit of Medora through your lens and to welcome you to our town. **Please visit [MedoraChamber.org](http://MedoraChamber.org) or [DiscoverMedora.com](http://DiscoverMedora.com) for more information.** Camping is also available too.

**Please sent Tim Zeltinger, [minotccn4c@gmail.com](mailto:minotccn4c@gmail.com) an email with any questions you may have about the convention.**

**Registration may be posted as soon as we have budget completed in the newsletter and their will be a website with all the information too. [http://www.2026N4C Convention](http://www.2026N4CConvention)**



**If you have an old cameras or camera cords or accessories and would like to help put them to use. Bring them to Medora for our Camera class for kids.**

Carl Wagner is the Founder “Recycle your Camera “For Kids”. Give your old camera new life! They accept all photo equipment working or not. Nonworking gear will be used for parts with accessories being married to working models.

How to Donate Photo equipment for kids: Search [www.Urban Ventures/Cameras](http://www.Urban Ventures/Cameras).

651-439-0999(landline) or 651-333-0930(cell)



Several images from  
TWCCC Spring Break  
With Erin Babnik, and  
The Minnesota Raptors



**Print Winners for April 2026**

**9 Altered Reality Prints**



**1st Place**

**Altered Reality Print**

*Painted Raven*

**Stephonie Schmitz**

**Dubuque CC**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Altered Reality  
Print -**

*True Grit*

**Ty Smith,**

**Mitchell CC**

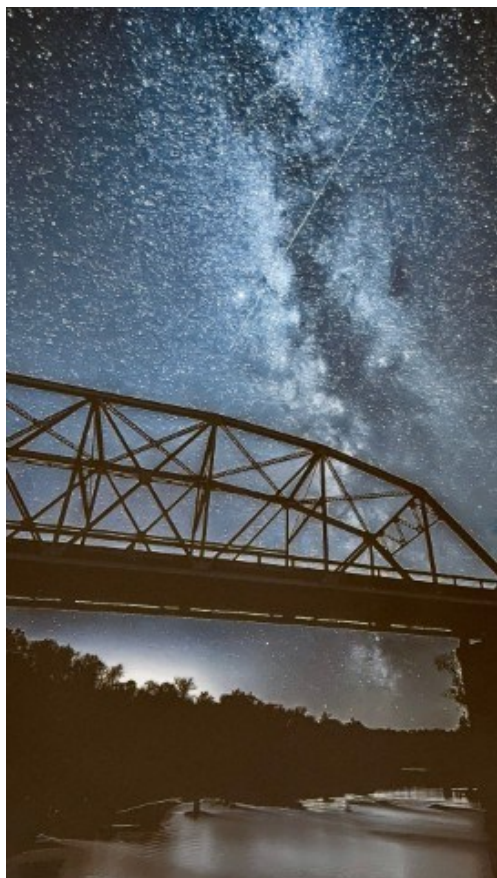
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Altered Reality Print**

*Faded Rose*

**Ed Hohenstein**

**Sioux City CC**





**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Pictorial Print**  
***THE 4TH ELEMENT***  
**Robert Lahti**  
**Duluth/Superior CC**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pictorial Prints**  
***Condo by The Sea***  
**Ed Hohenstein**  
**Sioux City CC**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pictorial Prints –**  
***IS THIS HEAVEN***  
**Stephonie Schmitz**  
**Dubuque CC**

**Print Winners for APRIL 2026**

**20 Print Travel**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Print Travel**  
***WINTER AT MESA ARCH***  
**ROBERT LAHTI**  
**DULUTH/SUPERIOR**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Print Travel**  
***FALL VISIT TO THUNDER BAY***  
***FALLS***  
**RON TIGGS**  
**DUBUQUE CC**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Print Travel**  
***STAR BREWERY REFLECTIONS***  
**Casey Klein**  
**Dubuque CC**



**Print Winners for APRIL 2026**

**16 Print Journalism**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jouranlism  
Prints  
IS THIS HOLDING  
JAMES DURRANT  
DUBUQUE CC**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Journalism Prints  
*HOLD THE ICE*  
DWIGHT TOMES  
DES MOINES cc**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Print Journalism  
*A PICTURE YOU CAN  
HEAR*  
HENRY MATTHIESSEN  
DUBUQUE CC**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Black & White Print**

***BLUES SINGER***

**STEPHANIE NESLON**

**DES MOINES CC**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Black & White Print**

***SOPRANO SAX***

**RYNO OLSEN**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Black &**

**White Print**

***UNFORGOTTEN***

**ED HOHENSTEIN**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Nature Prints**  
***SNOWSHOE HARE***  
**PATTY FOSTER**  
**DES MOINES CC**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Nature Prints**  
**SAY CHEESE**  
**STEPHONIE SCHMITZ**  
**DUBUQUE CC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Nature Prints**  
**EYES WIDE OPEN**  
**GARY GILBERT**  
**SIOUX CITY CC**





1<sup>st</sup> Place –  
Digital Altered Reality  
*Midnight in the Country*  
Bob Rude, Iowa City CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Digital  
Altered Reality  
*Rembering 911 Heroes*  
Connie Wedemeier  
Iowa City CC



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Digital Altered  
Reality  
*Outside of Time*  
Nikki McDonald  
Omaha CC



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Digital Nature**  
*Nectar Bat*  
Kevin McTauge  
Dubuque CC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Digital Nature**  
*The Hunter*  
Sheldon Farwell  
Great River CC



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Digital Nature**  
*Mom and Pup*  
Anna Frissell  
Fargo Moorhead CC

**1ST PLACE  
PICTORIAL**  
*Lake Superior*  
Jim Walters  
Duluth Superior CC



**2nd Place Pictorial**  
*Desert Spiny Lizard*  
Wendelin Guentner  
Iowa City CC



**3rd Place Pictorial**  
*Streaming Lights, Timeless Films-*  
*Neon Night at the Dundee*  
Nikki McDonald  
Omaha CC





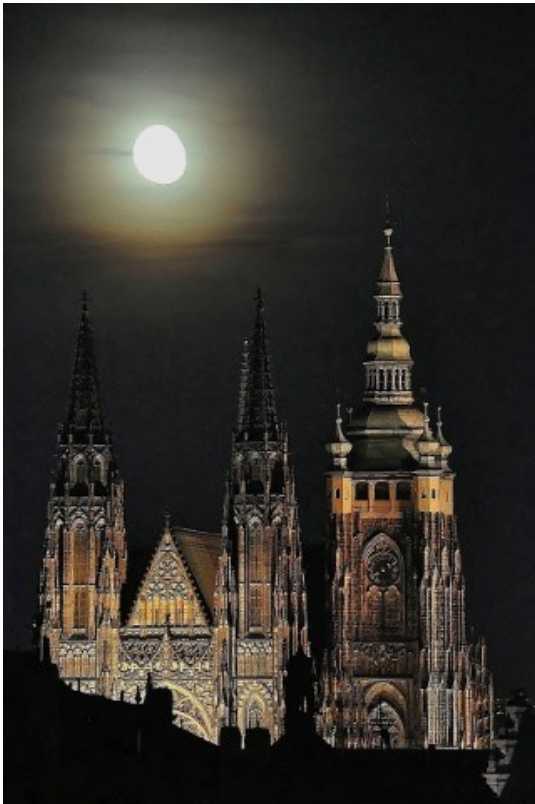
**1ST PLACE DIGITAL JOURNALISM**  
*Bringing in the Flag at the Airshow*  
Greg Hoglund  
Topeka CC

**2nd Place Digital Journalism**  
*The Barrell Winner*  
Cindy Hanson  
La Cross CC



**3rd Place Digital Journalism**  
*Choreography in the Clouds*  
Doug Conrad  
Sioux City CC

**1ST PLACE DIGITAL TRAVEL**  
**Threatening Skies Over Lofoten**  
**Village, Lofoten Norway**  
**Margaret West**  
**Omaha Cc**



**2nd Place Digital Travel**  
**St. Vitus Church –Prague**  
**Richard Beutel**  
**Dubuque CC**

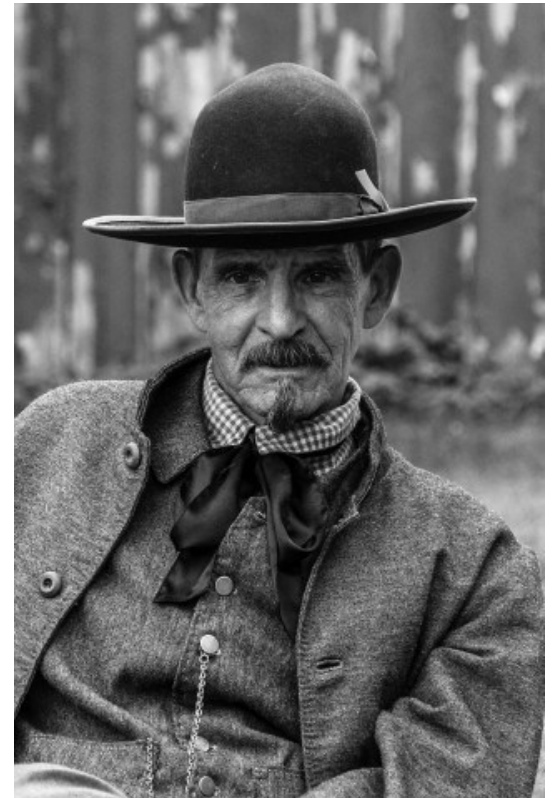
**3rd Place Digital Travel**  
**Derwentwater Isle Boathouse**  
**Wales, UK**  
**Mike Barker**  
**Omaha CC**





**1ST PLACE DIGITAL  
BLACK & WHITE**  
*Freedom Flight*  
Martha Farwell  
Great River CC

**2nd Place Digital Black & White**  
**Rebel**  
Dean Traver  
Iowa City CC



**3rd Place Digital Black & White**  
**Call to worship**  
Eric Hollowy  
Topeka CC



## **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 Schwope, 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 Hogle, 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.

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### *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 Bowing 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.

## **N4C April (2026-03) Contest Results**

### ***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.

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## *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.

## PRINT ENTRIES - JUDGING CLUBS FOR MAY 2026

Entries must be received by these clubs by April 15.

**Because of experienced delays in mail and shipping, other clubs recommend that you also send an email to these judging clubs to expect your entries. Ideally, give them your tracking number.**

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**HM—Travel Print**  
*Bridge to Mississippi—IA*  
Lori Ollendick, Dubuque CC

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