

# N4C January (2026-01) Contest Results

## *Digital Altered Reality*

1st Reading Can Change Your Perspective - Mike Barker, Omaha  
2nd Afro Rosa - Joel Hauschild, Omaha  
3rd Grin of the Abyss - Nikki McDonald, Omaha  
HM Mr Electric Blue - Kevin McTague, Dubuque  
HM Alaska Wolf Moon - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead  
HM Snowflake Serenade - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City  
HM Three Callas - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin  
65 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Minnesota Valley Photography Club. Chair: Phil Davies. Judges: Rick Graves, Jerry Klumper, Gene Weigel.

## *Digital B&W*

1st By the Window - Deb Shoning, Des Moines  
2nd Marley - Betty Bryan, Western Wisconsin  
3rd Swan Takeoff - Marge Springett, Western Wisconsin  
HM Supermodel - Brenda Heard, Wichita Area  
HM Jeweled Web - Kathleen Wolleat, Duluth-Superior  
HM Elegance of Nature - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City  
HM Accipiter - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead  
HM Late-Night Screentime - Melissa King, Dubuque  
HM Rollag Sawmill at Sunrise - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead  
87 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Donna Gray, Marty Barker, Mike Barker. Comments: Many excellent photos and a wide variety of subjects made this grouping a pleasure to judge and the task was not easy. Judges would frequently have preferred more tonal range (too many images were "flat").

## *Digital Journalism*

1st Round Up Gets Under Way In Montana - Diana Borash, Iowa City  
2nd Loons win MLS game 1 - Karen Leonard, Saint Paul  
3rd KILL! - Phillip Wonder, Omaha  
HM The Perfect Jump - Sonja Hoglund, Topeka  
HM Buffalo Roundup Custer State Park, South Dakota - Deb Teller, Omaha  
HM Doing the Butterfly Stroke - Peggy Boike, Saint Paul  
HM BMX flip in the warehouse district - Ron Tigges, Dubuque  
HM Wide Turn at Rothsay Rodeo - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead  
72 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Women's Photography Club. Chair: Linda Rutherford. Judges: Terri Sposito, Marilyn Lamareaux, Bev Hawkins.

## *Digital Nature*

1st Boreal Owl - Paul Kammen, Minnesota Valley  
2nd Great Grey in winter - Deb Shoning, Des Moines  
3rd It looks like rain is coming - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin  
HM Cardinal in winter storm - Mary Johnson, Western Wisconsin  
HM White-booted racket-tail - Mariann Cyr, Western Wisconsin  
HM Coming in - Martha Farwell, Great River  
HM Wood duck lunch - Marge Springett, Western Wisconsin  
HM Rubbing rights - Doug Conrad, Sioux City  
HM Moose Falls Yellowstone - Greg Hoglund, Topeka  
HM Nothing but a trickle - John Corey, Minnesota Valley  
94 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Kim Walter. Judges: Kim Walter, Debbie Bates, Annette Pingree. Comments: SO MANY GREAT PICTURES!!!.

## **Digital Pictorial**

1st Driving the Loess Hills - Iowa - Nikki McDonald, Omaha  
2nd Tornadic Supercell in ND - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead  
3rd Loving Embrace - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin  
HM Natures Umbrella - Janie Lawson, Des Moines  
HM Concussion - Jacqueline Evans, Wichita Area  
HM Aurora at Superior entry - Jim Walters, Duluth-Superior  
HM Devil Track Lake Sunset - Mariann Cyr, Western Wisconsin  
HM Peaceful Morning - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin  
HM African Sunrise - Kenya - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
HM Store Keeper.jpeg - Marty Welter, Omaha  
HM Spirit Tree Under the Milky Way - Paul Kammen, Minnesota Valley  
102 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Bob Rude. Judges: Randy Moyer, Larry Luebbert, Connie Wedemeier. Comments: A fun group to judge. Great array of aurora iamges. Lot's of high & close scores.

## **Digital Travel**

1st Moonrise Over New York City - Elliott Lindgren, Saint Paul  
2nd Cologne Cathedral and Hohenzollern Bridge Germany - Fred Sobottka, Western Wisconsin  
3rd Lofoten Norway - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin  
HM Hunting Partners in Kyrgyzstan0 - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul  
HM Pinnacle Point Sunset Wall SD - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley  
HM Autumn\_In\_Wisconsin - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City  
HM Sand Patterns under a Stormy Sky, Lofoten Norway - Margaret West, Omaha  
HM High Falls,Grand-Portage,MN - Martha Farwell, Great River  
HM Tanyard Creek Falls Bella Vista AR - Dave Carter, Wichita Area  
85 entries from 16 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein. Judges: Sharon Watson, John Calvin, Gordon Court.

## **Altered Reality Prints**

1st Horses - Patty Foster, Des Moines  
2nd Along for the Ride - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
3rd Knot Head - Ty Smith, Mitchell  
12 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Deb Carroll. Judges: Laurie McShane, Nancy Lindberg, Robert Lahti. Comments: There was quite a variety of approaches to altered reality; interesting creativity. Sometimes it was difficult to tell what was altered.

## **B & W Pictorial Prints**

1st Field Sparrow in BW - Deb Shoning, Des Moines  
2nd Downbound - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
3rd Mushroom Tree - Stephanie Nelson, Des Moines  
HM Abandoned - Patty Foster, Des Moines  
HM Read my Mind - Doug Conrad, Sioux City  
21 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot CC. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Adam Papin, Richard Debertin, Tony Meiers. Comments: Some amazing Black and Whites. One however we didn't see as a true black and white since there were blue and red tones. We did score this however and gave suggestions. Also still some are not putting all the info on the back of the print. Name of Print, Member name and number, contest entering, Thanks again for entering and tweek the pictures a bit and re-enter them. These are all very good shots. PLEASE REMBER TO SEND ALL PLACING PICTURES TO DEB FOR THE NEWS LETTER.

### ***Journalism Prints***

1st Breakaway - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
2nd Threading the Needle - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
3rd Dancing at Dia de los Mueertos - Stephanie Nelson, Des Moines  
13 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Elle Monahan, Shane Monahan, Carl Hardy. Comments: Excellent Journalism Prints even with the small number. A good assortment of journalism topics with excellent technique, composition, and interest.

### ***Nature Prints***

1st Young Baboon on the move - Terri Dermody, Des Moines  
2nd Song Sparrow on a Branch - Deb Shoning, Des Moines  
3rd Vulture Close Up - Ryno W Olson, Great River  
HM Soaking Wet - Janie Lawson, Des Moines  
19 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot CC. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Adam Papin, Richard Debertin, Tony Meiers. Comments: So Many Great photos from every club. Most just had little fixes tht need looked at and those Non Placing photos if you can fix them please do and resubmit. We have so many talented photographers in our clubs. Keep up the excellent work. PLEASE REMBER TO SEND ALL PLACING PICTURES TO DEB FOR THE NEWS LETTER.

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

1st A Berry Merry Christmas - Deb Shoning, Des Moines  
2nd Looking for the Waves - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City  
3rd Girl in Garden - Ryno W Olson, Great River  
HM Young Hummer - Janie Lawson, Des Moines  
HM Reflections on the District - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
HM Sydney Showing Love - Bob Felderman, Dubuque  
34 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Deb Carroll. Judges: Laurie McShane, Nancy Lindberg, Robert Lahti. Comments: There was a great range of subject matter. The results generated some spirited discussion.

### ***Travel Prints***

1st Blue Angel Performance - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
2nd Vista Views of South Coyote Buttes-UT - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
3rd Cris'n in Havana - Terri Dermody, Des Moines  
15 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Elle Monahan, Shane Monahan, Carl Hardy. Comments: An excellent group of Travel Prints even though the numbers were low. Good composition, technique, and interest. A diverse travel destination. Hard to pick winners.