

# 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 Tornadoic 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 Kyrgyzstan - 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.