

# N4C May (2026-05) Contest Results

## *Digital Altered Reality*

- 1st Penetrating Eyes - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
- 2nd Out in the Country - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 3rd Pickle Plant - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Happy Dog - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Tear Up the Town - Anna Frissell, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Refraction of Light-1 - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Their\_Names\_Still\_Stand - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City

43 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Cyndy Thorn.  
Judges: Bob Hermann, Brian Narvason, Cyndy Thorn.

## *Digital B&W*

- 1st Before the Break - Elliott Lindgren, Saint Paul
- 2nd Lloyds Building Long Exposure - Mitch Keller, Sioux City
- 3rd Dandy Lion - Jim Walters, Duluth-Superior
- HM Little Cloud - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Not Bad! - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Anchored\_In\_The\_Moment - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
- HM Ten Below Zero - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
- HM SacredWater - Anita Schneider, Saint Paul
- HM Parrot Tulip BW2 - Jacqueline Evans, Wichita Area

81 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler.  
Judges: Chap Achen, Steve Plocher, Ken Wolter. Comments: There was a great range in subjects represented and many very competitive images.

## *Digital Journalism*

- 1st Another One Hit the Dust - Allen Kurth, Omaha
  - 2nd Can't Catch Me, - Kevin Millard, La Crosse Area
  - 3rd Merrit One Arm Dig - Phillip Wonder, Omaha
  - HM In the Zone America 250th Chalk the Walk artist Mathew Havran - Donny Stephens, Dubuque
  - HM 16 Pounds of Intensity - Bruce Crum, Des Moines
  - HM Bronco riders at the rodeo. Glad that's not me - Wendelin Guentner, Iowa City
- 60 entries from 12 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hogle. Judges: Bob Wright, Sonja Hotlund, Don Thun. Comments: Lots of good photos.

## *Digital Nature*

- 1st Short-Eared Owl 3 - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- 2nd Taking Off - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
- 3rd Mid-air Duel - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- HM Roseate Spoonbill Stick Marsh-1 - James Durrant, Dubuque
- HM Mrs Who the Burrowing Owl - Donny Stephens, Dubuque
- HM Dragonfly on the grass - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Getting-cleaned-up - Kelly Matrquardt, La Crosse Area

HM Green\_Heron\_and\_Dragon\_Fly - Doug Conrad, Sioux City  
76 entries from 13 clubs. Judging Club: Fargo-Moorhead Camera Club. Chair: Bruce Bernstein.  
Judges: Sharon Watson, John Calvin, Gordon Court.

### ***Digital Pictorial***

1st Costa Rican Hummers - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin  
2nd Retro Beauty - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
3rd Chain Bridge and Circle Light Trails - Mitch Keller, Sioux City  
HM Lady Justice enjoys the full moon rise - Ron Tigges, Dubuque  
HM Aurora - Jim Walters, Duluth-Superior  
HM Saint Stephen Monastery-Meteora-Greece - David Clardy, Fargo-Moorhead  
HM Bright Ideas - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City  
HM Searching for Hope, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha  
HM River Tree - Mike Chrun, Western Wisconsin

83 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges:  
Patty Foster, Lindha Steffen, Terry Holdren.

### ***Digital Travel***

1st Chain Bridge and Hungarian Parliament (Hungary) - Mitch Keller, Sioux City  
2nd Vietnam Bay Temple, Vietnam - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin  
3rd Pump House, Jardine MT - Joseph Schufman, Western Wisconsin  
HM A Lovely Day at Maplewood State Park MN - Sharold Hipfner, Fargo-Moorhead  
HM Arizona wild-wild-west - Kelly Matrquardt, La Crosse Area  
HM The Bunkhouse at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area  
HM Sunsetting Scenic Byway to Moab UT - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead

67 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges:  
Chris Amberg, Mike Barker, Margaret West. Comments: Judges enjoyed traveling vicariously to  
so many different places in the world. Their job was not easy, but it was a pleasure. We would  
remind entrants that it is important to proof titles for errors (whether typos or spelling).

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

1st Bella Eleazer - Peg Gilbert, Sioux City  
2nd Yellow Flowers on a Fence - Ryno W Olson, Great River  
3rd Little Labubu Littler Cousin - Gordon Rath, Dubuque  
9 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Minot CC. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Adam Papin, Todd  
Johnson, Crystal Johnson. Comments: Some great talent putting these together in such a tuff  
category. Thanks everyone for entering.

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

1st What Remains - Diane Lowry, Des Moines  
2nd Glamour in New York - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
3rd Surrounded by Ice Pancakes - James Durrant, Dubuque  
HM It's Never Too Late to Mend - Henry Matthiessen III, Dubuque  
HM Black Mouth Dancer - Tim Zeltinger, Minot  
23 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Nick  
Masuen, Shane Monahan, Carl Hardy. Comments: These Black & White Prints were so excellent

the judging was very difficult. Excellent technique, composition, and the interest made the difference. A wide variety of excellent subjects.

### ***Journalism Prints***

1st Old School Room in Homer, Nebraska - Carl Hardy, Sioux City  
2nd Forging on at Living History Farms, Des Moines, IA - Jim Harvey, Des Moines  
3rd Helping Grandpa - Tim Zeltinger, Minot  
10 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Stephonie Schmitz. Judges: Bob Felderman, Henry Matthiessen III, Tom Lobacz.

### ***Nature Prints***

1st Short -Eared Owl 2 - Kevin McTague, Dubuque  
2nd Elk in Tundra at Dusk - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
3rd Yellow Ladyslipper - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
HM Let There Be Peace - Ken Johnson, Des Moines  
HM Life in the Garden - Deb Shoning, Des Moines  
25 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Nick Masuen, Shane Monahan, Carl Hardy. Comments: These Nature Prints were so excellent the judging was very difficult. Excellent technique, composition, and the interest made the difference. A wide variety of nature subjects.

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

1st The Curator of Ghosts - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque  
2nd Brown Eyes - Ryno W Olson, Great River  
3rd Colorful Boats in the Winter Harbor - James Durrant, Dubuque  
HM Purple Iris - Ken Johnson, Des Moines  
HM Wild Horses - Janie Lawson, Des Moines  
HM Give me a Sign - Carey Anderson, Sioux City  
32 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Minot CC. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Todd Johnson, Crystal Johnson, Adam Papin. Comments: Some awesome images this time around to end the year with the top 12 images were all so close and the 20 others knocking on the door. Each photographer is one step away from the next level. Judging photos seems to be.

### ***Travel Prints***

1st French Port Marseille, France - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City  
2nd Duluth Entry in Fog - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior  
3rd Ross Alley San Francisco, CA - Ella Monahan, Sioux City  
HM Norway Lutheran Church Norwhich ND - Tim Zeltinger, Minot  
18 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Stephonie Schmitz. Judges: Bob Felderman, Henry Matthiessen III, Tom Lobacz.