# N4C October (2026-10) Contest Results

## *Digital Altered Reality*

1st Returning Home - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
2nd Burst of Compass Plant - Judith Bautch, La Crosse Area
3rd Grand Marais Lighthouse Watercolor - Brian Narveson, La Crosse Area
HM Decorating the Corn Field for Halloween - Mary Ann Roesler, La Crosse Area
HM Reflection Confection - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM Fire Lilies - Carl Hardy, Sioux City
HM Haunted Forest - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
67 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Great River Camera Club. Chair: Peggy Schmelzer. Judges: Ryno Olson, Hal Woods, Martha Farwell.

## *Digital B&W*

1st Precision Flying - Allen Kurth, Omaha
2nd Merlin Hovering Over Water - Max Trenerry, Minnesota Valley
3rd Light Bearer - Kim Walter, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
HM Calumet, A Living Ghost Town - Mike Barker, Omaha
HM Sacred Lily - Lindha Steffen, Des Moines
HM Coastal Harbor - Marty Barker, Omaha
HM Into the Light - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
HM Grit and Glamour - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
83 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Carl Hardy, Carol Blair, Carey Anderson. Comments: These Digital Black & White entries displayed excellent blacks and whites and a wide variety of interesting topics. Very difficult to choose winners.

## *Digital Journalism*

1st Flying Eight Seconds - Phillip Wonder, Omaha
2nd Barrel Racing II, Jackson County Pro Rodeo,Ia - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
3rd Pulling Some GS at the Paynesville Airshow - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Done Surfing - Marty Barker, Omaha
HM The Peak of Focus - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM Perfect Turn - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM No Catch - Mike Waterman, Western Wisconsin
63 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson, Jr.. Judges: Michelle Hall, Sarah Bissell, Karla Gerst.

## *Digital Nature*

1st Getting A Drink - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
2nd Baby Pygmy Owl Checking Out the World - Allen Kurth, Omaha
3rd Jellyfish - Mike Barker, Omaha
HM Halloween Pennant - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
HM Caught in Nature - Peggy Schmelzer, Great River
HM Barred Owl - Marty Barker, Omaha
HM Vermilion Lakes Sunset - Paul Kammen, Minnesota Valley

HM Velvet Monkey - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
74 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Chap Achen, Mariann Cyr, Steve Plocher. Comments: There was a wonderful range of subject matter and so many really great entries.

## *Digital Pictorial*

1st Forgotten In Oregon - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
2nd Bluebells - Martha Farwell, Great River
3rd Light And Shadow in Canyon X - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Davidson Windmill - Jim Walters, Duluth-Superior
HM Coffee and a Good Book - Bruce Danuser, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - Merle Hall, Des Moines
HM A Multitude of Camera Selfies - Jennifer Novack Haar, Omaha
HM Lucky Number 7 - Daryl Metzger, Des Moines
HM Harbor Kaleidoscope - Marc Ye, Saint Paul
81 entries from 13 clubs. Judging Club: Minnesota Valley Photography Club. Chair: Don Tredinnick, Judges: Rob Hubbard, Henry May, Kurt Fagnant.

## *Digital Travel*

1st Badlands Milky Way SD - Steve Daggs, Des Moines
2nd Morning Light in Iceland - Sarah Becker, Des Moines
3rd After Dark in Khiva Uzbekistan - Cindy Carlsson, Saint Paul
HM A Calm Day At the Flaming Gorge Utah - Peggy Volden, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, Queens Garden Trail - Tom Arnhold, Topeka
HM La Primavera in Havana Cuba - Terri Dermody, Des Moines
HM Evening Canals of Alesund - Norway - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
HM Sea Stacks at Sunset, CA, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
77 entries from 15 clubs. Judging Club: Iowa City Camera Club. Chair: Randy Moyer. Judges: Bob Rude, Mark Gromko, Larry Luebbert.

## *Altered Reality Prints*

1st Ghosts of Broadmore - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
2nd Impact Point - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
3rd Farmer and Steel wool night - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
11 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Minot CC. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Adam Papin, Todd Johnson, Crystal Johnson. Comments: Be careful and remember that the base of the picture must be a photo you have taken. Some are on the bubble for a bit to much computer generated images CGI.

## *B & W Pictorial Prints*

1st The Sentinel - Mary Klauer, Sioux City
2nd A Life Well Lived - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
3rd Breaking Light at Three Rivers Montana - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
HM Take that Darn Picture - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City
18 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: SW Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Kim Walter. Judges: Linda Freeman, Vera Fengler, Debbie Bates. Comments: Titles on the back of photos are not always matching up with sheets.

## *Journalism Prints*

1st My Entry - Carey Anderson, Sioux City
2nd After the Block - John Larson, Shutterbug
3rd Prairie Awakening Full Regalia Dancing at Kuhns Conservation - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs
9 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglund. Judges: Scott Udey, Bob Wright, Sonja Hoglund. Comments: It was sad that there were so few entries in this category. We could not give out honorable mentions due to the numbers, even though some deserved them. 6 clubs entered, but we only had 9 entries total.

## *Nature Prints*

1st Comorant Catches Invasive Species - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
2nd Gliding Eagle - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
3rd Fall Colors - John Woodward, Duluth-Superior
13 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: SW Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Kim Walter. Judges: Linda Freeman, Vera Fengler, Debbie Bates. Comments: Titles on the back of photos are not always matching up with sheets.

## *Pictorial Prints (Color)*

1st Red White and Blue - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
2nd Barn in Fall Color - John Woodward, Duluth-Superior
3rd Rhapsody in Glacier Bay - Carl Hardy, Sioux City
15 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Minot CC. Chair: Tim Zeltinger. Judges: Todd Johnson, Crystal Johnson, Adam Papin. Comments: Hopefully not a trend, but only having 15 entries is a bit scary. I know most do not enter because the postage rates keep going up. Maybe finding a way to send them back to you cheaper would help. Sending out by the 4th of the month would help those paying a higher rate to get them to us faster. Maybe members submitting could throw a couple of dollars in the hat to pay for shipping. These are just thoughts.

## *Travel Prints*

1st Perspective, Utah - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
2nd Manawajapana Falls Kauai Hawaii - Tim Abramowitz, Des Moines
3rd One Click Away from Paradise Hawaii - Ed Hohenstein, Sioux City
12 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Greg Hoglund. Judges: Bob Wright, Sonja Hoglund, Scott Udey. Comments: Not enough entries to give honorable mentions. Wish we could have given a couple HM's. 7 clubs entered but only received a total of 12 images.