



Blufftops & Visions

Detailed Schedule



62nd Annual North Central Camera Club Council (N4C) Photography Convention September 13-14-15, 2018

Sponsored by the *Dubuque Camera Club*

www.dubuquecameraclub.com

Most events will take place on Friday and Saturday. Opening night festivities on Thursday will include a dusk photo shoot at the Historic Shot Tower on the Mississippi Riverwalk. The convention will conclude on Sunday with an optional goodbye breakfast.

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Dubuque/Galena, 450 Main Street, Dubuque, IA 52001



Reservations: (563) 556-2000

A block of rooms is reserved for N4C Photography Convention. Cost is \$139 per night on Friday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 15. If you want to stay on Thursday night, Sept. 13, cost is \$99 (plus tax). We have a very busy tourist town, so reserve early!

Check in 3.p.m, Check out at 12 noon. Free parking, microwave and fridge. Dogs allowed, \$35 one-time fee, Bookings accepted now. Group room block will be held until August 14, 2017. Reservation requests received after this cut-off date will be accepted and confirmed upon availability at the hotel's current rate. River Rock Kitchen & Tap onsite with a firepit and outdoor seating.

***If you need a recommendation for camping or for another hotel or Airbnb, please contact Jennifer Tigges at (563) 583-7128*

Banquet Meals: The registration price includes *both* Friday and Saturday banquet meals onsite. Breakfast and lunch are not included in the registration price. Please ask if you need suggestions for nearby restaurants. Banquets will consist of a buffet dinner with various entrees, salads, vegetables, bread, coffee, tea and milk. There will be plenty of choices, including vegetarian. Cash bar available.

Thursday, September 13 - Check in 5:00-7:00 p.m., Holiday Inn

Receive check-in materials. Dubuque Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (Travel Dubuque) staff will be on hand to answer questions about the area. Watch for news and updates at this table throughout the weekend.

Buy-Sell-Trade - Bulletin Board/Table: Bring your used equipment or periodicals along with you and leave a poster or handwritten paper about the item and your contact info and phone number on it. This will be located in our vendor room, the Clarion room. You are responsible for all transactions. Please do not leave the actual items for sale at the table; only leave the sales flyers.

Opening Reception/Shot Tower Shoot Out

Thursday, September 13 - Located off-site, Stone Cliff Winery 6-9 p.m. Free



Stone Cliff Winery, 600 Star Brewery Dr., Dubuque, IA 52001 stonecliffwinery.com Please join us at the historic Star Brewery located on the Mississippi River with access to the River Walk and Art on the River Sculpture Exhibit. Cash bar. Appetizers and flatbreads available for purchase. Enjoy outdoor patio seating within view of the river.

Meet us formally at 6:30 p.m. on the patio behind the winery. We will have a short welcome and then we will walk to the Historic Shot Tower. This is one of the last remaining Shot Towers in the U.S. and was once used to produce lead shot for the military. A local historian will be on hand to give us a tour and a rare look at the inside staircase. The tower will be lit from inside for a sunset shoot (Sunset 7:15 p.m.). Bring your camera, tripod and a wide lens. The Historic Shot Tower is 102 feet above ground. Free event. There may be a cancellation in case of inclement weather.

Friday, September 14 - Holiday Inn

Print Room – Ben Bolt Meeting Room, open 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Vendor Room – Clarion Meeting Room, open 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Camera Clinic – Throughout the weekend, the *Camera Clinic* will offer camera and sensor cleaning in the vendor room. They will also clean the body, attached lens, mirror, and focus screen. Receive a \$15 discount (regular price: \$75) by choosing this option on your registration form. Payment at time of service.

Friday Presentations and Field Trips



Friday 8:15-9:45 a.m. Dubuque History and Monuments – Dubuque Room – *Where Iowa Started* with Jason Neises. Preview historical photo opportunities within the area that you can explore on your own. Check out our “On Your Own” photography directory for ideas and locations.



Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m. – Millwork and Models Creative Shootout – (offsite field trip, \$5). Travel on your own to Dubuque’s Historic Millwork District. We will have live models at several locations. Experts will showcase lighting techniques, unique lenses and more. Brick, limestone, and rugged wooden architectural features. The Historic Millwork District is located at 9th and Jackson Streets or 10th and Washington Streets. Park in parking ramp (\$1 hour) or on-street (parking meters), or carpool with others.

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During the *Millwork and Models* event (and throughout the weekend), a Tamron representative will be on hand with lenses to sample and to assist you with photography questions.



Friday Noon-1:00 p.m. Edward Curtis Lunch and Learn at the Dubuque Museum of Art (offsite) – Edward S. Curtis is most famous for his colossal photography collection, *The North American Indian*. He documented the geography of the indigenous people and their race against time as their traditions were in danger of disappearing. There are 20 illustrated volumes that

took thirty years to produce, including over 720 large-format photogravures. This is a rare and complete collection. Hear the stories and view a few of over 40,000 photographs that Curtis took in North America. (Lunch details TBA).



Friday 1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Luke's Tiffany Windows Tour (offsite, \$5 registration) – Visit one of the largest collection of Tiffany windows in the U.S. This guided tour will reveal the history of the church and its windows, followed by time to take photographs both inside and outside. Tour will last approximately 45 minutes followed by photography time on your own. A portion of fees collected will be donated to the ongoing window restoration fund.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church is located at 1199 Main St.



Friday 1:30-3:00 p.m. Bird Photography of the Tri-States and Southwest Texas – Dubuque Room. Members of the Dubuque Camera Club will present their images and suggestions about photographing the eagles, owls, waterfowl and other birds of the Mississippi River Flyway. The tri-state area, in Iowa/Illinois/Wisconsin, is home to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. *Presenters:* Ronald Tigges, Kenneth Kiss, and Kevin McTague. Kevin will also share his recent images of birds from southwest Texas.



Friday 1:30-3:00 p.m. Abstract and Creative Landscapes using Intentional Camera Movement – Iowa Room. Photographer Stephanie Johnson of the Des Moines Camera Club will offer her insights for creating beautifully compelling abstract and artistic images from scenes in the natural landscape.

TAMRON Friday 3:15-4:45 p.m.- Tamron will present *Shooting in Macro* - Iowa Room



Friday 3:15-4:45 p.m. - Refractography - Dubuque Room – Dubuque Camera Club president Ronald Tigges will demonstrate the art of *refractography*. Bring your camera and try it out for yourself. No late arrivals for this event.

Friday 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hospitality Hour – Blue Moon Room – Relax before the Friday evening banquet with live music from soloist Chris Ross. Accompanying herself on guitar, she will play country music and tunes from the 70s and 80s. The banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m.



Friday 6:30 p.m. Dinner Banquet - Introductions, buffet dinner, photo essays, Best of N4C Presentation.

Keynote speaker: Award-winning photographer Brandon Erdman from Geneseo, Illinois. Brandon's photo of "Kofa Mountains Sunrise" was recently selected as first-place winner of the National Geographic and the Arizona Tourism Department's #UnRealAZ photo contest.



Brandon will share his original images and talk about "Executing Your Vision." He will take us through the process of creating compelling images, from visualization and planning to execution.

Afterparty – River Rock bar or Diamond Jo Casino or night shoot, TBA.

Saturday, September 15 - Holiday Inn

Print Room – Ben Bolt Meeting Room, open 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Vendor Room – Clarion Meeting Room, open 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Presentations and Field Trips



Saturday 7 a.m. to noon. Dubuque Farmers Market – (offsite, free) – The farmers' market stretches for several blocks around 1300 Iowa St. See colorful local produce/baked goods/flowers, get a bite to eat, and hear local musicians at the oldest farmers market in Iowa. Free.

Saturday 8:15-9:45 a.m. Sean McDonald – Off Camera Lighting for Portraits – Dubuque Room. This workshop will cover the technical side of triggering off-camera lighting. We will cover TTL cables, radio triggers, infra-red units, as well as using the built-in flash to trigger off camera flashes. We will also be focusing on how camera setting affects ambient and flash lighting. Sean is the former owner of *Everything Photography*.



Saturday 8:15-9:45 – José Garcia – Drawing You to the Light – Iowa Room – Advanced post-processing of RAW files using Photoshop and other tools. Dubuque Camera Club member José Garcia will lead a workshop in post-processing for portraits and fine art photography. José has won many awards in the monthly N4C competition.



Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. Google This! And Social Media Panel – Dubuque Room – Learn how to fix a problem or learn a skill by asking Google the question in the right way. Instagram and Facebook for beginners. Bring your smartphone, if you have one. Bring your social media questions. We may touch on phone editing apps as well.



Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. – Iván Ferrero Presentation – Iowa Room – The importance of digital post processing workflow in modern photography. Demonstration of Ivan’s personal digital post processing workflow applied to Landscape / Cityscape photography. Targeted to advanced users using luminosity masks Photoshop. Iván is an awarding winning photographer from Spain. He will be Saturday evening’s keynote speaker.

Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own. Dubuque features many excellent restaurants. Please ask if you would like a suggestion.



Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (offsite) – Murals and Architecture – Lunchtime mini-session. Visit downtown Dubuque’s nearby architectural murals. Dubuque Camera club members will be assisting. Mural maps at <http://voicesproductions.org/mural-map/>

Saturday 1:00-2:30 p.m. – N4C Board Meeting – Iowa Room – agenda TBA. You may attend if you are an N4C club member.



Saturday 3:00-5:30 p.m. – On Your Own photo shoot – We will have ideas and locations available. Enjoy the views and sights of the area.



Saturday 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Happy Hour Cruise on the American Lady \$25 pre-registration required – We are excited to offer this fun event! Cruise the Mighty Mississippi for 1.5 hours while enjoying free soda, beer, lemonade, ice tea and appetizers. See the Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois shorelines from the Mississippi River. Boarding starts at 3:00 p.m. The boat will leave from Catfish Charlies restaurant at 1630 East 16th St. We will attend the cruise rain or shine. Check with the registration desk for carpool options.

(To reserve a seat on the river cruise, you must select this option on the registration form. Cost: \$25).

5:30-6:30 Hospitality Hour – Blue Moon Room – Relax before the Saturday evening banquet with live music from David Cooper. Originally from England, he plays a variety of easy listening tunes. The banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m.



6:30 p.m. Saturday Dinner Banquet – Introductions, buffet dinner, N4C awards presentation, 2019 convention preview.

Keynote speaker: Iván Ferrero is a fine art and landscape/cityscape photographer from Toledo, Spain. He has received many honors and awards for his work, including two golden medals in the 2018 Trierenberg Super Circuit, the

largest annual salon of photography on the globe.

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Iván will talk about how photography has changed his life and the way he sees the world. He will discuss the importance of digital post-processing to modern photography. He will refute the notion that photography cannot be fine art. Finally, in a video presentation, he will share highlights of his work over the past three years.

Afterparty – River Rock bar or Diamond Jo Casino

Sunday, September 16

Hotel Breakfast Buffet and Goodbye Celebration – \$15 (includes tax and gratuity). We will go through the River Rock buffet and gather in the Dubuque or Iowa meeting rooms before departing.

Hotel Checkout is at noon.

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