



The Des Moines Camera Club continues preparations for the 2019 N4C Convention “Finding Your Light in Des Moines”! We are very excited to host N4C and think there is quite a variety in the speakers and field trip options.

The diversity of the Convention speakers is varied and all are considered experts in their favored photographic genre. Let’s start with the keynote speakers, in addition to delivering the keynote addresses each are offering breakout sessions as well.

Don Komarechka joins us from Canada and is an expert in macro photography of snowflakes as well as fluorescing flowers, night skies, and infrared photography. Don teaches workshops about nature and macro photography, as well as photographic editing, and creative compositions. “Photography is about sharing your unique view of the world with others – without using words. Helping others accomplish the same goal is extremely rewarding. I like to see the world through my camera in ways I normally cannot see with my own eyes. Seeing the world beyond vision is a gift that photography gives me.” In addition to Friday’s keynote Don is leading a field trip and presenting at several breakout sessions.

David Thoreson splits time between Northwest Iowa and the mountains of Colorado. David speaks, and exhibits, at many venues across the globe including the World Science Festival, TED, Explorers Club, and Nobel Peace Prize Forum. He has sailed the world’s oceans where he began noticing and photographically documenting changes occurring in our environment. As the first American explorer in history to sail the Northwest Passage in both directions, David speaks and exhibits about polar exploration, adventure sailing, the Northwest Passage, and climate change issues. In addition to Saturday’s keynote David is also presenting a breakout session on Saturday afternoon.

The Des Moines Camera Club thinks of itself as a “teaching Club” and offers a variety of session speakers who are also eager to share their expertise.

- **Eric Williamson** brings years of wildlife photography experience to his session on finding wildlife, their behaviors, and shooting techniques.
- **Willard Sharp** is Iowa’s local storm chaser! His passion is tracking and photographing severe weather so expect some dramatic skies in his presentation.
- **Doug Wells** offers years’ experience in photographing sports. An awarded photographer Doug has covered local, collegiate, professional, and Olympic events.
- **Shari Miller** shares how embracing the creative process can greatly enhance your art. Join us in learning how her contemplative practice can lead us on a path to greater self-discovery and photography.

- **Larry Mendenhall**, another local favorite, covers his post processing workflow in converting captured images into black and white photographic fine art!
- **Jerry Ranch** is a fine art photographer and happy to share how to fine tune storytelling techniques, show your work in regional galleries, and build your skills for a portfolio critique.
- Keynote speaker **Don Komarechka** will present several sessions, on Friday and Saturday, on topics of capturing invisible light, macro, infrared, and the life of a photographer.
- Keynote speaker **David Thoreson** also has a breakout session, on Saturday afternoon on his storytelling approach to photography.

A wide range of field trips puts our experts at your sides in these locations throughout the Metro area and beyond. Each field trip will launch from the Registration / Information desk area, carpooling is encouraged. Additional information on each field trip, as well as gear suggestions, is on the Convention website. Also on the Convention website is a list of independent photo opportunities.

- After the opening Reception on Thursday evening **Jerry Ranch** will lead a casual walk and photography session of the 4.4 acre Papajohn Sculpture Garden.
- Also after the opening Reception on Thursday evening **Ryan Mott** will guide us along the popular Riverwalk for photography of bright city lights, unique sculptures, and unforgettable river views.
- Get up early on Friday morning to join **Kristie Burns** for a trip to the National Wildlife Refuge near Prairie City, Iowa to photograph bison, elk, and other wildlife as the sun rises.
- **Alan Jacobs** is an extraordinary street photographer, with a very good eye for the action, and will lead a group on Friday morning in Downtown Des Moines for a hands-on instructive session.
- **Penny Adam** will lead a trip to the Des Moines Art Center where a refreshing docent led tour of current and / or permanent exhibitions will treat your creative soul.
- **Dom Komarechka** takes this field trip to the Iowa State University Demonstration Gardens for a hands-on macro photography session.
- **Paul Grillo** knows the roads to find the Bridges of Madison County for photography of some of the area's favorite covered bridges.
- Join **Jerry Ranch** for the ever popular Downtown Des Moines Farmers Market. Located in the Historic Court Avenue District it is ten blocks of about 300 vendors and entertainment.

Finishing touches are being added to the banquets on each Friday and Saturday evenings. A great time to further connect with photography friends, start with cocktails from the cash bar around 5:30 and stay for dinner and N4C Best of Best presentations and awards held each night. We are gathering items from local and national vendors for door prizes as well as a live grand prize drawing – all prizes will be distributed at Saturday's banquet.

To learn more about the 2019 N4C Convention check our website <https://www.dmcameraclub.com/n4c-convention-2019> and look for our Facebook page <fb.me/FindingYourLightinDesMoines> for all the latest information and announcements.

Registration is at <https://www.jotform.com/build/90824442441150>.