

**Congratulations to all the 2022-2023 N4C  
 “Best of the Best” Competitions  
 and Annual Award Winners  
 N4C Convention in Dubuque, IA**

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<b>Contest Category</b>	<b>Year End Award</b>	<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Name of Club</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Digital – Altered Reality</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie Hanson	La Crosse Area	Artist in the Making
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Dancing in the Rain
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Ann Roesler	La Crosse Area	Hooking Up the Sky
	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Midnight Walk
	HM	John Calvin	Fargo-Moorhead	Phelps Mill Trick or Treat
	HM	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Looking for Danger
	HM	Ryno W Olson	Great River	Wine & Cheese
<b>Digital - B&amp;W</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Allen Kurth	Omaha	The Chase
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chap Achen	Western Wisconsin	Tracks
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Guitar Solo
	HM	Jerry Burnell	Wichita Area	B&W Spoonbill
	HM	Marilyn Victor	Women’s Color	Accordion Man
	HM	Jerry Burnell	Wichita Area	Running in water
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Scripps Pier in BW
	HM	Melissa Anderson	Western Wisconsin	A Tender Moment
	HM	Elliott Lindgren	Saint Paul	Self-Portrait in Profile
<b>Digital - Journalism</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Allen Kurth	Omaha	No Brakes
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Millard	La Crosse Area	The Thrill of the Win
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Tigges	Dubuque	Near Miss - young skier dodges his dad on a tricky maneuver
	HM	Allen Kurth	Omaha	End of the Ride
	HM	Mark Guinn	Black Hills	Trial by Fire
	HM	Karen Leonard	Saint Paul	Green Bay carry
	HM	Crystal Johnson	Minot	A Girl at Work
<b>Digital - Nature</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Diane Herman	Western Wisconsin	Big Boar Eating Sedge Grass
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheldon Farwell	Great River	Competition
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug Long	Fargo-Moorhead	Hare Stare
	HM	Chris Amberg	Omaha	Cardinal Love
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Bull Moose in Rim Light at Sprague Lake RMNP
	HM	Ken Epstein	Saint Paul	Fighting Over The Kill

	HM	Robert Orton	Sioux Falls	Muskrat
	HM	Joni Welda	La Crosse Area	A Brief Pause
	HM	Sheldon Farwell	Great River	Dipping the Wing
	HM	Kevin McTague	Dubuque	Fruit Bat
<b>Digital - Pictorial</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie Abraham	La Crosse Area	Getting the Hay In
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Betty Bryan	Western Wisconsin	Japanese Iris
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin McTague	Dubuque	Zion, N.P.
	HM	Sharon Watson	Fargo-Moorhead	Perfect Fit
	HM	Marianne Diericks	Western Wisconsin	Lesser Violetear
	HM	David Hovde	Sioux City	Joy Ride
	HM	Sharon Watson	Fargo-Moorhead	Double Pose
	HM	Mary Dreckman	Iowa City	Mystical
	HM	Deb Zimmerman	Black Hills	A Dose of Perspective

<b>Digital - Travel</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jerry Burnell	Wichita Area	Western Maine for old covered bridges
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nikki McDonald	Omaha	Rockport Evening with Motif #1-MA
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melissa Anderson	Western Wisconsin	Sunrise On The Dunes, Death Valley NP
	HM	Mike Chrun	Western Wisconsin	Tombolo on North Shore - MN
	HM	John Calvin	Fargo-Moorhead	Good Morning From Bond Falls, Michigan
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Sunrise Badlands South Dakota
	HM	Martha Farwell	Great River	Door County Wisconsin Barn
	HM	Marty Barker	Omaha	Smoky Mountains Sunset-North Carolina
	HM	Terry Butler	Western Wisconsin	Foggy Palouse Morning, WA (1)
<b>Print – Pictorial - B &amp; W</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Yellowstone Snow Cap
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Smoke Gets in your Eyes
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Downbound
	HM	Dwight Tomes	Des Moines	Focus on the Prey
	HM	Randy Moyer	Iowa City	Victorian Lady
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Guitar Duo
<b>Print – Pictorial - Color</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	The Bashful Buzzard
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Caddo Lake Cypress
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	George
	HM	Diane Lowry	Des Moines	Room with a View
	HM	Steve Guns	Des Moines	Taliesian Triangles 2
	HM	Jerry Burnell	Wichita Area	Franconia SP Waterfall
<b>Print – Altered Reality</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jerry Burnell	Wichita Area	Old Bristlecone Pine - Tinman Chasing Elk
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Stag Beetle
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Rude	Iowa City	Out of Time
	HM	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	Star Trails Over Church
	HM	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Driver's Ed
	HM	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Water-Drop Communion
<b>Print - Journalism</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ronald Tigges	Dubuque	Rear View Flip
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Lahti	Duluth-Superior	Young Fancy Dancer
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Betty Nordstrom	Minot Camera Club	Stacked Cars for Double Trouble
	HM	James Durrant	Dubuque	Ouch! That was a Fastball
	HM	Wilford Yoder	Iowa City	It Takes Teamwork
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Whooh There!
<b>Print - Nature</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Anna Frissell	Fargo-Moorhead	A Full Nest
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Woodward	Duluth-Superior	White Faced Shadow Hawk
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Abernathy	Minot Camera Club	Milk Seeds

	HM	Dwight Tomes	Des Moines	Cougar Kit on Log
	HM	Kenneth Kiss	Dubuque	Prothonotary Warbler
	HM	Wilford Yoder	Iowa City	Silver Fox up in a Tree
<b>Print - Travel</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jerry Burnell	Wichita Area	House on Fire - South Central, UT
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Durrant	Dubuque	Night Time Falling Water, Mill Run, PA
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	Havasu Creek, AZ
	HM	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	A Path to Dream Lake, RMNP CO
	HM	Henry Matthiessen III	Dubuque	El Capitan Yosemite, CA
	HM	Kim Walter	Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs	Male Risplendano Quetzal Dantica Cloud Forest Costa Rica
<b>Panorama Print</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Starry Night at Toad Stacks, UT
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Calvin	Fargo-Moorhead	Dusting the High Country
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Tigges	Dubuque	Twin Springs Autumn Twilight

<b>Photo Journalism Story</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Rutherford	Women's Color	Alzheimer's can't keep a good golfer down
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Schoering	Sioux City	Ragbrai Riders
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Durrant	Dubuque	Heroes for History
	HM	Mike Magda	Black Hills	Sandhill Crane
<b>Photo Essay</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Celine Hartwig	Iowa City	Life is a Stairway
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephonie Schmitz	Dubuque	Come Fly With Me
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Rude	Iowa City	50 Shades of Winter
	HM	Nancy Heather Brown	Des Moines	Photo Mail
	HM	Mark Gromko	Iowa City	It's the Little Things
	HM	Sam Fenstermacher	Dubuque	Summertime Dubuque Destinations
<b>Video Story</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kathleen Wolleat	Duluth-Superior	Sights and Sounds of Lake Superior <a href="https://youtu.be/Utzrab-U4Jk">https://youtu.be/Utzrab-U4Jk</a>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Schoening	Sioux City	Old #9 <a href="https://youtu.be/aciGHPF5QaU">https://youtu.be/aciGHPF5QaU</a>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kristel Saxton	Iowa City	Seasons of Corn, watch corn grow from winter to fall on an Iowa Farm <a href="https://youtu.be/hzrWUWigO-M">https://youtu.be/hzrWUWigO-M</a>
<b>Club Communications – Newsletter</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Carl Hardy	Sioux City	Sioux Scope
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Segrud	Black Hills	Black Hills Expressions
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laurie McShane	Duluth-Superior	Snapshot
<b>Club Communications - Web</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marty Welter	Omaha	<a href="https://www.omahacameraclub.net">https://www.omahacameraclub.net</a>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patty Foster	Des Moines	<a href="https://www.dmcameraclub.com/">https://www.dmcameraclub.com/</a>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug Conrad	Sioux City	<a href="http://www.siouxcitycameraclub.com/">http://www.siouxcitycameraclub.com/</a>
	HM	Bev Kiecker	Minnesota Valley	<a href="http://minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org/live/">http://minnesotavalleyphotoclub.org/live/</a>
	HM	Michelle Cox	La Crosse Area	<a href="https://lacrosseareacameraclub.org/">https://lacrosseareacameraclub.org/</a>
	HM	Bruce McKee	North Iowa Photo Club	<a href="http://www.northiowaphotoclub.com/">http://www.northiowaphotoclub.com/</a>
<b>N4C Founder's Award</b>		<b>Carl Hardy</b>		
<b>N4C Service Award</b>				
<b>Small Club of the Year</b>			<b>Great River Camera Club</b>	
<b>Large Club of the Year</b>			<b>Dubuque Camera Club</b>	
<b>Photographer of the Year</b>		<b>Stephonie Schmitz</b>	<b>Dubuque Camera Club</b>	