

NOTE: If you are unsure how to rename or resize your images, please contact the Digital Contest Coordinator or any board member. Failure to comply with sizing or naming protocol may result in your image not being judged. Also, be sure to remove tags before exporting to ensure anonymity for judging.

The Board reserves the right to restrict certain subject matters and has determined that some nude and boudoir photos may be inappropriate. Photos of people, including photographers, standing on railroad tracks or the right of way, are not allowed (digital and print coordinators will make final decision). You may bring your entries to the first meeting of the month and submit them to the Club Contest Coordinator. Club contest rules generally conform to N4C monthly competition rules, and entries will be judged by members who have judging experience or have attended a judging workshop.

In the event that there is only one entry in a class, an award can be withheld if the judges determine that the entry did not merit the award.

The entrant must have taken the image for a contest entry. The print can be made from a negative, slide, or digital image that may or may not have been printed by the entrant.

Images that have NOT won an award in a DMCC competition may be re-entered in subsequent competitions. Images that have won awards may not be entered in subsequent DMCC competitions as either print or digital images.

Prints are a maximum of 11 x 14 inches. Beginning with the first print contest in of the 2021-22 year, mounted prints are no longer allowed. Framed prints are not allowed.

Member numbers are assigned by either the DMCC Digital or DMCC Print contest coordinator. DMCC uses the N4C digital contest numbering system.

DMCC members have the opportunity to compete in N4C contests. N4C print entries are due at the first meeting of the month prior to the judging month and will be returned at the first meeting following the contest results. For example, October contest entries must be submitted at the first October club meeting. There is no judging in December.

If you have any questions about N4C contests, please contact the N4C representatives (Janie Lawson or Jerry Goedken) for digital and print entries.

## AWARDS

### Member of the Year:

The title, Member of the Year, will be annually awarded to the one club member who is voted by the Honors Committee as the member who has contributed the most to the club that year. The Honors Committee meets in the spring to make their selection for this one-time award. The award will be presented at the Club Banquet. His/her identity is kept secret until the award is presented.

### Photographer of the Year:

This award is for the photographer who has accumulated the most points in either the Advanced or Masters division in DMCC competitions during the year.

### N4C Photographer of the Year:

This award is for the photographer who has accumulated the most points in the N4C Contests during the year.

### Lifetime Service:

This award may be presented from time to time to a club member who has made sustained contributions to the DMCC over an extended period of time. The board of directors is responsible for this special award when warranted by meritorious service by a club member.



# HANDBOOK

## Welcome to the Des Moines Camera Club!

The Des Moines Camera Club dates from 1943, when it was established as the YMCA Movie and Camera Club. We are an organization of people who share an interest in photography, both traditional and digital. Any and all photographers are welcome. We have photographers of all ages and skill levels from the casual beginner to the skilled professional. Please meet with us as our guest and consider becoming a member. We are always looking for photographers and their families who want to join us to share in our joint interests in photography.

Meetings are held at Johnston Lion's Club Building, 6501 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, IA 50131. Meetings are held the first two Tuesdays of each month starting at 7 p.m. from September through May. The first meeting of the month is a speaker, topic, or activity of general interest while the second meeting of the month is the Digital Contest Results.

There are additional competitions, field trips, photo opportunities, N4C contests, and judging classes that are arranged on an ad hoc basis. Club members are encouraged to participate in any of these activities.

Board of Directors' meetings are generally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend the meetings to learn the business aspects of the club.

Annual dues, due September 1, are as follows:

\* Single Membership \$60 \* Student Membership \$30

Application and dues may be presented at any meeting or paid online at:  
<http://www.dmcameraclub.com/membership-signup/>

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## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

### North Central Camera Club Council (N4C)

Our Des Moines Camera Club is an active member of the N4C - an organization of camera clubs whose purpose is to promote the enjoyment, skills, and science of photography. N4C publishes a web page, <http://www.n4c.us/>, a monthly newsletter, and a handbook. N4C provides educational materials and programs, and promotes photography through contests. Our members have the opportunity to enter a number of monthly contests in various subject categories. Our club judges several contests for N4C each year, enabling our members to see photos from other clubs in our mid-west area. Our judges are required to attend a local judging workshop. Individual memberships to N4C are also available.

### N4C Bulletin

Our club receives the N4C News Bulletin, which is PDF file emailed to members on a monthly basis.

### Photographic Society of America

Our Des Moines Camera Club is also affiliated with PSA, the Photographic Society of America, a large national organization of about 20,000 individual members and over 1,000 camera clubs. PSA members receive a monthly magazine, the PSA Journal, with information about the PSA activities and competitions. For information about PSA, please write to their headquarters at 3000 United Founders Blvd., Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, or contact one of the board members.

### Iowa State Fair

Our Des Moines Camera Club is one of the sponsors of the Iowa State Fair Photography Salon. Many of our members enter this competition to help support fine-art photography in the Midwest.

### Special Interest Groups

From time to time, members of the DMCC may hold special meetings to discuss specific topics concerning all forms of photography or to organize special photography outings for the members. These different interest groups, such as the Day Shooters, are welcomed by the DMCC as long as participation is open to all members of the club. The Camera Club also requires that all regular participants of such groups be (or become) members of the DMCC.

Special Interest Groups may be publicized at regular club meetings, by mailings, e-mail or posted on the Club's web site. Special Interest Groups shall not be conducted as individual 'for profit' activities, although fees may be collected to defray costs or as money-making activities for the Camera Club.

### End of Year Banquet

Each year in June, our club members hold a Club Banquet. This meeting could include displaying of contest winners from the different contests during the past club year. The Best of Best contest includes an additional judging of all the winners of monthly contests during the club year (see below). Details are announced well in advance of the event at club meetings.

## CONTESTS:

DMCC Contests – Purpose of Contests

*"The best way to improve your photography is PUBLIC EXHIBITION."*

- quote attributed to Ansel Adams

The DMCC believes that exhibition is a key to development of personal photography skills. Competition is intended to allow exhibition of your work, to promote technical and artistic feedback between club members, to allow club members to gain experience in judging photographic art, and provides an avenue for recognition.

### Contest Rules

DMCC members may compete in club contests either in the Advanced Class or Masters Class. Both the digital contest and print contest is held the second meeting of the month. Additionally, each month is an open class, digital theme contest. Themes will be announced at the beginning of the Club year and listed on the Club schedule of the website.

Members compete in the Advanced Class until they have accumulated 200 points or are awarded Photographer of the Year for the Advanced Class in DMCC club contests; after that, members must participate in Masters Class.

Points are accrued at a rate of 1st=8 points, 2nd=7 points, 3rd=6 points, and Honorable Mention=5 points.

AWARDS per contest:

- 2-3 Entries: 1st Place
- 4-5 Entries: 1st Place, 2nd Place
- 6-7 Entries: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
- 8-9 Entries: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, HM
- 10-13 Entries: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, HM, HM
- 14 or Greater Entries: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, HM, HM, HM

Print Contest:

- Maximum number of print entries per month is two – can be color or b&w
- Print entries are due the first Tuesday of each month
- Prints must be identified on the back upper left-hand corner with the following: Title, Class (Advanced or Masters), Name and address, Member number
- Prints must be submitted to the DMCC Print Contest Coordinators at the club meeting prior to the print competition or by special arrangement prior to 2:00 pm the Saturday before the competition.

Digital Contest:

- Maximum number of digital entries per month is two – can be color or b&w
- In addition, members may submit one image in the Digital Theme Contest
- Digital entries are due to the digital coordinator by 10 p.m. the first Monday of each month. Email to [dmcc.digital@gmail.com](mailto:dmcc.digital@gmail.com). Images must be submitted as jpg's, no more than 1920 pixels on the longest side and no larger than 500kb. Files MUST be named as follows: Sample=01,DE096,DA,My Adorable Kitty
  - 01 = image number
  - DE096 = member number
  - DA = Class (DA-Digital Advanced, DM-Digital Master, TH-Theme)
  - Title = My Adorable Kitty

Use a comma to separate each of the 4 fields in the file name. Do not use under scores, spaces (except in the title), or other characters in the file name. The scoring software will only recognize images that are named correctly.