

Leading Lines

The Newsletter of the Ames Camera Club -- Ames, Iowa

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Notes from the President

We have a website!!!!!! Check it out.

amescameraclub.org

and thank webmaster Mark Slagell. Send new content to:

mslugell@iastate.edu

Chuck Oulman and Motoko Lee Oulman each have one photo accepted in the Octagon exhibit. The opening reception is February 2.

At our January meeting Ken Johnson described the N4C digital photo contest, which was patterned on an earlier contest created by the Central Iowa Camera Club. To submit a photo first convert it to sRGB color space, if not already there, then resize to 1024 pixels on the longer edge, and finally convert it to JPEG with quality set between 8 and 10.

Photos are to be submitted to a club's digital coordinator (for now, Brent Pearce, rbpearce@mchsi.com), who numbers the entries in a format which also identifies the club and the photographer. All number 1 photos are judged first, then 2, and so on, so that entries from one club are not judged together.

The judging club is sent an Excel spread-sheet for scoring and entering comments. Scores are automatically added and ordered. They're then sorted by club and emailed to the club's coordinator.

The latest contest had nearly 100 entries from 21 clubs. Winners can be seen under News on the N4C website, n4c.us. comparing digital images to slides, overexposure is more often a problem but the judging club must be sure their projector is properly set up. Ken's BenQ DLP seems best in video mode. Ken recommends PicPerk viewing software instead of SlideShow, and Microsoft XP PowerToys for easy resizing.

March 15 - 30: Photos accepted for the Story County Conservation Photo Contest. The entry form is on their website (see article on second page of this newsletter).

Program Schedule

February 8, Helen Gunderson will tell us about her photocard and rural photography.

7 p.m., Ames Public Library. see her work at: www.gunderfriend.com

March 8, Members will display their photos for the Somerset Gallery display.*

April 5, Club Photo contest. Bring Prints of "Winter".

You may enter up to three prints which should be mounted with image size 8x10 or larger. The light box can handle mounts up to 20 inches tall.

*Bring your photos

We have Somerset Gallery for April. Each member may display one to three photos, any size. The photos should be mounted, matted and framed, with a hanging wire. You'll need to complete an entry form giving the photo's title and insurance value. Prepare an Artist's Statement on a separate sheet. Forms will be available at the February 8 meeting. If you have questions about framing, we'll help. The club will print a card with your name and photo title and mount it next to your photo. The Artist's State-ments will be put into a notebook for visitors to read.



Ducks and Geese at Ada Hayden Memorial Park

Tip of the Month

To prevent flash reflection from people's eye glasses have the individuals tip their glasses forward a little.



2007 Photo Contest Sponsored by Story County Conservation Partners & Ames Camera Club

Story County Conservation *Partners* and the Ames Camera Club are cosponsoring a contest for photos taken in Story County, Iowa. Judging of the photos will take place in April 2007 to encourage submission of photos from all four seasons. Photos may be entered in the following categories:

- A. Nature (may include structures)
- B. Specimen shot of native plant or animal
- C. People and recreation

Each entrant may submit up to three entries, Contest photos may be submitted March 15-30, 2007. More information at:

WWW.storycountyconservation.org

Photo Contest Entrants

Brent Pearce submitted a photo to the N4C contest in the colored print category in January.



Reiman Butterfly

It did not place in the contest

N4C Photo Contests

If you'd like to enter an N4C contest, the next one's this February. One entry per person and 8 for the club per category allowed. Send to Denise by February 5. If you can't make that dead line then the next one is March 5.

The categories are:

1. 2 x 2 pictorial slides (35 mm art).
2. 2 x 2 nature slides.
3. Black & white pictorial prints, large and small (judged separately).
Large prints = mount up to 16 x 20 inches.
Small prints = mount up to 11 x 14 inches (usually an 8 x 10 print).
4. Nature prints, large and small.
5. 2 1/4 slides (i.e. medium format).
6. Color prints, large and small (any topic).
7. Contemporary/creative prints & slides (weird or manipulated).
8. Photojournalism prints & slides (prints may be small, mounted and must not be matted).
9. Travel prints & slides.
10. The e-mail digital contest category is pictorial. The image must be 1024 x 768 or smaller and in sRGB color space. Submit these to:
rbpearce@mchsi.com

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Send any new content for the website to:

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