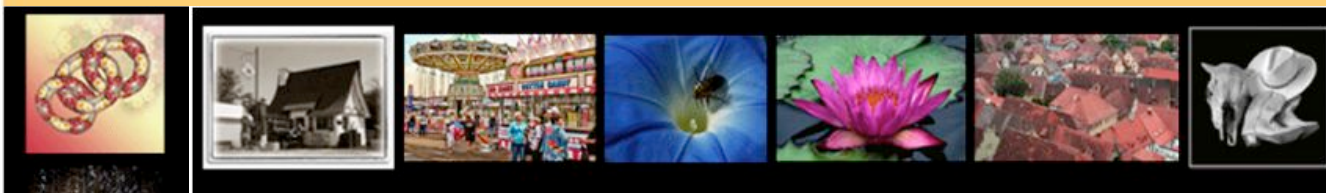


# North Metro Photo Club

Serving photographic enthusiasts of the North Metro suburbs in the Twin Cities area

December 2010



## North Metro Photo News – newsletter of North Metro Photo Club

### West Photo Exhibit January 1 – 31

Periodically North Metro Photo Club has an opportunity to exhibit members' images at West Photo in Northeast Minneapolis.

The exhibit wall has room for 8 – 12 images up to 16" x 20" in size, framed and wired. Bring one or two of your framed images to the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carol Madison will collect them and get them to West Photo for the exhibit (and collect them after the exhibit to return them to members at the February meeting).

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### December 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Yankee Swap

We start early for the December meeting – 6:30 pm, although come a little early (6:15) if you can to get set up.

For **refreshments** – bring a sample of your Holiday baking or some other tasty morsel to share with the group.

Following the December **competition** is the 'funnest' program of the year – the **Yankee Swap**. We all participate in the swap. Here is how it works:

- Bring a wrapped, unmarked gift of no particular value. The gift can be photo related or not – your choice.
  - The wrapping can be as 'normal' or creative as you want – grocery bags and comic pages are often used as well as traditional wrapping paper.
- Put your gift on the designated table when arrive.
- Everyone will be given a number.
- After the monthly competition and a short break, we will draw numbers, draw gifts, and 'exchange' gifts (which really amounts to taking something you prefer from someone else and giving that person something you can live without).

It's all for fun and is a hoot! You won't believe the stuff that shows up during the swap (some really good and some, well, not so good)

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### December 30<sup>th</sup>

December 30<sup>th</sup> is a Fifth Thursday when we normally would have a Print Meeting. However, we won't be doing that this year – first, the Church is not available; second, the survey we all completed in August showed that half the members preferred a field trip; besides, finding a judge was proving difficult. So, stay tuned for a potential field trip on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## CALENDAR

Dec 16

Regular Meeting – 6.30 pm at St. Philips  
Category: Contemporary  
Program: Yankee Swap

Dec 30

NO Fifth Thursday meeting – However, a field trip is in the works for that evening. Stay tuned.

### Competitions & Contests

Jan 10, 2011

Deadline for entries: 2011 Minneapolis-St. Paul Print Circuit

See [www.cameracouncil.org](http://www.cameracouncil.org) for more information

### Upcoming Events

Dec 11

**Judging Event** for NorthStar International Circuit of Nature Photography. See article at right for more information.

Dec 12

Como Conservatory Fall Flower Show photo event. Tripods allowed. 8:00 – 10:00 am. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

Jan 1 – 31, 2011

North Metro Photo Exhibit at West Photo.

Thru Jan 2, 2011

Embarrassment of Riches: Picturing Global Wealth, Exhibit in the Harrison Photography Gallery, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis.

Thru Jan 2, 2011

From Here to There: Alec Soth's America. Exhibit at Walker Art Museum, Minneapolis.

Jan 21 – 22, 2011

**Judging Event** for Minneapolis-St. Paul Print Circuit. See article at right for more information.

Jan 27 – Feb 5, 2011

St. Paul Winter Carnival. For more information on events, see [www.winter-carnival.com/events/](http://www.winter-carnival.com/events/)

**Deadline date for next newsletter:  
December 26**

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## E-Mail Address for Submitting Digital Images

Submit digital images to the following e-mail address:

[northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com](mailto:northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com)

## Judging Events

There are two more events coming up and workers/judges are still being recruited. Come to work or just to look at some great images from around the world. Details follow:

### **Location for both these events: Risen Christ Lutheran Church**

(On service road running north of and parallel to hwy 36 –just east of I-694)  
9050 60th St N  
Stillwater, MN

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### **2010 NorthStar International Circuit of Nature Photography Saturday, December 11 8:45 am 'til mid afternoon**

Lunch will be provided.

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### **2011 Minneapolis – St. Paul Print Circuit January 21st and 22nd (Friday and Saturday)**

**Friday** – 6:00 pm until approx. 9:00 pm  
**Saturday** – 9:00 am until mid afternoon

Dinner on Friday as well as light breakfast and a lunch on Saturday will be provided.

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Please e-mail Kathy Wall or call her if you can work either of these judging events.

**[kwallretired@comcast.net](mailto:kwallretired@comcast.net) or 651-426-6331**  
Thank you in advance for helping!

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*I tried to keep both arts alive, but the camera won. I found that while the camera does not express the soul, perhaps a photograph can!*  
~ Ansel Adams

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# Happy Holidays!

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# Photographic Memory

by Walt Fluegel

We sometimes hear that certain people have photographic memories. It seems that they can remember many details of certain incidences down to the finest detail as if they were reading off things they see in a photo. In some cases this may be a blessing and in other cases a curse. In the latter, I heard a story (if my memory serves me correctly) of a science writer who was accused of plagiarism. At one time he failed to cite his source of certain facts and repeated them word for word from another source and at the same time repeated some of his own previous writing. It turns out that he did indeed have a "photographic memory" for the well written elegant writing he and others had done, but had a hard time knowing or remembering when and who did the writing (even his own) and he thought his "new" writing was original.

Experts on memory tell us that what goes into our mind and comes back out later as memory is not exactly what went in in the first place. On first recall we might forget some things, or embellish, or add from another time. That is why "eye witnesses" to an incident are notoriously unreliable. However if memory was never changed we would not forget and be thought of as "photographic", also we would not be able to add or imagine something new and learn new things or write stories, or invent new gizmos and a host of other things memory allows us to do. Now let me muse on our collective memories when we often rely upon real photographic pictures or pixels to be our memory banks. These images "stay the same" when replaced in their storage places and when they are retrieved. (Except for fading or loss of pixels.)

However, it seems that the collective photographic memory of TV and our own personal photographs mimics what happens in our organic minds as individuals. For example during the 5th anniversary of the Katrina hurricane, several TV documentaries put a lot of their coverage on the New Orleans part of the story and less on where the hurricane actually hit on the Mississippi coast. The storms' impact on humanity vs. impact on objects may now make our collective memory think and remember more about New Orleans than the Mississippi coast.

Emotions, and imagination play a big part in what we remember so we try to retain factual memory in the form of images in albums or on discs, but can we really do that? Another example, the Carlsons, and

the Smiths, and others were at the wedding reception, but we do not see the Harrisons in any of the photos from the wedding album. Someone might say, "I am sure they were there too, they were always at the class reunions! I am sure they were at the wedding." ... Without any search of other records memories are in doubt. Maybe the Harrisons were at the wedding but maybe one roll of film got lost, or the photographer somehow missed those people on the to-do list. True too, they may not have been there, but the memory may have inserted them because they were always at other gatherings with the Carlsons and Smiths.

There may be other possibilities but physical memories in the form of photos are only bits and pieces of what happened at a particular time. After a while our conversations may center on the photos, not the event. And that is what memory does to us. Under normal conditions for each of us, we may alter the memory by addition or delete unknowingly. What resides in our albums or on a disc are only memory jiggers, not memories themselves.

A long time ago I heard the saying, "A map is not the land." Let me paraphrase, "A photo is not the memory." (Remember that!) Have fun with this thought.

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## 8 / 45 Square

I have a new show on display in the Grantsburg Library. All pictures are square. I use real photos and abstracts to make the squares. Each picture is made by using one 45-degree "cut" with eight duplications and flips and reassembled to reconstitute a square. (When you see some of squares of real photos you can understand why I "keep on trucking".)

Have fun, Walt



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## What's Happening Around Here

by Grace E. Anderson Schrunk

The Leica Camera people have come up with the perfect stocking stuffer for all of us who still believe there really is a Santa Claus. The price is \$26,000, or you could buy a pretty good car for that kind of money, but would it fit in your Christmas stocking that you so faithfully hang up every year.

The camera is made from a solid block of titanium and embossed in the same leather that goes into the interior of an Audi. Only 500 of these, basically point and shoot type of camera, will be produced. It boasts a very quiet shutter, almost a whisper and a soft handle on the side of the camera instead of a long strap.

The idea for the camera is from the designer group of the makers of the Volkswagen, which is famous for packing a lot in a tiny space, which we all remember, from the "Beetle" car.

From the looks of the picture, I'm not sure if the handle is a form of a better mousetrap, or the proverbial long strap is better. But I think the strap on this camera would look just a tab bit tacky.

I would say that 99.9% of our club members don't have a thing to worry about, deciding if a handle or a strap is better, because Santa is probably not going to find yours or my house on Christmas eve when he is out making his rounds with the reindeer.

When I have nothing better to do, I sometimes read past issues of the North Metro News and usually find something I didn't see or pay attention to the first time. I was reading George Jensen's column and he mentioned the new website for their newsletter which is [www.hilophotoclub.org](http://www.hilophotoclub.org). I looked up the newsletter for October and as usual the writers are very good with a lot of information plus a little humor here and there.

One of the writers wrote about the bigness of the digital SLR camera. Photographers liked the camera of the 70's era because of the compactness of it so now manufacturers are making digital cameras along those lines – Always something new to spend money on.

I am lucky enough to be working, with another photographer, on a short video for the fire department for the awards dinner on December 11. It was fun to sort through all the shots the firemen and corps photographers turned in during the year and to decide which one goes and which one

gets to be seen again. Volunteering is such a great thing as long as your heart is in the project and the benefit is for the greater good for others to enjoy.

Not everyone is into photography, which I find hard to believe. One of the three corps photographers has a camera with a Zeiss lens. I mentioned this to another member of the fire corps and her reply was, "What's a Zeiss."

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*Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after.*

~ Anne Morrow Lindberg

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## News from Hawaii

By George Jensen

*(Our long-standing member with the longest commute – he stays active in the club via e-mail and digital imaging.)*

Boy has this last month been busy. Between mowing grass, working at the park, doing things for the wood turners club and the photo club, I don't think I have had 15 minutes free. This is also the season of the potlucks in Hawaii. Last Saturday was the wood turners potluck. Last Wednesday there was one for our division at the park. Coming up is the photo clubs meeting which is also a potluck. I will most likely put on 5 to 10 pounds. It is as bad as being on a cruise ship.

Last Thursday was super busy for me at the park. Being Thanksgiving, there was only a small crew working. To make things worse, we had very high winds. Tents in the campgrounds went flying through the air, eventually getting caught in trees. Trees were getting blown over across the roads. The automated system for the movies at the visitor center failed. There were dogs loose and running around which is against park rules. It seemed that as soon as I got one thing taken care of, someone was on the radio telling me about something else. I think I put about 100 miles on the car that day running around.

One of my cats disappeared for 3 days. She came back yesterday injured and very weak. I lifted her into a box filled with shredded paper for a bed and brought her in the house. She ate a little left over turkey I hand fed to her and then slept for almost 24 hours. Today she got out of the box and is moving around some but is not using her right rear leg so she is doing a slow 3-legged hop. The other cats are keeping her company. I will see how she does in the upcoming days.

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Yesterday I did something I normally do not do. I went to Walmart on black Friday. They had a Compaq laptop computer for \$398 so I splurged and fought the crowds to get one. Everyone was grabbing big screen TVs, DVD players and laptops as they were selling them super cheap for a few hours.

The sun is just coming up so it is time to have breakfast, get out the mower, and attack the grass once again. At least I don't have to shovel snow or chip ice.

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### Cool Weather Photo Ops

Don't sit around and lament the cold weather – get up, layer up, get out, and do some fun photography. Here are some ideas:

#### Holidazzle Parades – Thursdays through Sundays until December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm.

If you didn't attend the field trip to opening night, there is still time to photo the glittering lights of the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Holidazzle parades in downtown Minneapolis. Bundle up and head for Nicollet Mall between 12<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. Or purchase a 'hot seat' (\$9 per person) in the heated enclosure and enjoy hot cocoa and cider while you watch. Information: [www.holidazzle.com](http://www.holidazzle.com)

**Canadian Pacific Holiday Train – Saturday, December 11 – 8:00 – 10:00 pm.** This year the train arrives at the Shoreham Yards at 28<sup>th</sup> and Central Ave. NE on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – at approximately 9:30 pm. This is an annual event to benefit local food shelves. The train is decorated with lights, there is music, and of course, they are hoping to collect a fair amount of money and non-perishable food donations to benefit the less fortunate.

**St. Paul Winter Carnival – January 27 – February 6.** The 125<sup>th</sup> annual 'coolest celebration on earth' runs eleven days and includes both a day and a night parade, ice carving contest, fireworks, hot air balloon liftoff, a juried art show, and much more. Check their website for more information: [www.winter-carnival.com](http://www.winter-carnival.com)

**Potential North Metro Field Trips –** being considered and still in the planning stages:

- In lieu of a meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup> – a trip to Mounds Park and Harriet Island to photo the lights of downtown St. Paul.
- Photo the swans at Monticello.
- Trip to the North Shore to photo surfers near Stoney Point.

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## Categories

Remaining categories for the 2010 – 2011 year:

January	Bridges
February	People
March	A Touch of Red
April	Water in all its forms
May	Year-End Banquet

And, now categories have been determined for the next two Club years:

### 2011 – 2012

August	Prints
September	Nature*
October	Black and White
November	Photo Travel*
December	Contemporary / Creative*
January	Pictorial*
February	Photo Journalism*
March	Ordinary objects
April	Movement
May	Year End Banquet

### 2012 – 2013

August	Prints
September	Pictorial*
October	People
November	Nature*
December	Food
January	Contemporary / Creative*
February	Photo Travel*
March	Shapes
April	Photo Journalism*
May	Year End Banquet

Definitions for the asterisked categories can be found at [www.n4c.us/competition](http://www.n4c.us/competition). These categories are being included more often to encourage members to include these types of images in their shooting. And, ultimately to consider submitting images to the annual InterClub competition, the monthly N4C competitions, and the PSA Circuits, where these are established categories.

Black and white is included as a digital category in part for those who don't submit prints and to appreciate the differences between a printed image and a digital image.

Other categories are included to challenge and push you to try different subjects. Thanks to all who presented ideas for categories.

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# November 2010 NMPC Competition Results

**Digital Judge: Dale Bohlke**

Points

**Category: Open**

- 15 Fern – Doug Heimstead
- 15 Fallen House Ruin – Debbie Kippen
- 15 Peacock – Carlos Nazareth
- 15 Dandelion – Carlos Nazareth
- 14 Dogs at Eide – Brian Wheeler
- 14 Stairwell – Doug Heimstead
- 14 Throwing Leaves in Air – Kathy Wall
- 14 State Fair Biker – Kathy Wall
- 14 Delicate Arch in HDR – Debbie Kippen
- 13 Flaming Wildflower – Larry Weinman
- 13 Old Shed – Jack Young
- 13 Bud – Rachel Cain
- 12 Stars in Trees – Brian Wheeler
- 12 Fumble – Jack Young
- 12 Hangin' On – Curt Call
- 12 Cascade River in Sept – Steve Pacholl
- 12 Miami Seaquarium – Tim Oien
- 12 Cactus Blossom – Marian Beach
- 12 Hawk – Duane Wraalstad
- 12 Forgotten – Dennis Hoyne
- 12 Rubber on the Road – Walt Fluegel
- 12 Herb's House – Carol Madison

**Category: Nature**

- 15 Young Buck – Carlene Hilton
- 15 Birch Trees in Autumn – Shirley Bebensee
- 15 Cactus Birds – Teresa Sposito
- 15 Beetle in Peace Garden – Rachel Cain
- 14 Hidden Lake – Curt Call
- 14 Trumpeter Swan – Tim Oien
- 13 Green Bush – Alan Hines
- 13 Snowy Egret Reflection – Larry Weinman
- 13 Majestic Flight – Jack Young
- 13 Afternoon Rooster – Dennis Hoyne
- 13 Spider Monkey – Carlos Nazareth
- 12 Heron Flying – Larry Weinman
- 12 Still Motion – Jack Young
- 12 Bighorn Sheep – Curt Call
- 12 Wood Ducks – Doug Heimstead
- 12 Egrets – Doug Heimstead
- 12 Tiger Lily – Molly Rhoe
- 12 Wild Fall Flower – Shirley Bebensee
- 12 Wild Turkeys Looking for Food – Kathy Wall
- 12 Fall Tree Tops – Kathy Wall
- 12 Tide Pool Treasures – Michelle Lindstedt
- 12 Elephant and Baby Grazing – Jean McDonough
- 12 Web – Rachel Cain

Fern



Fallen House Ruin



Peacock

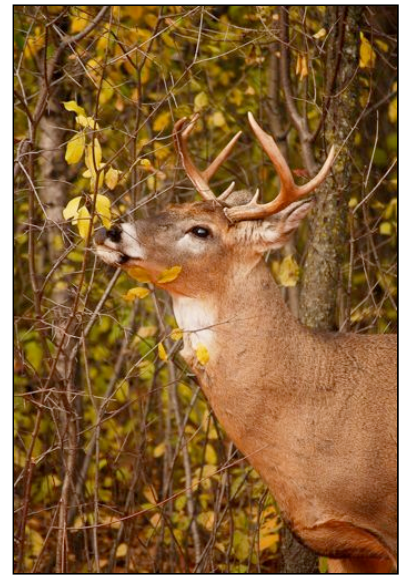


Dandelion





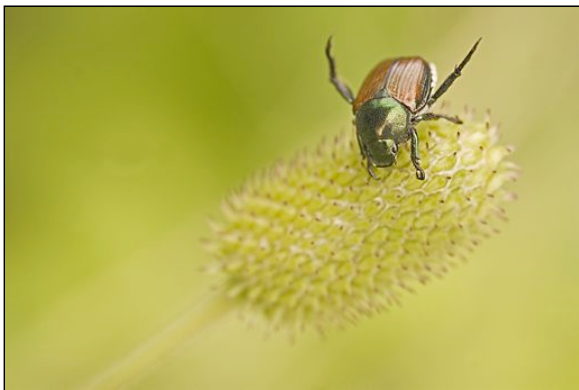
Birch Trees in Autumn



Young Buck



Cactus Birds



Beetle in Peace Garden

### NMPC N4C Competition Results:

(Complete list included in monthly bulletin and winners posted at [www.N4C.us](http://www.N4C.us))

#### October Results (45 maximum points)

##### Pictorial

39 Merit Award

Maple Trees in Fall – Duane Wraalstad –

33 Como Reflections – Carol Madison

##### Creative/Contemporary

27 A Walk in the Park – Duane Wraalstad

25 Colorful Formation – Carol Madison

##### Nature

34 Elk Feeding – Carol Madison

31 Hepaticas – Duane Wraalstad

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## North Metro Photo Club Information

Affiliated with: Camera Council (formerly TCACCC) – [www.cameracouncil.org](http://www.cameracouncil.org)

North Central Council of Camera Clubs (N4C) – [www.N4C.us](http://www.N4C.us)

Photographic Society of America (PSA) – [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

**Where:** St. Philips Lutheran Church, 6180 NE Hwy. 65, Fridley, MN.

**When:** 7:00 pm – third Thursday August thru May. (No June or July meeting, although a member often hosts a picnic/potluck.) Club also meets the fifth Thursday of each month that has five Thursdays.

**Membership:** Individual \$20.00 Family \$30.00  
Call Fran Warzеха for membership information 763-425-7090

**Newsletter:**  
To receive the newsletter, call or e-mail Carol Madison at 763-781-2083, or [carmadison@msn.com](mailto:carmadison@msn.com).

**Website:** [www.northmetrophotoclub.org](http://www.northmetrophotoclub.org)

President	Kathy Wall	651-426-6331
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Treasurer /Membership	Fran Warzеха	763-425-7090
Secretary	Carol Madison	763-781-2083

Projected Images	Debbie Kippen	763-862-3722
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N4C Representative	(open position)	
N4C Digital entries	Duane Wraalstad	763-755-5247
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Refreshments	Teresa Sposito	763-781-9981
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# North Metro Photo Club Competition Categories

## Projected Image (Digital/Slide) Competition Categories

### 2010-2011 Season

August	Prints
September	Photo Travel*
October	Architecture
November	Nature*
December	Contemporary / Creative*
January	Bridges
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**Fifth Thursdays** – Print competition / member ‘image’ shows

\*Definitions can be found at: [www.n4c.us/competition](http://www.n4c.us/competition)

### Instructions

See North Metro Photo Club Member Handbook for detailed instructions. (The Handbook is on the website under Competition and Membership.)

### Submitting Images

**Projected Image (Slide / Digital) Competitions** – Images (digital and scanned slides) should be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to: [northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com](mailto:northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com).

**Print Competitions** – Send / deliver prints to Shirley Bebensee (the print chair) or Grace Schrunk by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month in August or those months with a Fifth Thursday meeting.

## N4C Digital Competition Submissions

Send N4C digital images (one pictorial, one nature, one contemporary, and/or one photo journalism) to Duane at [wraalstadd@gmail.com](mailto:wraalstadd@gmail.com) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month (September through November and January through May). See North Metro Photo Club Member Handbook for detailed instructions.

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