



Member Handbook

"You don't take a great photograph – you make it."

~ Ansel Adams

Welcome

North Metro Photo Club members help each other to become better photographers through personal contact, competitions, and helpful programs.

Our skills range from the beginner to the serious photographer who is willing to share photo expertise. How to get the most from the camera can be a challenge to all of us.

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Quotations

"A photographer may be, as Webster defines it, 'one who photographs', but a photographic artist, is one who observes and sees, who feels and expresses, reacts and interprets, listens and thinks, and responds."

~ Brooks Jensen

"Cameras and lenses are simply tools to place our unique vision on film. Concentrate on equipment and you'll take technically good photographs. Concentrate on seeing the light's magic colors and your images will stir the soul."

~ Jack Dykinga

"In my mind's eye, I visualize how a particular...sight and feeling will appear on a print. If it excites me, there is a good chance it will make a good photograph. It is an intuitive sense, an ability that comes from a lot of practice."

~ Ansel Adams

"...I cannot command the creative impulse on demand. I never know in advance precisely what I will photograph. I go out into the world and hope I will come across something that imperatively interests me. I am addicted to the found object. I have no doubt that I will continue to make photographs till my last breath."

~ Ansel Adams

Meetings

Dates/Time/Activities

North Metro Photo Club meetings are held on third Thursdays September through May. (There are no meetings in June, July or August.)

Additional meetings are held in months with a fifth Thursday (except May and December).

Meetings begin promptly at 6:30pm and typically run 2 – 2 ½ hours in length.

“Third Thursday” meetings include announcements; bragging rights and other business as well as competition on assigned topics and open categories along with break time and socializing, helpful programs and help time.

“Fifth Thursday” meetings are devoted to member image shows and/or helpful programs.

Bragging Rights

At each business meeting, members tell about published photography, exhibitions at galleries or fairs, images sold for calendars, and so forth.

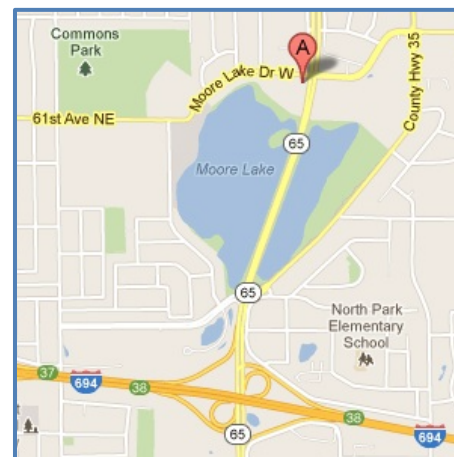
Ten-minute Presentations

At many “Fifth Thursday” meetings, members may present ten-minute digital shows on any subject, idea, or a series of images. These are not judged and receive no points. Just for fun!

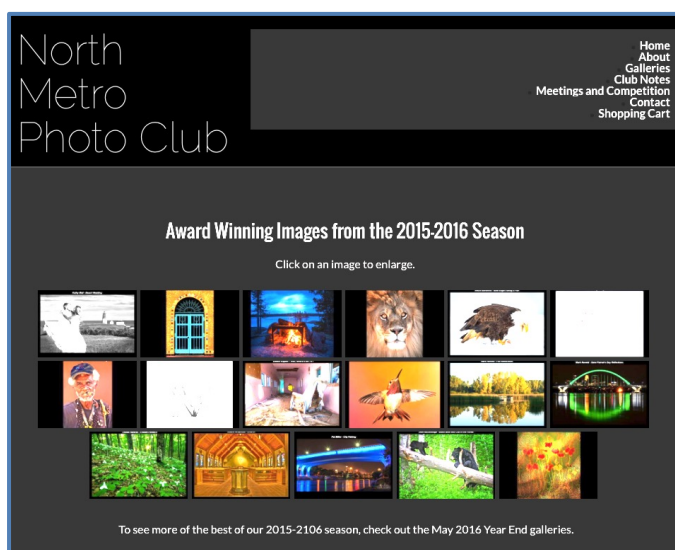
White Elephant Swap

For the December meeting each member brings an inexpensive, wrapped, unmarked gift of serious, dubious or humorous value. These gifts are opened and “exchanged” until all are thoroughly mixed up just for fun.

Location



St. Philip's Lutheran Church
6180 NE Hwy. 65, Fridley, MN



North Metro Photo Club Website
www.northmetrophotoclub.org

Membership Dues

Membership is open to anyone interested in photography regardless of experience or skill. Yearly memberships are due in May.

Individual	\$20
Family	\$30

Anyone joining after March 1 will have membership for the current and upcoming year. After September 30 of each competition year, only members who have paid their dues will be eligible to submit images for judging. Membership includes access to the North Metro Photo Club website and periodic email updates of club and other photographic topics of interest.



"Clare" – Bonnie Hagelberger
2015-16 Best Photo – Select Topic Category



"Wild Wild Flowers" – Sue Dilcher
2015-16 Best Photo – Open Category

North Metro Photo Club Competition

Overview

Eight out of nine "Third Thursday" meetings include digital image competitions. Most members have gone digital, but slides from those who have not gone digital can be scanned by members with scanners and submitted as digitals.

Assigned "Topics" are posted on the website for the current and following year(s). Judges are asked to be liberal in category interpretation. The "Third Thursday" in May is North Metro Photo Club's annual banquet and End of the Year competition.

Submitting Images

All images submitted must be the end result of a photograph taken by the maker. All members are assigned a Member Number to be used for submission of competition entries.

Each month any member may enter one (1) digital image for the "Topic" competition and two (2) digital images for the "Open" competition. Monthly competition "Topics" are published on the club's website.

For each image submitted, clearly indicate the competition category, "Topic" or "Open," in which it is to be entered.

To be included in a month's competition, email images to northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com by 6:00pm on the 5th of the month.

Digital Images

Digital images should be saved as a jpg in sRGB color space. No logo or copyright is to appear on images.

Naming Images

Mark each digital image with month of competition, year of competition, your Member Number, one space, and the Image Title. For example:

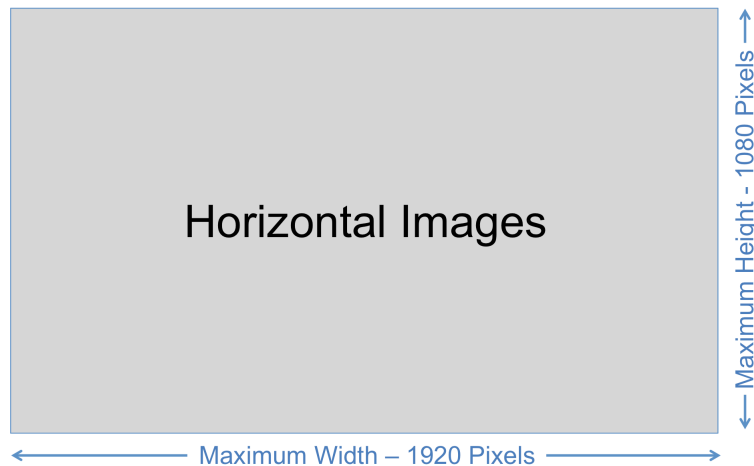
0917###_Image Title.jpg

09 (Competition Month) 17 (Competition Year) ### (Member Number) _ (one space between the Member Number and Image Title) Image Title (spaces as needed within the title.) .jpg (do not put a space between the Image Title and .jpg.)

- Use a zero in front of all single digit months like 09 for September. Use two digits for the year, such as 17 for the year 2017.
- Use one or two zeroes in front of your Member Number to make it three digits (###) in size, such as 0## or 00#.
- The Image Title appearing on images in competition will be exactly the same as that used in the file name. Title all images with a different Image Title.
- Do not use a comma in any part of the file name or Image Title.
- Leave one ".jpg" at the end. Typically this is done automatically when the file is created. If not, be sure it is added.

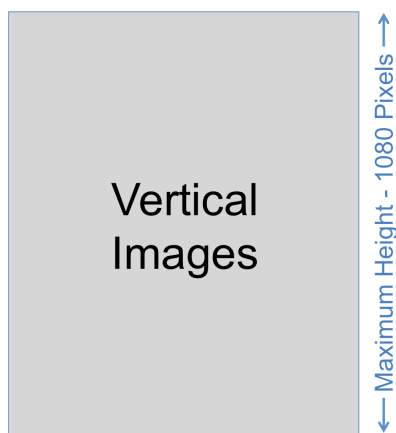
Sizing Images

The following rules apply for sizing images for the North Metro Photo Club monthly competitions.

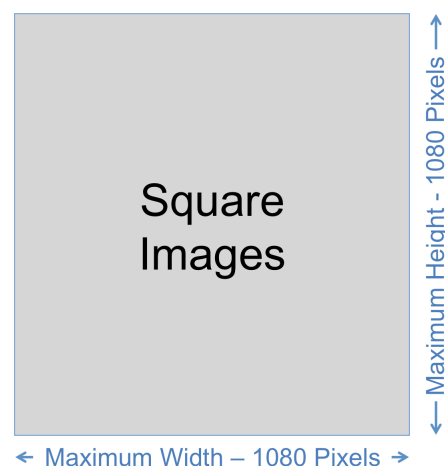


For [HORIZONTAL IMAGES](#), the width will be the longer side of an image. Size the width to no more than 1920 pixels.

The height, the shorter side of a horizontal image, may not exceed 1080 pixels. If it does, size the height to 1080 pixels. Check the width to be sure it is less than or equal to 1920 pixels. Adjust as needed.



For [VERTICAL IMAGES](#), the height will be the longer side of an image. Size the height to no more than 1080 pixels.



For [SQUARE IMAGES](#), size both width and height to no more than 1080 pixels.

Judging/Scoring/Awards

Judging

Images submitted monthly will be reviewed by an outside judge from a different camera club, or from the art or professional photo community. There may be times when three club members form a judging panel.

Scoring

Images are scored from 8 to 15 points. All images are judged based on Composition, Technique, and Impact.

- *Composition* is the arrangement of all elements within the picture area so the subject matter is presented as a harmonious, well-balanced photograph.
- *Technique* is the technical aspect of the photo – focus, lighting, color rendition, exposure, print quality, and mounting.
- *Impact* (or interest) consists of originality, imagination, interpretation, subject, impact, mood, humor, etc.

Images that earn 12, 13, 14, or 15 points are considered “*Accepted*” and will be included in the “*End of the Year*” competition.

- “*Accepted*” images may not be submitted again at North Metro Photo Club competitions in the future; but they may be submitted elsewhere (N4C, PSA, Interclub, etc.)
- Any images scoring below the “*Accepted*” level may be submitted at future North Metro Photo Club competitions.

Awards

“*Accepted*” images that are included in the “*End of the Year*” competition are judged for a variety of honors, including in best images in both the topic and open categories. Awards are also presented to members based upon accumulated points earned from their respective “*Accepted*” images during the course of the North Metro Photo Club competition year.

North Metro Photo Club Affiliations

Our club belongs to three other photographic groups: Camera Council, North Central Camera Club Council (N4C), and Photographic Society of America (PSA). Many competitions are available within a larger group than are possible in a single club. A partial listing of opportunities through each group follows:

Camera Council (TCACCC)

- www.cameracouncil.org with connections to roughly 18 local club websites.
- Annual “Spring Break” weekend of programs and individual Interclub competitions.
- Training for competition judges.
- Sponsors PSA International competitions in Nature, Prints, Color Slides and Digital, and/or Botany managed by local clubs with local, state, national, and international competitors.
- A blog with current information is at www.cameracouncil.blogspot.com.
- North Metro Photo Club pays yearly club dues to TCACCC based on number of members.
- North Metro Photo Club appoints a delegate to the council.



TCACCC “Spring Break” and Interclub Competition

TCACCC sponsors an annual “Spring Break” event in late March or early April with a variety of educational presentations, guest speakers and club-presented programs. At the same time, an Interclub competition of photographic slides, digitals, and prints among TCACCC member clubs is sponsored. Details of this program and competition are given to participating clubs and online at www.cameraclubcouncil.org a few months before the event.

North Central Camera Club Council (N4C)

- www.n4c.us Over 40 member clubs from MN, WI, IA, ND, SD, NE, IL, MO, KS, & WY.
- Eight monthly competitions in multiple categories (slides, digital, prints, essays, circuits).
- Annual convention with programs, speakers, photo opportunities.
- N4C News Bulletin newsletter online plus program aids, videos.



Photographic Society of America (PSA)



- www.psa-photo.org gives details of education and competitions.
- Numerous international competitions sponsored by PSA in the USA and other countries in many categories using film, digital, prints.
- Star ratings based on acceptances and winners in competitions.
- Rents out DVD's and videos on many photo topics.
- PSA Journal, monthly.
- North Metro Photo Club pays yearly club dues to PSA.
- North Metro Photo Club appoints a representative to the society.

PSA Competitions

Each year PSA sponsors international competitions in nature, prints, color slides/digital, and/or botany. Because these are international competitions, small charges are made for submission. In all of the competitions, which the club members participate, this is the only one for which members pay extra. Contact Club PSA representative or go online for more information.

North Metro Photo Club Presidents

Pat Boudreau	2017 – 2019	Chuck Brown	1997 – 1998
Kathy Wall	2015 – 2017	Lyle Bradley	1996 – 1997
Tim Oien	2013 – 2015	Locke Perkins	1994 – 1996
Missy Mehner	2011 – 2013	Vijay Karai	1993 – 1994
Kathy Wall	2009 – 2011	Duane Wraalstad	1991 – 1993
Jean McDonough	2008 – 2009	Terry George	1990 – 1991
Maxine Fluegel	2007 – 2008	Warren & Paula Johnson	1988 – 1990
Duane Wraalstad	2005 – 2007	Sue Dilcher	1987 – 1988
Jean McDonough	2003 – 2005	Cheryl Boujevac	1986 – 1987
Rachel Cain	2002 – 2003	Duane Wraalstad	1985 – 1986
Tim Halvorson	2001 – 2002	George Jensen	1983 – 1985
John Borman	1998 – 2001		

North Metro Photo Club Constitution

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the North Metro Photo Club.

Article II - Aim and Purpose

The purpose of this club is to foster interest in photography, to provide an effective medium for exchanging ideas, to develop and improve the photographic skill and competence of its members, and to cooperate with other organizations in worthwhile photographic activities.

Article III - Meetings

Regular meetings of the club shall have place, date, and time stipulated by the Executive Board.

All official meetings of the club and the Executive Board shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts "Rules of Order".

Article IV – Membership

Any person seriously interested and willing to assist and participate in the interests and activities of the photographic club may apply for membership.

Article V - Officers

The following officers shall be elected by the membership: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer.

Article VI - Committees

Chairpersons of standing committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. Special committees may be appointed by the President as required and discharged by the President when they have completed their assignments.

Article VII - Executive Board

The management of the club shall be directed by the Executive Board composed of the elected officers (Article V), the chair-persons of appointed committees, and the immediate past President. Club members may attend, question, and comment at Board meetings, but may not vote on Board matters. The Executive Board shall meet as often as necessary (not less than three times per year) to transact the business of the club.

Article VIII - Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member. Any proposed amendment will be brought up at two consecutive meetings. Voting on any amendment proposed will be made by secret ballot after the second reading. Absentee members will be notified of the proposal via the club newsletter. An absentee member may request an absentee ballot from the Secretary. Such absentee ballot to be included in the vote total. Two-thirds vote required for the passage of the proposal. Procedures for Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws will be the same as those for amendments to the Constitution.

North Metro Photo Club By-Laws

Article I - Finance

The annual dues shall be an amount determined, as needed, by the Executive Board. The competition year will begin June 1 and end May 31.

Article II - Elections

Election of club officers shall be held annually in April. The President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members not on the Executive Board. The committee will prepare a single slate of officers and obtain agreement from the nominees to serve if elected. The chairperson shall present the slate at the April meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor. A written ballot shall be taken, if necessary. Vacancies in club officers shall be filled by the President, subject to approval by the Executive Board. Vacancy of the President's office shall be filled by advancement of the Vice-President.

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

- President:** Conducts business and Executive Board (the Board) meetings, appoints committee chairs as needed for Club functions and jobs. Arranges meeting place(s). Brings up issues and important information to Club members. Available for any member or officer questions. Assists as needed.
- Vice President:** Conducts meetings in President's absence, plans programs and recruits judges for each club meeting, works closely with Competition Chair to deliver images to judges. Acts as a Club Director on Executive Board.
- Treasurer:** Collects dues/pays bills, creates yearly budget to present to club in April, does monthly financial report to Club, keeps updated membership list and name tags. Acts as a Club Director on Executive Board.
- Secretary:** Provides Club information to new members, takes notes from Board meetings and reports them to Club, sends Thank You notes to judges and program presenters and sends cards to others as needed. Acts as a Club Director on Executive Board. So that the regular meetings can be devoted mostly to the exhibit and to discussion of pictorial photography, most of the ordinary club business will be conducted by the Board of Directors.

Article IV - Duties of Committees

The activities of club committees shall be determined by the Executive Board. The activities decided upon shall thereafter be carried out by the committee chairpersons and the members appointed to the respective committees. Standing committee chairpersons shall prepare reports of activities and progress periodically for presentation to the Executive Board or to the membership of the club and act as club directors on the Executive Board.

Article V - Membership

- Section 1:** Each member is encouraged to submit images at each regular exhibit meeting for competitive judging and critiquing. The number of images to be submitted for each competition is to be determined by the Board.
- Section 2:** Members are encouraged to submit images for inclusion in special events such as N4C, TCACCC (Interclub) and international competitions.
- Section 3:** In addition to taking part in competitions, a member is encouraged to attend meetings and to assist with club activities and programs when requested.

Article VI - Quorum

A quorum of the membership for the purpose of conducting club business shall consist of not less than one third of the entire membership.