

Sharp Focus

NORTH CENTRAL CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL MEMBER

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

Issue 4

November 2011



Camera Club Meeting
Fisher Community Center
7:00 pm December 1st
Nature Contest

2011-2012 Contest Schedule

October Open
December Nature
February Blue
April Night
May Water
June Open

Refreshing!

Today saw the lowest overnight low of Fall with a balmy 15 degrees greeting us early morning risers. I love this time of year. While admittedly 15 degrees is definitely on the chilly side, it does result in 'sweatshirt weather' later in the day. Great for yard work, walking the dogs, getting in one more bike ride before winter sets in, etc.

This time of year also provides some good photographic opportunities. There is generally less water vapor in the air which provides for more depth in scenic captures. This may be prime time to work on your 'blue' photos for an upcoming contest. The crisp air also provides for better 'seeing' for those interested in the night sky. Dress warm, turn off those house lights, get out the tripod and try your hand at capturing the winter Milky Way. Of course the cold does take a toll on the batteries in all our electronic equipment - sometimes I wish I hadn't sold my F2. Remember that we also have a 'night' contest on the schedule.

Activities for the club are winding down for the remainder of calendar year 2011. We only have the nature contest for our December meeting left on the schedule. I hope to see a large contest with many high-scoring photos on December 1st.

The club schedule will allow more time to spend with family and friends as we celebrate our Thanksgiving holiday. While I'm sure all of our club members have plenty to be thankful for, we also have an opportunity to give back to our community. There will be more info to share at or before the December meeting on the club support of the Salvation Army bell-ringing efforts. Please consider spending some time with other members representing CICC and meeting members of our community.

The light club schedule means I don't have much else to say at this time. I guess I don't have any excuse for not getting out the telescope and do a little astrophotography. Or I can pack for my trip to watch Notre Dame play some football on Saturday.
Go Irish!



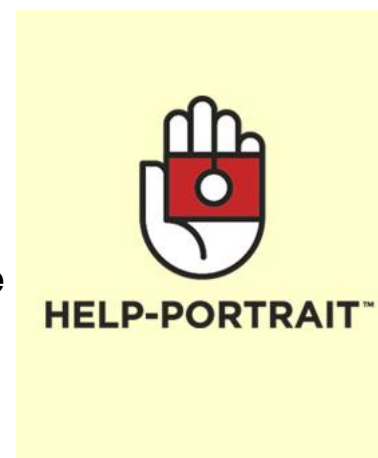
Mark Hayes

Cheri Souhrada thought some of the club members may be interested in looking this over. There is a link to this on the next page at the end of the article, help-portrait.com.



Help Portrait

Rather than share some of your photos, I wanted to make you all aware of an event I wrote about last year, called Help-Portrait. Help-Portrait is a worldwide photography event on December 10, 2011. On that day, a community of photographers, editors, make-up artists, hair stylists, and volunteers will come together to help professionally photograph people in need within their local communities. The volunteer operation invites the homeless, unemployed, single parents, elderly, ill, or any other people having a hard time to visit a local photography studio for free portraits. The portraits are a way to boost self-esteem, and give individuals and families an opportunity to get something they might not have ever had before this holiday season: an individual or family portrait. Here is more information, direct from the Help-Portrait non-profit organization:

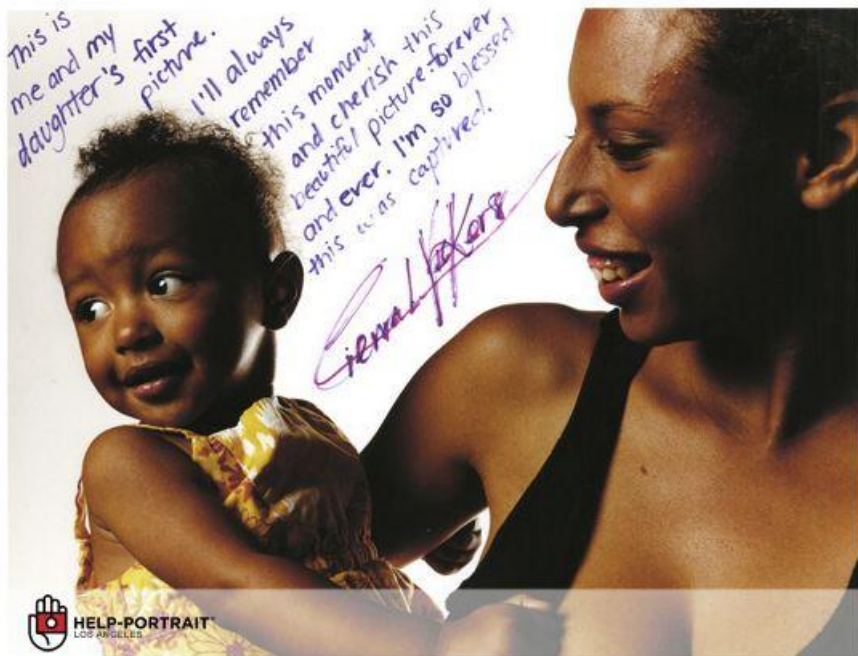


"We're ramping up for Help-Portrait 2011 and are trying to make this the year we blow the wheels off this thing. To date, we've given 101,000 portraits in 54 countries, but we know there are many more people whose lives can be touched. Help-Portrait is a unique way for the community to come together and show people their value in a tangible way: with a portrait.

This year, we're making our events even more interactive by encouraging the photographers to allow their subjects to take some photos and write and draw on their portraits to symbolize their journey and who they are. And for the first time, if subjects want to do so, we're going to share their stories and photos with the world.

We believe these stories and images will help the message of Help-Portrait spread, but we need YOUR HELP. We believe your tribe would connect with the spirit of Help-Portrait and want to help us spread the word.

Would you help us in a few specific ways? We will provide you with everything you need to help share about Help-Portrait in the coming weeks. Blogs, tweets, social media posts, and word of mouth are ways you can help, as well as volunteering your time and talents on December 10."



If you are interested in volunteering, [learning more](#), and getting information about a local Help-Portrait event in your area, please visit <http://help-portrait.com>.

Nature Contest December 1st - get them ready!



N4C Winning Photos for October from our club

Digital Nature Slide H.M. Mark George



Color Print 1st Danny Barker



Color Print H.M. Mark George



Nature Print 3rd Teresa Vokoun



Digital Creative Slide 2nd Bill Williamson



Photo-Travel Print H.M. Ed Siems



B&W Print H.M. Mark George

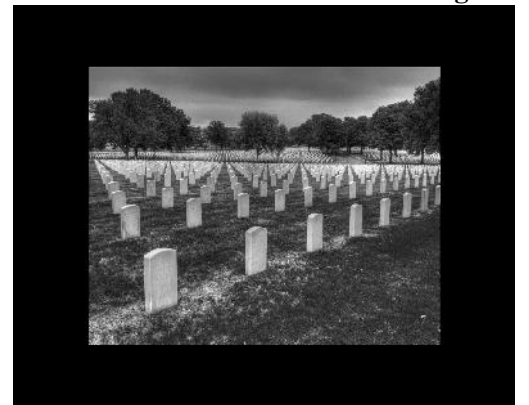


Photo-Travel Print 3rd Teresa Vokoun



Central Iowa Camera Club 2011-2012 Board of Directors

President

Mark Hayes 641-485-3622

Vice-President

Danny Barker 641-752-5989

Secretary-Treasurer

Teresa Vokoun 641-485-0626

Recording Secretary

Caralee Hutchens

Sharp Focus Editor

Jim Svec

N4C Representative

Jim Svec 641-752-5265

Contests

Jim Davis

Photographer - Duane Freese

Field Trips - Ed Siems

Education Coordinator

Danny Barker

Yearly Awards

Jim Davis

Webmaster - Jim Svec

webmastercicc@centraliowacameraclub.com

CICC ON THE WEB

Web Address

<http://centraliowacameraclub.com>



Technique

Focus, Lighting, color rendition, exposure, print quality, mounting.

Composition

Arrangement of all elements within the picture area so that the subject matter is presented as a harmonious well balanced photograph.

Interest

Originality, imagination interpretation, subject, impact, mood, humor, etc.

2011-2012

Contest Schedule

October	Open
December	Nature
February	Color Blue
April	Night
May	Water
June	Open

N4C NEWS BULLETIN

To receive the N4C News Bulletin
email jlsvec@gmail.com

Statement of Purpose

The Central Iowa Camera Club exists to promote the understanding and practice of photography in Central Iowa. Membership is open to persons without regard to their photographic knowledge, experience, sex, age, race, or creed.

Meetings are held at Fisher Community Center at 7:00 p.m., the first Thursday of the month - September through June. Programs are planned to be of interest to beginning through advanced photographers and to those who enjoy viewing the photographic art.

Dues are \$10.00 student, \$20.00 single, \$27.00 family, and are due the first meeting in September.

Deadline

Sharp Focus articles are due to the Editor no later than **10th of every month!**

Need Help With Photoshop?

If any of you have questions,
please send me an email kandsjohnson@mchsi.com.

I will research your question
and write an article about it in the next issue.

Ken Johnson

N4C Handbook & N4C Directory 2011-2012

Available free in PDF format and can be read by Acrobat Reader

On a CD for \$3.00

On a 3.5 Diskette for \$3.00

Request the copies sent to you via email and it is **Free!**

OR

Printed copies for N4C Handbook \$7.00

N4C Directory \$8.00

Contact Mary Jane for further information or to place an order.
n4chdbkdir2011@centraliowacameraclub.com or 641-488-2798