

SIoux SCOPE

Sioux City Camera Club Newsletter
FEBRUARY 2004

MEETINGS 7:30 P.M. First Presbyterian Church 608 Nebraska St. Sioux City, Iowa

THURSDAYS February 12 (PROGRAM) February 26 (JUDGING)

Judges: Prints - John Anderson

Slides - Roger Von Klompenburg

FOR JUDGING: ENTRIES MUST BE AT STEVE PAULSON'S PORCH BY

PRINTS: TUESDAY, February 17, BY NOON

SLIDES: FRIDAY, February 20, BY 6 P.M.

OR BRING TO FIRST MEETING

TO ENTER PRINTS/SLIDES FOR MONTHLY JUDGING, DUES MUST BE PAID

\$10 Student \$15 Single \$22.50 Family Membership

Program: Dolie Thompson presents some of her new color photography and relates experiences she had while earning her master's degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

Treats: 2-12 Jim Hollander, 2-26 Jack Bristow

OFFICERS: President - Jim Hollander

Vice-President - Connie Wahlstrom

Secretary/Treasurer - Marcia Crabb

N4C Contact - Curt Stoeber

Newsletter Editors - Tom Atkinson and Paula Warp

FROM THE EDITORS:

It will be a feast for the eyes, so please plan on attending this month's meeting featuring our own Dolie Thompson. She will present some of her new photography and relate experiences she had while earning her master's degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design, in Georgia. Bring a friend or two.

Also in this issue is Sandhill Crane viewing information. There is a press release from the Nebraska Audubon and because Paula is from Minden, Nebraska, some personal tips on places to stay and things to do.

And, last but not least, it's time to get serious about hosting the 2006 N4C "50th Anniversary" Convention. Pick a "chair" and put your thinking caps on.

See you on the 12th!

YEAR END BANQUET IS MAY 4

Mark your calendars and plan to attend SCCC's Year-End Banquet to be held in our regular meeting room of the church basement. More details on food and entry deadlines to follow.

GET READY - SCCC TO HOST 2006 N4C CONVENTION

At last month's meeting the subject of SCCC hosting the 2006 "50th Anniversary" N4C Convention here in "Sioux Land," was brought to the table. As we learned after hosting the very successful 2000 convention, planning needs to begin right away. The Marina Inn is already booked for September 15-17, 2006, with a fixed room rate of \$75 (great deal!)

So, on to the next task. The first objective is to elect a, "General Chairperson." Ron Nicolls was the 2000 chairman and states, "this should be a person who knows what has to be done, can select the right people to do it, and hold meetings to assure the tasks are being completed. I did it last time, will assist, but do not wish the chairmanship." Meticulous records were kept by all chairman so anyone accepting a position will be able to hit the ground running. Any takers?

Committee leaders for the last convention were: GENERAL CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, JUDGING, PROGRAM, PUBLICITY, FIELD TRIPS, PRINTING, BANQUET, FINANCE, HOSPITALITY, REGISTRATION, EQUIPMENT, EXHIBIT, DOOR PRIZES, CENTER PIECES.

Club members in 2000 accepting responsibility of chairmanships were: Ron Nicolls, Fran and Vernice Kingsbury, Bob Gillespie, Jim Braun, Randy Williams, Bob Mohr, Carl Hardy, Paula Warp and Tom Atkinson, Jim Hollander, Curt Stoeber, Larry and Marcia Crabb, Gene and Annette Held, Steve and Jeana Paulson, Roger Van Klompenburg, Val Christensen, Dolie Thompson, Deb and Desiree Bennet, Marilyn Prescott.

Again, many thanks to these and all members of the Sioux City Camera Club who helped make the 2000 convention such a success.

VIEW THE SANDHILL CRANES - SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA

The 34th annual Rivers and Wildlife Celebration will be held Friday through Sunday noon, March 19 to 21 in Kearney, Nebraska. Coordinated by Audubon Nebraska and Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, the celebration is timed to coincide with the world-renowned migration of over half a million sandhill cranes and millions of waterfowl through central Nebraska. Wildlife enthusiasts from around the world travel to Kearney each year for a weekend of field trips, talks, demonstrations, merchandise sales, and more. Featured speakers this year include:

Frank Graham Jr., long-time contributor to Audubon magazine

Al Batt, humorist, writer, and radio personality

Paul Johnsgard, noted author, artist, and ornithologist

Two special workshops will be held at the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary. Caryl McHarney, an award-winning artist from New Mexico, will present "Earth Connections: A Nature Journaling Experience." She will teach techniques to experience, record, and connect with the Earth. No previous journaling experience is needed, and participants will take home their own finished, bound journal. Frank Graham Jr. will conduct a nature writing workshop focusing on animals. This hands-on, participatory session will sharpen anyone's writing skills. Both workshops cost \$45 per person and space is limited.

The real highlights are the birds, and there are many opportunities to witness the spectacular migration. Viewing blinds along the Platte River allow up-close observations at sunrise and sunset to see cranes leave from and return to the river. Experienced birders will lead trips to view waterfowl at Funk Lagoon and Harlan County Reservoir, while visits to a prairie-chicken lek and local birding trails are also planned.

Information and registration materials can be downloaded from Audubon Nebraska's website, <http://www.Nebraska.audubon.org>, or call or write Audubon Nebraska, 5000 Central Park Drive Suite 101, Lincoln, NE 68504; (402) 466-1220.

For crane viewing information, call or write Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, 44450 Elm Island Road, Gibbon, NE 68840; (308) 468-5282, -5627 (fax); <http://www.rowsanctuary.org>.

STAY IN MINDEN (instead of Kearney) FOR LESS - SEE BELOW

RANDY WILLIAMS SENT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: In the January 2004 issue of Scientific American there is an article about viewing Sandhill Cranes along the Platte River. It's from the Sci Am website and a long URL so you may have to copy and paste the URI into your browser.

http://www.sciam.com/print_version.cfm?articleID=000E0566-CA46-1FD3-8A4683414B7F0000

MINDEN AREA PHOTO OPS and NON CRANE WATCHING ACTIVITIES (Minden is 12 miles from the Platte River and Rowe Sanctuary - 20 miles from Kearney)

PIONEER VILLAGE - MINDEN. Shows man's progress since 1830 -- the story of America and how it grew. More than 50,000 items in 28 buildings on 20 acres. Authentic originals arranged in their order of development. Admission: \$10 adult \$5 student 6-12 under 6 free (price includes second day free admission). Trust me, it will take you two days to see everything you're interested in.

PIONEER VILLAGE MOTEL and RESTAURANT: 1-800-445-4447. Room double occupancy \$50, for four \$57 (each room rental includes 1 free adult pass to the Pioneer Village).

MINDEN OPERA HOUSE - Downtown Minden (walk five blocks). Recently refurbished 1891 Opera House. Must see murals. Presents play productions and original artworks. Web site: mindenoperahouse.com

FORT *KEARNY & FORT KEARNEY STATE RECREATION AREA - Admission: It's a state historical park. Free admission if you have a Nebraska State Park Permit, if not, \$3 per vehicle. It is about 7 miles west of the Rowe Sanctuary.

Located 10 miles northwest of Minden, the fort was an outpost established in 1848 for the Oregon Trail. According to an 1849 War Department report, 30,000 people passed through Fort Kearny during an 18-month period, bound for California, Oregon and the Great Salt Lake.

The unique Ft. Kearny Hike-Bike Trail begins at the State Recreation Area and extends 1.8 miles to **Bassway Strip State Wildlife Management Area**. The trail crosses both channels of the Platte River - **A GREAT PLACE TO TAKE EVENING PHOTOS OF THE CRANES COMING IN TO ROOST.**

*Note: The Fort was named for Colonel Stephen Watts Kearny. Residents who settled and named the nearby city incorrectly spelled his name Kearney.

DINING IN KEARNEY: Paula's choice is Grandpa's Steakhouse. Just south of Exit 272. Established in 1953 (has grown) but still has the best steaks and you have to have the "crazy cottage cheese." Great memories.

WILLA CATHER PIONEER MEMORIAL: Red Cloud is just a 40 minute drive southeast of Minden. Works by noted author Willa Cather include: *O Pioneers!*, *My Antonia*, *Song of the Lark*, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Visit her childhood home, bookstore and museum. wcpm@gpcom.net 402-746-2654.

PHOTO OPS: While driving to and from these places there is ample opportunity to take photos of great expanses of prairie, sky-scapes, majestic grain elevators, and yes -- there may just be a red barn or two or even a country church.

CLUB RESULTS - JANUARY 2004

Class A Color

- 1st - Jack Bristow, Watch Out
- 2nd - Steve Paulson, Munching
- 3rd - Chuck Peterson, Where Jacob's Coat was Woven
- 4th - Bob Gillespie, Martains Dale Depot
- HM - Steve Paulson, Tiger Lily Dreamscape
- HM - Bob Gillespie, Lady Bug

Class B Color

- 1st - Paula Warp, Sweet Smell of Summer
- 2nd - Connie Wahlstrom, Golden Nector
- 3rd - Vernice Kingsbury, Rainbow
- 4th - Connie Wahlstrom, This Old House
- HM - Chad Goosmann, Farrari Kids - Indianapolis
- HM - Mike Dunlop, Cactus in Bloom

Class A Black & White

- 1st - Fran Kingsbury, The Dimple
- 2nd - Steve Paulson, Fresh Snowfall
- 3rd - Steve Paulson, Old Market Sepia
- 4th - Steve Paulson, Weather and Worn
- HM - Chuck Peterson, Under Sail
- HM - Fran Kingsbury, Perspective

Class B Black & White

- 1st - James Wahlstrom, Old Homestead

2 X 2 Slides

- 1st - Chuck Peterson, Stairs To Close
- 2nd - Steve Paulson, Hibiscus Blossom
- 2nd - Vernice Kingsbury, Windmill Sunset
- 4th - Chuck Peterson, Rainbow Bridge
- HM - Ron Nicolls, Elevator Fire
- HM - Vernice Kingsbury, Winter Post
- HM - Steve Paulson, Antelope Canyon #4

2 1/4 X 2 1/4 Slides

- 1st - Chuck Peterson, Teton View
- 2nd - Chuck Peterson, Stream at Yankee Bog
- 3rd - Randall Williams, Grand View at Sunrise
- 4th - Fran Kingsbury, Round Top

N4C Results - NOVEMBER 2003

2 X 2 Slides CONTEMPARY

1st - Ron Nicolls, Radiant

2nd - Fran Kingsbury, The Tree

Merit - Vernice Kingsbury, Many Sunsets

2 1/4 X 2 1/4 Slides

HM - Bob Gillespie, Mt. McKinley

HM - Steve Paulson, Unnamed Arch

STEREO Slides

HM - Fran Kingsbury, Fall

PJ Slides

Merit - Randall Williams, Judging the Distance

SIoux CITY CAMERA CLUB SCHEDULE 2004

First Monthly Meeting - PROGRAM
Second Monthly Meeting - JUDGING

MARCH Meetings Thursdays 11 & 25
Judges: Prints - Chuck Peterson
Slides -
Treats: 3-11 Chuck Peterson, 3-25 Kevin Smith

APRIL Meetings Thursdays 8 & 29
Judges: Prints - Val Christensen
Slides - Mike Dunlap
Treats: 4-8 Carl Hardy, 4-29 Bill Cullinward

MAY Year-End Banquet **MAY 4**