

Sharp Focus

CENTRAL IOWA CAMERA CLUB

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Happy Spring Central Iowa Camera Club Members!

Congratulations to everyone participating in April's "Water" contest! Really nice and creative photos were judged on April 4th. And everyone did an excellent job staying in the theme guidelines. Congratulations on all the wins!!! And thank you **Brent Reschly** for helping with the digital projection.

May is **Changes Over Time** theme. And this is just for fun to see what your creative side comes up with. All you really need is 3-4 photos to capture a change in something. Please email your photos to Amy Snyder, amysnyder@hotmail.com by April 29th if you can.

June 6th @ 7:00 p.m. is the final contest for this year featuring **Gardens**. You can check out www.gardenvisit.com/gardens/in/usa to find Iowa gardens. It is always best to shoot flowers/gardens on an overcast day your colors will be so much more vibrant. And you also don't want a breeze. Be sure and capture some of the garden art, jewels and trinkets. It does not have to be just a flower garden it can be a vegetable garden, container gardens, and water gardens or even trellis gardening. I am always captivated by leading lines in gardens. And don't forget to visit **Reiman Gardens** in Ames. 1407 S. University Blvd & open 9-4:30 every day, \$9 admission. They offer 17 acres of public gardens and always have a theme each year.

Featured Photographer Mary Giese has some of her finest on display for April/May. I'm not sure if you realize how many people are in those rooms throughout the weeks and really enjoy seeing the displays. Be sure and stop in if you are in the area.

Central Iowa Fair photo contest is fast approaching. David and Mary will again facilitate this. The contest rules and deadline was handed out at the last meeting and we will have some at the May 2nd meeting. The deadline is July 1st. You can contact Mary Giese at mcgiese@mchsi.com with any questions.

Iowa State Fair 80TH Annual Photography Salon. The Premium Books and entry forms are available on line at www.iowastatefair.org In celebration of the 80th the Special Theme will be, it's All About The 8's. Not numerical 8...this will be interesting.

Don't forget your camera when you head out the door!

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There will be five contests in 2019/2020

October-Open
December-Winter
February-Old and/or Abandoned
April-Insects
June-Weather

May 2
Fisher Community
Center
7:00 pm
Marshalltown

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.

Membership Dues

Student Membership \$10.00
Single Membership \$20.00
Family Membership \$27.00

CAMERA CLUB'S CURRENT FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHER



Brightly colored photos of everyday scenes, vacation sights, and interesting architecture are now on display in Conference Room A of the Fisher Community Center in an exhibit sponsored by the Central Iowa Camera Club. The photos were taken by Mary Giese of Marshalltown, and will be on display now through June 6, 2019.

Giese's interest in photography was initially influenced by her grandmother Minnie Wrede from Garner, Iowa. When Giese's family visited her grandmother's home, it was not unusual for them to spend an afternoon viewing slides her grandmother had taken while on a vacation trip or on a tour with the local Grandmothers' Club. Photography was a story-telling tool for the family, and everyone enjoyed sharing vicariously in the delights of seeing interesting places and learning about the world. Later, after Giese graduated from college and went to Europe with a friend for the summer, she returned the favor by sharing her own slide show with her grandmother and other family members. Since her camera required film and every photo carried a developing cost, Giese made it a practice to always include at least two things to talk about in each picture.

Giese began pursuing photography as her own hobby after joining the Central Iowa Camera Club in 2014, and enjoys the challenges and opportunities club participation provides. In addition to club recognition of her photos, she has had a photograph selected for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair, and received the Bill Horine Best in Show Award from the Story County Conservation Board. Giese has created a line of photo notecards featuring photos taken at the Binford Historic Home which are being sold as a fundraiser for the Binford House. She and her husband David organize the annual Open Class Photography competition for the Central Iowa Fair, and mount the camera club's bi-monthly photography exhibits at the Fisher Community Center.

Giese's camera is a Sony a-6300, and occasionally she uses a Sony macro-lens or a circular polarizing lens. She credits fellow camera club member Danny Barker for encouraging her to consider Sony photography equipment.

Now retired, Giese was the Principal at Hoglan Elementary School, and later the Executive Director of the Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance. She serves on the Marshall County ISU Extension Council and is a past president of the Iowa Extension Council Association. She was selected by ISU to have her portrait painted as part of the recent Faces of ISU exhibit. Giese is active in several community organizations and enjoys music. She plays violin in the Humoresque String Quartet and sings with the Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble. She and her husband David enjoy spending time with their two adult sons and their families.

April Water Club Contest Winners

Color Prints

Jim Davis	Adv.	37	1st	Lake Dillon-Colorado
David Giese	Adv.	35	2nd	Irish Country Lake
Linda Eastman	Adv.	34	3rd	Tiny Bubbles
David Giese	Adv.	34	HM	Reflecting Pool with Coins
Eric Dobbs	Int.	40	1st	Silky Falls
Dori Jurgenson	Int.	39	2nd	Amazing Mountain Cascade
Amy Snyder	Int.	38	3rd	On Frozen Pond
Doni Sheldon	Nov.	36	1st	Beauty at the River
Doni Sheldon	Nov.	31	2nd	Winter Décor

Name B/W print

Linda Eastman	Adv.	34	1st	The Rain of Repentance
David Giese	Adv.	33	2nd	Twilight Harbor
				Window View: Amsterdam
David Giese	Adv.	33	3rd	Canal
				Colorado Mountain Stream
Mary Giese	Int.	35	1st	in December
Amy Snyder	Int.	29	2nd	Frozen Fountain
Beth Murtha	Int.	27	3rd	Near a Glacier

Digital slide COLOR

Jim Davis	Adv.	40	1st	Mountain Stream
Bill Williamson	Adv.	38	2nd	Water Drop
Linda Eastman	Adv.	37	3rd	Alberta Falls
Wilbur Hutchens	Adv.	37	HM	Quiet Peaceful Scene
Amy Snyder	Int.	36	1st	Melting Icicle
				Quinault Rain Forest Water-
Brent Reschly	Int.	35	2nd	fall
Amy Snyder	Int.	34	3rd	Dew Covered Funnel Web
Maesa Groth	Nov.	35	1st	Mirror Image
Dianna Mick	Nov.	33	2nd	The Magical Falls
Doni Sheldon	Nov.	33	3rd	Evening Beauty

Name Digital slide B/W

Bill Williamson	Adv.	38	1st	Splash
Jim Davis	Adv.	33	2nd	Rapids
Dianna Mick	Nov.	31	1st	Splash
Dianna Mick	Nov.	30	2nd	Face Frost
Doni Sheldon	Nov.	30	3rd	Light in the Darkness

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CLUB CONTESTS

2018-2019

October	Tombstones/Monuments
December	Any Thing Goes
February	Movement/Action
April	Water
June	Gardens

Impact

Originality, imagination

*interpretation, subject,
interest, mood, humor,
etc.*

Composition

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

Technique

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

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