



MEMBER GUIDE

SIOUX CITY CAMERA CLUB

"Where names become faces and faces become friends"



Welcome

and *THANK YOU* for joining the Sioux City Camera Club (SCCC). Over 100 years old, you are now a part of the oldest active photography club in the Midwest. Membership in the SCCC also includes a membership in the North Central Camera Club Council (N4C) and eligible to participate in all of their contests and activities. N4C is an organization of about 40 camera clubs in eleven North Central states. This new member guide is intended to help you get acquainted with the club, and maybe answer some questions that you might have.

The goal of the Sioux City Camera Club is to provide mutual education and learning in the science and art of photography and to promote and encourage advancement of its members in the knowledge and practice of photography.

Our club membership is made up of folks representing all ages, backgrounds, interest and levels of experience. The common interest of these individuals is the desire to learn and expand their knowledge and skills in the art of photography.

The Sioux City Camera Club is a non-profit organization with elected officers and a board of directors that oversee the day to day operations. The officers, who make up the board of directors, are volunteers that are nominated and elected by the general membership. These are not paid positions but due to other expenses such as rent, postage, and other general operating expenses the Sioux City Camera Club has a membership fee to meet these needs.

We hope that you find your membership worthwhile. Please take advantage of the opportunities our club has to offer.

Carl Hardy
President

About this New Member Guide

This guide is not intended to cover in detail all the operations or functions of the Sioux City Camera Club, but to provide basic information to new members so they can start to participate in many of the clubs activities. As a new member it is sometimes hard to follow and understand what is happening and sometimes one can feel left out. This informational booklet is intended to fill in some of the gaps and to assist you in answering some of the questions you might have. In addition to this handbook other valuable resources is our website at www.sccameraclub.com and our monthly newsletter “**Sioux Scope**” available on the website. We value and welcome any input or suggestions you might have to improve or expand this guide.

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Meeting Information

All meetings are held at the Sioux City Art Center beginning at 7:00 pm and ending at 9:00 pm. The Art Center is located in downtown Sioux City at 225 Nebraska St. Guests are more than welcome. Parking is available in the parking lot.

The Sioux City Camera Club meets from September through August as follows:

September thru November – Meetings are held on the first and last Thursday of the month. The first meeting is dedicated to educational related photography programs presented by one of our members or special guest.

The second meeting of the month (last Thursday) is our Competition Results Night. This is when we review all of the previously judged print and digital entries for the month. The judge chair of each category will show and comment on each image and announce all of the winning entries. Members in the audience are also free to critique and offer suggestions. Refreshments are provided at all of our meetings by a member volunteer.

December – The December meeting is a special holiday and social event with a dinner followed by a guest speaker. The club will provide a catered meal for a nominal fee. There is no competition in December.

January thru April – Only one meeting will be held, due to winter weather conditions, on the last Thursday of the month. This meeting is for contest results when we review all of the previously judged print and digital entries for the month. The judge chair of each category will show and comment on each image and announce all of the winning entries. Members in the audience are also free to critique and offer suggestions.

May – The May meeting is another social event with a dinner and an awards banquet. This is a catered meal for which there will be a nominal charge. This meeting is dedicated to presenting the end of the year awards along with a special photography related guest speaker.

June thru August – Meetings are held on the first and last Thursday of the month. The focus on these meetings will be on field trips and educational workshops.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or majority of the Board of Directors. Usually in August a special meeting is called by the President to meet with the Board of Directors for the purpose of preparing for the following year.

Membership Dues

Club membership fees are due on or before our first meeting in September. Dues are for one year from September to August. New memberships may be discounted 50% when joining between March and August. Three membership plans are available.

Single	\$30
Family or Couples	\$40
Students	\$20

Officers and Board of Directors

The Officers/Board of Directors is responsible for the operation and day to day activities of the Sioux City Camera Club. The Board of Directors consists of the Officers, immediate past President and one Director at Large. The Officers are elected by the general membership at the last meeting in April. Every member in good standing is eligible to be nominated for an officer's position and eligible to vote. The Officers/Board of Directors are strictly volunteers and are not paid in any manner.

The Officers/Board of Directors is made up of the following positions.

President - Presides at all regular and special meetings of the club and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and is ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President administers the affairs of the club with the assistance of the Board of Directors. He/she appoints a digital judging chairman and a print judging chairman for each monthly competition. He/she appoints all committees. He/she makes provisions for the annual competition and annual awards.

Vice President – The Vice President assumes the presidential role in the absence of the President or in the event of the vacancy of the Office of the President. The Vice President is responsible for the annual banquet arrangements including the program.

Secretary – The Secretary is responsible for keeping a record of all meeting notes, schedules and any other records as directed by the President. The Secretary shall post meeting notes and schedules to the web site.

Treasurer – The Treasurer is responsible for collecting all dues, keeping records of all members and of all receipts and disbursements and paying all bills as authorized by the President.

Director at Large – The Director at Large has the same duties as the other directors.

Standing Committees

Standing Committees are a very important part of the Sioux City Camera Club and essential for our clubs success. New members are encouraged to volunteer and serve on at least one committee as you become familiar with the club. The Sioux City Camera Club is set up with the following Standing Committees.

Membership/Public Outreach/Exhibitions Committee – Responsible for the ways and means of increasing the club’s membership and with the approval of the officers, to instigate and direct any campaign or educational programs or exhibitions for that purpose. It is also their duty to welcome all visitors and prospective members at all meetings.

Field Trips Committee – Responsible for researching and identifying potential destinations for field trips. This includes researching local landmarks, museums, art galleries, or other places of interest that align with the club’s interests.

Workshops/Program Committee – Responsible for researching and identifying potential workshop topics, programs and speakers. This committee selects workshops and programs that align with the club’s goals and provide valuable learning opportunities for our members. They consider factors such as member interest, skill level, and the availability of resources.

By-Laws Committee - It is the responsibility of this committee to review the Bylaws for the purpose of considering any additions and/or revisions which may be deemed necessary and advisable by the board.

Nominating Committee – Is responsible for selecting nominees for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Director at Large.

In Club Competitions

The Sioux City Camera Club holds monthly competitions (last Thursday of the month) where individual works are judged, critiqued, and matched against other individual works. The images are given to a judge chair each month that is then responsible for lining up other judges to score each image. The winning images accumulate points throughout the year for determination of the year end awards. A key part of this meeting is the critique of the photographs by the judges and audience. This is a major way in which club members can learn how to improve their photography.

See complete contest rules on our website at https://www.sccameraclub.com/sccc-contest-rules-revised_2024-25.pdf

North Central Camera Club Council (N4C)

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For more information on N4C activities and contests visit their website at <https://n4c.us/>

For complete N4C contest rules go to their website at [https://n4c.us/N4C Contest Rules 2023-2024 v11-21-2023.pdf](https://n4c.us/N4C%20Contest%20Rules%202023-2024%20v11-21-2023.pdf)



Membership/Renewal Form

Each new and renewing member please complete the Membership/Renewal form below and submit it with your dues to our Treasurer, Julia Harbeck, at our first meeting in September. Dues can also be mailed to:

SCCC
c/o Julia Harbeck
1006 Logan St.
Sioux City, Iowa 51105

Your application and payment can also be completed on our website at:
<https://www.siouxcitycameraclub.com/membership-application>

Dues are for one year from Sept.to Sept. New memberships may be discounted 50% when joining in January, February, March or April. **Discount does not apply to late renewal.**

Membership Application			
New Member	_____	Renewal	_____
Member ID	_____ (renewal only)		
Name:	_____		
Address:	_____		
City:	_____	State:	_____
Zip:	_____		
Phone: (HM)	_____	Cell	_____
Email:	_____		
Individual Membership \$30	_____	Cash	_____
		Check	_____
Family Membership \$40	_____	Cash	_____
		Check	_____
Student Membership \$20	_____	Cash	_____
		Check	_____