

# Past and Present

## Fort Dodge Camera Club

**The Power of the Image—life captured by lens and shutter**

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*“You don’t take a photograph, you make it.” - Ansel Adams*

Photography is a complex dialog with the artist, the subject, and the viewer. As Ansel Adams stated in his quote, the art of photography is much more than just pushing a button. This creative communication process drives the Fort Dodge Area Camera Club to gather and share a passion for making images with others. The Club has been meeting together for years to talk about equipment, the composition of images, light, and prints.

The images presented in this exhibit, Past and Present, are much more than family snapshots. There are purpose and consideration for each image made. Club members understand the powerful and transformative nature of photography.

The art of photography has greatly influenced the world. It has transformed the world of art by providing a stage for modern, abstraction, and contemporary art to be developed. It has opened new communication areas and transformed the way people receive news and information. Also, Photography continues to provide an avenue for the development of film, animation and video.

Photography is unique in terms of artistic media. It captures a moment in time, a physical recording of time, a thing, and a place. That image never changes; it has been captured forever, even when its subject has faded. Something magical and powerful takes place with the process of making photographic images. The right image can profoundly affect a person and a culture. This exhibit is a sampling of the talent present in the Fort Dodge area. Club members have used their skills and talents to document the world and preserve the past through photography.