

RPC NEWSLETTER



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President's Corner

Ernie Glover, *President*



Thank you to everyone attending the October club meeting. The topic was Black & White. I was excited with all of the images that were submitted. A suggestion was made that there should have been different categories for the B&W images to award more people for their good work this month.

We did a judging mini workshop that was received well. After the workshop we also practiced the judging guidelines on the topic images of the night. I always learn even if I present something, so I hope everyone took something away from the night. In the future we might do this again or more frequently. If you have any input or questions please feel free to ask or recommend.

The topic for next month will be Patterns in Nature. Read the Patterns in Nature document and do your own reading to get the most out of this topic. It sounds more complicated than it is. As soon as you get outside with your camera you will be amazed how many patterns there are in nature.

Looking forward to seeing all next month. We will have visitors from Coosa Valley Fair next month to discuss how to improve the competition going forward. So please have your ideas and suggestions ready for next month. Happy shooting

The topics for the rest of the year:

	Club night	Facebook	
September		Sunrise	September
October	B&W	Natural Light	October
November	Patterns in Nature	Black & White	November
December	Year end function	Colors	December
Up to 5 images		1 Image	

2020 topics will be posted next month in the newsletter and the November agenda.

Monthly Meeting Photo Topics for 2019

At each month's meeting, there will be a discussion and sometimes a workshop to provide information regarding the next month's photo topic. Remember to submit up to 5 pictures each month to Bob Bibbings at

RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com

You can also bring your pictures to the meeting for submission.

- October – Black and White
- November – Patterns in Nature
- December - Year end function



Please note: Send your 5 monthly club meeting photos to this email address:

RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com


Congratulations to *Dan Blanton* for winning the September 2019 Facebook challenge for the topic, "Sunrise". He took this photo at Tybee Island.



Fall Shootout

The shootout is planned for Saturday, November 2nd.

The shootout is an opportunity for photo club members to practice photography in a fun way—like a scavenger hunt! At the start, participants are given 5 topics to take pictures of. Once you have taken your pictures, everyone meets back up at Fuddruckers. We turn in our photos to the judges by 11:30 AM. We eat while the judges determine who took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each subject.



In the past, the club had two categories of photography - pure and enhanced. This time we will only have one category. You can use the photo straight out of the camera or you can do some minor photo editing before turning the photo into the judges.

Topics for the shootout will be posted on Facebook at 9:00 PM on the night before the shootout

Photos can be taken in other counties besides Floyd.

- At 9:00PM the night before, Bob Bibbings, Vice President, will draw the topics and post them on our "Public" and "Members Only" Facebook Pages.
- Those people without internet access should arrange to call another member for a list of the topics.

Meeting Minutes

Rome Photo Club
Oak Hill Church of Christ
1500 Martha Berry Blvd, Rome, GA 30165

Rome Photo Club October 2019



- Social began at 6 pm.
- Meeting began at 6:30 pm with Ernie welcoming everyone to the club.
- Dan Blanton, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.
- Club night competition reviewed and voted on. The subject was black and white photos.
- The club reviewed some of the black and white photos. Ernie led the group to look at judging points such as composition, contrast, sharpness, etc.
- Remember the fall shootout will be Saturday, November 2.
- Ernie discussed plans for 2020 for the club. The meeting photo topics for the first five months match the topics for the Coosa Valley Fair. Ernie is helping members to prepare for the fair by practicing these topics so we'll have lots of photos to choose from when it comes to fair time.
- The Rome Exchange Club will be at the November club night to get ideas for improvements they can make to the photography exhibition in the fair. Please attend and provide them with your thoughts. Some ideas that members suggested include:
 - Rename the classes which are currently named:
 - **Novice** – Ages 18 & under. Has never been paid for his/her photos.
 - **Amateur** – An individual who is a hobbyist or enthusiast. They have knowledge of their equipment and how to use it. Usually 2-4 years of experience. Ages 18 & up.
 - **Advanced** – An individual who meets all of the above criteria but may get paid for some or all of their work. Usually 4 or more years of experience. Professional photographers are welcome.

- Photography Lots were discussed. Here are the lot descriptions from the fair web page:

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Photography Lot descriptions:

Lot 1. PEOPLE: adults, children, babies, portraits or entire figures, alone or in a group where the main subject is the person or persons rather than the environment, close-ups or as part of a large composition.

Lot 2. SCENIC: Landscape, seascapes, architectural and industrial scenes or any scene that has a fundamental unit of design or mood of such magnitude that all else is subordinate to it.

Lot 3. ACTION: A composition that captures one meaningful instant in a flow of action, involving people or animals; sports.

Lot 4. ANIMALS OR PETS: Animals, birds, fish, reptiles or household pets either alone or in a group: wildlife in natural setting.

Lot 5. STILL LIFE: Indoor and outdoor still life, flower study, table tops.

Lot 6. EXPERIMENTAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL: Photographs produced through experimentation, by angle and exposure of light or camera, magnification, distortion, or unusual printing and developing processes. Photographs of purely scientific or technical nature: montages; collages. (High Definition Resolution and Drone included)

Lot 7. COOSA VALLEY FAIR ACTIVITIES: Any activity related to the Coosa Valley Fair.

- As you can see in lot 6, the fair people mention “High Definition Resolution”. Do they mean HDR which stands for “High dynamic range” in photography? A definition from www.expertphotography.com says “HDR photography is fusing images to create a final image. The way to do this

is to capture many photos and then stitch them together. Each image captures the scene at different exposures. When merged, the picture provides an overall correct exposure.

- HDR – High Definition Resolution refers to high definition display resolution as in a computer monitor. Resolution tells how many pixels a display has in length x width format. The more, the better.

Club trip to Jekyll Island

Ernie planned a trip to Jekyll Island for club members which took place in October. Unfortunately, Ernie missed the trip because he was stuck in Japan due to weather conditions. Laurie, Bob, Kathy, Greg, and Laurie's friend, Lynn, were able to make the trip over a weekend. From the pictures I've seen, they had a great time! Here are a sample of Jekyll pictures from Bob Bibbings:





This attachment provided by Ernie Glover.

Patterns in Nature

The process of exploring patterns not only gives a wealth of photographic opportunities, but also provides a perfect opportunity to concentrate your mind on composition, shape, line and form aiding your development as an all-round photographer.

Gear

You can almost use any camera in nature photography from a cell phone to a DSLR camera. The one thing you would need to do is get close to your subject. On a DSLR a kit lens 18-55mm will give you decent close-up facility to capture patterns. On a small camera, the macro feature will give you great opportunity to capture patterns as well.

A tripod as usual is recommended and a macro lens will be a great advantage. Long zoom lenses might also be great for capturing patterns like a 70-200mm or any zoom lens you might have. Keep in mind that you want to be creative and whatever lens you use, take your picture to capture the patterns at different angles and light exposures. The use of a flash can add extra depth into your images.

Pattern subjects

When looking for patterns in nature, look for repeating shapes or tones. Examples of these repeating shapes are bark, leaves, rocks, water ripples, feathers, legs etc. anything with strong lines in it.

Pick your focal area by keeping in mind your standard composition rules. Use the rule of thirds, leading lines, curves or repeating design but have a main focal point. By having a main focal point, I mean, have your normal composition rule but have a point of interest like a break in the rule of thirds or a highly contrast or break in repeating patterns.

A lot of times, the subject of matter does not move hastily, so take your time and move your angle of capturing the images. Play with light and focal length. Zoom in or out. Make use of reflections in water of shadows on the ground or on an object. Play with silhouettes. Use different colors or black and white.

Technique

You would almost always maximize your depth of field. In other words, have as much of your pattern subject in focus. Thus start at aperture f/8 and even higher. If you are shooting handheld you might need to use a flash or increase your ISO. If you are working with real macro photography, you might want to use photo stacking (advance photography). For this technique you would defiantly have to use a tripod and the subject to be as still as possible.

But don't let sharpness limit your imagination. You can use panning with a longer shutter speed to get good lines in nature. A ½ second shutter speed and smooth panning can result in a very pleasing abstract image. By using a longer shutter speed in nature pattern photography, one can take an image of trees with wind moving the tree tops and get unique abstract images.

Conclusion

When your day is not going as planned due to weather or camera gear, playing with patterns will give you some striking images that will make you looking for similar opportunities.

Last Friday Town Walk

Ernie proposed that the club members start meeting on the last Friday of the month for a town walk.

Meet time: 5:30 PM

Meet place: Parking lot by the town green (in front of the Forum)

Check back with Ernie or Facebook for further details.

FACEBOOK MONTHLY PHOTO CHALLENGE



Don't forget to go to the club's Facebook page and vote for the monthly Facebook photo contest.

Rome Photo Club Members Only 2019 Contest on Facebook

January – Nick-nack object
February – People/Person wearing hats
March – Any pet – yours/others
April – Rock
May – Waterfall
June – Something Old
July – The Golden Hour
August – Beach Landscape
September – Sunrise
October – Natural Light
November – Black and white
December - Colors

To enter the Facebook contest each month, please email entries to Bob Bibbings at RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com

He will put a number in the corner of each entry and you will be able to vote by picture number.

Voting will take place on the last **2** days of the month. (See details on the next page.)

Submission deadline will be 9:00 PM on the day before voting begins which depends on how long the month is. See details on the next page.

Please send your articles and photos for the next newsletter to Sharon Blanton at blanton0161@comcast.net

Monthly FB Challenge:

Photos can be emailed to Bob Bibbings at RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com starting the first day of the month and will be accepted until 9pm on the third day before the end of the month.

28 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 26th of the month at 9pm.

29 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 27th of the month at 9pm.

30 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 28th of the month at 9pm.

31 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 29th of the month at 9pm.

Voting will begin at one minute after midnight on the:

28 day month: 27th of the month.

29 day month: 28th of the month.

30 day month: 29th of the month.

31 day month: 30th of the month.

Voting will end at 9pm on the last day of the month. This gives me time to screen shot the poll and post the winner on Facebook. In the event of a tie, the vice president will cast the winning vote.