

Meeting Minutes –October

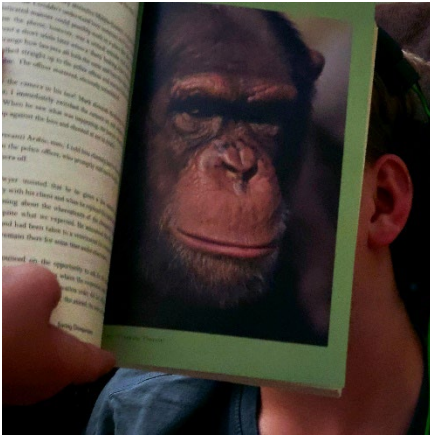
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Photo Club Minutes October 10, 2022

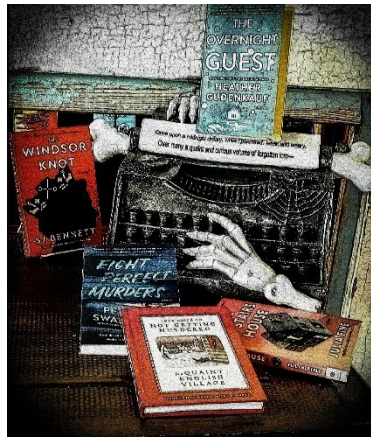
- **Welcome:**
Ernie welcomed the group and introduced our new member, Clayton Farmer and Mariana for her second time.
- No presentation tonight.
- **Discussion:**
Possibility of changing the monthly challenges next year to genres instead of topics. For example, “scenic”, “still life”, “portrait”, etc. Most were favorable to this idea.
- **Trip:**
It was decided our spring trip will be March 13-16 to the Ga coast, maybe around Brunswick, where we could go different directions each day but stay in one place at night. This will be close to the new moon for night photography. Ernie will do some research about specifics and let us know what he figures out. Most wanted to stay in the same place, or at least close by each other to make it easy to meet.
- **Monthly Challenge winners** for the topic of “**Books**”. We did a popular vote, no judges.
Junior: Anika
Beginner: Anita
Intermediate: Susan
Advanced: Mariana
Master: Jason
- FB challenge this month is “Pairs”.
November club challenge is “Autumn” or “Fall”
- **Discussion about the Coosa Valley Fair photography**
Pros:
 - There was more participation this year than last year
 - Turning in club photos on Thursday night worked well
 - Good participation from club membersSuggestions/thoughts for next year:
 - Have different people signing in the different levels—beginner, etc. and then place those photos in a crate in each area
 - Photo club could be in charge of hanging photos
 - Names not showing for judging but turned to show after judging

- Labels hung last
- Give a trophy to the school which has most juniors participating
- Have a portrait booth for people to pay to have portraits done
- Have an extra category for masters level
- Have “Best in Class” as well as “Best in Show”
- **November 14th meeting at the Palladium:**
Anne will be presenting about storytelling with photos
- **December 12th meeting:**
Our Christmas dinner will be a potluck at West Rome Baptist Church in The Well. Bring a dirty Santa gift. Considering for the club to provide the meat.

October Challenge Winners! Books



Junior: Anika Glover



Beginner: Anita Osborn



Intermediate: Susan Tappan



Advanced: Mariana Benjamin



Master: Jason Blalock



I found some great tips at The Camera Jabber Page for photographing autumn pictures.

01 WORK HARDER

Fantastic autumn photography doesn't always come easy. Sometimes in order to get that perfect shot you literally have to put in some legwork.

Maybe the view of those treetops will improve if you hike up that hill a little further, or perhaps that idyllic coastline becomes even clearer with a trek up a nearby bluff.

02 INCLUDE WATER IN YOUR COMPOSITIONS

When you're shooting landscapes, water can be your biggest friend. Luckily, almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the earth is covered in it, and we're heading into a rainy season.

Landscapes reflected in water can make for some very moving, symmetrical compositions. Look for still water in lakes and lochs to capture these reflections, with the top half of the shot consisting of the landscape and the foreground consisting of the reflection.

If you're shooting on a sunny day, it might be wise to use a polariser to increase colour saturation. However, take care that it doesn't ruin the reflection.

Neutral density (ND) grad filters can come in handy when you're trying to strike a balance between the landscape and its reflection.

03 GET DOWN LOW

Getting dirty is a part of good photography. The best shots sometimes require you to get down there in the mud and grime.

Check out more tips at

<https://camerajabber.com/autumn-photography-tips-pictures-of-fall/>

2022	Club Night Topic	Facebook Challenge
October	Books	Pairs
November	Autumn/Fall	Keys
December	Year End Function	Red

When you look at your image, keep the following table in mind. If you are a beginner, look at the points that are important as a beginner to make the best decision on what image to enter for the competition.

Junior

1. Correct Exposure
2. in Focus
3. Element of Composition
4. Picture clean and well presented

Beginner

1. Correct Exposure
2. in Focus
3. Element of Composition
4. Picture clean and well presented
5. Some Impact
6. Some knowledge of when to crop

Intermediate

1. Correct Exposure
2. in Focus
3. Composition - should begin to show and understand the importance of lines, shapes & form.
4. Picture clean and well presented
5. Impact (now strong requirement)
6. Knowledge when to crop now needed

Advance

1. Should have a full grasp of all the above principals
2. Should show work of competing in competition

Name Your Files for Club Night

1. Make sure your images are large enough for good showing
2. Name your images before emailing them to Bob. Here is the naming convention needed:
 - For Juniors, name your pictures J1, J2, and J3 with a space and your name like this:
 J1 First Last Name
 J2 First Last Name
 J3 First Last Name
 - For Beginners, name your pictures beginning with B1
 - For Intermediate, name your pictures beginning with I1
 - For Advanced, name your pictures beginning with A1
 - For Masters, name your pictures beginning M1
3. Mail images to RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com
4. Send in photos no later than 10:00 PM on the Sunday before the club meeting.

FACEBOOK MONTHLY PHOTO CHALLENGE



Don't forget to go to the club's page and vote for the monthly Facebook photo contest. To enter the Facebook contest each month, please email entries to RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com.

- A number will be added in the corner of each entry and *you will be able* to vote by number.
- Voting will take place on the last **2** days of the month.
- Submission deadline will be 9:00 PM on the day before voting begins which depends on how long the month is.

Monthly FB Challenge photos can be emailed to 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: Submit by the 26 th of the month at 9 pm.	29-day month: Submit by the 27 th of the month at 9pm.
30-day month: Submit by the 28 th of the month at 9pm.	31-day month: Submit by the 29 th of the month at 9pm.

Voting will begin at one minute after midnight on the:

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30-day month: 29 th of the month.	31-day month: 30 th of the month.

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