



## Monthly Newsletter

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### Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

#### Welcome:

Frank called the meeting to order and said tonight we would be watching a youtube video with Nigel about composition. He reminded us that next month's challenge is "morning" and these elements of composition could apply to that as well as any of our images.

We welcomed our new/old member Joe Otting, who had been a member a while back and is returning.

#### Announcements:

Frank reminded that dues are due by March 30.

Club trip is next weekend, March 23-26. Itinerary is on the Facebook page.

#### City of Rome Photo Competition:

City of Rome photo competition needs judges. Lorrie, Frank, and Anne agreed to be judges.

It was voted on and approved to offer 4 one year memberships to the winners of the competition, absorbed by the club.

#### Shootouts:

Spring shootout will be April 29. Fall shootout will be September 23.

Lorrie said we will probably go back to getting the topics the morning of the shootout instead of the night before. We also discussed and agreed that we would keep the rules of allowing in camera editing, exposure editing, and cropping.

#### Other Events:

April 1: Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail Field Trip (Lorrie)

April 15: Car Show at the Fair Ground—photographers needed (Gail)

April 21-23: Smoky Mountains—some are going, others invited to join (Frank)

June 17: Frog shootout, one space available (Joann)

## Positions needed filling:

Social Media/tech coordinator—immediate need

Social Event coordinator, especially Last Friday walks—immediate need

Vice President—January 2024

## Submitting photos:

All info on submitting photos is on the “featured” section of the members only Facebook page. Must have photos named and sized properly to be accepted.

## Congratulations to Product Photography Challenge Winners:

Junior: no entries

Beginner: Sam Jones

Intermediate: Melissa Spikes

Advanced: Anne Say

Master: Lorrie Smith

## Learning about Composition:

YouTube Video by Nigel

Four aspects of composition:

1. Balance
2. Flow
3. Dynamism/Energy
4. Depth

Meeting was Adjourned

Winning photos:

Sam



Melissa



Anne



Lorrie



# Monthly Challenge Themes for 2023

|     | Club                         | Online              |     |
|-----|------------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Jan | Anything Goes (last 30 days) | Letter of the Month | Jan |
| Feb | Abstract                     | Letter of the Month | Feb |
| Mar | Product Photography          | Letter of the Month | Mar |
| Apr | Morning                      | Letter of the Month | Apr |
| May | Toys                         | Letter of the Month | May |
| Jun | Farm Life                    | Letter of the Month | Jun |
| Jul | Red, White and Blue          | Letter of the Month | Jul |
| Aug | Can You Guess What It Is     | Letter of the Month | Aug |
| Sep | Taken with Cellphone         | Letter of the Month | Sep |
| Oct | Surprise Topic               | Letter of the Month | Oct |
| Nov | Cemetery                     | Letter of the Month | Nov |
| Dec | Year End Function            | Letter of the Month | Dec |
|     | Submit up to 2 images        | Submit only 1 image |     |

What you are judged on according to the group that you are in:

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.

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| <p><b>Junior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct Exposure</li> <li>• Photo is in Focus</li> <li>• Elements of Composition</li> <li>• Picture is Clean and Well Presented</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Beginner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct Exposure</li> <li>• Photo is in Focus</li> <li>• Elements of Composition</li> <li>• Picture is Clean and Well Presented</li> <li>• Some Level of Impact</li> <li>• Some Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Intermediate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct Exposure</li> <li>• Photo is in Focus</li> <li>• Elements of Composition</li> <li>• Picture is Clean and Well Presented</li> <li>• Strong Impact</li> <li>• Full Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly</li> </ul>    |

### Advanced

- Should Have Full Knowledge of all Above Principals
- Shows Work and Improvement Through Competition

### Master

- Is able to demonstrate competent knowledge and use of all photographic elements listed in other groups from Junior to Advanced.
- Is able to teach and instruct other photographers on specific aspects of photography
- Is willing and able to lead workshops or lessons at club meetings as needed (not required)

## Club Monthly Photo Challenge

Please be sure to follow the instructions below for your photo entries:

- Make sure your images are large enough for presenting but less than 5MB in size.
- Name your images before emailing them. Here is the naming convention needed:
  - Beginners = B1 First Last Name, B2 First Last Name
    - Example: B1 John Smith B2 John Smith
  - Juniors, name your pictures beginning with J1 First Last Name
  - Intermediate, name your pictures beginning with I1 First Last Name
  - Advanced, name your pictures beginning with A1 First Last Name
  - Masters, name your pictures beginning M1 First Last Name
- Mail images to [RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com](mailto:RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com)
  - Put Monthly Club Challenge or Facebook Challenge in the subject line
- Send in photos no later than 8:00 PM on the Sunday before the club meeting
- Images **MUST BE 5MB OR SMALLER AND NAMED CORRECTLY** or they will be sent back to you. See video on Members Only Facebook page for how to resize your images.

## Club Monthly Facebook Challenge

Don't forget to go to the club's Members Only page and vote for the monthly Facebook photo contest. To enter the Facebook contest each month, please follow the instructions below:

- Email entries to [RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com](mailto:RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com) (mailto:Romegaphotoclub@gmail.com).
- Resize and rename your entry according to the naming convention above.
- Submission deadline will be 8:00 PM on the 28th day of each month (25th day in February).
- 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 via a poll post on the members only Facebook page.

Monthly FB Challenge photos can be emailed to [RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com](mailto:RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com) starting the first day of the month and will be accepted until 8pm on the 28th day of each month (25th day in February).

Voting will end at 9 pm on the last day of the month. This gives the Vice President 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.