



Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Our December meeting was held at the Well at West Rome Baptist Church, where we enjoyed a Christmas potluck dinner. After eating and enjoying each other's company, Ernie updated us on a few things coming in the new year and then gave out the yearly awards.

December Birthdays:

Richard Merritt

Patrick Richardson

Sam Ratcliffe

Anika Glover

Visitors:

Andy

Tina

Brittany

Business:

- \$3391.83 in the treasury, which includes the Savannah trip payment due in March
- Members: 39
- Reminder that dues are due in January, no later than the end of March. \$36 for the year or \$12 for juniors

Updates:

- Ernie gave a report on the surveys that were passed out at the November meeting.

- Members indicated they would like more training. Ernie said that we will try to have more training opportunities in the new year. There can be beginner's classes if needed. Let him know if you are interested in this. Also, there will be some mentoring opportunities. The masters in the group could share their tips in their area of expertise. For example, Ernie takes a lot of creative shots, while Lorrie takes macro and portraits. You could also get feedback from your mentor about shots you have taken, especially before submitting them for the monthly challenges.
- Surveys also showed a request for more outings. Lynn will keep a calendar for outings, so if you have ideas, let her or Ernie know. We still plan to have the shootouts and join the NW GA club in the fall like we did this year. Based on what we learned this time, we will have more preparation and practice before the next one.
- Members were given laminated cards with their new member numbers. This number will be included in the image naming next year to make it easier to organize the images. This new naming convention is explained on the members-only FB page and at the end of this newsletter.
- Ernie talked about the club long weekend, April 24-27, 2025, to Savannah. On this trip, there will be photo opportunities for street, night, beach, lighthouse, downtown, cemetery, Fort Pulaski, etc. There will be scheduled shoots but also free time or options to do your own thing. Ernie gave out pamphlets about Savannah sights and a map.

Awards were presented for the 2024 year:

Awards were based on the points received for all the submitted images throughout the year.

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| • Junior: | 3rd place: | Lilly Mae Champion | |
| | 2nd place: | Ruby Spain | |
| | 1st place: | Anika Glover | |
| • Beginner: | 3rd place: | Ricky Cobb | |
| | 2nd place: | Valerie Lemaster | |
| | 1st place: | Letti Crider | |
| • Intermediate: | 3rd place: | Sam Jones | |
| | 2nd place: | JoAnn Marvin | |
| | 1st place: | Susan Tappan | |
| • Advanced: | 2nd place: | Bob Bibbings | |
| | 1st place: | Gail Johnson | |
| • Master: | 3rd place: | Cory Bernhart | 1 star |
| | 2nd place: | Jason Blalock | 4 stars |
| | 1st place: | Lorrie Smith | 5 stars |

Door Prizes:

The Christmas meeting ended with door prizes presented by drawing the names of those present.

2025	Club Topic: submit up to 2 images	Facebook (submit one image)
January	Scenic	Low angle
February	Still Life	With love
March	Creative	Silhouette
April	Portrait	Movement
May	Wildlife	A relaxing place
June	Scenic	Architecture
July	Still Life	A Hobby
August	Creative	Triangles
September	Portrait	Through a Window
October	Wildlife	Brown
November	OPEN	Leading Lines
December	None	Books

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 important points to make the best decision on what image to enter for the competition.

Junior • Correct Exposure • Photo is in Focus • Elements of Composition • Picture is Clean and Well Presented
Beginner • Correct Exposure • Photo is in Focus • Elements of Composition • Picture is Clean and Well Presented • Some Level of Impact • Some Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly
Intermediate • Can demonstrate competent knowledge and use of all photographic elements listed in beginner • Strong Impact • Full Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly
Advanced • Should Have Full Knowledge of all Above Principals • Shows Work and Improvement Through Competition
Master • Can demonstrate competent knowledge and use of all photographic elements from Junior to Advanced. • Can 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.
- 2025 Naming conventions:

Month	Image#	Member#	Level
01-January	01	201-Ernie	Junior
02-February	02	202-Lorrie	Beginner
03-March	FB (Facebook)	203-Joann	Intermediate
04-April		204-	Advanced
05-May		205	Master

Examples: 01-01-201-Master (Ernie January) OR 04-02-203-Intermediate (Joann April)

File Sizes: Portrait: 1068X1600 Landscape: 2400X1600

- Mail images to 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 returned to you. See the video on the 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).
- 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 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.