



Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Opening: Ernie opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He welcomed one new visitor, Joe.

January Birthdays: Letti Crider, 13
Lyle Currier 26

Business:

- **Financial:** We have \$1858.56 in the treasury and 40 members.
- **Dues** for the year were collected. \$36 for the year, due at least by March 1.
- **Bylaws:** Three changes were made to the bylaws:
 1. The requirement for the office of Vice President is one year of membership, formerly two years.
 2. Members are in the Junior group until the age of 18, formerly 13.
 3. Voting for the new Lead Team will be held in November each year, formerly in December.These changes were voted on and approved unanimously.
- **Vice President Vote:** Members voted unanimously for Ken Bramlette as Vice President.

Updates:

- Possible day trips:
 - **Old Car City** on a Saturday in the spring
 - **Chocolate Walk in Canton February 7, 11:00-5:00**
 - **Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail** later March or April
 - **Mountain Springs Church at Berry College** Becky has access to this
 - **Gibbs Gardens** millions of daffodils in late February, BOGO membership in January
- **Facebook Challenge** this month is "Black and White". Club challenge for February will be Still Life/Creative.

- **Top Images from 2025**

Ernie had his friend pick the top 10 images from all the submissions in 2025. These are his picks, including 3 honorable mentions.

13 Lorrie	6 Jason
12 Lorrie	5 Ken
11 Ernie	4 Nick
10 Lorrie	3 Ernie
9 Lorrie	2 Nick
8 Jason	1 Frank
7 Jason	

- **Presentation** by Lindsey Garrett

Lindsey showed images he had taken which show his personal style. He walks with his dog every morning on the Berry Campus. He shoots deer, cows, birds, trees, and the occasional coyote, often in beautiful fog. Because he goes to the same places often, he can watch for the moment of light that he is wanting and improve the shot over time. He encourages us all to develop our personal style.

- **Images** were shown with the topic of “Scenic/Scapes”

Club Favorite Winners:	Junior	No submissions
	Beginner	Josh Dover
	Intermediate	Becky McAllister
	Advanced Tie	Andy Brock
		Lynn Roberts
	Master Tie	Jason Blalock
		Susan Tappan
		Ernie Glover



Beginner: Josh Dover



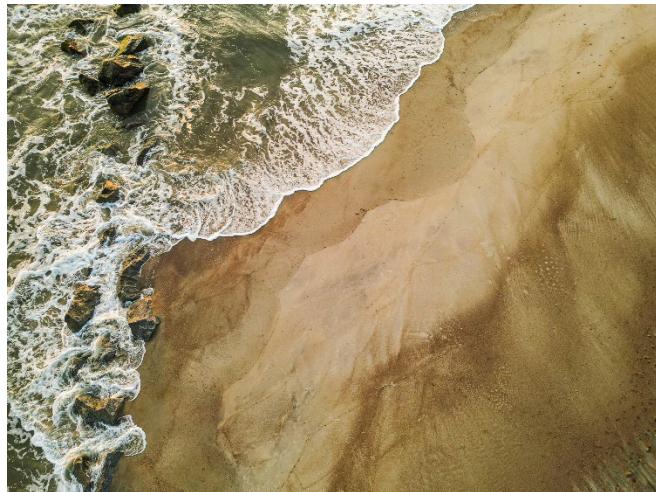
Intermediate: Becky McAllister



Advanced: Lynn Roberts



Advanced: Andy Brock



Master: Ernie Glover



Master: Jason Blalock



Master: Susan Tappan

Topics for 2026: Submit images to RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com

Club images must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. Friday night before club meeting.

Facebook images must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. on the 28th of the month, 25th for February.
Sizing and naming described below.

	Club Topic submit up to two images	Facebook submit one image	
Month	Club	Online	Month
January	Scenic/Scapes	Black & White	Jan
February	Still Life/Creative	Unappreciated Beauty	Feb
March	Action/Motion	Old Wood	Mar
April	People/Portrait	Churches	Apr
May	Animals/Pets	Letters	May
June	Scenic/Scapes	Street View	June
July	Still Life/Creative	From a Distance	July
August	Action/Motion	Bokeh	Aug
September	People/Portrait	Minimalism	Sep
October	Animals/Pets	Curves	Oct
November	OPEN	Transportation	Nov
	End of Year Function	Occupation	Dec

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: 2400 on long edge

- 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 FRIDAY 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. If you size them by pixels as above, they will automatically be less than 5 MB.

How you are judged according to your level:

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

- 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

- Correct Exposure
- Photo is in Focus
- Elements of Composition
- Picture is Clean and Well Presented
- Strong Impact
- Full Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly
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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 o lead workshops or lessons at club meetings as needed (not required)

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 RomegGaPhotoClub@gmail.com (<mailto:Romegaphotoclub@gmail.com>).
- Resize and rename your entry according to the naming convention above.

Example: 02-FB-201-Master (Ernie February)

- Submission deadline will be **8:00 PM on the 28th of the month (25th for 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.