



Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Opening: Ernie welcomed everyone and we had two visitors, Cheryl and Borand.

September Birthdays :

12 Joann Marvin

20 Sam Jones

25 Melissa Spikes

Business:

- **Financial:** We have \$2477.84 in the treasury.

Updates:

- **Facebook Challenge** this month is "Minimalism". Club challenge for October will be "Animals/Pets".
- **NG3C shootout** will take place October 17 in Dallas. We will do a Fall Shootout before that this Saturday on September 19 for practice and scouting in Dallas. We will meet downtown for the practice near the courthouse at 9:00. The actual October shootout will be at Chattahoochee Technical College. Ernie will send out specific information with details.
- **Outings:** Tate House on December 5 will be \$68 which includes lunch. Give Joann money by Oct 31 if you are going.
- **Coosa Valley Fair:** Dates will be October 6-10. Gail reported about this. Several volunteers are needed to photograph the different events as well as just wandering around. Especially need photographers for the beauty pageant on Saturday. You will get a T-shirt and free admission and park inside. Let Joann know if you can do this. Registration will not be online this year, but there is a new person helping this year so he will get acquainted with the process and next year should be online.

On Thursday October 1 the club can bring our photos from 5:30-6:30. On Sunday October 4 you can help hang the photos. They will accept them from 1:00-4:00.

After the fair, the club will participate in a practice online registration. Questions directed to Gail.

- **St. Augustine Trip:** Dates will be April 22-25. Discussed lodging and decided for Joann to get a hotel that is walkable to downtown. \$162/night or \$124/night. She will let us know what she finds to book a group.
- **Fair photos:** We looked at some possible fair photos from members to help decide which ones should be submitted and how to edit them better.

Club Challenge: Images were shown with the topic of “People/Portrait”.

Club Favorite Winners:	Junior	December Champion
	Beginner	Lisa Hewitt
	Intermediate	Melissa Spikes
	Advanced	Joe
	Master	Tie Susan Tappan & Jason Blalock



Junior: December Champion



Beginner: Lisa Hewitt



Intermediate: Melissa Spikes



Advanced: Joe Byrne



Master: Susan Tappan



Master: Jason Blalock

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 •
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 to 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 RomegGaPhotoClub@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.