Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Welcome:

Frank opened the meeting. He reminded members that dues need to be paid before the end of March. He welcomed some new members and visitors and reminded them that their first meeting is free. Dues can be paid by cash or check to Joann or Venmo @RomePhotoClub or CashApp @RomePhotoClub

Discussion about the March trip:

Dates are March 23-26 to the Golden Isles of Georgia—Jekyll Island, St. Mary's Island, and Cumberland Island. Everyone is arranging their own lodging. Ernie presented a possible itinerary, which he will share with those planning to attend.

Updated By-laws:

Frank discussed the updating of the by-laws, which have not been updated in about 10 years. Hard copies were available and also available on the members only Facebook page under "featured". Members are asked to read and ask any questions they may have. We will vote to ratify the update bylaws during the February club meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Joann gave the treasurer report, stating that we have $1528.39 in the bank at this time, with $201 cash. We now also have 42 members.

Proposal to buy laptop:

Frank proposed that the club buy its own laptop instead of depending on someone's personal laptop for club meetings. There was a unanimous vote to purchase a laptop for $300 or less. Frank stated he would be able to get one for that price that would meet the needs.

Product photography workshop:

Gail reported that next month's club meeting her brother will present a product photo workshop. He is owner of Haigwood Studios. Bring your camera and tripod. You can also bring any textures or backdrops you have. Our March challenge is product photography.

Studio Shoot Workshop:

Five slots to attend a workshop at Scott Gibson's studio on Feb 18 were claimed and paid for quickly. Attending will be Anne, Ernie, Danny, Anita, and Marianna. Mary Jane is on the list in case of a cancellation.

Facebook challenges for 2023

Something that begins with the letter that the month begins with, i.e. "J" in January, "F" in February. No repeat submissions for months ending in the same letter. Frank said he will meet with Kristi Kent of "Georgia's Rome" to see how the club can partner with Georgia's Rome for the 2023 Rome Photography Competition.

Learning Presentation:

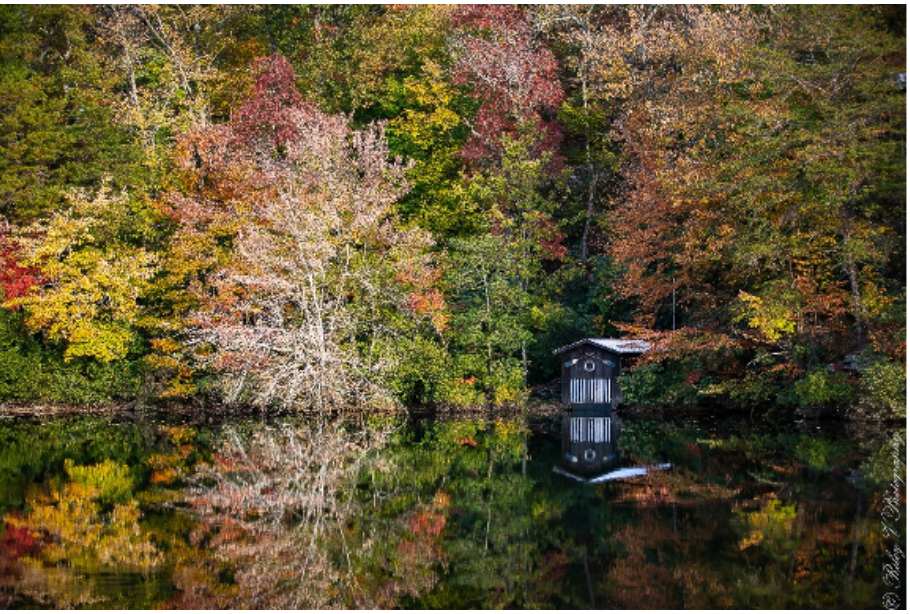
Frank gave a presentation about abstract photography, which will be February's challenge. His power point is on the website under the "learning" tab.

January Challenge Winners - Anything Goes

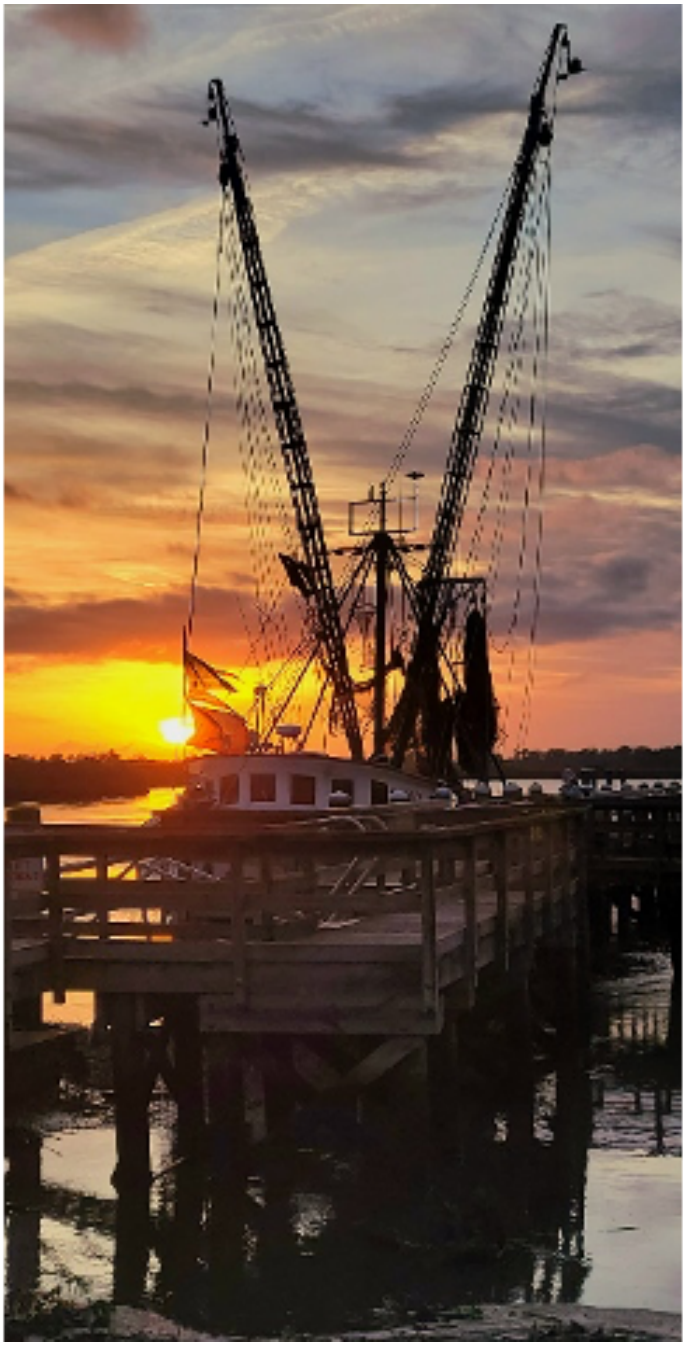
This month was "anything goes" as long as the photo was taken within the last two months.

- Junior: No entries
- Beginner: No entries
- Intermediate: Winner was Anita. 4-way tie between Anita, Susan (2 photos) and Joann. Members voted Anita's photo as the winner.
- Advanced: Winner was Danny. 2-way tie and members voted Danny's photo as the winner.
- Master: Winner was Frank

See photos below on the next page:



Advanced: Danny Riley



Intermediate: Anita Osborn



Master: Frank Cardamone

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	Cemetary	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.

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 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
    - 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 RomegGaPhotoClub@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.