# Monthly Newsletter

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## Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

### Welcome:

Lorrie welcomed everyone to the meeting. We spent several minutes enjoying hearing about eclipse experiences.

### April Birthdays:

### Business:

- Joann reported current funds available is $2469.29. We have 33 paid members.

### Events:

- **Nature in Focus Workshop at Berry**
  Gail shared about the workshop with David Akoubian and Cecil Holmes on May 11. They have a business called Nature in Focus. We will arrive at Berry before sunup, 6:00ish. We will have some classroom time and some shooting time. You can bring your lunch or there are some food trucks available. We will continue the workshop in the afternoon and finish before dinner. The cost is $25 and the club will cover the rest. This is a fabulous opportunity at a very reasonable price! You need to **SIGN UP AND PAY BY APRIL 26!!!** Venmo or Cashapp to Rome Photo Club. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to improve your nature photography!
- Club fall weekend in Asheville is **cancelled**. A trip to Savannah next spring is being considered.
- **Spring Shootout this Saturday, April 13**
  Kathy explained about the shootout. At 7:00 am, she will reveal 5 topics on the Facebook members only page. You will turn in one photo for each topic on a flash drive by 11:30 at the Courtyard Marriott. You may only crop and darken/lighten your photos, no other editing. Rename your photos with topic number and your assigned number. If your number is 8, your first topic would be renamed 0108, second topic would be 0208, etc. A judge will be on hand to choose first, second, and third place winners for each topic. Bring your own lunch unless you have preordered through Joann or Kathy.

- **Photo Challenges:**
- Congratulations to Mary Jane for winning the Facebook Challenge for March for “decay”.
- **Congratulations to Club winners for the Portrait challenge**:

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| Junior: | no entries |
| Beginner: | Collette |
| Intermediate: | Mary Jane |
| Advanced: | Gail |
| Master: | Lorrie |



**Beginner: Collette Crider**



**Intermediate: Mary Jane Gross**



**Advanced: Gail Johnson**



**Master: Lorrie Smith**

| | Date | Time | Event |
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| March | 29 | 6pm | Rome Downtown Walk |
| April | 6 | 7am | Shirley Miller Wildflower Boardwalk |
| | 13 | 7am | Spring Shootout |
| May | 11 | 8am | Nature in Focus Photography Workshop, Rome |
| | 25-26 | 8am | Hot Air Balloons, Decatur, AL |
| June | 8 | 8am | $5 challenge, Rome |
| September | 21 | 12pm | Krog Street Tunnel, Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta Beltline, Jackson Street Bridge |
| October | 8 | 6am | Atlanta Air Show |
| | 26 | 8am | Little River Canyon, Fort Payne, AL |
| November | | 5pm | Old Car City |
| December | 1 | | Rome Christmas Parade |

| 2024 | Club Topic<br>submit up to two images | Facebook<br>submit one image |
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| **January** | Scenic | Eyes |
| **February** | Still Life | Dessert |
| **March** | Creative | Decay |
| **April** | Portrait | Something metal |
| **May** | Wildlife | Something with wings |
| **June** | Scenic | An Optical Illusion |
| **July** | Still Life | Something Patriotic |
| **August** | Creative | Self Portrait |
| **September** | Portrait | Clean vs. Dirty |
| **October** | Wildlife | Something scary |
| **November** | OPEN | Car |
| **December** | None | Food as Art |

## 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
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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 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.