Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Welcome:

Our Christmas party was held in the Well at West Rome Baptist Church. Ernie welcomed everyone and John Tappan asked the blessing before we all enjoyed our yummy meal! Meat was provided by the club and members brought sides and desserts.

Business:

- Ernie moved that in 2024, we take care of any business, including voting on new lead positions, in November, so that the December meeting can just be a celebration and seeing the best photos of the year.
- After our meal, Ernie led the members in a discussion about the needed leadership positions. After some discussion, we voted on these leaders for the new year:

President:	Ernie Glover
Vice President:	Lorrie Smith
Treasurer:	Joann Marvin
Secretary:	Susan Tappan

We still need a tech person and a shootout coordinator. There may be a couple of other people who start attending lead team meetings to consider positions for next year.

Photos of the Year:

Ernie shared the photos that his friend in China had picked from all 450 submissions from the year. He narrowed it down to his 14 favorites:

Anita	Lorrie	Top three picks went to Lorrie for her toys, driftwood, and snail images!
Lorrie	Jason	
Sam	Lorrie	Congratulations to these folks for great images!
Jason	Frank	
Lily Mae	Susan	
Lorrie	Frank	
Lorrie	Cory	

Trophy Winners

Congratulations to these winners from each level who scored the most points during the year!

Junior:	Lily Mae Champion
Beginner:	Richard Merritt
Intermediate:	Sam Jones
Advanced:	Gail Johnson
Master:	Jason Blalock

	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.