Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Business:

- We have $2032.50 in the treasury and 40 members, most of whom are active!

Updates:

- **Old Car City** outing on Saturday, December 13 has been **POSTPONED** until spring because of the cold weather.
- **Facebook Challenge** this month is "Books". Club challenge for January will be Scenic/Scapes.
- **Christmas Party** was enjoyed by all!! Lots of yummy food and fellowship.
  Images from all the club challenges and Facebook challenges were shown throughout the evening.
- **Monthly challenges for next year** will be slightly different to include more possibilities. The five genres will be: Scenic/scapes, Still life/Creative, Action/Motion, People/Portraits, Animals/Pets
  Chart below lists all the 2026 challenges and how to name them.
- **Business**: It was discovered in the bylaws that the Vice President had to be a club member for two years prior to being elected. The Lead Team recommended amending this to be one year. The President will still need to be a member for two years. The club voted to make this amendment. With this change, Ken Bramlette will be voted on in January for Vice President.
- **Yearly Awards:**
  Ernie presented the awards for each level to the photographer who received the most points throughout the year. He also told some folks they would be moving up to the next level because of the high points they had scored through the year.
  Awards went to:

Junior:	Erik Jones
Beginner:	Lisa Hewitt
Intermediate:	Lynn Roberts
Advanced:	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 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.