# Monthly Newsletter

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## Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Ernie opened the meeting, welcoming a new member and visitors.

### February Birthdays:

Frank Cardamone 2

Sharon Miller 2

Mary Jane Gross 12

### Club losses:

The club is sad to have lost two current and former members lately. Bob Bibbings and Mary Siniard have passed away. A celebration of life will be held for Bob later and the club will be informed when that will be.

### Business:

- We have $2359.82 in the treasury, which includes the Savannah trip payment due in March.
- Members: 40
- Reminder that dues are due in January, no later than end of March. $36 for the year or $12 for juniors

### Updates:

- Ernie said the individual scores will be updated every month so members can know where they stand
- Ernie talked about the club long weekend April 24-27, 2025 to Savannah. Members who are going were given a tentative agenda for the weekend. There will be scheduled shoots but also free time or options to do your own thing. If you haven't signed up but are interested in going, let Ernie know. There still may be room in the shared house we rented or there are other options nearby. After the April meeting, those going will meet for details about the trip.
- Volunteers are wanted to be greeters to meet any new members who come. They will set up the new member with a mentor who can help them with club questions such as competition, as well as photography skills. New members will be asked to submit 10 images from five topics to the mentor to help decide what level they should be in. Any member should reach out to the mentors for help when needed. It was emphasized that the mentors really want to help!

- Ernie will hold a beginner's class on March 22 to teach the exposure triangle and using manual mode. He will also teach about equipment and technique. It will be limited to six people. Let him know if you are interested. He will be doing this again as needed.
- Ernie will be going to Atlanta on February 22 for street photography, Krog Street, the cemetery, and sunset at Jackson Street Bridge. Weather permitting, of course. Let him know if you would like to join.
- Ernie and Lorrie are looking into prices for "feathers", signs to put in front of the building to let new people know where the meeting is being held.
- Ernie suggested that starting this year, there will be a best picture of the year chosen, and that person will receive the "Bob Bibbings trophy", as a tribute to Bob.
- Bring your cameras and equipment next month for a "what's in your bag" discussion.
- Next month's competition will be "creative". In this category, you can do a composite with two of your own images, and you can also use filters.

## Presentation:

Ernie gave a presentation explaining how the scores are given and tabulated.

- **The basics:**

  Submit your image/s
  Get an acknowledgement of your images received
  Your images get filed under your level
  The folder for each level gets sent to the judges
  The judges score your image/s
  The scores get calculated
  The images are shown at the club meeting
  The scores get published online

- **How does the scoring work?**

  Each images get a score out of 25 from a judge
  There are three judges (usually)
  Each images can get a max score of 75 with the totals from each of the three judges
  We use the FECTI scoring system
  Focus
  Exposure
  Composition
  Technique/Topic
  Impact

- **FECTI Explained:**

| Focus | Exposure | Composition | Technique/Topic | Impact |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Out of focus | Very distracting | Very distracting | Very distracting | No impact |
| Some focus | Some distraction | Some distraction | Some use of technique/ topic | Some impact |
| Average focus | Average exposure | Average composition | Average use of technique/topic | Average impact |
| Good focus | Good exposure | Good composition | Good use of technique/topic | Good impact |
| Excellent focus | Excellent exposure | Excellent composition | Excellent use of technique/topic | Excellent impact |

- **Annual Scores:**

  There are 5 topics
  Each topic gets repeated throughout the year
  November is a make-up month
  The highest scoring photographer of each level wins a trophy that gets returned the following year
  Juniors move up after age 18
  The top Beginner/s moves up to the Intermediate level the following year
  The Intermediate photographer/s with at least **two** 80% scores in any two topics moves up to the Advance level the following year
  The Advance photographer/s with at least **three** 80% scores in three topics moves up to the Master level the following year
  The Master photographer with an 85% score in any topic gets to claim 1 star per said topic.

## Images:

Challenge images were shown and the club voted on favorites. We all agreed it was a very tough vote because there were so many excellent images! The topic was still life.

### Winners:

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|---|---|
| Junior | Lily Champion |
| Beginner | Lisa Hewitt |
| Intermediate | Lynn Roberts tied for first with both of her images |
| Advanced | Joann Marvin |
| Master | Lorrie Smith |

## Winning images:



Junior: Lily Champion



Beginner: Lisa Hewitt



Intermediate: Lynn Roberts



Intermediate: Lynn Roberts




Advanced: Joann Marvin



Master: Lorrie Smith

| 2025 | Club Topic<br>submit up to two images | Facebook<br>submit one image |
|---|---|---|
| **January** | Scenic | Low angle |
| **February** | Still Life | With love |
| **March** | Creative | Silhouette |
| **April** | Portrait | Movement |
| **May** | Wildlife | A relaxing place |
| **June** | Scenic | Architecture |
| **July** | Still Life | A Hobby |
| **August** | Creative | Triangles |
| **September** | Portrait | Through a Window |
| **October** | Wildlife | Brown |
| **November** | OPEN | Leading Lines |
| **December** | None | Books |

## What you are judged 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.
- 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: Portrait: 1068X1600 Landscape: 2400X1600

- 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.

# 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 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 8 pm, 6 days before the end of the month).

Voting will end at 9 pm on the last day of the month. This gives the 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.