Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Ernie opened the meeting, welcoming new members Nick Zelinsky and Lindsey Garrett.

January Birthdays:

Letti Crider 13

Lyle Currier 26

Amber Turner 26

Business:

- We have $3333.79 in the treasury, which includes the Savannah trip payment due in March
- Members: 39
- 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 surveys that were completed in November asking for more “hands on” practice. He said there will be more meetings with “hands on” this year, including at this meeting. On nights with “hands on”, there won’t be time for critiquing the image submissions.
- The new time for submitting club challenge photos is Friday at 8:00 so the judges can have time to score them before the meeting. We will still vote for club favorites at the meeting. Ernie and Lorrie are considering having zoom meetings sometimes to critique the photos if it isn’t done at the meeting. It was asked whether those could be recorded to watch at a different time, and they will check into that.
- Ernie said he realizes there is confusion about the new scoring system that started last year. He will go into detail in explaining that at the February meeting. He asked whether the members wanted to get their score privately or be able to see everyone’s score. By a show of hands, the club voted to be able to see all the scores.
- The new naming convention is explained on the members only FB page as well as at the end of this newsletter. Look carefully at the examples. The FB submission needs to have FB in the name.
- 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.

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!

Winners:

Junior	Anika Glover
Beginner	Lisa Hewitt
Intermediate	Mary Jane Gross
Advanced	Susan Tappan
Master	Jason Blalock, both of his images tied for first

Still Life Workshop:

Lorrie Smith used a power point to teach about still life photography. She went into detail and was very helpful with hints. She had three stations set up with lighting and props to practice taking still life photos. The members had time to use these stations, while some members had a chance to share with each other about photography in general.

Winning images:



Junior: Anika Glover



Beginner: Lisa Hewitt



Intermediate: Mary Jane Gross



Advanced: Susan Tappan





Master: Jason Blalock, both of his images tied for first

2025	Club Topic submit up to two images	Facebook 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 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 important points 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.
- 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 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. 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 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.