Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Opening: Ernie opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, including four visitors.

March Birthdays: 7 Richard Carmen
21 Cathy Campbell
23 Lisa Hewitt
26 Ken Bramlette

Business:

- **Financial**: We have $2547.22 in the treasury, with 27 paid members and 11 unpaid. Ernie and Joann will contact the ones who haven't paid. Due March 31.

Updates:

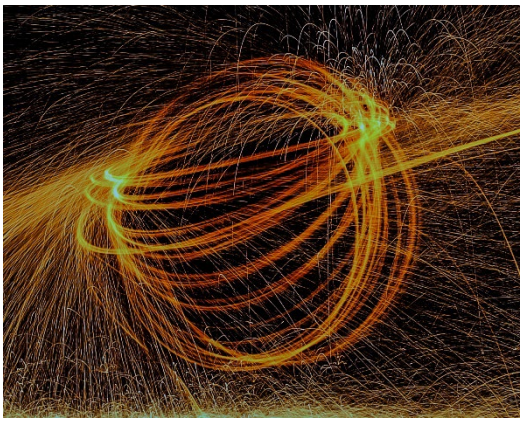
- **Chattanooga trip** will be April 24-26. Ken shared the tentative agenda, which is available on the group FB chat for those signed up. The Sealight Festival needs to be prepaid. The walking bridge is closed at this time, so sunrise might be on the riverside path on the north side. May switch waterfalls to the morning for better light. Ken said we may be able to get inside the Lookouts Stadium as a group to look around and shoot. No game that day. Some may do a scouting trip ahead of time to check out some of the options. Sunrise Sunday morning would be an option for those who spend Saturday night.
- **Facebook Challenge** this month is "Old Wood". Club challenge for April will be People/Portrait.

Club Challenge:

Images were shown with the topic of "Action/Motion".

Club Favorite Winners:		
	Junior	December Champion
	Beginner	Lisa Hewitt
	Intermediate	Sam Jones and Mary Jane Gross tied
	Advanced	Nick Zelinsky
	Master Tie	Frank Cardamone

Learning time: Frank Cardamone shared "My Approach to Photography". He emphasized that this is how he does it, with no right or wrong way. You need to decide what you want to tell, be aware of surroundings, and different light balance. And expect the unexpected! He shared a lot of his post processing steps in Lightroom to take a great photo to a "Wow!" photo!



December Champion



Lisa Hewitt



Mary Jane Gross



Sam Jones



Nick Zelinsky



Frank Cardamone

- 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
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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 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.