Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Ernie opened the meeting.

May Birthdays:

Andy Brock—6

Ruby Spain---18

Becky McAllister---24

Clayton Farmer---29

Business:

- We have $2, 253.95 in the treasury.

Updates:

- Club feathers: We received the club feathers and placed one outside the door. They look good and the QR Code looks great.
- Club Long Weekend to Savannah April 24-27: We talked about the trip to Savannah and viewed all the scavenger hunt photos. We also discussed possible ideas for next year and asked for suggestions.
- Friday Outings: We discussed meet ups during the First Friday Concerts in Downtown Rome June-September. More info on FB to come.
- NG3C: The 2025 shootout will take place on November 1st at Marietta Square. We voted to participate as a club again. The club will pay the fees.
- June's competition will be "Scenic". Facebook Challenge this month is "A Relaxing Place".
- June meeting: full critique and "Back to Basics"

Presentation:

Jason had a great presentation on his trip to Iceland. Very informative and great images.

Camera Cleaning: During the meeting, Berrie Smith was on hand cleaning cameras and lenses.

Club competition club favorite winners:

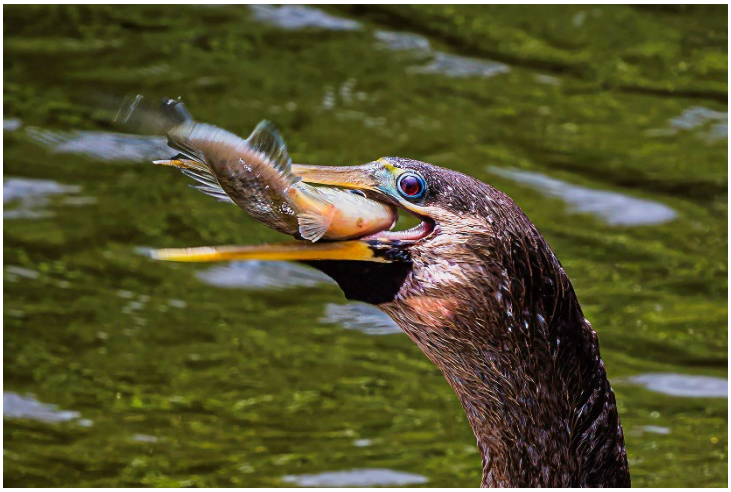
Beginner:	Lisa Hewitt
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	Club Topic submit up to two images	Facebook submit one image
January	Scenic	Low angle
February	Still Life	With love
March	Creative	Silhouette
April	Portrait	Movement
May	Wildlife	A relaxing place
June	Scenic	Architecture
July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

How 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 o 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 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.