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RPC NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



Ernie Glover, *President*

If you missed this month's meeting, you need to find a time machine! We had five visitors and four of those joined the club! Welcome to you all and we hope you have fun, learn, teach and grow in this hobby of ours.

Jim Hewitt had a really good talk about Black & White photography. He shared a lot of images he has taken lately and how to look for those images. He gave a lot of insight and tips on how to process those images in Photoshop. There are more ways to process your images than just Photoshop. Do a search online in whatever processing software you are using to help you better your Black & White images. My biggest takeaway was that you need to look for contrast and not to overdo your processing because Black & White photography is not just black on white but there are all shades of grey to give you the depth and contrast.

The topic of the month was Fire & Ice. To all that submitted images for the monthly competition, I give you a standing ovation. We saw images that were very creative to those that will chill or warm your heart. Congratulations to all the winners.

On February 22 we had our first Beginners Training session of the year. Six people showed up and there were a lot of good discussions and from the feedback I got, everyone learned something. Thank you Bob Bibbings for assisting. There was also a high demand for another class soon. It was thus decided to do another Beginners Training class on March 29. Three of the eight spots have been filled already. If you want to join or even do it again, feel free to let me know. Remember on 16 March 2020 our speaker will be Dr. Harbin who will be talking about his photography and show us some of his images. If you have not seen his work visit http://www.billharbin.com/ and you will see why this local photographer is so well known.

Also for 16 March 2020 we will have Peach Tree Camera Repair out to clean and calibrate cameras and lenses. Pricing is as follows:

- Camera clean + up to two lenses - $50
- Extra lens cleaning - $10 each
- Lens calibration - $20 each

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The 2020 topics are as follows:

	Club night topic	Facebook challenge	
January	Animals	Festive	January
February	Fire & Ice	Ice	February
March	B&W	Lucky	March
April	Reflections	Rainy day	April
May	Portraits	Birds	May
June	Scenic	Park	June
July	Antique transport	Stars & Stripes	July
August	Butterflies/Insects	Historical	August
September	Food & Music	Colorful	September
October	Rubber Ducky	Orange	October
November	Night Photography	Warm	November
December	Year end function	Sparkly	December
Up to 5 images		1 images	

Here are some of the events planned for 2020:

a. Lula Lake land Trust – 3/8/2020 (first 6 people) or need to reserve a second ticket
b. Gibbs Gardens – 3/14/2020
c. Camera clean – 3/16/2020
d. Spring shootout – 3/28/2020
e. Beginners Training – 3/29/2020
f. Fensters scavenger shootout – 4/18/2020
g. Advance training – 5/3/2020
h. Beginners training – 8/8/2020
i. Fall shootout – 9/26/2020
j. Coosa Valley Fair – 6 to 10/10/2020
k. Club long weekend – 10/16-18/2020
l. Sloss furnace – waiting on 2020 calendar
m. Festival of trees – 12/8/2020
n. Facebook open page – weekly/bi-weekly (recruiting new members)
o. Presenters – Will have different presenters throughout the year on different topics
p. Photo comments after judging

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Monthly Meeting Photo Topics for 2020

At each month's meeting, there will be a discussion and sometimes a workshop to provide information regarding the next month's photo topic. Remember to submit up to 5 pictures each month to Bob Bibbings at **RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com**
You can also bring your pictures to the meeting for submission.

- January – Animals (domestic & wild)
- February – Fire & Ice
- March – B&W
- April – Reflections
- May – Portraits
- June – Scenic
- July – Antique transport
- August – Butterflies/Insects
- September – Food & Music
- October – Rubber Ducky
- November – Night Photography
- December – Year end function



Please note: Send your 5 monthly club meeting photos to this email address:

RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com

Last Friday Town Walk

Ernie proposed that the club members start meeting on the last Friday of the month for a town walk.

Meet time: 5:30 PM
Meet place: Parking lot by the town green (in front of the Forum)

Check back with Ernie or Facebook for further details.

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Congratulations to ***Mike White*** for winning the January 2020 **Facebook** challenge for the topic, "*Festive*".





Peachtree Camera will be at the **March** club meeting so bring your cameras and lenses for cleaning.

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Meeting Minutes



Rome Photo Club
Oak Hill Church of Christ
1500 Martha Berry Blvd, Rome, GA 30165

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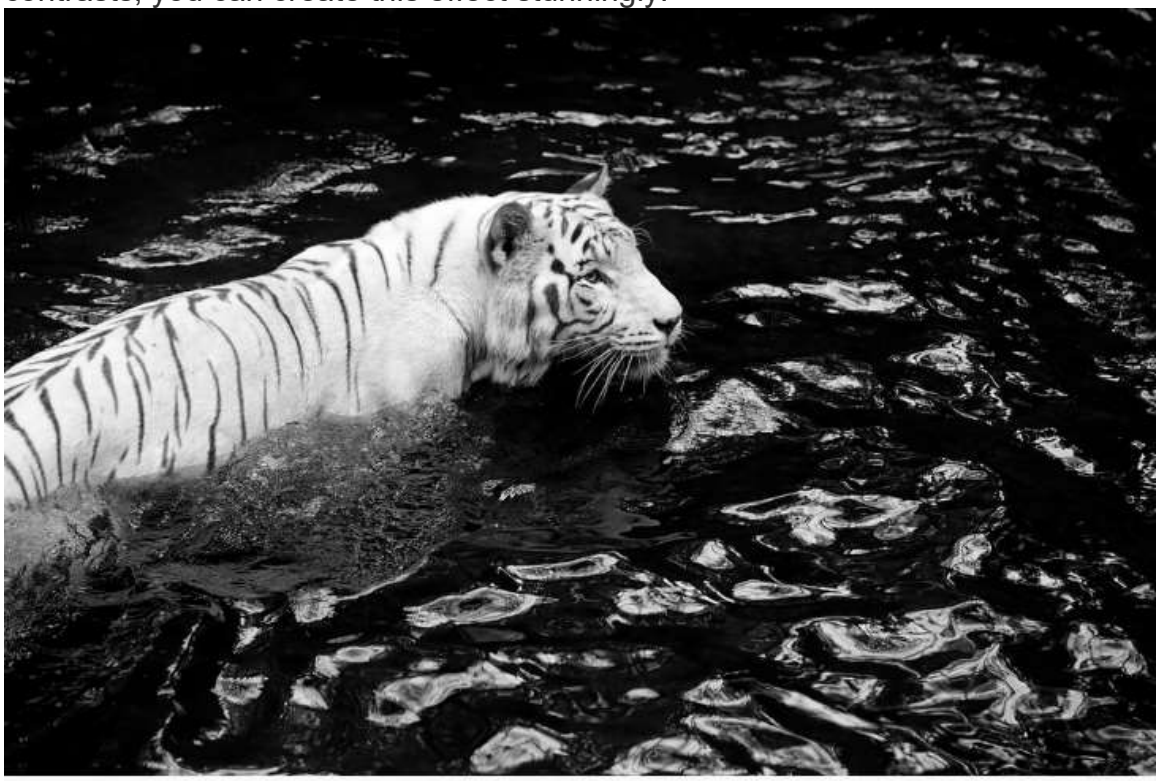
- Social time began at 6 pm.
- Meeting began at 6:30 pm with Ernie welcoming everyone to the club, including several visitors.
- Bob Bibbings showed the photos for this month. The topic was “Fire and Ice”.
- Dan Blanton, Treasurer, gave the treasurer’s report. The bank balance for the club is $805.03
- Jim Hewitt gave a very nice presentation on his Black & White photography.
- Next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020.

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Important Keys to Black and White photographs

Contrast

You want your subject, or the focal point of your image, to stand out from the background and capture the eye in one way or another. By playing with contrasts, you can create this effect stunningly.



White Tiger | Image via Deposit Photos

Tone

To create better black and white photographs, you must train yourself to “see” in tone (ignore the colors in front of your camera).

to “see in tone” is to buy either a monochrome viewing filter, (sometimes referred to as a "black and white viewing filter"), or a pair of sunglasses with dark gray lenses

Contrast and tone are very similar concerns for the monochrome photographer. In black and white photography, a colored scene is being converted to tones of gray in the post-processing phase. Lighting plays a huge factor in black and white tone. The lighting creates the highlights, shadows, and everything in-between.

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Shadow

Every photographer out there has stared in awe at some black and white photograph that contained beautiful shadows. The shape of the shadow might be important. The shape of shadows can be changed. Maybe, a change in the shadow will strengthen your black and white composition. Maybe positioning the shadow differently inside the frame will benefit the contrast and tonal range?

Shape

In the absence of color, shapes and patterns become more pronounced. Lighter tones will stand out boldly when placed in front of a darker area. This is an effective way to emphasize the important parts of a subject while minimizing distractions. To compose this way, think about the process of subtraction. What can you remove from the image that's not essential to the story? As you simplify, the design of the photo will get stronger.

Tone



Raphael Augustin

Shadows



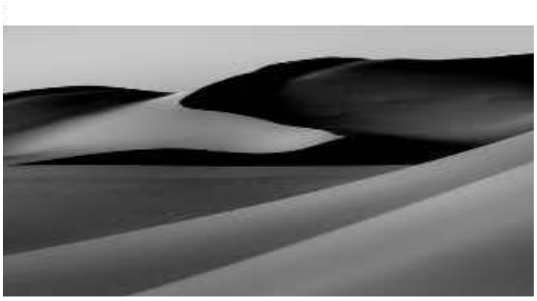
Denis Lomme

Shape



Eric Forey

Shadows



Daniele Bonaglia

Shadows



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FACEBOOK MONTHLY PHOTO CHALLENGE



Don't forget to go to the club's Facebook page and vote for the monthly Facebook photo contest.

Rome Photo Club Members Only 2020 Contest on Facebook

- March – Lucky
- April – Rainy Day
- May – Birds
- June – Park
- July – Stars & Stripes
- August – Historical
- September – Colorful
- October – Orange
- November – Warm
- December - Sparkly

To enter the Facebook contest each month, please email entries to Bob Bibbings at RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com

He will put a number in the corner of each entry and you will be able to vote by picture number.

Voting will take place on the last **2** days of the month. (See details on the next page.)

Submission deadline will be 9:00 PM on the day before voting begins which depends on how long the month is. See details on the next page.

Monthly FB Challenge photos can be emailed to Bob Bibbings at RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com starting the first day of the month and will be accepted until 9pm on the third day before the end of the month.

28 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 26th of the month at 9pm.
29 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 27th of the month at 9pm.
30 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 28th of the month at 9pm.
31 day month: Last day to submit photos would be the 29th of the month at 9pm.

Voting will begin at one minute after midnight on the:

28 day month: 27th of the month.
29 day month: 28th of the month.
30 day month: 29th of the month.
31 day month: 30th of the month.

Voting will end at 9pm on the last day of the month. This gives me time to screen shot the poll and post the winner on Facebook. In the event of a tie, the vice president will cast the winning vote.

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