Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Welcome:

Frank called the meeting to order and welcomed a new visitor, Dave, and Valencia, a returning member who had moved away.

Financial:

Joann reported that we have $1634.70 in the bank plus $223.50 in cash and 43 members now.

Announcements:

- Frank announced that he had purchased a new laptop for the club for $75. It is an HP and should do much better than the former one.
- Gail announced that the Clock Tower 5K raised $37,350 for the Resource Center and there were some great photographs shot there.
- Fall Shootout will be September 23. Lorrie will publish the topics on the members FB page at 7:00 am. They are to be turned in around 11:45…exact time will be in the info. The members who are participating voted to bring their own food instead of paying $16 or more for a taco bar. The judge will not be on site and will look at the images later. Ribbons will be given at the next meeting. Only cropping and lightening and darkening is allowed. No resizing necessary. Lorrie will post specifics online and give each participant a number.
- Coosa Valley Fair will be October 3-8. Photo rules are listed on coosavalleyfair.com, and there is a link to this site on the members FB page. This year each person can submit 6 color and 6 black and white photos, one for each topic. Volunteers needed to help hang the photos on October 1 at 3:30.
- The VP role has been filled. Ernie had agreed to stay in this position.

Outings:

- Milky Way Outing to Fort Mountain State Park on October 14. It will rise at 8:33. Frank will let us know exactly when and where to meet.
- Fall Foliage Day Trip to Cloudland Canyon on October 28. Meet there at 8 am.

- Fall 2024 Trip will be to Asheville. A travel agent is being contacted to find lodging.

October Meeting:

- Because of the fair, we will not be able to meet at the Palladium in October. So we will meet at The Well at West Rome Baptist Church, 914 Shorter Avenue. It's the building to the right of the main building that has windows across the front. Enter at the glass doors.
- There will be no photo submissions at the October meeting. There will be an explanation from the Lead Team about some changes in how the monthly challenges will be done in 2024.

Fair Photos Critiqued:

- We looked at some of the photos that people are planning to enter in the fair and critiqued them and helped them decide which ones to use and which category to enter them in.

Congratulations to Photos Taken with a Cell Phone Challenge Winners:

	Judges:	Club:
Junior:	Anika	Anika
Beginner:	Amber	Amber
Intermediate:	Susan	Susan
Advanced:	John	Mary Jane
Master:	Ernie	Ernie

Some of the challenge photos were critiqued for learning purposes.

Cell Phone Winning Photos:



Junior: Anika



Beginner: Amber



Intermediate: Susan



Advanced: John



Master: Ernie

Monthly Challenge Themes for 2023

	Club	Online	
Jan	Anything Goes (last 30 days)	Letter of the Month	Jan
Feb	Abstract	Letter of the Month	Feb
Mar	Product Photography	Letter of the Month	Mar
Apr	Morning	Letter of the Month	Apr
May	Toys	Letter of the Month	May
Jun	Farm Life	Letter of the Month	Jun
Jul	Red, White and Blue	Letter of the Month	Jul
Aug	Can You Guess What It Is	Letter of the Month	Aug
Sep	Taken with Cellphone	Letter of the Month	Sep
Oct	Surprise Topic	Letter of the Month	Oct
Nov	Cemetary	Letter of the Month	Nov
Dec	Year End Function	Letter of the Month	Dec
	Submit up to 2 images	Submit only 1 image	

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 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
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.
- Name your images before emailing them. Here is the naming convention needed:
    - Beginners = B1 First Last Name, B2 First Last Name
        - Example: B1 John Smith B2 John Smith
    - Juniors, name your pictures beginning with J1 First Last Name
    - Intermediate, name your pictures beginning with I1 First Last Name
    - Advanced, name your pictures beginning with A1 First Last Name
    - Masters, name your pictures beginning M1 First Last Name
- 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.

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.
- 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.