

# Jefferson County Photography Club

Minutes

October 11, 2022

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## General Guidelines:

14 x 16 photo matted to 16 x 20

8 x 10 photo matted to 11 x 14

Some could be larger. If you are unsure, ask one of the board members.

Mats can be white, black or neutral

Black frames are most often used.

All must be wired on the back.

**Bottom Line: Must be a wire hanger. No size, no special frame, no specific mat.**

## Photo Op

Mary Jo Bennett noted that the ginkgo trees at the Virginia Arboretum will not be turning colors until around the last week of October/first week of November. Stay tuned.

Interesting facts about the trees: They are one of the oldest trees on the planet. Discoveries of them appear to be before the Ice Age/10 million years ago. Where most trees "scar" and then drop their leaves gradually after a frost, the ginkgo trees scar almost all at the same time, causing a "rain" of leaves.

Mary Jo will be going on Monday, the 24th. Meet at main parking lot of Virginia Arboretum at 10:00 am. Email [mojophoto@comcast.net](mailto:mojophoto@comcast.net) if you plan to go.

The Virginia Arboretum has the largest grouping of ginkgo trees in the US.

This month's assignment was "Still Life – Eggs". Mary Jo, Tina, Alice, John and Ellen showed us some eggtraordinary images. The members agreed that they were eggstraspecial.

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There will be a contest in November. Bring two printed pieces of any size.

For those who are new to the Club, you may bring photos that you want critiqued for the upcoming exhibit in December.

**November Assignment:**

Decapitate heads. Photos of hands, feet or body gestures can be more interesting than faces. So take photos of your subjects without faces/heads in the shots.

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