



## President's Corner

Love pranks? Make sure to document your best this month. Just be careful that your roommate doesn't get so scared he throws a printer out of a window, following closely behind. What about silly visual puns? April Fool's Day is only one day of the month. However, it is accepted that because of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the rest of the month sort of falls into place as the month for tricksters and humorists. Since our POTM for the next meeting is "Humor," I feel the overwhelming need to encourage this potential chaos. Not so keen on setting up your shots? No need; I promise there are humorous moments in your everyday life. Does your dog make you laugh? We'll she might also take a hilarious picture. And they aren't the only pets. Cats are notorious for LOLs. What about the belly laughter that a baby has when you tickle him? What about when the diaper fails and *you aren't the one holding him*. Do you still have the most fun with the friend you've had since childhood? Catch some of that laughter on film—err SD cards. Just have fun this month, and make your photography fun. Everybody plays the fool. There's no exception to the rule. Laura

## March Meeting Highlights

We had an excellent turnout for the meeting with 20 members and guests in attendance: Kathy Barnhart, Eric Bee, Vera Bennett, Ron Buckton, Kara Casto, Michael Cowger, Frank Eskew, Sarah Howard, Carol Meese, Laura Meese, John Mundy, Mary Orndorff, Linda J. Perrine, Denise Pulliam, Bonne Riffle, John Simons, Nancy M. Taylor, Melissa Toothman, Al Tucker, and Lanora Wentz. Meeting highlights included:

- Lanora Wentz of Main Street Studios gave an excellent presentation on photo matting explaining the tools, equipment and materials needed for quality matting. She did a number of demonstrations and shared tips of the trade.
- Laura called for reports on trips and correspondence from the members:
- Melissa updated members on potential trips to the WV Wildlife Center to shoot for photos that can be used by the center and to the Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum. More details to come next time. Melissa also suggested the club do Camera Basics Class as a way of attracting new members. Ron, Laura and Melissa will look into these ideas for a future activity.
- John Simons updated the club on the Glennie Memorial Nature Salon contest results. See page 3 for the details as well as the photos that were submitted.
- Al updated the club on upcoming programs and photo trips. See right hand column for more info. Al suggested we maximize advertising for Dennis Govini's "Shooting the Light, A Personal Journey on Becoming a Student of the Light" presentation. It should be of interest to other area camera club members. Al, Amanda and Melissa will work on getting the word out.
- John Simons noted the Strawberry Festival Photography Show will be held in the "blue room" at the Upshur County Senior Center. At the next meeting, We'll have members sign up to work the show. Please help.
- Strawberry Festival Judging will take place on May 4 at 11:00 am. Al has secured a judge, Ron is confirming another and Melissa will try to get an Alderson Broaddus photography professor.
- BUCC has the opportunity to place their framed photography at The Market Bistro for the month of April. If you have photos you would like to sell contact John Simons at the Senior Center for more info.
- John announced the wvlandtrust.com "WV Special Places Nature Contest" deadline April 14, 2013.
- Al noted that Twin Falls is presenting a photography workshop the weekend of April 12-14 you may find information on this at [twinfallsssp@wv.gov](mailto:twinfallsssp@wv.gov).
- John Simons demonstrated putting photos together for hanging at the Strawberry Festival Show.

## Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club

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### 2012-2013 Officers

President:	Laura Meese
Vice-President:	Sarah Howard
Secretary:	Mary Orndorff
Treasurer:	Mary Cameron
Media/PR:	Melissa Toothman
Editor:	Al Tucker

### Next Meeting

**April 25, 7pm** – Senior Center. Dennis Govoni, member of the Northern Virginia Camera Club will speak on "Shooting the Light."

### Coming Soon

May - Sports Photography by Daniel Friend  
 June – Art is Everywhere by Chris Martin  
 July – Theatrical/Live Theater Photography by Laura Meese

### 2013 POTM Winners & Topics

January – Food

- Al Tucker, "Breakfast Anyone?"

February – White on White

- Al Tucker, "Fallen Heroes"

March – Non Objective/Abstract

- Melissa Toothman, "Spiral"

**April – Humor**

May - Open

### Upcoming 2013 Photo Trip Schedule

**Next Photo Trip: Saturday, April 27, Babcock State Park/New River Gorge.**

Amanda has a great day scheduled for us. We'll meet at the Senior Center at 8 a.m. and carpool. It's about 2 hours to the State Park. Stops will include the park and the grist mill, Boley Lake, Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park, and the New River Gorge Area. Pack a picnic lunch. We'll stop in Summersville on the way home for a nice dinner. It will be a full day. Follow-on trip locations include:

May – Holly River State Park – John Simons

June – Ziplining – Al Tucker

July – Live Theater Production

### For Sale

Canon SX30 Powershot Camera, 14.1 MP Digital Camera w/ 35X Optical Zoom. Almost new, little use - Original price - \$339. For sale: \$200. Al Tucker – 304-472-9061

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**Photo of the Month Contest (Category: Non-Objective/Abstract)**

We had 20 fun, creative entries for this month's fun POTM contest. Melissa Toothman's *Spiral* and John Simon's *Carnival Abstract* tied in the initial voting with *Spiral* taking the monthly honors in the vote off. Melissa's *Forever* and Al Tucker's *Ghost* and *Ripples* photos tied for third place. April's POTM category is humor, that should be fun.



*Spiral* by Melissa Toothman



*Carnival Abstract* by John Simons

**Member of the Month – Mary Cameron**

Mary is a charter BUCC member. Mary has been the Club Treasurer since its formation in 2004. Mary's is an avid photographer who travels the world with her camera. Expect to see her work in upcoming member galleries as she is putting together several photos for future editions. The club is honored to feature Mary as our "April's Member of the Month."



Mary on the 2011 Blennerhasset Photo Trip



Mary's "whale" of a shot!

*When and how did you get started in photography?* My interest began when I married my first husband and the children came to be. He was a scrooge and wouldn't allow me to have pictures taken of our children by a professional – EVER! So, if I wanted pictures of my children, they had to be impromptu and my learning process began. He also wouldn't allow me to develop photos; they had to be slides because they were cheaper to develop. Then, when the children were grown and gone, my second husband purchased a Canon with all the trimmings as a birthday gift for me. I've pretty much been really hooked on photography ever since.

*What sparked your interest?* My interest in photography goes back many, many years when I was a very young child. Every Sunday, my parents would load all seven of us in the car and we'd go for a drive to enjoy the countryside. I always loved those days and truly enjoyed the people we met and the awesome scenery. Oh how I wish I would have had a camera way back then. Don't think they were very common that many years ago because I was only about six years old.

*What was your first camera and when did you get it??* I can't clearly remember when I got my first camera. I believe I was in my teens when I was given a hand-me-down Brownie but I couldn't afford to keep it in film and pay for developing too so there wasn't much picture taking during those years.

**Member of the Month Continued:**

*What comprises your camera equipment today?* My camera equipment is quite sparse: Only one Olympus "point and shoot" camera with two batteries and a charger. That's it!!! Oh yeah.....almost forgot. I have a monopod too. (I've been told that less is more.)

*What software packages do you use to enhance and manage your photos?* As far as photo editing is concerned, I pretty much use the standards: Photoshop Elements, Picasa and Irfanview. What one package doesn't have, the others often do. And if it doesn't, then the photo isn't a very good one and I should not make the effort! But, I suppose that's my philosophy and it won't suite everyone.

*What are your major photography interests today?* My major photography interests today are pretty much everything. No specialization, just enjoy wherever I am and if a "photo op" comes up, so much the better. I especially enjoy scenery the most.

*What is your best photo and why?* A best photo.....hummmmmmm.....That's a tough one. There are quite a few but the most recent I would have to say is the whale head that I was able to capture when on a boat trip in Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia. It's pretty tough to be in the right place at the right time very often. That was one of the few times I have been lucky enough to experience that opportunity.

*What would you like to get better at regarding photography?* I have a difficult time with some of the finer elements of photography. Guess I must be getting too old to retain what I've learned and read for any great length of time. Gosh, I don't believe I just did that.....I just admitted I'm getting old(er)!!! Yikes!!

*What other hobbies do you have?* My family, pooch, yard, travel, and home are my other interests. I particularly enjoy my family, pooch, and travel the most. One of these years, if good fortune should smile upon me in the form of an endless supply of money, I could really do some damage with those hobbies!!! LOLLOL



**2013 George W. Glennie Memorial Nature Salon Submittal**

John Simons put together our entry for the international interclub competition held once a year by the Merrimac Valley Camera Club (mvcameraclub.org). This was the second year in a row we have entered the Glennie Nature Salon competition. This year, we decided to compete in the “diversity” category, which meant that John had to select 10 photos and there needed to be at least one in each of the eight diversity categories: amphibians, botany, birds, invertebrates, landscape, mammals, marine and freshwater life and reptiles. John did an excellent job as we made the juried list of finalists in the diversity category. We were 21<sup>st</sup> in the category and 81<sup>th</sup> overall. Great show John and thank you to all those who submitted photos for entry! Here are this year’s photos. Photo 10 is on the next page:



**BUCC01-Goose\_Grooming-John\_Simons**



**BUCC02-Mating\_Display-Frank\_Eskew**



**BUCC03-Ready\_for\_Takeoff-Al\_Tucker**



**BUCC04-Aussie\_Dragons-Mary\_Cameron**



**BUCC05-Froggy-Melissa\_Toothman**



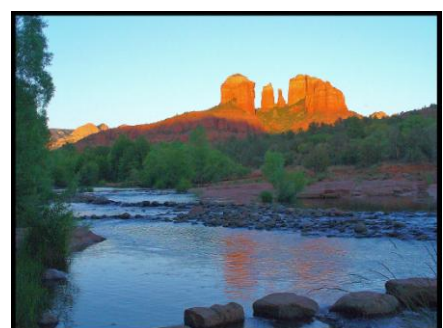
**BUCC06-Bobcat\_up\_a\_Tree-Frank\_Eskew**



**BUCC-07-Great\_Barrier\_Reef-Janet\_Davis**



**BUCC-08-Marsh\_Marigold-John\_Simons**



**BUCC-09-Cathedral\_Rock\_at\_Dusk-Mary\_C**

**Attention all club members:** John wants to get a head start on next year’s submittal and is asking members to submit their best photos that fit one of the categories listed above. We can do much better than 21<sup>st</sup> if we plan ahead, take photos that fit one of the categories and submit them to John so that he has sufficient time to submit our best overall set of photos. For example, we were not pleased with our invertebrate entry, but we were unable to find any other photo on file to submit. Help us submit our best photos.

**Our 2014 goal – A top ten finish!**

**BUCC members, 2014 is our 10-year anniversary, let’s make a “top ten” happen!**



Members' Gallery



BUCC-10-Appalachian\_Vista-Al\_Tucker



Shining Brightly



Buckhannon Spring

We have a limited gallery this month due to the inclusion of the Glennie photos. The first shot, *Appalachian Vista*, is the 10<sup>th</sup> entry in the Glennie contest. Carrie Mills shot the beautiful moon *Shining Brightly* on March 21. Robbie Skinner's *Buckhannon Spring* is something we all need at this time.

Maple Syrup Festival Photo Shoot



Downtown Pickens (John)

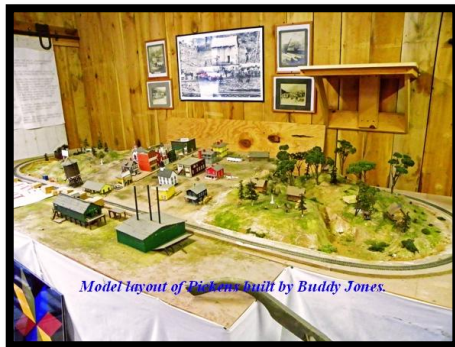


Out of the Rain (Al)



Window Design (Ron)

On a dreary March 16, Ron and Karen Buckton, Frank and Charlotte Eskew, Amanda Hayes, John Simons and Al Tucker headed to Pickens to take in the Maple Syrup Festival. As a photo shoot, it was a little underwhelming due to the rain and lack of activities this year. However, just like the Audra State Park tour, we did as all good photographers do and looked for some interesting shots, a few were taken. The trip highlight was the tour of the opera house and a fun historical overview put on by Sandy Burky of the *WV Living magazine*. Club members missed a great act called Amanda and the Pits. Word has it that Amanda is looking for new backup singers. We topped the day off with a delicious meal at The Hutte. See you at the April tour,



Model Layout of Pickens (John)



Amanda and the Pits (Al)



A Swiss Lunch (Al)

**Upshur County Photos Needed:** Create Buckhannon is planning on publishing a 2014 Collection Calendar of Upshur County. They have invited our camera club to submit photos of Upshur County for inclusion in their calendar. Their goal is to have the calendar available for sale in September. Entries should be sent to Melodie Stemple – 99 Edmiston Way Suite 102 or email to [info@upshurda.com](mailto:info@upshurda.com). Submit your photos, either digitally or hard copy by July 15. Be sure to provide your contact information and where you took the photo. Let's help Create Buckhannon in this neat effort to showcase Upshur County and raise funds for their important work.