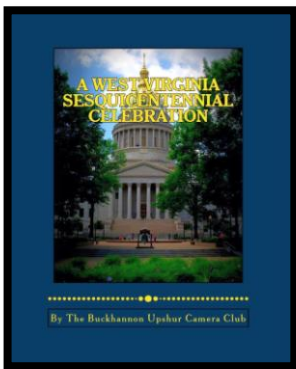




## President's Corner

BUCC has had quite a busy summer. If you didn't know about our WV state sesquicentennial project, we have been making a photo book to commemorate the occasion. Al Tucker and John Simmons have worked together with a number of other WV photography clubs collecting wonderful photos from all over our home state. Flipping through this book, I found myself genuinely stunned at the vast number of talented people from all over our small state. The people of West Virginia have an amazing artistic culture that started long before we became a state. That same craftsmanship and aesthetic ability which has been cultured from years of pottery, woodcraft, painting, storytelling, writing, textiles, theatre, and so many more art forms come through in our photography as well. I can't begin to say how proud I am to live in such a beautiful region with so many creative individuals. Here's to another one-hundred-fifty years of inspired endeavors. 'Till next time, Laura.

## A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration:



Al and John let out a collective sigh of relief with the publication of the club's WV150 book. An idea at the club's May meeting to devote a newsletter to the state's sesquicentennial quickly caught fire and resulted in a wonderful collection of photos that tell the story of West Virginia today. Our contributing photographers gave us a wonderful collection of images from across the state that allowed us to create a document that is bringing joy to people internationally.

Al and John will always be indebted to those who helped make this a success. See the acknowledgement section in the book to see who those can-do people are. How do you measure success? Obviously, the number of sales is one metric, and here we are doing amazingly well. Our initial order of 200 went in less than a week. The second order just arrived and it is on the same sales directory. The online sales are really good also.

Another measure of success is the type of feedback received, and all we can say here is that it couldn't be any better even if we had scripted it. This is the important metric, people are enjoying our club's book so much. Space doesn't allow us to document the wonderful things people are saying. The emails, written cards, and phone calls are unanimous in their praise: "wow," "amazing," "a special thing," "truly a gift from God," "a beautiful work of art," "wonderful," "so many talented photographers," and so on.

We will make books available at upcoming Festival Friday events, the Main Street Arts Festival, the Wesleyan Family Day event, and other local activities as they surface. We are pursuing several exciting opportunities for the book and we hope to know more about these in the next couple of weeks. We will keep you posted as they take shape.

Above is our WV150 logo. We were going to borrow, with permission, a logo from the state. But, Al and John said, "why not create our own?" The designer he is, John created a super logo that matched the book's content. Using this concept, he is also drafting a proposed new club logo. Keep on the lookout as it will soon be coming your way.

## Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club

c/o John Simmons, PO Box 5, Adrian, WV 26210

## Next Meeting

**Sep 26, 7pm** – Hand Tinting/Colorization of BW Photos by Laura Meese. Come and learn a new skill. POTM is Fungi

## Remaining 2013 Calendar

Sep 21 – Main Street Arts Festival

Sep 22 – Tentative Fall Foliage photo trip

John Simons will provide details soon

Sep 26 – Next Club Meeting

Sep 28 – Wesleyan Family Day

Oct TBD – Photo Tour of the West Virginia Wildlife Center

Oct 24 – Club meeting – Restoring old photos by John Simons (POTM – Double Exposure)

Nov TBD – Photo Tour of the Weston Lunatic Asylum led by Amanda Hayes

Nov TBD – Club meeting – Member Showcase

Dec TBD – Christmas Party (POTM: Christmas Joy)

## Aug 26 Meeting Highlights

Gene Thorn, Wildlife Biologist at the West Virginia State Wildlife Center (WVSWC) in French Creek gave a fascinating presentation on the history and functions of the center. Gene was very generous in inviting small groups (3-4 members) to go to the center for a photo shoot. We should notify WVSWC staff in advance of a trip so they will be prepared. Gene said that any photos taken must be shared with the center for their promotions and publicity. We wholeheartedly agreed.

Laura is looking for volunteers to work the Main Street Arts Festival on Sep 21.

Last year's Fall Foliage photo trip was one of the best of the year. Sep 22 is the tentative date with a backup of Oct 6 for this year's trip. John Simons has the lead for this trip and will provide details as soon as they are arranged.

Dues are due, \$10 individual and \$15 family. Make checks payable to BUCC and mail to Mary Orndorff, 35 S. Florida St., Buckhannon 26201.

## Upcoming Events of Interest

Forest Festival Photo Contest – Deadline for entries 9/26/13 See [www.forestfestival.com](http://www.forestfestival.com)

Advanced Nature Photography Workshop at the WV Botanical Gardens in Morgantown on 10/27/13 from 1-4pm See [www.wvbg.org](http://www.wvbg.org)

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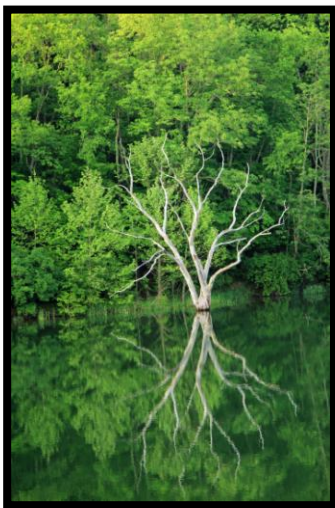
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**Photo of the Month Contest**

The Photo of the Month (POTM) contest has progressed nicely this year. The last newsletter which had POTM winners was April's edition. Here we catch up on May, June, July and August. May's category was "Open," which brought a variety of photos. Al Tucker's reflection of a dead tree at Stonewall Jackson Lake took first place. John Simons won the June competition in the "Bottoms Up" category with a great shot of his granddaughter in the pool. John won again in July in the "Fireworks" category with a nice shot of the fireworks display at the Stonewall Jackson Lake. Architecture was the subject for August and Al Tucker took home first place honors with a shot he took driving along in downtown Pittsburgh. Yes, he did get out of the car to take the photo.

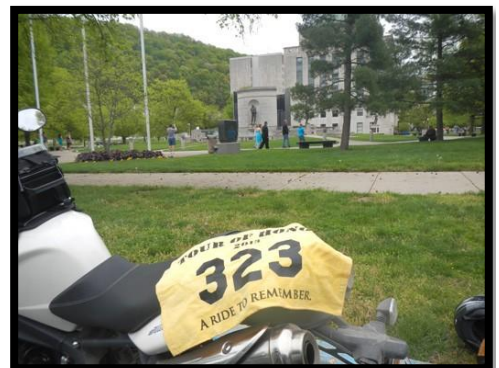
**2013 Motorcycle Tour of Honor Award:** Congratulations to Dave Orndorff who received a trophy for photographing all of the memorials selected for the 2013 Motorcycle Tour of Honor in West Virginia. Here are a few of Dave's pictures. You are supposed to get your registration number flag and your bike in the photograph. That is not an easy task, but Dave managed it. The photos below are of the Beech Bottom, Charleston and Huntington memorials. Wow, riding your bike and taking pictures across this great state. It doesn't get much better than that. Good on ya Dave!



**May - Stonewall Lake Reflection**  
Al Tucker



**June - Bottoms Up in the Pool**  
John Simons



**July - Stonewall Fireworks**  
John Simons



**August - Downtown Pittsburgh Reflection**  
Al Tucker

There is still plenty of time to garner a monthly POTM honor for 2013. The remaining categories are: September - Fungi; October - Double Exposure; November - Portraits; and December - Christmas Joy. Grab your camera and head out looking for those fungi shots. Last year, we had well over 20 candidate photos with Frank Eskew's entry being the clear winner.



**Festival Fridays**

The club participated in the community’s Festival Fridays activity held at Jawbone Park on August 16. Kudos to Laura Meese, Kara Casto, Mary Orndorff, Melissa Toothman, Carol Meese, Bonne Riffle and John Simons for making this happen. We had a nice running slideshow, up-to-date club pamphlets, a nice sign and a proof copy of our WV150 book on hand for people to review. Bonne did a great job taking orders for the book. Lots of people stopped to look at the book and to obtain club activity info. We took names and contact info so we could keep interested people in the loop. We received considerable praise on the book. All in all, it was a very successful event. Photos by John Simons.



*Bonne making a sale!*



*Carol checking out the chili!*



*Melissa at work!*

**Member Photo Awards**

Since our last newsletter, several members have earned awards for their photos. First, there was the trophy that Dave Orndorff won for his “biker” memorial photos. Amanda Hayes received a first-place in best news photography for a photo of a house fire on the Mt. Nebo Road, a second-place in best news photography for a B-UHS graduation photo and a third-place in best feature photography for a photo of a baby buffalo born at the West Virginia Wildlife Center. The Record Delta competes in Division 4 of the Better Newspaper Contest through the WV Press Association. With a photo taken at the Barbour County Fair, Melissa Toothman won the Associated Press’s Best Photo Feature 2012 award in Division 2. We are fortunate to have two fine photo journalists in our club. We thank The Inter-Mountain and Record Delta for the use of their photos. Al Tucker earned two first place ribbons at the Taylor County Photography Club’s Memorial Day photo contest.



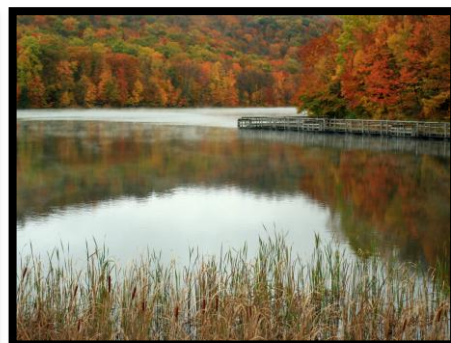
*Mt. Nebo House Fire – Amanda Hayes*



*Barbour County Fair – Melissa Toothman*



*Fallen Soldiers – Al Tucker*



*Summit Lake – Al Tucker*

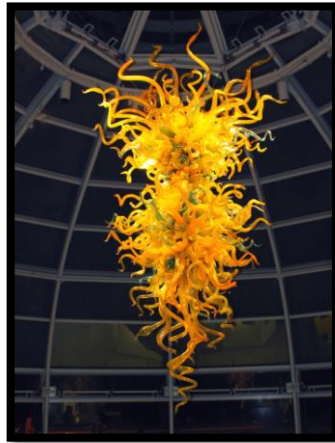


**Phipps Conservatory Photo Trip**

Larry Johns, Carrie Mills, Melissa Toothman, and Al and Liva Tucker traveled to Pittsburgh on August 10 and took in the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Other club members wanted to go, but competing activities kept them from going. This is an outstanding photo taking destination, one the club should consider again next year. The photos below just scratch the surface of the beauty of the Phipps grounds.



*Exterior View*  
Carrie Mills



*Lobby Chandelier*  
Al Tucker



*Colored Bowls*  
Liva Tucker



*Fountain Room*  
Larry Johns



*Garden Child*  
Carrie Mills



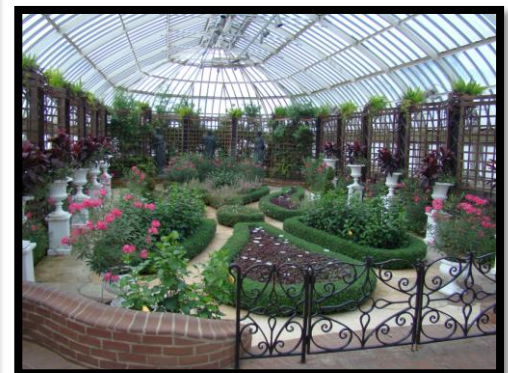
*Bold and Beautiful*  
Melissa Toothman



*Lily Display*  
Al Tucker



*Phipps Entrance*  
Melissa Toothman  
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*Victoria Room*  
Larry Johns