





**Photo of the Month Contest**

“Fungi” was September’s Photo of the Month (POTM) category. “Fungi” is always one of our most popular categories and this year was no different as there were 16 excellent entries. Congratulations go to Patricia Garton, a recent new member, who took first place with her “Fraternal Twins” photo. Three photos tied for a close second place finish. Each of these photos were taken by relatively new members also. Kudos go to Alice Neitzert, Kathy Barnhart and James Huber for their unique fungi photos. It was amazing to see the photos of the variety of fungi in the local area. Good job members!

**My Vacation Photos:**

Over the next few months, we will have a feature called “My Vacation Photos,” which will showcase a few photos taken by one or more of our club members. The first two photos below were taken recently by Libby Randall at the Dahlia Garden in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park. Melissa Toothman took the bottom two shots during her cruise to the Bahamas this past spring. More vacation photos next month.



**Fraternal Twins**  
Patricia Garton



**Folded Mushroom**  
Alice Neitzert



**Momma and Baby**  
Kathy Barnhart



**Orange Roughie**  
James Huber



**October’s POTM is Double Exposure.** This month members have another opportunity to show off their creativity with this unique category. Grab your camera and look for that award winning shot. The remaining categories for 2013 are: November – Portraits; and December – Christmas Joy.

**Coming Soon:** Starting in November, to accommodate all the great photos that have been submitted, the newsletter will increase to at least six pages. Thanks to John S. Laura, Melissa, Mary C, Mary O, and Ron for your recent photos. Look for them and others in next month’s edition.



### Member Photo Awards

This month we showcase two stunning award winning photos taken by Robbie Skinner. Congratulations Robbie for your well deserved awards. We know our readers will enjoy them.

Senator Jay Rockefeller's Facebook contest: For West Virginia's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration this year, Senator Rockefeller selected 55 photos (one from each county in the state) to be voted on by Facebook users everywhere. Voters were asked to choose one of the 55 photos selected that they would want to represent the entire state on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Voters could only vote once and a "vote" in this case is a "Like" on Facebook. The photo of Wesley Chapel was the photo selected to represent Upshur County. Robbie did not submit the photo to Senator Rockefeller and he's not entirely sure how it was discovered, but, nonetheless, it was. After a few months of voting, Upshur County/his photo came out on top at the end of the day on June 19, 2013. Robbie's photo is Senator Jay Rockefeller's profile banner photo and will remain there for the entire year.



West Virginia Executive Magazine Contest: This year, West Virginia Executive Magazine turns 15 years of age. To celebrate, they decided to choose the "Top 15" of everything in West Virginia. Included in that "everything" of course are photos. West Virginia Executive Magazine asked for its readers and folks across the state to submit photos of beautiful scenery and landmarks in the state. So, Robbie submitted a few photos of the Buckhannon area and also the photo of the Capitol that was featured in *USA TODAY* last summer. The magazine was overwhelmed with submissions. More than 400 photos were sent in, but the staff only would choose 15 to publish. Robbie's Capitol photo was one of the 15 photos selected. The magazine was printed in August.



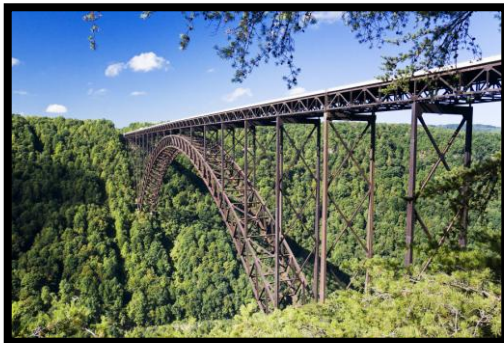


WV150 Contributor Showcase

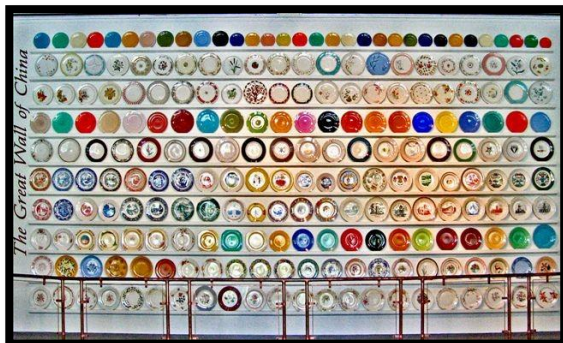
For the next several months, we will meet the "Friends of the Club" WV150 contributors that answered the call and helped make our book a success. We will introduce them to you and showcase some of their work. We first thank Barry and Diana Taylor our international contributors. They live in the village of Rickmansworth about 22 miles from central London. Barry worked for the BBC for 33 years and retired from their "Programme Operations Management Team" a few years back. Diana, a cousin of Al Tucker, grew up in Plymouth in Devon during the WWII years, attended business school and worked for a unit of the Home Office. They and their daughter Sara are all avid photographers. Barry and Diana fell in love with West Virginia during a 3-week stay a couple years ago. They toured much of the state and were eager to be a part of the WV150 project. They were the first to submit photos for the book. Here is a selection of their photos. Barry's main camera is a Pentax K30 usually fit with his Tamron 18-200mm lens. He's had Pentax SLRs since the early 60s. Diana's love of photography dates back many years when her father bought her a Box Brownie, her first camera. Today, she uses a Canon PowerShot G10 Compact Camera.



Barry and Diana at the Governor's podium in the reception hall. Cass was the highlight of their trip. When Barry was talking to another person who was taking lots of shots at Whittaker, the fellow said that the difference between us and pros is that we take 100 shots and keep 98, the pro takes 100 shots and keeps just two. Another guy joined in the conversation and said to Barry, "Where you from 'cause you ain't no hillbilly!"



Barry loved the dramatic setting of the New River Bridge. The Purple Fiddle in Thomas reminded Barry of an episode of "The Waltons" many years ago and the wheeled ladder on ceiling rails is the same as stores they used in England 60 plus years ago. Diana was fascinated with the



"Great Wall of China" that was on display in the Capitol complex. At that time, she took a photo of the WV125 plate and thought it tied in with our recent WV150 celebration. Diana fell in love with Dolly Sods as it reminded her of Dartmoor in Devon where she grew up. She couldn't get over the long stretches of roads along the wilderness area nor all the s-curves and windy country roads we have in West Virginia. Barry and Diana are avid readers of the newsletter, are our ambassadors in the London area and have shared our book with their family and friends.

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