

**President's Corner:** Tis the time of year when we begin to feel stressed, rushed, and perhaps even a little bit claustrophobic--particularly from family--thanks to the impending holiday season. It's also the start of one of the busiest times for most people. As a result, you may find you do not have time to take photographs as often as you would like. This is particularly annoying since we are headed into a time which by nature lends itself to interesting photo opportunities. Some tips for the upcoming month: 1. Make sure you have your camera with you at all times so you will be able to capture moments as they present themselves. If this means a simple point-and-shoot or compact digital, then that's what it means. 2. Follow the light. We recently had a program about lighting opportunities over the 24-hour cycle we call a day. Make sure to be especially mindful of these text techniques now, as the sun is simultaneously scarcer but also more brilliant in color. Those golden fall tones are alive now. Take advantage of them. 3. Finally, take the time to set-aside moments for yourself in this hectic season. If that would consist of going on a photo shoot with some friends, please make plans for such a trip. Photography is, after all, a hobby and artform that we love. Do not stress yourself over it. Use it to relieve your seasonal woes, rather than add to them.

**October 24 Meeting Highlights:** Those attending the meeting were: Nancy Marks, Melissa Toothman, Carol Meese, John Mundy, Edward Rowan, Mary Orndorff, John Simons, Al Tucker, Kathy Barnhart, Ginny Dixon and Larry Johns. Attendees enjoyed an excellent presentation by John Simons on how to restore old photos. John provided a nice 4-page handout that he used in concert with his demonstration of his restoration techniques.

Melissa Toothman and John have begun work to upgrade the website. John has been in contact with Michael Cowger, the Upshur Portal and the Buckhannon-Upshur High School Alumni website administrator, and Michael has offered his assistance. More details next month.

Planning for the 2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest has begun. John distributed last year's program and no changes were made except for the dates and drop off locations.

Melissa Toothman at [missa227@hotmail.com](mailto:missa227@hotmail.com) asked members to send her 10 of their all time favorite shots. She will put them on the BUCC Facebook page. To reach the page, enter Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club for the search. Melissa mentioned that if you like shooting parades, the A-B homecoming parade will take place in Philippi on November 2, at 11:00am. There are a lot of other sites in Philippi to shoot, e.g., the covered bridge and depot museum.

Updates were provided on upcoming club activities (see column to the right), the Christmas Party, the WV150 book sales, and 2014 program schedule. John briefed on the fun leaf peeper trip the club took to Parsons, the windmill farm and Blackwater Falls on Oct 5. They caught a beautiful day and peak color. See a sampling of the trip photos on pages 3-5. John won the POTM with his "Man with Smoke for a Head." The subject was "Double Exposure."

**WV150 Book Update:** We continue to be surprised and pleased at the interest in our book *A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration*. Word of mouth has brought us continued sales. Kudos go to Bonne Riffle, Frank Eskew and John Simons who have done a great job of selling books. Hopefully, over the next month with the Christmas season approaching most of our members will make a concerted effort to sell some books. We just ordered another 100. Copies can also be purchased online for \$10 at [www.createspace.com/4357439](http://www.createspace.com/4357439).

The *Goldenseal* magazine will have a small piece on the book in their December issue. We should also have a mention on WVLiving.com in the near future. The West Virginia Library Commission is advertising the book in their newsletter that goes to all WV libraries. We now have copies at the West Virginia Wesleyan College library. We still have two exciting opportunities that we are working on. One we'll announce if it comes through and the other is our efforts to send them to West Virginia military members serving in Afghanistan. We hope to have some positive news on this initiative next month.

**Editor's Note:** We are experimenting with a larger issue of the newsletter this month so we can better display the many fine photos that we include in each issue. The success of the newsletter is dependent upon photos. Our readership has grown considerably and we've gotten nice feedback on the newsletter and the photos we showcase. We ask that members and "friends of the club" continue to share your photos with our readers. Thank you.

### Next Meeting

Please note, we will meet on November 21, the third Thursday of the month, as Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. "Member showcase" is the program. POTM is Portraits. Members please send 5-7 of your best 2013 photos to John Simons at [wv625@hotmail.com](mailto:wv625@hotmail.com) by mid-November, the earlier the better. John will create a nice slide show for the meeting.

### Remaining 2013 Calendar

**Nov 16** – If you've liked the photo tours this year, you'll go crazy over our next one. Amanda Hayes will lead a tour of the Weston Lunatic Asylum. Amanda will get the details out soon.

**Nov 21** – Club meeting – Member Showcase, see details above.

**Nov & Dec TBD** – Scavenger Hunt: Melissa Toothman suggested a photographic scavenger hunt be held between the November meeting and the Christmas party with a prize for the photographer that finds the most items. If you can help, please contact Laura Meese at 304-707-1793, the committee members are Laura Meese, Melissa Toothman, Amanda Hayes and Kathy Barnhart.

**Dec 7** – Prickett's Fort Annual 18th Century Christmas Market: This was a fun photo trip last year. We'll do breakfast in Bridgeport like last year and then go on to the fort. Specific details will be out later in the month.

**Dec 12** – Christmas Party (POTM: Christmas Joy) More details soon.

### Sister Club Activities

**Nov 21** – Taylor County Photography Club Meeting at the Grafton City Council Chambers starts at 7 p.m.

**Nov 25** – Stonewall Jackson Photo Club Meeting at the Lewis County Senior Center, starts at 6 p.m.

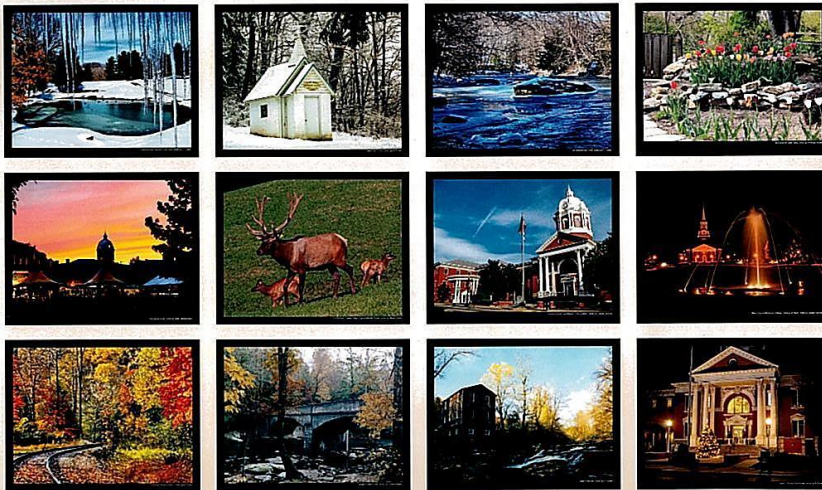
### 2013-2014 Officers

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**2014 Create Buckhannon Calendar**

Create Buckhannon (CB) is selling 2014 Calendars as one of their fundraisers for this year. The calendar showcases pictures of Upshur County taken by our own local photographers' and has local meetings and events that have been scheduled for 2014. Proceeds from the calendar will support Create Buckhannon's efforts for community projects. You may purchase a calendar at CVB/Chamber Office or call 304-472-1757 for other locations to purchase.



Please help support this community oriented group in making the Buckhannon, Upshur community a great place to live. Steve Foster and Mel Stemple, CB members, were tremendous in their help with our WV150 book. Mel is spearheading the calendar project for the CB. Let's return their support by buying and promoting their calendar.

**Mystery Shot**

Our good friend and long-time member, Ron Buckton, who now resides in Colorado, sent this mystery shot. My first thought was Ron's inhaled too much smoke, but then knowing Ron's sense of humor, he knew we'd have fun with this. It is not his backyard.



**'Friends of the Club Photos'**

We love sharing photos taken by our 'friends of the club.' If you have a shot or two that you would like for us to include in the newsletter, please send them to Al Tucker at [alanandliva@aol.com](mailto:alanandliva@aol.com). Here are a couple shots from Sara Taylor who lives near London, England. They were taken a few weeks ago when she was on holiday in Portugal.



*Wind Rose at Fort Sagras*



*Sara at Fort Sagras*



*Baby Squid for Lunch*  
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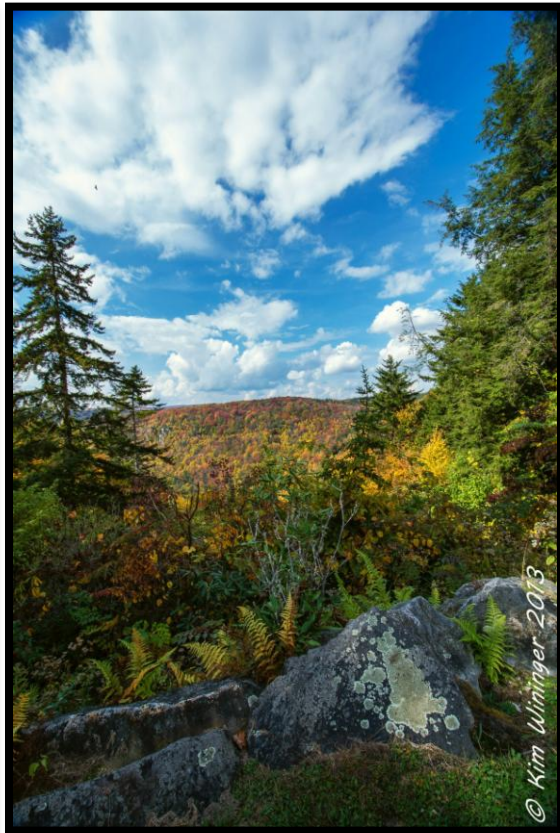


**October's Club Photo Tour**

On October 5, John Simons led Amanda Hayes, Larry Johns, Nancy Marks, Carrie Mills, and Kim Winger (from the Taylor County club) on a leaf peeper trip to Blackwater Falls State Park. A day which started out foggy turned into a fine day for fall photography as their photos attest. Stops included the Kingston Charcoal plant, Parsons, the windmill farm, and several stops in the park. As they crested the mountain above Parsons, they were welcomed by beautiful color and the fun began. They lunched at the park's Lodge. Nice shots guys!



*Little people and the windmill* (John Simons)



*A view from behind BW Lodge* (Kim Winger)



*Traipsin through the woods!* (Nancy Marks)



October's Club Photo Tour Continued



*Close up of Blackwater Falls*  
(Amanda Hayes)



*Blackwater Canyon from behind the Lodge* (Larry Johns)

*Blackwater Falls Canyon*  
(Carrie Mills)





**October's Club Photo Tour Continued**

*Highland Color*  
(John Simons)



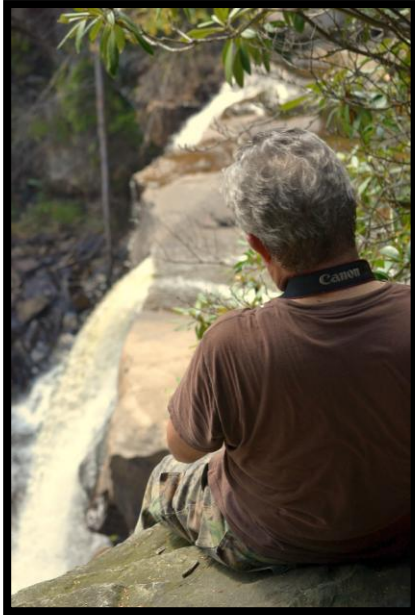
*Bumble bee on goldenrod* (Amanda Hayes)



*Scene near Pendleton Rocks*  
(Kim Winger)



**October's Club Photo Tour Continued**



*John at BWF Cliff* (Nancy Marks)

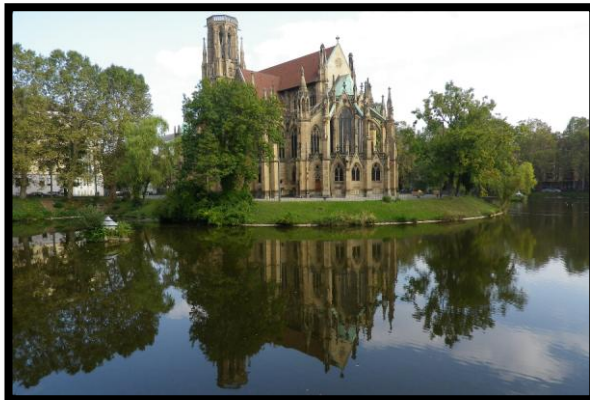
Want to see more photos from the trip? John has posted 99 photos online. You can see them at [bucc.smugmug.com](http://bucc.smugmug.com).



*Dirt road across road from Fred Long Centennial Park in Tucker County* (Larry Johns)

**My Vacation Photos**

This month we have more 2013 vacation photos taken by club members. Members please forward your vacation photos to Al Tucker.



*Johanna Protestant Church, Stuttgart, Germany* (Bonne Riffle)



*Wurzburg, Germany* (Bonne Riffle)



*Golden Gate Park Dahlia Garden* (Libby Randall)



My Vacation Photos Continued



'Sara' - a view from my best friend's Baltimore apartment  
(Above photos by Laura Meese)



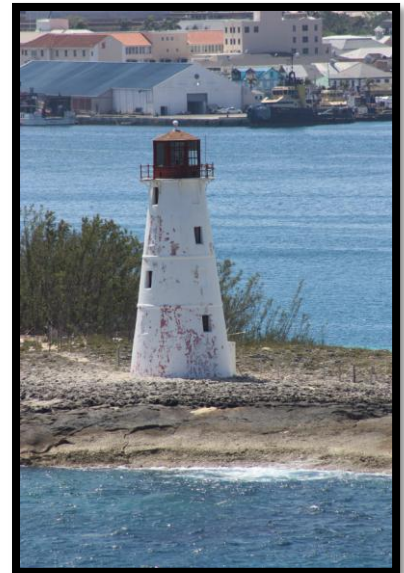
Older Members Conference Final Counsel Circle Candle Lighting  
at 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill



Juggler/Mime Street Performer at Epcot (Laura M)



On My Spring Cruise (Melissa Toothman)



Bahamas' Lighthouse (Melissa T)



Fishing on Lake Powell, AZ (Mary Cameron)



Ballooning over Red Rock Canyon, AZ (Mary Cameron)



### WV150 Contributor Showcase

This month, we are pleased to showcase Amanda Haddox, our most prolific “friends of the club” WV150 book contributor. Amanda was born and raised in San Diego, California but has lived in Charleston for the last 25 years and now considers West Virginia home. She is currently the president of the Charleston Camera Club. She is a member of the Professional Photographers of West Virginia, Professional Women Photographers, The North American Nature Photography Association, and the Allied Artists of West Virginia. Along with Ron Gaskins, she recently began teaching photography workshops at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg, Kentucky and here in West Virginia.



*Amanda and Her Camera*



*State Capitol Tulips*

Amanda’s journey into the world of photography began when her daughter won the Harry Potter Quidditch Adventure sponsored by Coca-Cola in June of 2003. The honor included a trip to London, England and Edinburgh, Scotland. It was then that she bought her first digital camera, a Sony CD 200. Her love of travel and photography began with that trip and when she returned, she took that little “point-and-shoot,” and set out to see everything our great state had to offer. Within a year, she had purchased her first DSLR, a Canon 20D, and her journey continued until she had seen and photographed every state park and every obscure tourist attraction in between. Ten years later, she still finds new and unique places to travel to and photograph on the weekends. Check out our *A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration* book and you will see more than twenty stunning photos Amanda has taken across the state. Here is a sampling of her work.



*Mail Pouch Covered Bridge, Cumberland, OH*



**WV150 Contributor Showcase Continued**

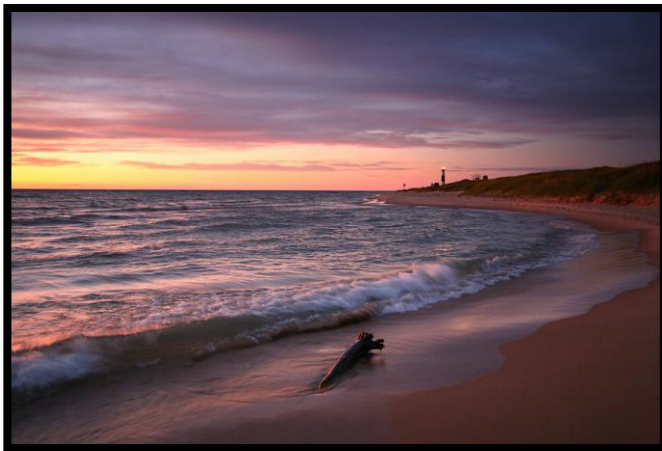
Landscape photography is her primary interest (She says, give me a stormy sky over a blue one any day!), but she also likes to dabble in a little bit of everything from portraiture to events. She specializes in low light photography and loves to shoot in storms and around architectural scenes such as lighthouses at night. Several years ago, she purchased a converted DSLR and immersed herself in the dreamy world of infrared. She says now she sees the world in black and white like never before. Thanks Amanda for sharing your stunning work.



*Lake Shawnee Abandoned Amusement Park, Princeton, WV (Infrared)*



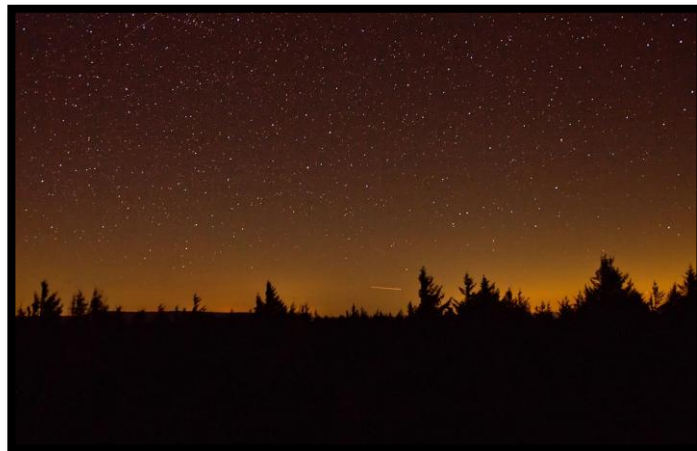
*Wedding Portrait*



*Ludington State Park Big Sable Lighthouse, MI*



*Summersville Lighthouse*



*Starry Night Sky at Spruce Knob*



**Cass Railroad Photography Workshop**

Late September, John Simons and Al Tucker along with 'friend of the club,' Dennis Govoni, attended a fantastic workshop at Cass. Clayton Spangler, Photography Editor of the *WONDERFUL West Virginia* magazine, was the workshop leader. With excellent assistance by Walter Scriptunas, Clayton created a wonderful agenda that included a dedicated train, special run-by's at numerous locations up the mountain where attendees could get out and then shoot the train as it approached us, a special nighttime photo shoot, and other fantastic photo opportunities. The engine we used was Shay #6, the last Shay ever built and the largest from the Lima, Ohio plant. We had complete use of the train for two days including getting to ride in the engine. It was a blast! Here we showcase some of the photos of those who attended the workshop.



**Workshop Attendees** (Clayton Spangler)



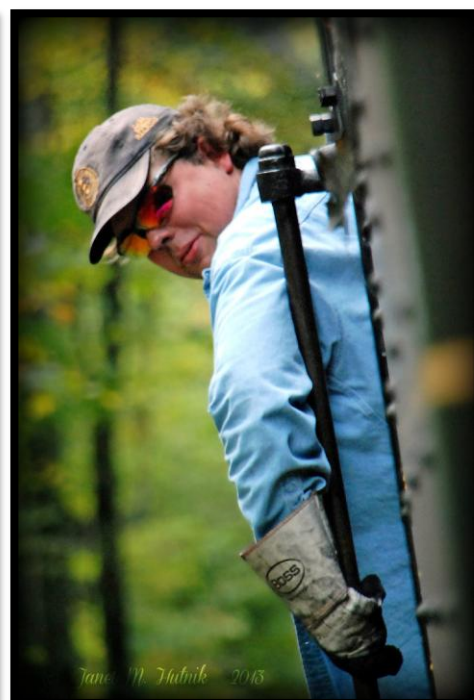
**A Foggy Morning over Cass Town** (Al Tucker)



**The First Run-By** (John Simons)



**Number 6 Shay Engine** (Nancy Moore)



**The Fireman** (Janet Hutnik)



**Cass Railroad Photography Workshop Continued**



*Approaching the Station* (Clayton Spangler)



*Approaching Spruce* (Bill Dempsey)



*All Aboard* (At Spruce) (Dennis Govoni)



*Nighttime Photo Shoot* (Clayton Spangler)



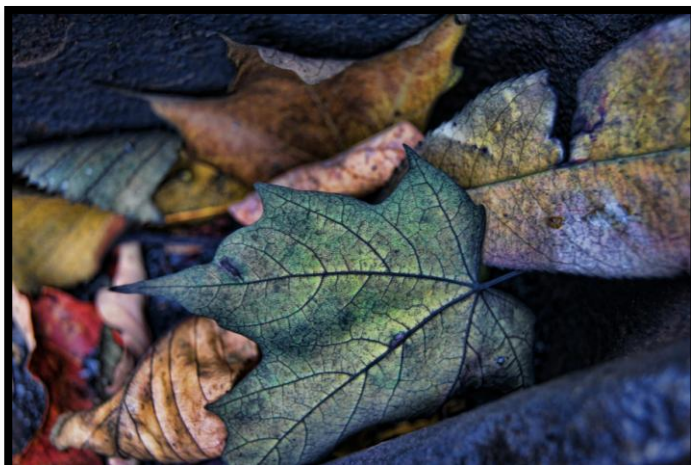
*Cass Water Tower* (John Simons)



**Cass Railroad Photography Workshop Continued**



*Old and Abandoned* (Janet Hutnik)



*Cass Leaves* (Nancy Moore)



*Walter and His Toy, a Quadcopter* (Clayton Spangler)



*Number 3 Shay* (Dennis Govoni)



*Cass Before the Crowd Arrives* (Al Tucker)

Upcoming December 2013 issue features:

- Stonewall Jackson's Cool Springs photo trip pics
- Photos from the club's trip to the "Asylum" in Weston
- Oct & Nov POTM winning photos
- More "My Vacation Photos" – please send some
- 1 or 2 more WV150 contributors will be showcased
- Mystery shot(s) – please send some
- 'Friends of the club' photos – please send some
- Special feature – Waterfalls – Club members/'friends,' please send 1-2 of your favorite waterfall shots

Note: The special feature for January 2014 will be snow scenes.

**Happy Thanksgiving**