

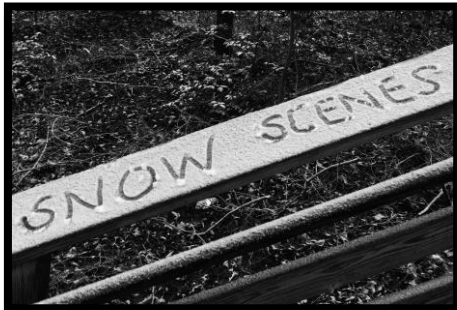
President's Corner: Tip for the photographer: If you find yourself at a loss for inspiration, or bored with your typical shots, try thinking about how you can reinvent a subject. Is an umbrella only to shield from the weather, or could it be used for peek-a-boo? What about a boat? Could it also be a chuppah? When looking at the world, try to consider it from other angles. Look for the possibilities. Do anything that is abnormal. Always try something new. Laura

Correction to the January Newsletter: The following photograph was taken by Jim Clark not Cristal Moore. We are glad to correct the error. Apologies to Cristal and Jim.



Morning Light, Assateague National Seashore

In This Edition:



Snow Scenes – This month's feature.



Have a Seat (Ron Buckton)

This month, we are fortunate to showcase the work of Bill and Linda Lane as our WV150 contributors of the month. Bonne Riffle and Diana Taylor have shared their "my vacation" photos with us. Finally, our **special feature** is *Snow Scenes* and again we received stunning photos to share with our readers. Follow Ron Buckton's advice, "Have a Seat" and enjoy the photography and then share the newsletter with a friend.

Next Month's Special Feature – Barns (Photo by John Simons)



Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club

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

Next Meeting

February 27 @ 6:30 p.m. – Ron Gaskins and Amanda Haddox: Amanda and Ron will speak on "Black and White Photography." We return to our normal 4th Thursday of the month in February.

As January's meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, we will do two photo of the month contests at the February meeting: January's Christmas Joy category and February's Abstract – Nonobjective photos.

Near Term Club Schedule

- Mar – Mark Poore, Winter Photography
- Apr – Dr. Mike Kirk, HDR Photography
- May – Walter Scriptunas, Cass RR

2014 Photo of the Month Topics

- February – Abstract/Nonobjective
- Mar – Animals
- April – April Fools
- May – Geometric
- June – Upshur County
- July – Low Light
- August – Visual Pun
- September – Fungi
- October – ...scapes (landscapes, sky or aircscapes, waterscapes, etc.)
- November – Low Key/High Key
- December – Glass

Photo Trips

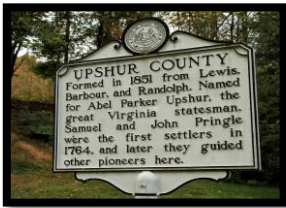
Al and John are tentatively planning a photo trip for February 23. We'll have more info on the destination in a couple of weeks. Some other potential photo trip destinations are as follows.

- March 16-17** - WV Maple Syrup Festival, Pickens
- April 20** - 75th Feast of the Ramson, Richwood
- June 20** - West Virginia Day Celebration Blennerhassett Island, Parkersburg
- September 19-22** - Golden Delicious Festival at Clay
- October 1** - Bridge Day at Fayetteville
- December 6-8** - 18th Century Christmas Market, Prickett's Fort State Park, Fairmont

Any members having suggestions for photo trips don't hesitate to mention them to Laura, John or Al.

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Camera Club News

January's Meeting: Unfortunately, we had to cancel the meeting due to the ongoing winter onslaught. Our speaker, Clayton Spangler, followed up with us and expressed his disappointment. He definitely wants to come back later in the year when we can work out a suitable date. Hopefully, by the next edition we will have set the new date. Thank you to the many club members that sent John photos for Clayton's critique session. Thanks also to John for packaging them and sending them on to Clayton.

Glennie Nature Interclub Competition: John, Laura and Al will attempt to work this initiative in February. To meet the early March due date, we will need photos for the specific categories spelled out in last month's newsletter. We'll get those details out again via email soon. Please respond to John's request for photos at that time so we can submit a quality entry.

WV150 Book: We were fortunate to have the Charleston Gazette article picked up by the Associated Press, which led to it being published in most of the state newspapers as well as papers out of state. We know of newspapers in Indiana and Ohio where it was run. The result of the expanded coverage was a really nice spike in online sales as well as sales over the phone. Next month, we will summarize the sales activity.

Operation Thank You: On January 29, Bonne, John and Al went to the VA Nursing Home in Clarksburg to present books to the residents there. It was an amazing experience. More next month with photos. Club members will be going to Morgantown on February 1 to present books to 92 soldiers of the 154th Military Police Company, who will be deploying soon. Then on February 8, we will go back to Morgantown to present books to 30 soldiers of the 753rd Explosive Ordinance Detachment. These soldiers recently returned home from harm's way.

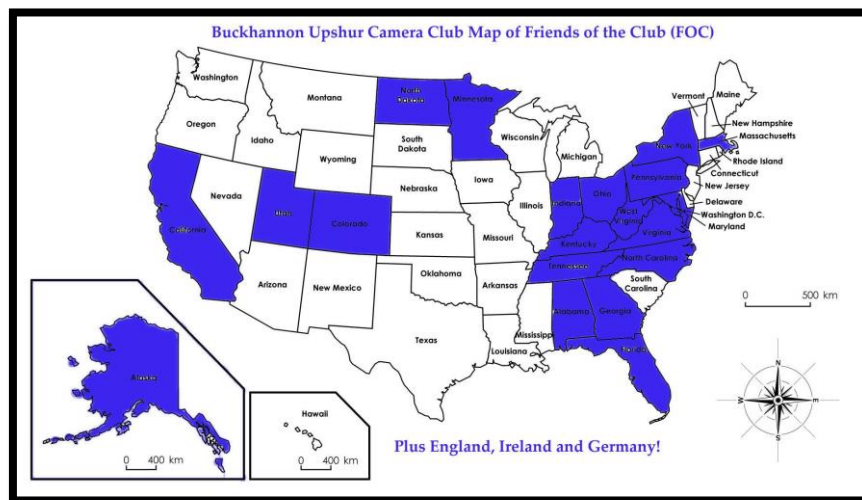
2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest: John Simons has begun work on this year's contest, which is open to adult and youth amateur photographers. In an earlier club meeting, members agreed to retain the same category classes this year.

- 6 Adult classes: Creative Photographic Expression, Monochrome, Nature, People, Places or Things, and Wild and Wonderful.
- 2 Youth (18 years of age or longer) classes: People and Places or Things

A full description of the classes will be listed in next month's edition. Important dates for this year's contest are:

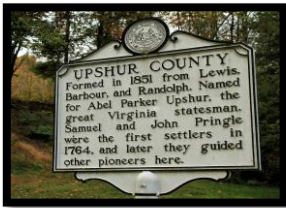
- Entry deadline: April 25, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Reception: May 15, 5:30 p.m. – To be held at the Upshur County Senior Center. "The Marty and Bill Kelly Best of Show" and class major ribbon winners will be recognized at this function.
- Exhibition: May 14-17 at the Upshur County Senior Center. Specific exhibition times will be listed next month.

Full contest details will be posted on our website and Facebook page within the next 30 days. Start looking at your photos for potential entries.



Friends of the Club: We have had questions such as "what is a friend of the club (FOC)" or "is an FOC the same as a club member?" They are not the same. Club members are dues paying participants. FOC's are friends who like to network with us, participate in our projects or photo trips, or simply like to receive the newsletter. The concept started with our WV150 book, "A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration," when 29 photographers from across the state, Ohio, Virginia and England volunteered their photos for publication in our book.

Since we have expanded the newsletter to include "photo" features such as waterfalls and this month snow scenes, our readership has steadily grown to almost 300 FOC's from 20 states and 3 countries (England, Ireland and Germany). Some FOC's have joined the club. Our dues are nominal at \$10 per member and \$15 per family. If you are interested, make a check payable to BUCC and mail it to the address in the footer. While we would welcome you if you joined the club, that is NOT necessary. We want you to enjoy the newsletter and occasionally submit a photo or two to alanandliva@aol.com, so we can create a quality and fun newsletter that focuses on photography. Please feel free to pass the newsletter to your friends and let us know if we can fill in another state of readers by making them an FOC. Thank you.



“My Vacation” Photos

This month, we have two contributors to the “my vacation” photos feature. Below is selection of photos from club member Bonne Riffle’s trip last fall to Germany. Bonne has a treasure trove of photos from her two month stay there. Next month, we will share some more shots which will focus on Germany’s culture. On the next page, we depict photos from Diana Taylor of Rickmansworth, England. Diana and Barry travel someplace unique each year. They have fallen in love with Portugal and have been there a few times over the past few years as well as to other places like Canada, France and the USA. Last month, we showed some of Barry’s work. This month, we see a little bit of Portugal through Diana’s eyes as well as some shots from New England from a couple years ago.

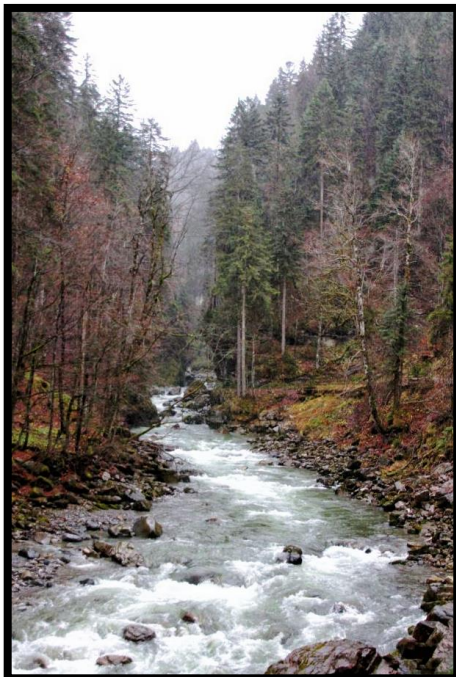
We welcome club members and friends of the club (FOC’S) to share their travel photos with our readers. Next month, we will show Libby Randall’s “America’s Cup” vacation photos. If you have been someplace interesting and taken some good shots, please share a few. You might inspire a reader to go their sometime.



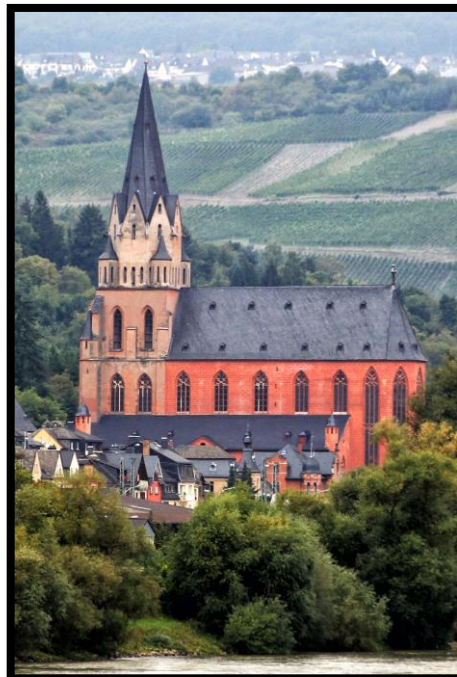
Rhiechenstein Castle along the Rhine River



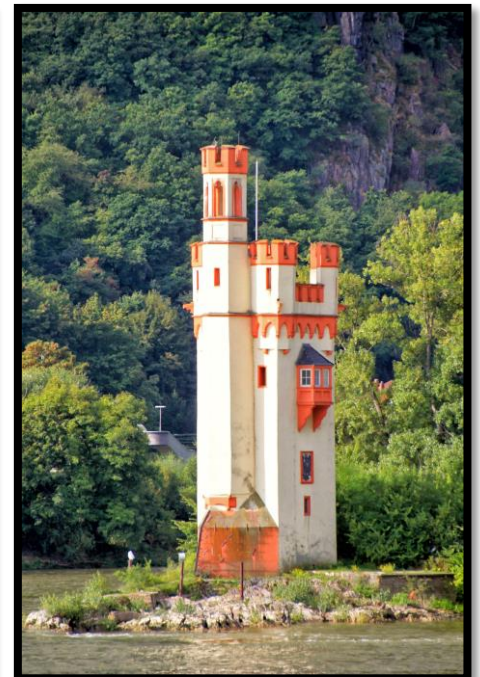
Donkey Marketplace Statue, Biberach



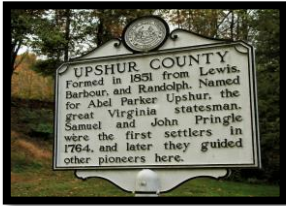
Oberstdorf Mountain Stream



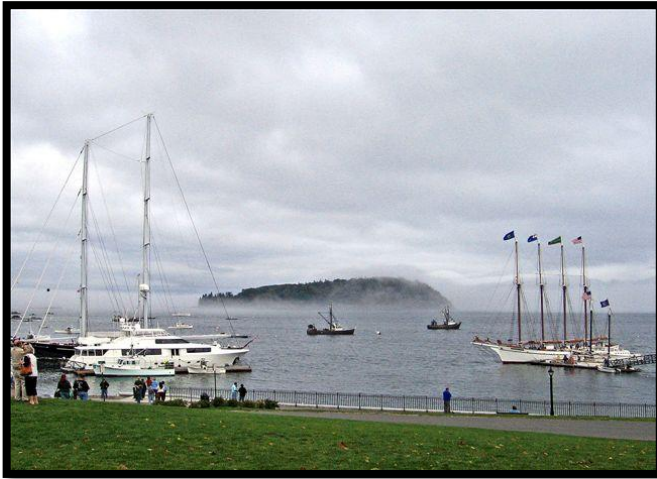
Church of St. Martin, Oberwesel on the Rhine



Mauserturn (Mice Tower) along the Rhine



“My Vacation” Photos by Diana Taylor



Bar Harbor, Maine



York, Maine



Bar Harbor, Maine



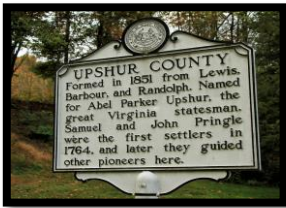
Boston Harbor



Thirsty Gulls, Sagres Harbour, Portugal

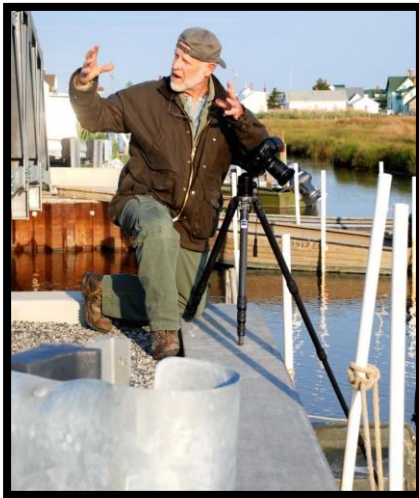


Portuguese Sunrise over the Atlantic, Algarve, Portugal



WV150 Contributor of the Month Showcase

Our WV150 photo book was a great success due in large part from the tremendous response we received from our “friends of the club.” Each month, we feature the work of one of our contributors. This month, we are proud to introduce our readers to Bill and Linda Lane of Montpelier, Virginia. Bill and Linda come as a team, and they shoot and teach photography as a team. Linda says “they know how fortunate they are to be able to live, work and share more than one of their passions...Teaching Photography.” If you are fortunate enough to take one of their workshops, you know how very good they are at it. Here, we show you some of their work and let you know a little bit about this charming couple.



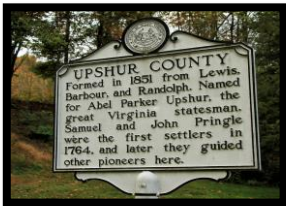
Bill Teaching



Linda Teaching

After graduating from college and heading off into a managerial position, Bill soon discovered he was not cut out for being indoors behind a desk. As a child he enjoyed being around horses, it made sense that he should eventually study to become a farrier. Eventually he needed an occasional escape from the physical challenges of his work with horses and he fell upon bird watching, which led to photographing birds, and then to bigger and better equipment since photographing birds with a 50mm lens just didn't cut it. Bill then started giving a few bird identification lectures and so on and so forth. This same love of the outdoors led to his learning to become self-sufficient by gardening, hunting and fishing. You might call him a sportsman of sorts; never taking the land or its gifts for granted – always treating them with respect. If you take his workshops, you'll see firsthand his love of mother earth and all her creatures.





Linda started as a teacher and loved the total experience. She is a teacher at heart and loves helping others experience through learning. She then ran her own business for 15 years, during which time she delved back into her photography. It was at Bill's first workshop promoted by the Sierra Club that they first met; she in her swamp boots and he with his gigantic, intimidating tripod!! Several years later they married and shortly after that they started conducting workshops together and collecting dogs.

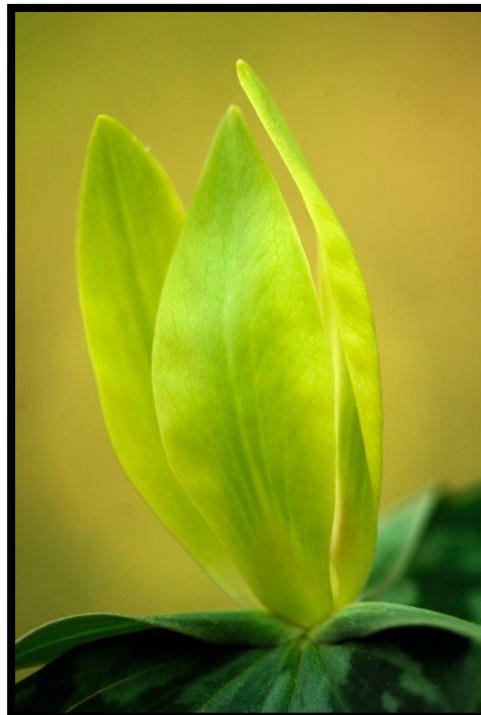


Canaan Fog

Linda's passions other than photography and teaching are "dogs" first and "pottery" second. Animals, any animal, but most especially dogs share a large part of her heart and soul. She has been involved in a Dog Rescue Operation in Ashland, Va., for around 15 years as the Volunteer Shelter Coordinator/Manager, but she rescued dogs in distress long before that. You can find more about Linda's passion for dogs and other pets on their web site, <http://www.lanephotoworkshops.com/>. She's been known to rescue animals during their workshops.

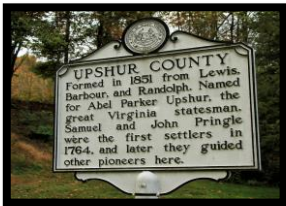


Trout Lily



Toadshade Trillium

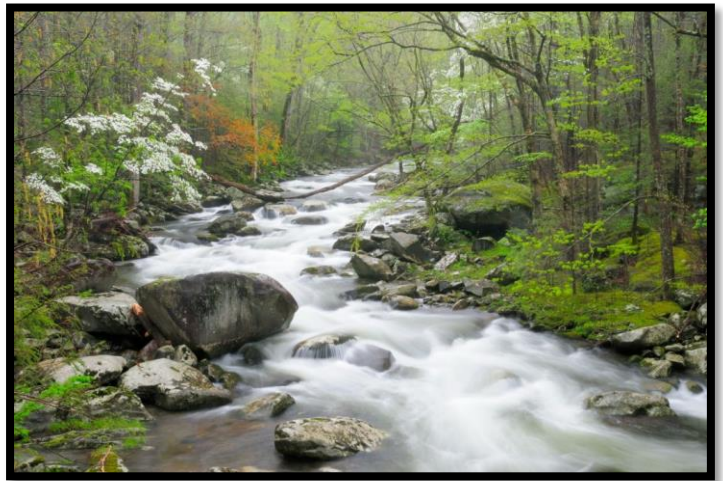
If you want to shoot wildflowers, their April Smokey Mountains and July WV Summer Wildflowers workshops are highly recommended,



Why Teach? Linda says 'the answer lies in their not wanting other photography enthusiasts to struggle as much as they did at the start. Everyone speaks of light and exposure but not all that many teach how to use the camera to capture it. Way too often, people depend on their computers to create a pleasing image; they don't know how to take one in their camera. The learning curve for me was easier since I learned from Bill after he stumbled and struggled. Bill took workshops but left no further ahead than when he started. We want people to leave our workshops knowing more than when they came and be excited about applying their new found knowledge.'

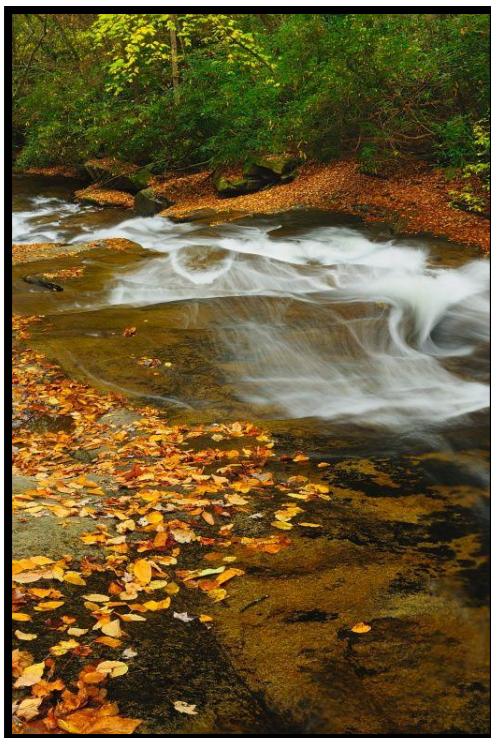


Cades Cove, TN

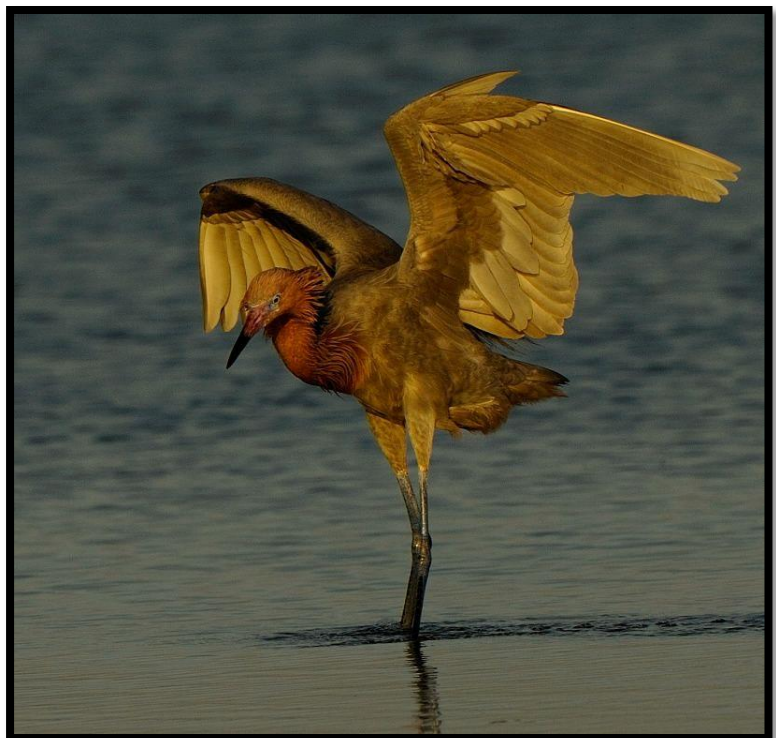


River at Tremont, TN

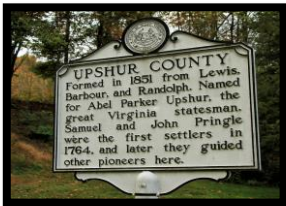
"So after a lot of trial and error, it finally came together for us both; that is not to say, that each day isn't still a learning experience. We want to make learning simple, fun and less intimidating. It seems to be working because what started as a hobby and exciting adventure has grown into a very rewarding, satisfying business with the most wonderful following of participants for which anyone could ever wish. The only problem we have is finding the time to scout new workshop locations for our repeat participants. But, they keep coming anyway. Actually, when you think about it, you can shoot at the same place all the time and never get the same shot twice."



Go with the Flow



Reddish Egret, Sanibel, FL



Together, Bill and Linda have customized workshops for colleges and universities, photography clubs, private schools and individualized classes. They teach anywhere up to 10 workshops a year all along the eastern coast and the workshops extend from 3-5 days of hands on instruction mostly in the field. Teaching is what it is all about for the Lanes. They sell prints, but they don't spend much time marketing their photos. Maybe down the road. But for now, Teaching is their first love. Check their workshops out, you won't be disappointed.



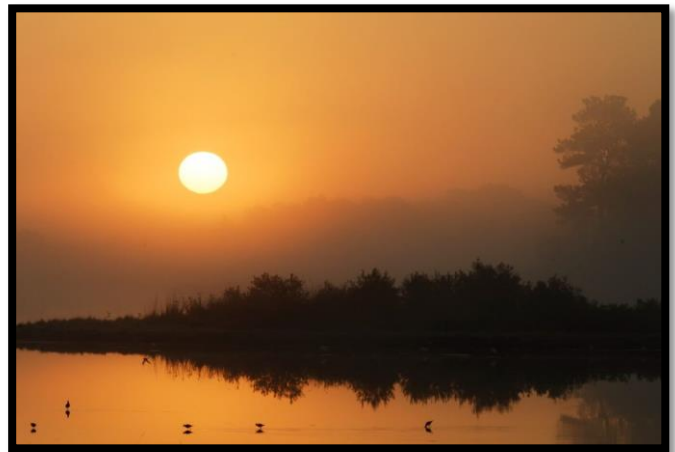
Board Meeting



At the Truck Graveyard



Reflections



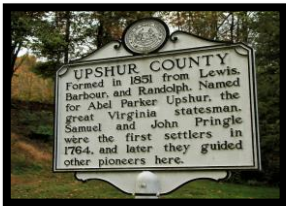
Chincoteague Sunrise



Sunflower



Old Wooden Mill



Newsletter Special Feature – Snow Scenes

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Thank you to our BUCC members and FOC's who sent photos for our special feature this month. You allowed us to amass a really nice collection of snow scenes to share with our readers. As Ron Buckton's photo back on the first page suggested, sit back and relax and enjoy the photography of this month's contributors: 7 BUCC members and 16 FOC's.



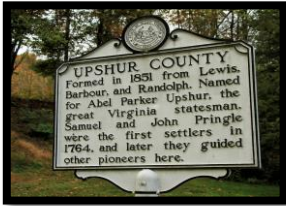
Winter Solstice – Canaan Valley (Tucker County) (Clayton Spangler – FOC)



Upper Falls @ Holly River State Park (Webster County) (John Simons - BUCC)



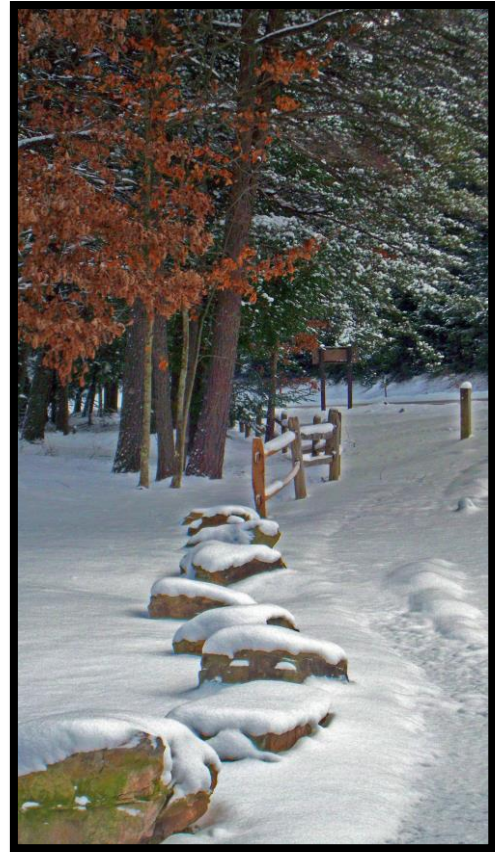
Snow Salute - West Virginia National Cemetery, Flemington (Barbour County) (Tina Bulka – FOC)



Snow Scene Beauty



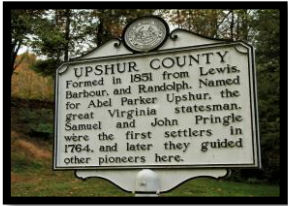
Elakala Falls on Ice (Tucker County) (Nathan Symons - BUCC)



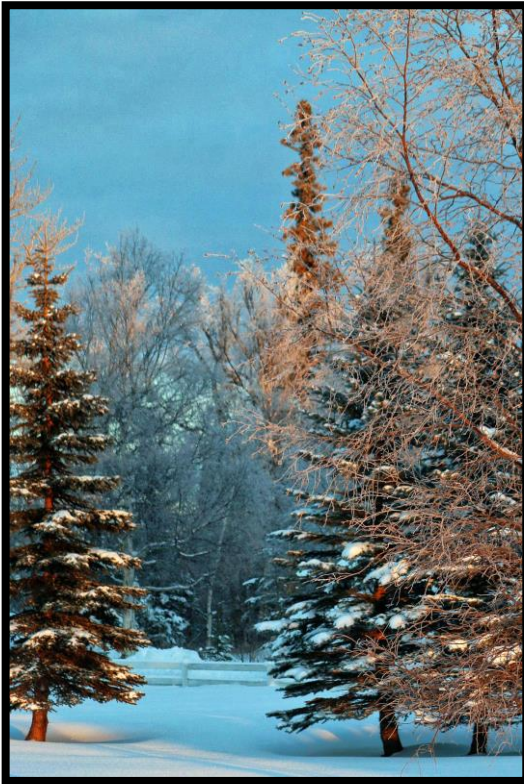
Summersville Lake Lane (Nicholas County) (Nancy Moore - FOC)



Brrr! (Pocahontas County) (Bill & Linda Lane - FOC)



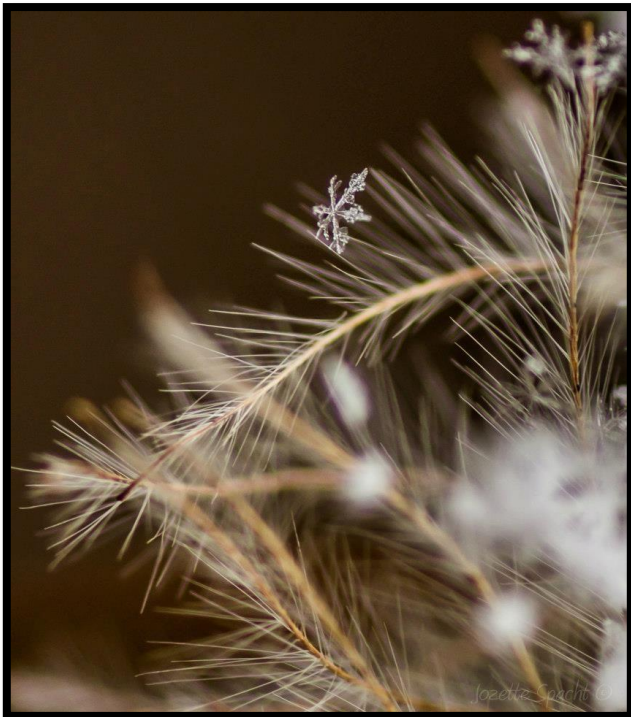
Snow Scene Artistry



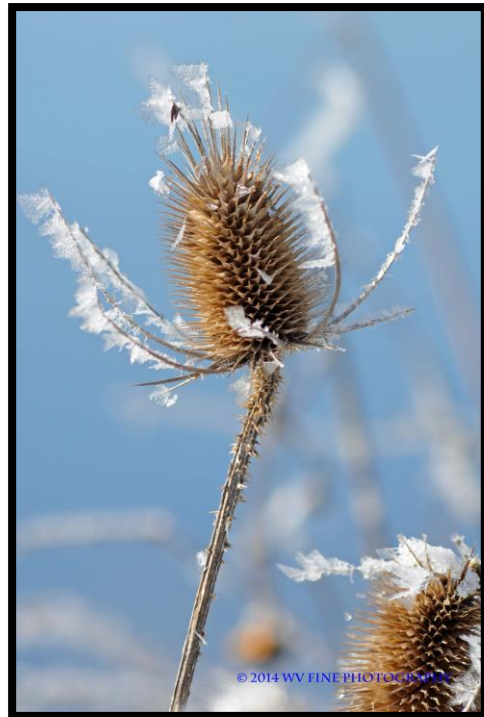
A 3pm Sunset in Palmer, Alaska (Dan Kohlhaas - FOC)



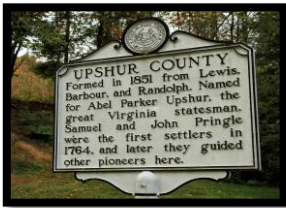
Cold Enough (Ron Gaskins - FOC)



Snowflake (Jozette Spacht - FOC)



Iced Teasel (Ron Gaskins - FOC)



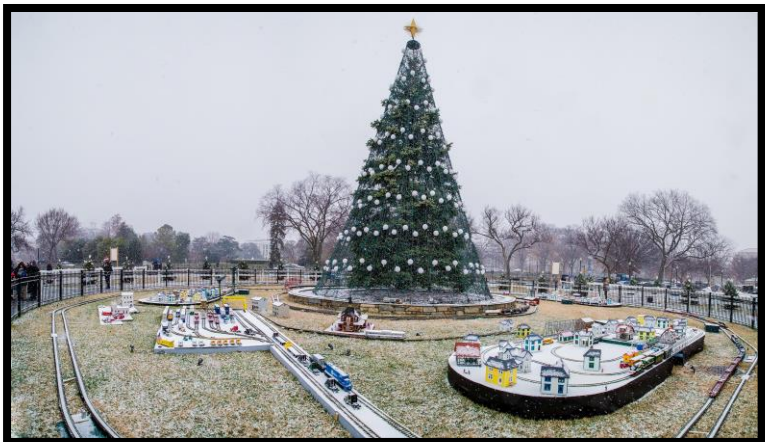
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A Potpourri of Snow Scenes



Village Snow Scene, Rickmansworth, England (Barry Taylor – FOC)

Adaland Mansion, Philippi, (Barbour County) (Tina Bulka – FOC)



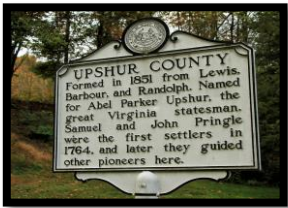
Meadowlark Gardens (Dennis Govoni – FOC)

Dusting on the National Christmas Tree (Dennis Govoni – FOC)



Santa's Truck, Arthurdale (Preston County) (Dick Hepler - FOC)

Old Hay Rake (Clayton Spangler – FOC)



Fenced-in Snow Scenes



Foggy Fence Line (Preston County) (Allan Jones - FOC)



Winter Drive, Ravenswood (Jackson County) (Martin Unrue - FOC)



Shooting a Barn (Tucker County) (Bill & Linda Lane - FOC)



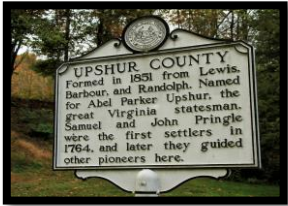
Horse Farm Fence, Purcellville, VA (Roger Lancaster - FOC)



Harper's Barn (Randolph County) (Amanda Haddox - BUCC)



Outbuilding (Preston County) (Allan Jones - FOC)



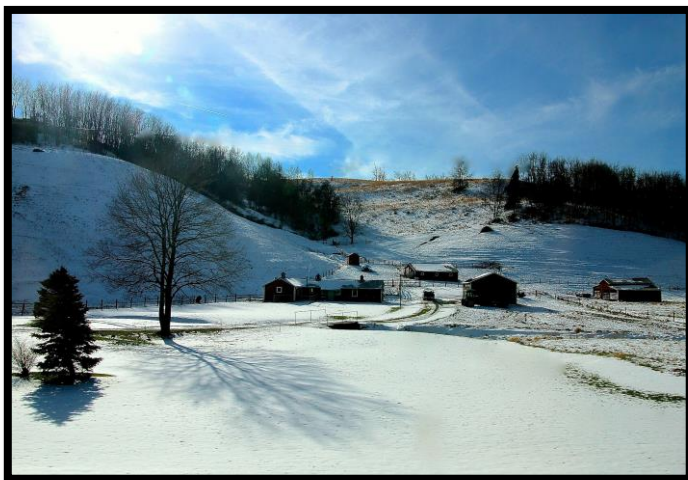
Farmland Snow Scenes



Winter at the Barn (Preston County) (Tina Bulka - FOC)



Red Barns (Upshur County) (John Simons - BUCC)



Mr. Post's Farm (Barbour County) (Tina Bulka - FOC)



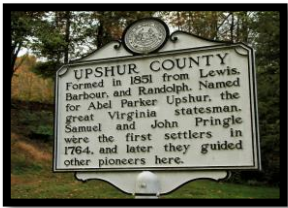
Mountain Farm in Allegany County, MD (Carol Meese - BUCC)



On the Farm (Monongalia County) (Dick Hepler - FOC)



Cattle Farm (Upshur Country) (John Simons - BUCC)



Backyard Snow Scenes



Male Cardinal (Clayton Spangler - FOC)



Female Cardinal (Dick Hepler - FOC)



Dusty on the Run (Ron Buckton -BUCC)



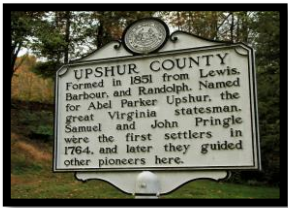
Red Bellied Woodpecker (Bill & Linda Lane - FOC)



Playtime (Dick Hepler - FOC)



Peek-a-Boo Toby (James Huber -BUCC)



Snowy Heritage Scenes

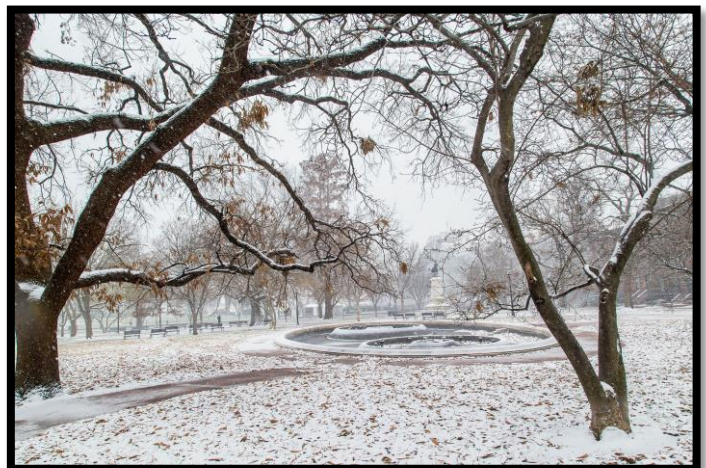


Wilfong Cabin near Rock Cave (Lewis County) (John Simons - BUCC) Marpel Chapel near Alton (Upshur County) (Jozette Spacht - FOC)



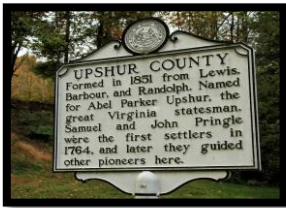
Vintage Wagon (Lewis County) (Al Tucker - BUCC)

Fiddler's Mill (Upshur County) (John Simons - BUCC)



Babcock State Park (Fayette County) (Amanda Haddox) - BUCC)

LaFayette Park, Washington, D.C. (Dennis Govoni - FOC)



Ice and Snow Scenes



Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada (Diana Taylor - FOC)



Ice and Mist, Great Falls, Virginia (Dennis Govoni - FOC)



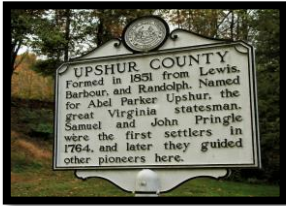
Berwind Lake (McDowell County) (Jim Clark - FOC)



Cleveland Harbor, Ohio (Amanda Haddox - BUCC)



Blackwater Falls (Tucker County) (Amanda Haddox - BUCC)



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Special Effects Snow Scenes



Blue Ridge Beauty, NC
(Bill & Linda Lane - FOC)



My Backyard (Monongalia County)
(Jozette Spacht - FOC)



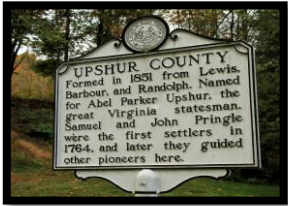
At the Farm, Purcellville, VA
(Roger Lancaster - FOC)



Fall Meets Winter, Morgantown (Monongalia County)
(Jozette Spacht - FOC)



Starlight near Stonecoal Lake (Lewis County)
(Nathan Symons - BUCC)



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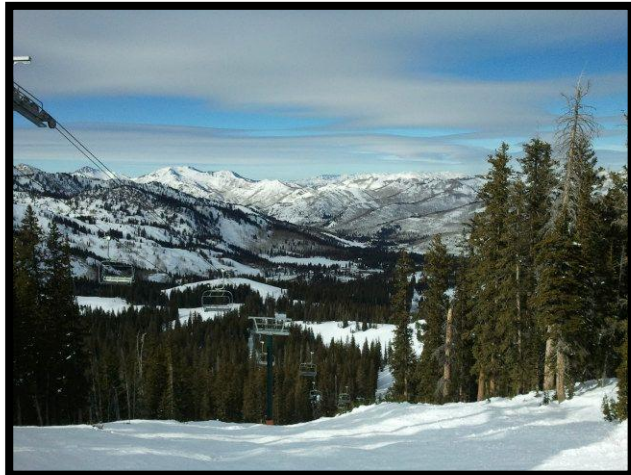
Dramatic Vista Snow Scenes



Hatcher Pass, Alaska (Dan Kohlhaas - FOC)



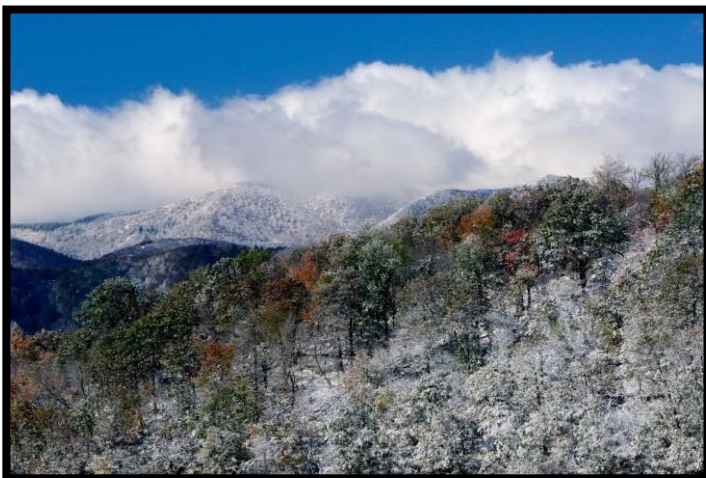
Heavenly Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, CA/NV (Pat Hawkins - FOC)



Snow Basin Ski Resort, Ogden, Utah (Pat Hawkins - FOC)



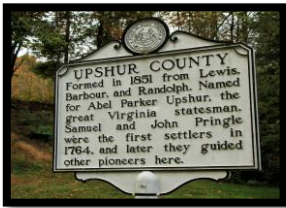
Heavenly Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, CA/NV (Pat Hawkins - FOC)



Blue Ridge, NC Skyline (Bill & Linda Lane - FOC)



Pendleton Point (Tucker County) (Dennis Govoni - FOC)



"Buckhannon in the Snow" Scenes



Sun Rises over Buckhannon (Larry Johns – BUCC)



A Wesleyan Welcome (Robbie Skinner – FOC)



Early Morning Downtown Holiday Scene (Al Tucker – BUCC)



Victorian Charm (Al Tucker - BUCC)



Upshur County History Center Museum (Al Tucker – BUCC)



Buckhannon River (Robbie Skinner - FOC)