

Editor's Snapshot: Greetings to our club members and Friends of the Club. We hope you have had fun photography this spring, and that you will share a photo or two with our readers in upcoming newsletters. Each month, we usually have a theme which showcases the photography of our members and friends. However, this month we will showcase club-related photos. We are glad to bring back, after a one-month hiatus, our feature one of our "WV150 Book" contributors.

In May, our camera club held its annual Strawberry Festival Photo Contest, and we are pleased to showcase the ribbon winners of the club's biggest event of the year. We will also feature photos taken by club members of the annual Strawberry Festival Horse and Carriage parade. We think you will enjoy the diversity of photos of an American small town heritage festival.

We also update you on club news and activities, and share some exciting news on the Friends of the Club front. So overall, we think we have an interesting edition for you. As many of you are aware, we usually open the newsletter with a message from our president, called the "president's corner." We just elected new officers and going forward, we will have a message from our new president, Carol Meese. We use president's space this month to say thanks to Past President Laura, who steered the club to new heights in terms of membership growth and exciting program activity over the past two years. Her program on the coloring of black and white photos is still one of the most popular in recent memory. We hope you took the time to read her messages. We often received comments on how insightful and creatively written they were. Thanks Laura for stepping up and taking the mantle of leadership. From your friends.



President Laura Meese, 2011-2013

Upcoming Editions:

- **July:** In July, we will showcase the pride we have in our country. We have a nice start on a collection of "patriotic" photos that have been sent in to date, but we need several more to make this a truly special edition. We ask our members and friends to send in a couple of their best patriotic photos. Let's make this an awe inspiring edition and display our love of country. Please send in your photos anytime, but no later than June 25. Thank you and God bless America!
- **August:** In May, we covered our 17th through 19th century American heritage. In August, we will complete our look at our diverse culture and traditions focus' by highlighting 20th century photos. This can be a really fun feature if we can get a good representative collection of photos from the 1901-2000 timeframe. Again some of you have sent interesting photos that tell a wonderful 20th-century story. But, we need more to make this edition complete. We hope that over the next two months, you will look for shots that will help tell that story. Thank you.

Upcoming Club Activities

Next Meeting

June 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - Martin Unrue: Martin will speak on nighttime photography, including star trails.

Near Term Club Schedule

- July** - Clayton Spangler, Taking award-winning photographs
- August** - Picnic, WV Wildlife Center
- September** - Jeff Green, Flash Photography

Upcoming Photo of the Month Topics

- June** - Upshur County
- July** - Low Light
- August** - Visual Pun

Photo Trips

- June 21** - West Virginia Day Celebration Blennerhassett Island, Parkersburg
- July 19 or 20** - Phipps Conservatory and Pittsburgh at night
- September 19 or 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

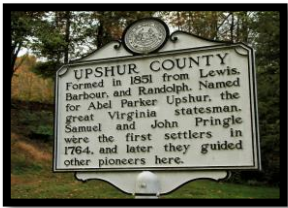
Special Newsletter Features

Here are the topics of our newsletter special feature for the remainder of the year. All are welcome to submit photos.

- July** - Patriotism
- August** - 20th Century Heritage
- September** - Nature
- October** - Black and White
- November** - Old and Abandoned
- December** - Autumn Splendor

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Note: SF = Strawberry Festival	



Club News

May was an extremely busy month for the club with the annual Strawberry Festival Photo Contest. We were fortunate to have a large number of club members pitch in to share the workload. We greatly appreciate the leadership of John Simons throughout the past several months guiding our efforts. We are extremely grateful to the Upshur County Senior Center for allowing us to use their facility for the exhibit and we also appreciate The Record Delta and the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Committee for their strong sponsorship.

May 10: Several members (Kathy Barnhart, Nancy Marks, Dave and Mary Orndorff, Bonne Riffle, John Simons, and Al Tucker) came out to help set up for the judging of our photo contest. We very appreciative of our judges Tina Bulka of Bridgeport and Allan Jones of Morgantown.



Judges Allan Jones and Tina Bulka with John Simons



May 14 – Open for Business with Ginny Dixon & Melissa Toothman

May 10: Several club members (Carol Meese, Laura Meese, John Mundy, Libby Randall, Bonne Riffle, John Simons and Melissa Toothman) took photos of the Strawberry Festival Horse and Carriage Parade on Saturday, May 10. Tina Bulka joined us for this photo shoot from which we will develop a DVD for the organizers of the event. We share a few of those photos later in this newsletter.

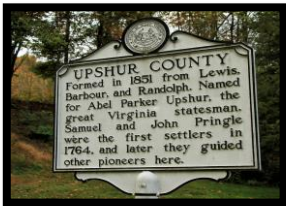
May 13: A huge thank you to Carol Meese and Bonne Riffle who did the bulk of the work setting up to the photo display and to Laura Meese and Eric Bee for doing the heavy labor in setting up the display stands.

May 13: John Simons and Al Tucker traveled to Morgantown to give a presentation to their camera club. From the meeting, we added 8 new friends of the club, sold a five WV150 books and received an offer from one of their members to visit our club to do a presentation on underwater photography. We also talked with their member about doing an upcoming photo trip together.

May 14-17: The rainy days of Wednesday and Thursday slowed the traffic somewhat. We held a nice reception on Thursday night with most winners in attendance. We thank Bonne Riffle, Debbie Huber and Liva Tucker for the refreshments. On Friday and Saturday, we were very busy. We received lots of compliments on the exhibition and we recruited about 40 new friends of the club, sold a few more books and got quite a bit of interest in Jim Clark's Sep 6 and 7th Photo Seminar and Workshop to be held at the Adaland Mansion in Philippi.

May 24: Monthly Meeting: Our secretary, Mary Orndorff chaired the meeting and we had sixteen members in attendance. For the sixth month in a row, we welcomed a new member, Karl Boone, who is our ninth new member for the year. The main business of the meeting was the election of new officers, which are shown on the first page. Thank you to all who are willing to serve this coming year. John Simons gave a summary of the Strawberry Festival Photo Contest and handed out a list of the winners. Al Tucker updated members on upcoming activities. Our planned speaker, Walter Scriptunas, was unable to attend due to surgery of a family member that day. He expressed his regret and indicated that he will be glad to come on a future date. Following the business portion of the meeting, John ran a slide show of photos taken by attendees of the Holly River State Park Workshop. The meeting concluded with the photo of the month contests for April and June. Al Tucker won the April "humor" POTM with Kathy Barhhardt taking second and Al also won the May "geometric shapes" competition with Linda Perrine's photo coming second. The photos are shown on the next page.

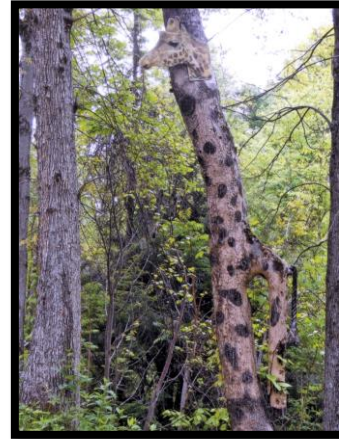
May 28: Holly River State Park Workshop Newsletter: On May 28, the club published a special edition of its newsletter focusing on the April 25-27 Photo Workshop led by Ron Gaskins and Amanda Haddox of Mountaineer Photo Excursions. There were 21 participants including 11 club members. The 20-page special newsletter showcases photos from all participants and covers every photo opportunity activity of the workshop. We plan to make the newsletter available to all our club members and friends of the club in the new few days.



Photos of the Month – April Humor & May Geometric Shapes



April 1st: Bottoms Up – Alan Tucker



April 2nd: Tree Giraffe – Kathy Barnhart



May 1st: Wood County Court House Reflection – Alan Tucker

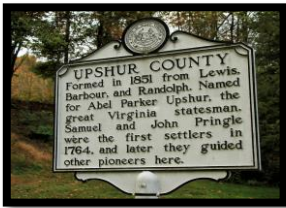


May 2nd: WV Wildlife Center Bridge – Linda Perrine

Next Photo Trip – Blennerhassett Island – June 21



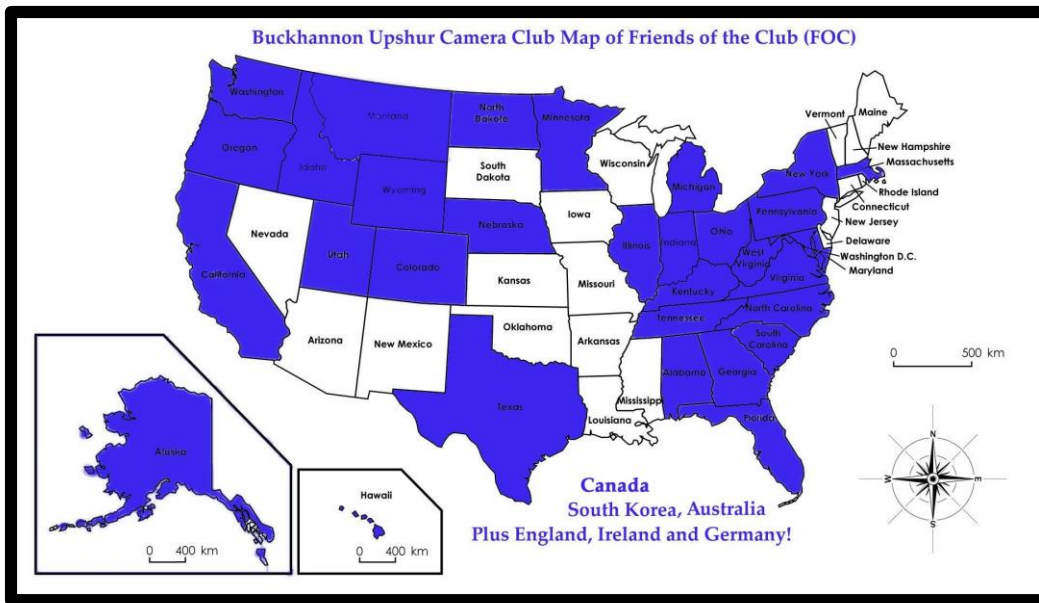
The plan is to leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21. It is a 2-hour drive to Parkersburg. We'll grab something to eat in Parkersburg and then travel to the island arriving between 11:30-12:00. There will be Civil War reenactments taking place that day. We'll plan to stay there until 3 p.m. and then travel to Henderson Hall in Williamstown for an hour. We should get back to Buckhannon in the 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. timeframe. Contact Al or John if you plan to go. We'll check the reenactment schedule and may adjust our schedule accordingly.



Friends of the Club

We had an amazing month picking up another 60 plus readers and bringing our total readership to close to 500. Thanks to our recruiters as we added Hawaii, Oregon, Michigan, and South Carolina bringing our state count to **31**, leaving us **19** to go. Welcome to all our new readers and thanks to the folks who recruited them. To all our readers, please help us reach our goal of filling in the map. Here are the remaining 19 states: Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin.

No new countries this past month, but we are excited to be in 7 countries so far. Who knows, maybe more next month!



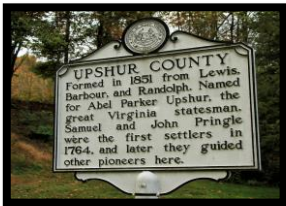
Workshop Information

Jim Clark Photography Seminar and Field Workshop: Don't miss out on this great photography learning experience. You don't get the opportunity to learn from one of the finest in the industry very often. The seminar is filling up with 15 of 30 slots taken with another 5 indicating strong interest and the workshop is at 8 of 15 with 2 more indicating strong interest. Here are the details again:

Our club is proud to offer two unique and separate photography educational opportunities to be led by Jim Clark, an acclaimed, internationally known photographer and teacher. The event will take place at the historic Adaland Mansion in Philippi, West Virginia.

- Event 1: A full-day photography seminar on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Class size: 30 students
 - Scope: This one-day classroom seminar will provide participants with tips and techniques for capturing nature images that exemplify a sense of place. The workshop establishes a foundation for understanding the basic techniques of nature photography; importance of developing a personal style; and use of compositional guidelines. Topics include basic guidelines for nature photography including wildlife, wildflowers, landscapes, and macro/abstracts. Methods of instruction include classroom lectures, interactive discussions, program presentations, and question and answer sessions.
 - Cost: \$90 - Includes: Full seminar attendance, breakfast snack on arrival, lunch and drinks during the day.
 - Optional activity: Dinner with Jim followed by an opportunity to have hands-on assistance while taking photographs on the mansion grounds. Dinner \$20.
- Event 2: A full-day photography field workshop on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Class size: 15 students
 - In the morning, participants will travel to two or three locations in the area for nature field sessions and one-on-one instruction with Jim. Students will return to the mansion for lunch. Following lunch, students will photograph the exterior/grounds of the mansion with hands-on help by Jim. Participants can take interior photos as they wish. The day will conclude with a photo critique session by Jim
 - . Cost: \$90 - Includes: Instruction by Jim, breakfast, which will be a bagged breakfast provided on location after the first morning's shoot, lunch at Adaland and free access to the mansion and grounds.

Register by emailing Al Tucker at alanandliva@aol.com or calling John Simons at 304-472-0528. Make payment by mailing a check to Al Tucker, 98 W. Lincoln Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201.



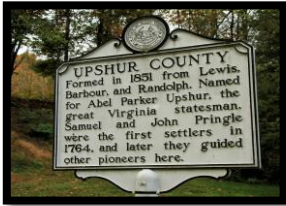
WV150 Contributor of the Month

We are glad to resume our regular monthly feature of showcasing one of our WV150 book contributors, and are proud to introduce you to Mark Poore and his photographic artistry. Mark was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area and grew up racing bicycles which took him to several National Championships, although he confesses that he never placed higher than 11 place. Eleventh nationally sounds pretty good to us.



Mark started skiing in high school, but biking and skiing were put on hold when he received his draft notice a year after graduation. He subsequently enlisted in the Navy and spent four years in the Navy which included a tour in Viet Nam. (Mark, from all of us, thank you for your service). After his enlistment was up, he returned to the Washington area to figure out what he wanted to do with his life. The search took him to Snowshoe, West Virginia, which at the time was in its fourth year of operation and where he became a ski instructor. Within a few years, Mark had become the Technical Director, Ski School Director and then Racing Director. At that time, he found himself in front of the camera skiing for photographers that were hired by the mountain for brochure and ad layouts.



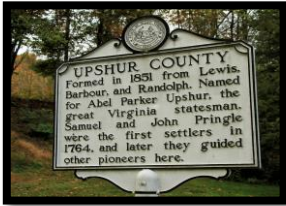


Meet Mark Poore Continued



Mark's interest in photography was sparked by the professional photographers and their cameras. He started picking their brains by asking them lots of questions. Along the way, he purchased a Minolta SRT 102 SLR and started shooting skiers and family members. To help himself grow, he attended several photography seminars as well as reading every book in the local libraries on the subject of photography.



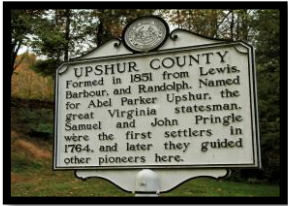


Meet Mark Poore Continued



By the late 1980's, Mark decided to start his own part-time business in photography with the main emphasis on postcards of skiers, mountain bikers and some scenic photography as well. Having upgraded to two Minolta X700 bodies and a variety of lenses, he started shooting weddings as well. In the late 1990's, he put down his camera for a variety of reasons.

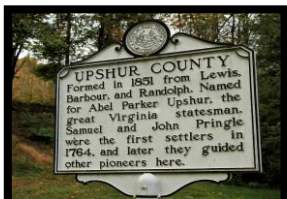




Meet Mark Poore Continued

In 2007, Mark decided it was time to get back into photography, mainly because of the advancement of digital cameras and the internet. Nowadays, you will find Mark around the state shooting his main interest, action photography. But, he fills in the gaps with landscape and portrait wedding photography. Thank you Mark for sharing your amazing photography with us. Great choice on your life's direction.





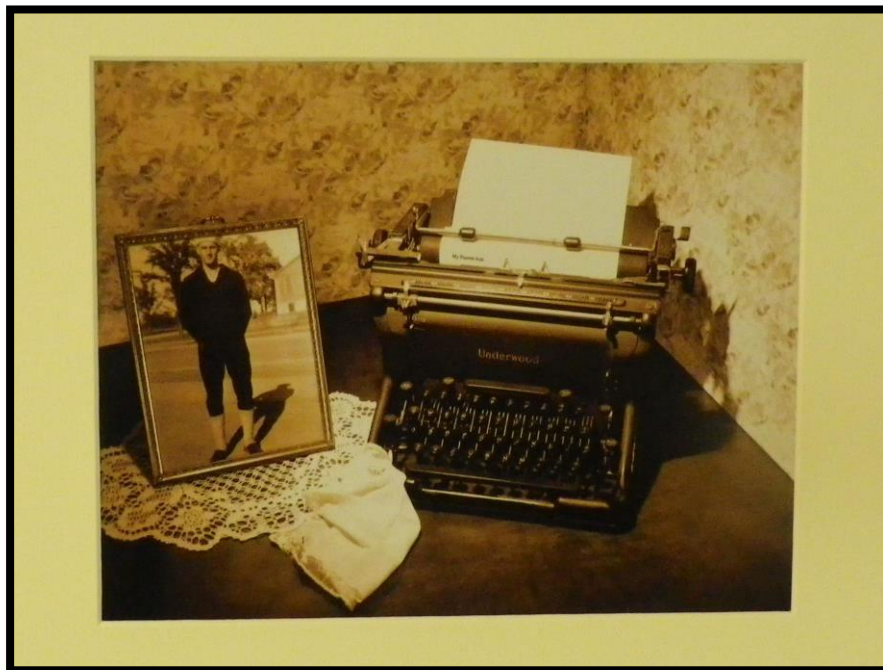
2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest Ribbon Winners

We were very pleased with a wonderful collection of quality photographs that were submitted this year. In the words of our judges Tina Bulka and Allan Jones, "It was a lot harder to pick the winners than we expected." Over the next several pages, we present the photos they chose.

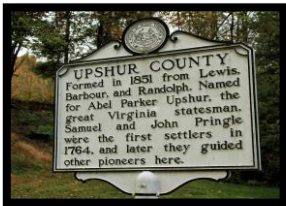


The Bill and Martyr Kelley Best in Show – *We Need More Sticks!* – Alan Tucker

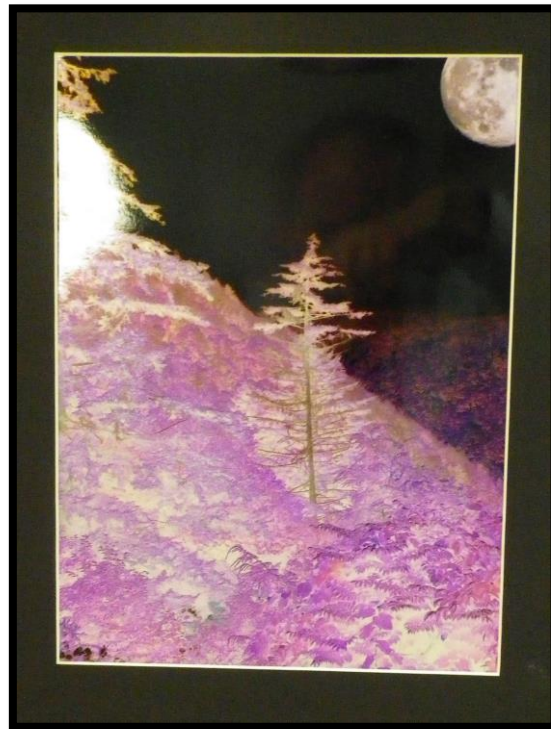
FYI: The following photos will be a little distorted as they are shots of the photos that were on display at the exhibit. There are some lighting distortions and some orientation issues.



1st Monochrome – *My Dearest John* – Linda Treadway



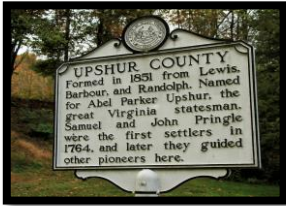
2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest Ribbon Winners Continued



1st Creative Expressions - *Purple Night* - John Simons



1st Things or Places - *Reflections of Old Glory* - Sandra Miller



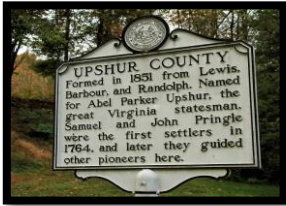
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1st Wild and Wonderful - *Intense Clouds* - Michael Kirk



1st Nature - *Cleared for Landing* - Alan Tucker



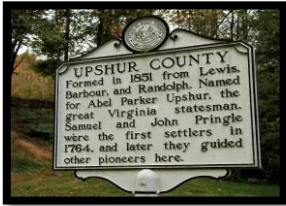
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1st People - Anne (in Flames) - Michael Kirk



Youth 1st People & the Strawberry Festival Teen Queen's Choice - Moto X - Austin Schimmel



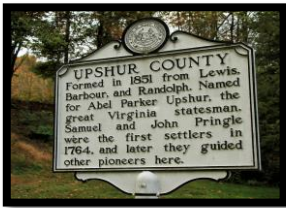
2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest Ribbon Winners Continued



Youth 1st Things or Places - *An"tessa"pation* - Heather Bragg



People's Choice & the Strawberry Festival President's Choice - *Bird's in Winter* - Joey Herron



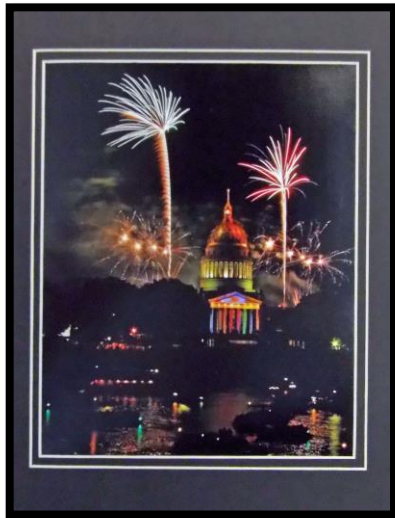
2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest Ribbon Winners Continued



2nd Creative Expressions - *Heads Up* - Connie Taylor



3rd Creative Expressions - *Milky Way over Grand Tetons* - Samuel Taylor



2nd Things or Places - *Sesquicentennial* - John Simons



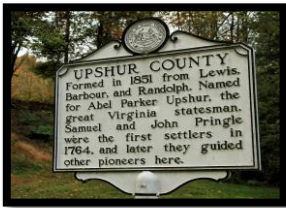
3rd Things or Places - *Ohio River Valley* - Mark Buchannan



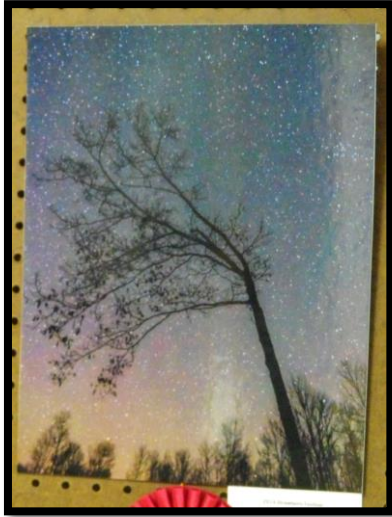
2nd Nature - *Creeper and Hummer* - Joey Herron



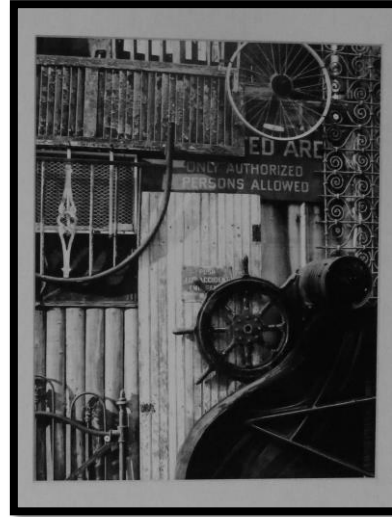
3rd Nature - *Horseshoe Bend* - Samuel Taylor



2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest Ribbon Winners Continued



2nd Wild & Wonderful - Tree Silhouette - Samuel Taylor



3rd Monochrome - Only Authorized Persons Allowed - Julie Conley



2nd Monochrome - Jackson's Mill in Winter - Alan Tucker



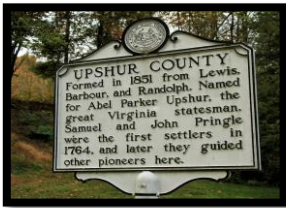
3rd Wild & Wonderful - Almost Heaven - Charles Cropp



Strawberry Festival Queen's Choice - Big Ears - Connie Tenney



Strawberry Festival King's Choice - Recycled - Dick Hepler



2014 Strawberry Festival Photo Contest Ribbon Winners Continued



2nd People - *Time to Head Home* - Samuel Taylor



Youth 3rd People - *Papaw* - Emily Simons



Youth 2nd People - *Heart Breaker* - Ashley Hack



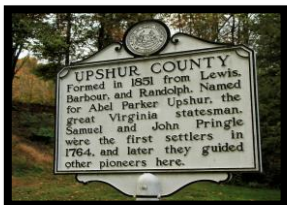
3rd People - *Dakota Swinging* - Samuel Taylor



Youth 2nd Thing & Places - *Over Buckhannon River* - Josh Marks



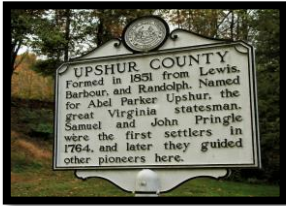
Youth 3rd Things or Places - *Eye Have a Chance* - Heather Bragg



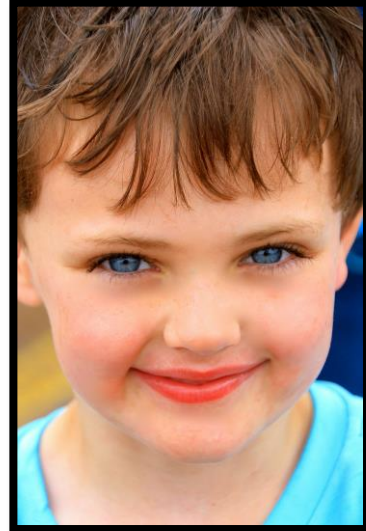
Strawberry Festival Horse and Carriage Parade

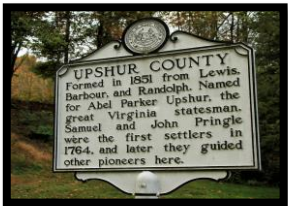
On May 10, Tina Bulka, Carol Meese, Laura Meese, John Mundy, John Simons, Libby Randall, Bonne Riffle, and Melissa Toothman had fun shooting the Strawberry Festival's Horse and Carriage Parade. It was a damp day, what we call typical Strawberry Festival weather, but we had fun and we hope you enjoy the photos. Come visit us next year for the best festival in the state. We get visitors from across the country.





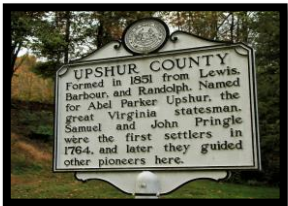
Strawberry Festival Horse and Carriage Parade





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See you next month - please send your patriotic photos in. Have a great month!