

Introduction: Welcome to a special edition of the Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club Newsletter which showcases a wonderful photography workshop held at Holly River State Park in Webster Springs, West Virginia on April 25-27, 2014. The event achieved a goal of our club to bring professional workshops to our surrounding area so that our and other regional club members can attend these great learning and photo taking opportunities. Our goal is to have one to two workshops per year. See our website or Facebook page for an exciting seminar and workshop to be led by Jim Clark that will take place on September 6 and 7 at the historic Adaland Mansion near Philippi.

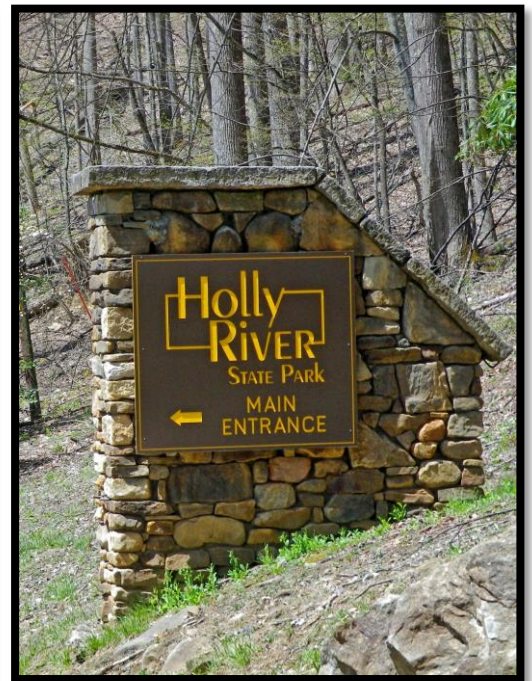
Ron Gaskins and Amanda Haddox of Mountaineer Photo Excursions, who led the workshop, staged a fun, learning weekend at one of West Virginia's beautiful State Parks, which is nestled in the central part of the state. The consensus of the participants is that Ron and Amanda, or as they are affectionately known, Smiley and Sugar, did a great job, and we highly recommend them. Check out their website for future workshops at interesting locations, you can't go wrong. Several participants have been to other workshops led by Ron and Amanda, which affirms their work. Throughout the newsletter, the name of the photographer who took the shot is listed below the photograph. Enjoy!



Ron Gaskins



Laura Nelle Mallett



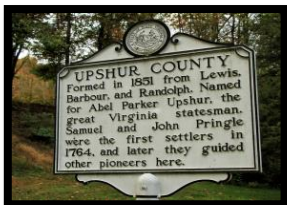
Alan Tucker



Laura Nelle Mallett



John Simons



Friday Evening, April 25

Following an excellent dinner prepared by Debby Schoolcraft and her staff in the park restaurant, Ron kicked off the workshop in the Activities Building. Ken McClintic, Park Superintendent, gave us a warm welcome and explained all the park had to offer. From there, we went to Mollohan's Mill on the left fork of the Holly River near the community of Replete. We were fortunate in that the mill owner, Beth Mollohan, invited us across the river and gave us permission to go inside the mill, which several participants did. A night time shoot was planned at the Balli Farm, but due to the overcast skies, we went back to the Activities Building for a Q&A session.



Superintendent's Welcome – Amanda Haddox



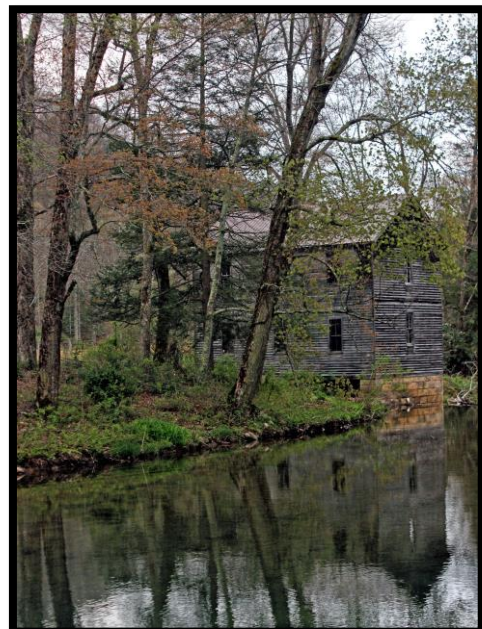
Ron's Intro - John Simons



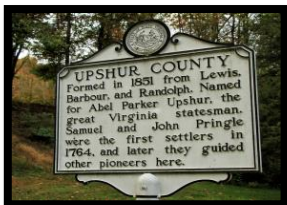
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James Huber



Mollohan's Mill Background

Constructed in 1894 by Bernard Mollohan on the banks of the Holly River, Mollohan's Mill operated from then until 1951 when a major flood destroyed its dam and washed away one of its water wheels. The mill was restored by the Mollohan family beginning in the 1980's. Beth Mollohan, Bernard's great granddaughter, who resides nearby, owns the mill.

The mill is unusual in that the water wheel is horizontal to the water rather than vertical. It is one of the only remaining turbine driven grist mills in the United States, and is complete with the original mill dam. The mill is featured as one of the main attractions along the Mountain Parkway Byway and Backway in the northern part of Webster County. The mill is a National Historic Site, and was listed in the National Register Information System on September 2, 1982. The Mollohan Mill was the first historic site to be listed in Webster County. (Sources: Northern Webster County Improvement Council website and Webster County Tourism website)

The mill is about a twenty minute ride from the park. We travelled out to Route 20 and travelled south a few miles where we turned right on the Replete Road. Once we reached the "Hanging Rocks" we turned left on Poling Road and travelled along the Holly River for about six miles until we came upon the mill. The shoot was an excellent start to a fun weekend.



Dave Orndorff



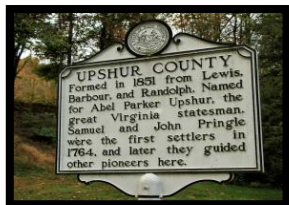
Rod Matheny



Mill Interior - Tony Maro



The Homestead -Dave Orndorff



Day 2 - Morning

Some participants stayed in the park cabins, a few drove in from their homes in the local area, and Ron and Amanda and a few others (Al, Dennis, John and Tim) stayed at the "Balli Farm" farmhouse, which can be rented by the week or the weekend by calling Rose Ann Cowger at 304-493-6561. For those staying at the farm, they awoke to a beautiful morning.

Al, Dennis and Tim, rustled out before sunrise and had a terrific early morning shoot. It was during those early dark hours that the infamous disappearing camera escapade began. Here's a couple of shots from that early morning shoot. Following the shoot, the early risers were greeted by hot coffee compliments of "Sugar."



Alan Tucker

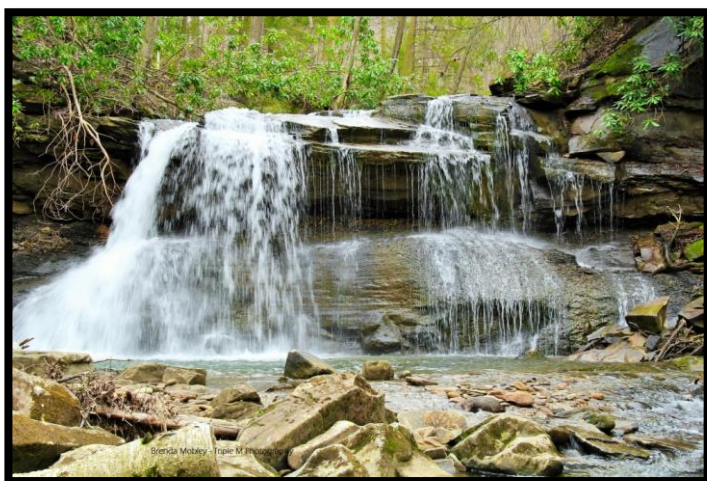


Tim Rock

The official day started with a scrumptious breakfast at the park restaurant. Debby and her staff are to be complimented on their great service and tasty food. They were very kind to open early for us. BTW, did anyone notice how much John packed away? How does he stay so slim? Stuffed to the gills, we headed off to one of the park's most scenic places, the Upper Falls. It is fortunate that we were there in 2014, because in 2013 at this same timeframe, the falls and most of the park showed the devastating effects from the Derechio and Hurricane Sandy snow of the previous year. Ken and his team are to be commended for how well they have cleaned up the park from those destructive storms.

At the parking lot, participants separated into two teams - Smiley and Sugar. One team went to the falls and the other to Shupe's Chute. The journey to both were fun as there were wildflowers (Large Flowering Trilliums, Purple Trilliums, various Anemones, Lousewort, Colts Foot, etc.), small cascades, and various other scenic photo opportunities to photograph. The first group going down to Upper Falls were lucky to have a couple fishermen there to add interest to their shots.

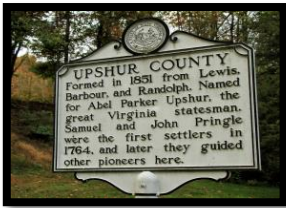
Following the morning shoot, we went back to the lodge area where people were on their own for lunch.



Linda Perrine



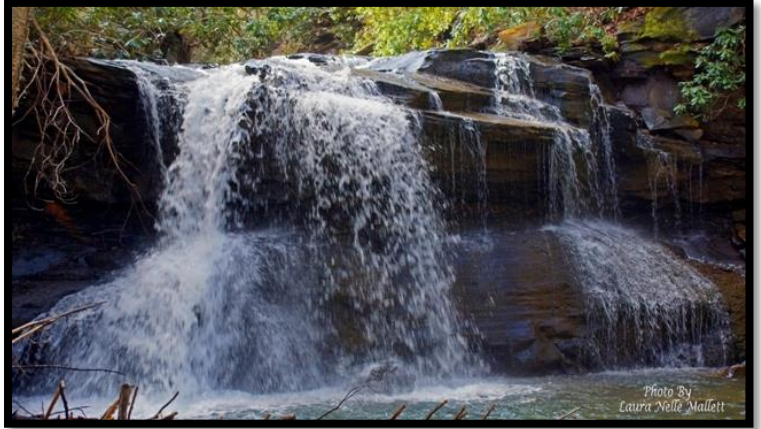
Janet Hutnik



Day 2 - Morning Continued - Upper Falls



Tony Maro



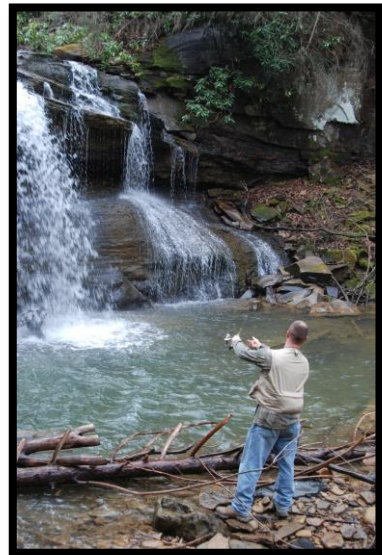
Laura Nelle Mallett



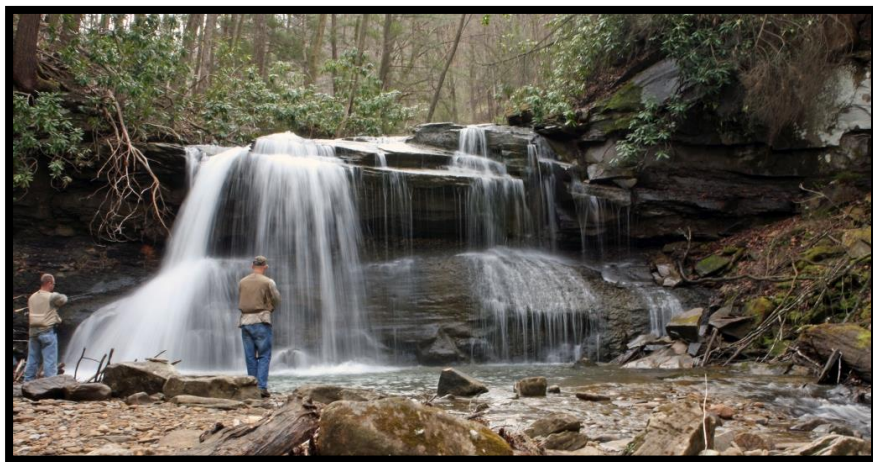
Brenda Mobley



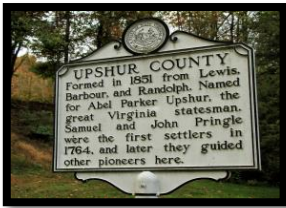
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Day 2 – Morning Continued - Wildflowers



Large Flowered Trillium – Cookie Green



Coltsfoot – Dennis Govoni



Large Flowered Trilliums – John Simons



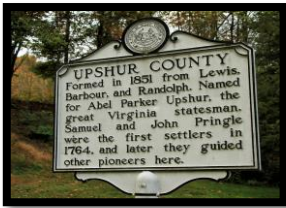
Halberd-Leaved Violets – Kelley Logsdon



Large Flowered Trillium – Nancy Marks



Bluets – Alan Tucker



Day 2 – Morning Continued – Shupe’s Chute Area



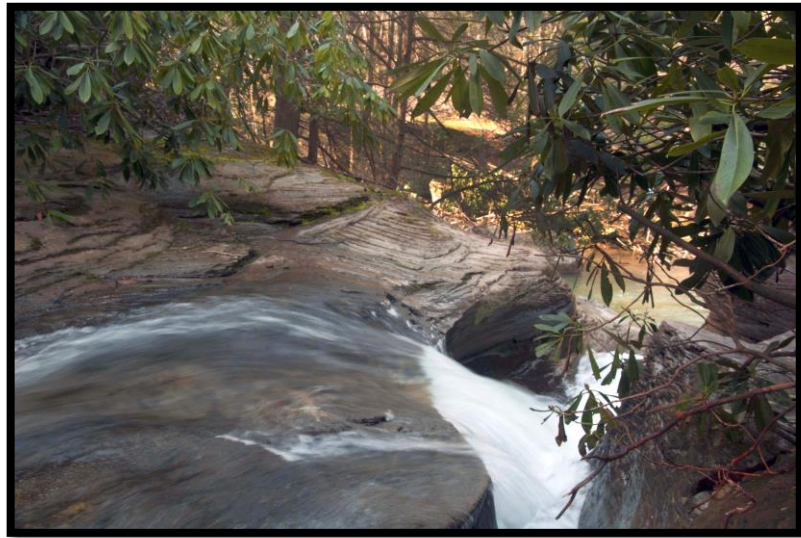
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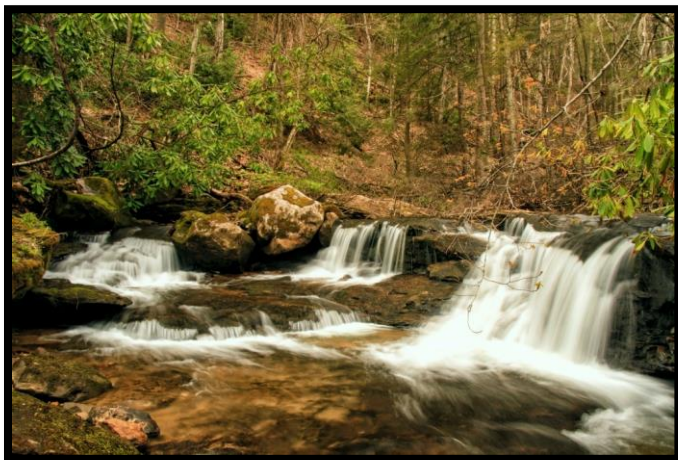
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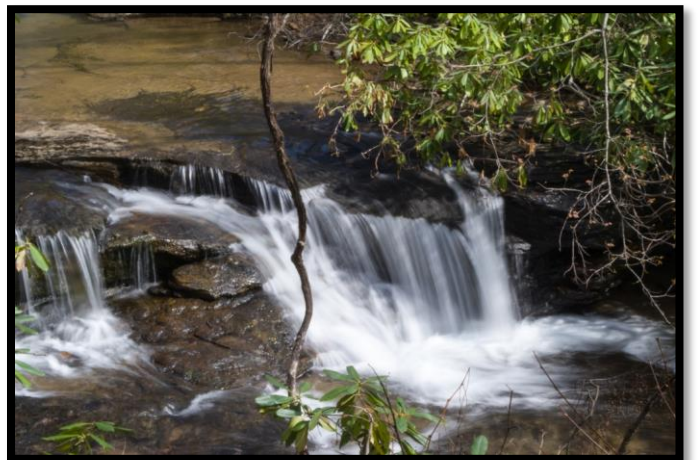
Mary Orndorff



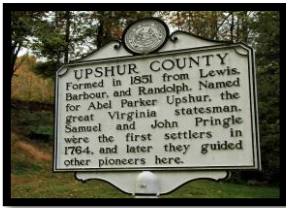
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Rod Matheny



Day 2 Afternoon – Helvetia Trip – Pickens & Helvetia



Kelley Logsdon



Bonne Riffle



John Simons



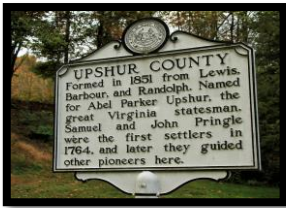
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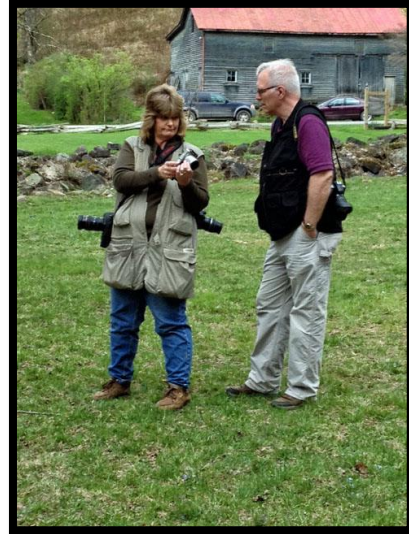
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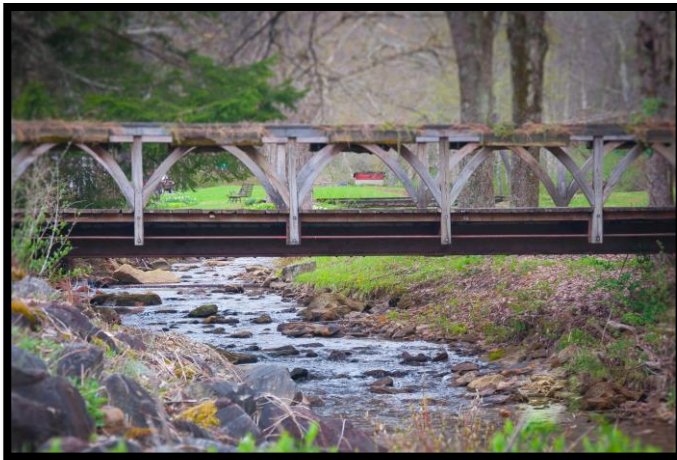
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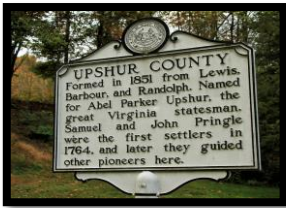
Kathy Barnhart



Ron Gaskins



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Day 2 Afternoon - Helvetia Trip Continued - Zion Presbyterian Church & Cemetery



Amanda Haddox



Nancy Marks



Mary Orndorff



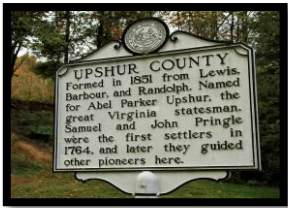
Carrie Mills

Zion Presbyterian Church

Helvetia residents dedicated the German Reformed Church on November 12, 1882. Services were held in German for many years, but during World War II, it became impossible to find ministers who spoke both German and English. The Presbyterian Church began to provide pastors to the congregation, and in 1947, members voted to become part of the Presbyterian Church. The church remains a vital part of the community. (Source: The West Virginia Encyclopedia)



James Huber
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Day 2 Afternoon - Helvetia Trip Continued - Around Town



Linda Perrine



Janet Smarr



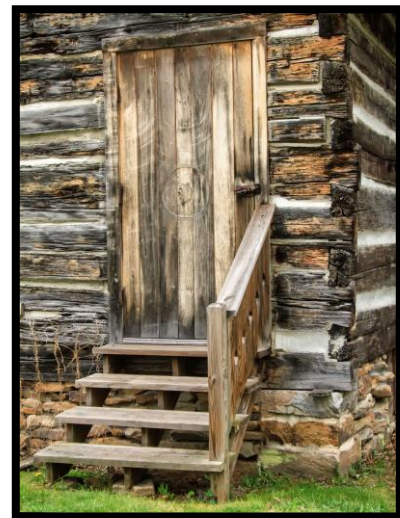
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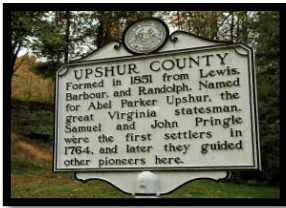
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Day 2 Afternoon - Helvetia Trip Continued - The Hutte Restaurant

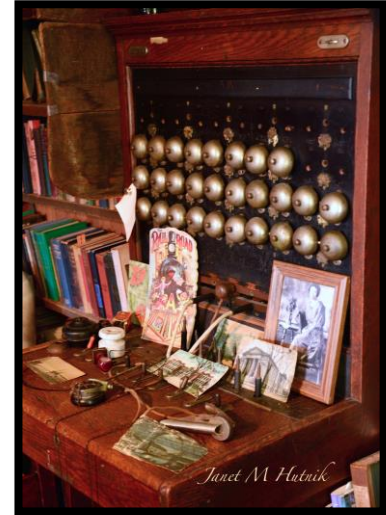
The Hutte Restaurant, which is heated by a wood stove, is filled with Swiss and American antiques, but the best part is the food. Known for its original recipes brought from Switzerland over a century ago. Menu items include a rosti, sauerbraten, chicken, homemade bread and onion pie.



Janet Hutnik



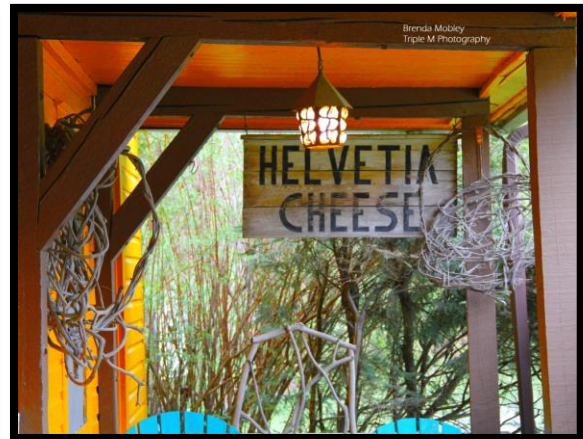
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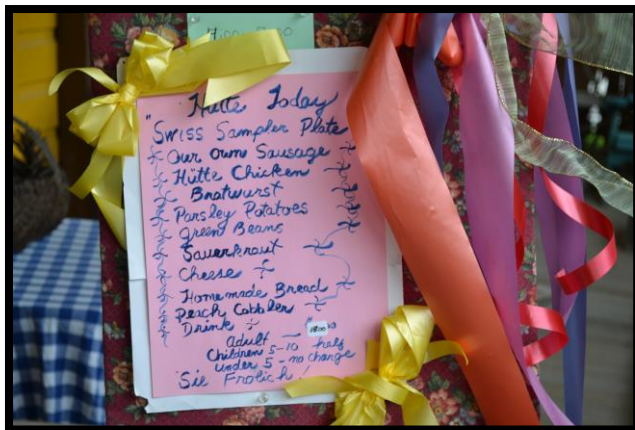
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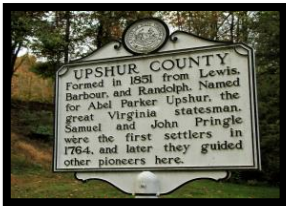
Brenda Mobley



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Day 2 Afternoon - Helvetia Trip Continued - The Hutte Restaurant Diners & Local Flowers



Dana, Cookie, Janet, & Kelley



Tim, James, Al, John, Rod, Brenda & Dennis



Tony & Family, Kathy, Linda, Amanda, Ron & Laura



Carrie, Nancy & Bonne

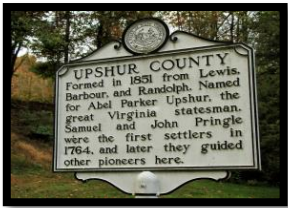


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Nancy Mills



Linda Perrine



Day 2 Evening – Post Dinner Shots



Kelley Logsdon



Janet Smarr



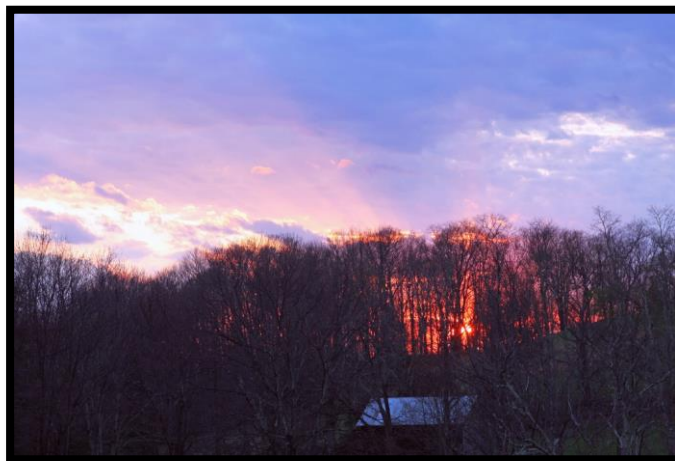
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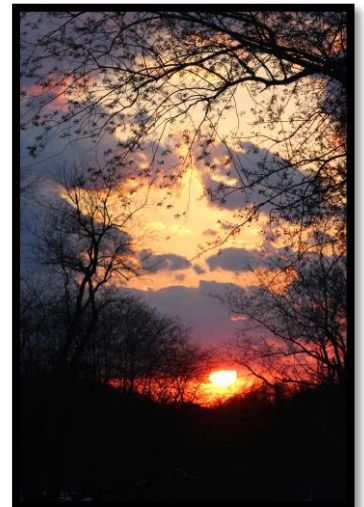
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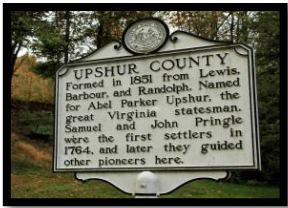
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Day 3 Morning – Balli Farm – A Sunrise Shoot

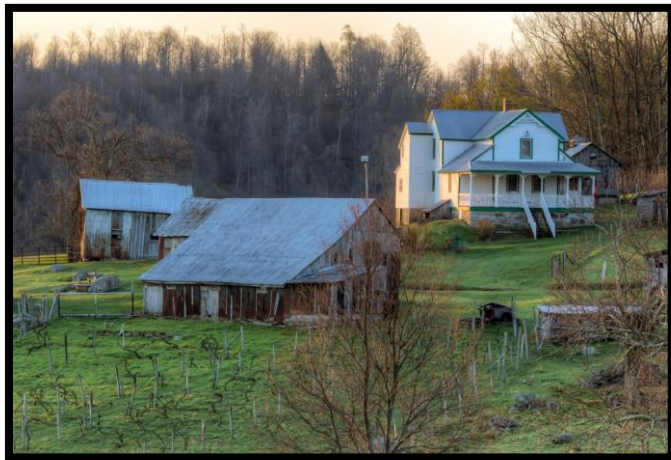
Al, Dennis, John and Tim arose to take advantage of the early morning light.



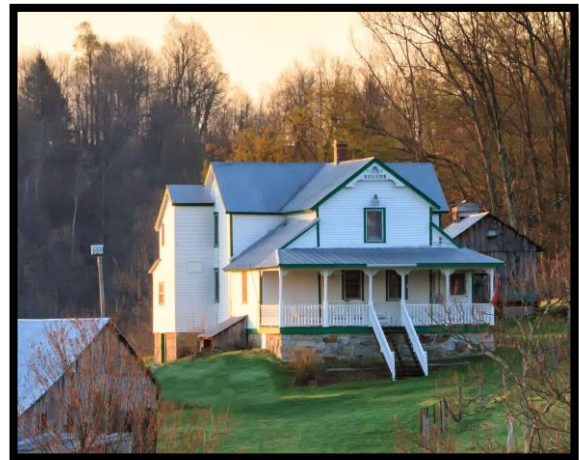
Dennis Govoni



Alan Tucker



Dennis Govoni



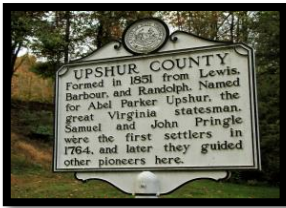
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John Simons



John Simons



Day 3 Morning - Balli Farm - Final Shoot

After another tasty, filling breakfast at the park restaurant, we headed up to the Balli Farm for a final shoot. The old car (power unit), lone dead tree against the rock pile, fellow photographers, the farmhouse, out buildings, and old tools and equipment were all popular subjects.



Carrie Mills



John Simons



Nancy Marks



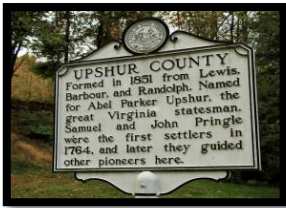
Tony Maro



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Day 3 Morning - Balli Farm - Final Shoot



Tony Maro



Rod Matheny



Janet Hutnik



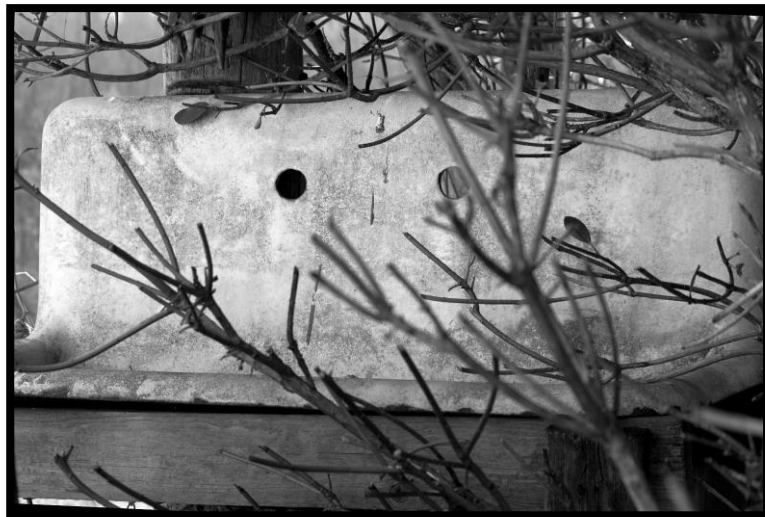
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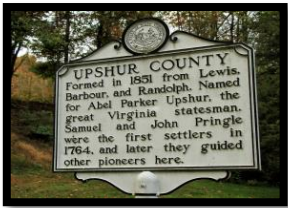
Kathy Barnhart



Cookie Green



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Day 3 Morning – Balli Farm – Final Shoot



Tim Rock



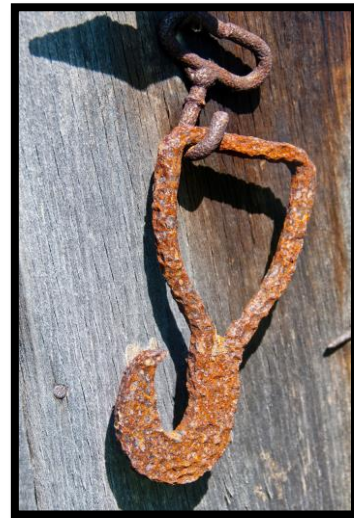
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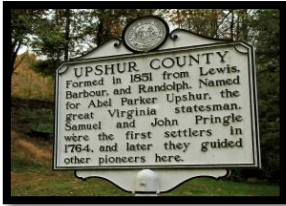
Dave Orndorff



Cookie Green



Janet Smarr



The Workshop Participants



Mary & Dave Orndorff by Nancy Marks



Janet Smarr by Amanda Haddox



Dennis Govoni by Tim Rock



Brenda Mobley by John Simons



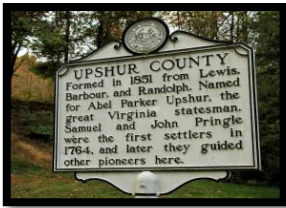
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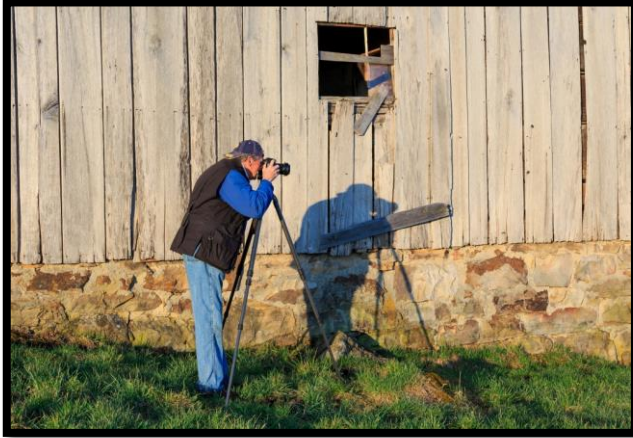
John Simons by Ron Gaskins



Nancy Marks, Kathy Barnhart, & Carrie Mills by Alan Tucker



The Workshop Participants Continued



Al Tucker by Dennis Govoni



Kelley Logsdon by Dana Gray



Bonne Riffle & Linda Perrine by Ron Gaskins



Laura Nelle Mallett & Ron by Amanda Haddox



Cookie Green by Janet Hutnik



Rod Matheny by Janet Hutnik



Tony Maro, Janet Hutnik & Tim Rock by Amanda Haddox