

BUCC Meeting for September 22, 2011

John Simons called the meeting to order and introduced Alan Tucker who gave out hand-outs for the Blennerhassett Island trip to be held October 9. Members are to meet at the Senior Center in Buckhannon for a departure time of 9:00 a.m. The club has made a reservation for lunch at the Blennerhassett Hotel restaurant at 11:00 a.m. and will leave from there to travel to Belpre, Ohio to board the next sternwheeler to Blennerhassett island, there are hourly departure times available. In order to finalize the reservation and be sure there will be seating available for the group we need to hear from everyone going by October 6, 2011. Call John Simons at 304-472-0528 and leave your name, phone number and how many will be attending with you.

Mary Orndorff reported on the Program Committee's meeting preparing for the Christmas Party. The party will be held December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at C. J. Maggie's restaurant in their room upstairs. The "gift exchange" will be each member's favorite/best 5x7 photo matted to an 8x10 size, wrapped in gift paper. The reservations will need to be confirmed so members need to let us know by the November meeting. The club voted Melissa Toothman and Sarah Howard \$30 to spend for the favors and decorations for the party.

John asked for member's input on future trips the club may plan for the winter months. Melissa Toothman suggested a trip to the National Aviary in Pittsburgh. John Mundy and John Simons mentioned the Pittsburgh dinner cruise trip that the Taylor County group planned. Also mentioned were Phipps Conservatory, Oglesby, for the light show and a trip to Blackwater Falls.

John reminded members of the birds of Prey Photography Workshop Saturday October 8, 2011 presented by Positive Image Photography's Steven Wayne Rotsch and the three Rivers Avian Center. Full details of the workshop, registration forms, etc. can be found on the website: www.stevenrotsch.com.

Alan Tucker presented the first of a new segment of our monthly meetings, a view and critique. Members prepare a slide show of some of their best shots to share and ask the members to constructively critique. It is hoped this will become a monthly feature of the meetings. Al presented several photos produced on different cameras and at various times. Several members had helpful ideas about things that Al may have done to improve the photo.

Sarah Howard presented a program on how to use Adobe Camera RAW to make changes to photographs before importing them into the main program of Photoshop. This is a powerful place to manipulate the RAW data of your photos. She provided the group with a hand-out sheet containing definitions, some short-cuts and websites that members may go to for further information. She encouraged members to go in and try the program.

Several items were on sale on the photography equipment sale table. We will be continuing with the sale table at the next meeting so please bring your treasures to share with others. Put your name and a price on the item and place it on the table at the beginning of the meeting. Items that do not sell will be returned to the member.

The POTM this month was won by Mary Orndorff for her photo of "m" for the category "A letter that isn't a letter". Next month's category is "Weather". Please brave the weather and get some good shots to bring in for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held October 27, 2011, in the Blue Room at the Senior Center at 7:00pm. Don't forget the equipment sale at the beginning of the meeting and your POTM. Laura Meese will present a program on taking portraits. If you have anything in particular that you would like Laura to include send the question to John Simons at wv625@hotmail.com and he will forward it to Laura.

The BUCC members present were: David L. Orndorff, Mary Orndorff, Frank Eskew, John Simons, John Mundy, Amanda Hayes, Milenda Lantz, Laura Meese, Carol Meese, Alan Tucker, Sarah Howard and Melissa Toothman.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Orndorff, Secretary.