

Summer Event

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH
BLUEFIELD/BRAMWELL, WV



The 2nd annual PPWV Summer event will be a fun filled day of education, camaraderie, and best of all- lots of fun photographing!

Event Chairman Steve Coleman has planned a full day for everyone. Heres the deal...

PPWV members and friends will come together in the historic city of Bluefield WV with cameras in hand and lots of creativity to share! We'll be photographing interesting people, buildings and businesses -whatever catches your eye. We're going to take the best of the images and produce a book to present to the library and the local CVB.

We hope to continue events like this in towns all over west Virginia to increase awareness of the PPWV and the art of professional photography.

Historic Bluefield

The history of Bluefield begins in the 18th century, when two families settled in a rugged and remote part of what is now southern West Virginia,

The Davidson and Bailey family had to sell a portion of their land when in 1882, Captain John Fields, of the Norfolk and Western Railway pioneered the area and began building a new railroad through the hills of Bluefield.

Beneath Davidsons and Baileys properties lay the largest and richest deposit of bituminous coal in the world - the soft burning coal that fueled the industrial machines of the developing world.

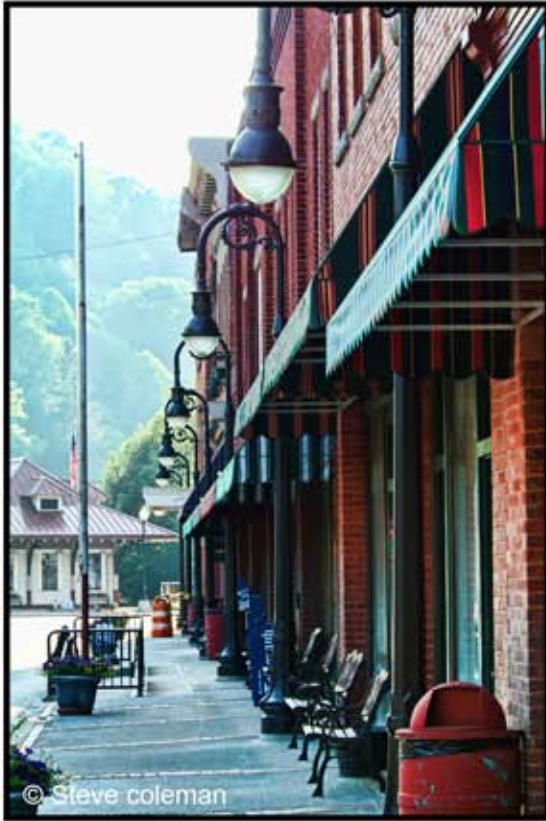
The coal boom brought a flood of money into the area, as well as nearby Bramwell,

Incorporated in 1888, Bramwell proclaimed itself as the "Millionaires' Town" because more millionaires, per capita, lived there than any other town in the nation.

(The city also had more automobiles, per capita, than any other city in the country at the time)

Bluefield became one of the first cities in the world to have an urban skyline - with high rises that were comparable to New York and Chicago in their day.





Historic Bramwell

Settled in the 1800s, the town of Bramwell, West Virginia is located eight miles north of Bluefield, West Virginia, adjacent to Route 52.

The Town's namesake, J.H. Bramwell who arrived in Bramwell in 1883 was a New York civil engineer. As first post-master of a post office in need of a legal label, he said, "Every little baby has a name, and this little town must have the same. I therefore name it Bramwell."

In 1873 the extensive West Virginia coal fields started in Bramwell and extended over forty miles. Bramwell's wealth was supported by the Pocahontas coalfields, which employed 100,000 miners. At one time, the Norfolk & Western railroad had 14 trains a day stopping in Bramwell.

The Historic Bank of Bramwell was the financial center of southern West Virginia. It was thought to be the wealthiest bank per capita in the country.

Bramwell is best known for having the largest number of millionaires per capita of any town in America in the late 1800s. Bramwell once had as many as thirteen millionaires living there at one time in the early 20th century. The magnificent homes that remain there today testify to this wealth .

Details of the event

There will be a reception at the HISTORIC BANK LOBBY in Bluefield on Saturday night from 7-9pm (located at 401 Federal St. Bluefield, WV 24701 www.historicbanklobby.com) with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The day starts early Sunday at 8am. Our base of operations will be the Quality Hotel and Conference Center in Bluefield. we'll start with a **mandatory informational meeting** with complimentary coffee & danish.

We are also asking our members wear their PPWV tee shirts, polo's and hats from the convention. If you didn't purchase one, we will have some available at the event for only \$10.00. We want the people of Bluefield and Bramwell to be able to identify us as we photograph them all day.

After the meeting, you will be set loose on the city, breaking up into groups, or wandering off on your own, looking for the perfect shot! The city will be publicizing the event in advance, so the people will know why we are there.

The cost to participate in the Summer Photo Event is \$25.00 per person for PPWV members and their spouses, and \$35.00 for non PPWV members/guests. This fee will be applied to membership dues if guests join the association at the event.

The fee also includes coffee & danish at the meeting and a buffet lunch at the East River Arts Center at noon. We'll have our group photo taken at that time. After lunch, we board a trolley headed to the town of Bramwell where we'll be photographing the historic streets full of Victorian and Tudor mansions.

Lodging

The Quality hotel and Conference Center (the event base hotel) is holding 18 rooms for Saturday night at the special rate of \$79.

***Rooms must be booked by June 18th for this special rate!**

Because of the type of event, **Pre-Registration Is required.**

We have to provide a count for the reception, breakfast, lunch and transportation

The registration form is located on the next page.

The Quality Hotel and Conference Center
3350 Big Laurel Highway, RT. 460,
Bluefield, WV, US, 24701
Phone: (304) 325-6170 Fax: (304) 323-2451

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Registration Fees

(Includes reception on Saturday, coffee and danish at the morning meeting and lunch at the East River Arts Center)

Pre-registration by July 6th is required to participate

PPWV Member & member spouses.....\$25.00 per person
 Non Members/Guests.....\$35.00 per person
 (these will be applied towards dues if you join PPWV at the event)

# Attending	Fee	Total
_____ PPWV Member/Spouse	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____ Non Member/Guest	\$35.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

PPWV Members/Spouses Attending (Names)

Guests/Non Members Attending (Names)

Studio /Name _____

Address _____

City state Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Electronic registration:

<http://www.ppwv.org/upcoming-events/>

OR

Send registration form and payment by July 6th to:

Mary Ann Phillips
 PPWV Executive Offices
 1497 Eastern Avenue
 Morgantown, WV 26505
 304-599-3840

PAYMENT METHOD

_____ Check enclosed (Payable to PPWV)

_____ Charge my Credit Card

____ Visa _____ Mastercard
 (No other types accepted)

Name on card _____

card # _____

Exp. _____/_____

Important Stuff

- * Pre-registration by July 6th is required for participation.
- * Attendance at the informational meeting is mandatory for participation.
- * The meeting will be held at 8AM Sunday morning at the host hotel.
- * PPWV LOGO wear is encouraged.
- * Participants and guests are representing PPWV and will be expected to conduct themselves accordingly.
- * Only PPWV Member images will be eligible for inclusion in the commemorative book.
- * Participation in the event does not guarantee entry in the book. A panel of judges will select the images to be published. All judges decisions are final.