



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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President's Column

This is another in a series of columns about our members who are making an impact on their community.

As a young man, **John Murgo** was trained in photography and the arts, but found it a hard way to make a living. "Computers and AT&T were a better choice for a career," said John, who lives with his wife Mary in Oliver's Landing, Alexander County.

After many years in New England, John and Mary moved to the Catawba Valley 11 years ago. He would be working from home and needed easy access to Atlanta for his job and a golf course for his fun.



"We were looking for an active adult community," he said of Oliver's Landing. Now in retirement, John is back behind the camera as he combines photography and computers to create digital art.

John, who attended Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design, says he doesn't want to be called a photographer even though photos are the core of his art. He sees himself as a digital artist.

"I use photographs like an artist uses a sketch. I look for images that have potential and then use my photo editing programs," John said. The results are digitally enhanced photos that look like art and photos combined.

More than 30 examples of John Murgo's work are on display at Ole Still club house in Oliver's Landing. John and Mary hope members of Newcomers will go by and see his digitally enhanced photos. The clubhouse is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays-Sundays.

You also can see copies of his work at www.johnmurgojr/viewbug.com

Suggest other club members that I should profile by contacting me at dfwhit@gmail.com or 308-4282.

Dianne Straley
President



Happy Birthday to Our Members

October	November
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Please email Barb Beck at ahbbjb@aol.com if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

Toys for Tots-Charity of the Quarter

How exciting to have Toys for Tots as our **4th Quarter Charity!** This will be our opportunity to shop for toys for a child of any age. The toys should be new, unwrapped and can be of any size. The Marine Corps Reserve will furnish and maintain a toy collection bin which will remain at the Airport until just prior to Christmas. You may also contribute cash or checks which will be collected separately from the toy bin.

Check may be made to: MCL Det 1163—Toys for Tots Campaign. A special thanks to Kevin McCutcheon, our own retired Marine Officer who was so instrumental in making this happen.

Saying Goodbye

We lost a beloved Newcomer member on Sunday, Sept. 13, when Sandy Davis died at Catawba Regional Medical Center. Sandy had been hospitalized for more than a month with breathing and heart problems.

We will remember that sweet woman for her wit and cheerful spirit – and her winning ways at the canasta table. Sandy's daughter Beth Hyman and her grandson James have moved to Austin, Texas, to be closer to the rest of their family. We will share Beth's address when she is settled.

**Coffee & Conversation –
Sheri Binning**

Evening Socials

Game Nights– Shari Kidd

**Items of Interest–
Bob Jones**

**Historian –
Kathy Rozea**

**Hospitality –
Michele LeGrand, Carol
Sawicki**

**Lunch Out –
Maureen Jones**

**Mah Jongg- Dianne
Straley**

**Members Helping
Members –Betty
Schwartz, Kay Norusis**

**Men's Activities –
Vince LeGrand**

**Mexican Train –
Shari Kidd**

**Special Events –
Shari Kidd**

**Rummikub-Michele
LeGrand**

**Busy Hands-Collette
Wronek**

**Webmaster –
Adra Kryszczuk,
Michele LeGrand,
Kathy Rozea**

General Meeting/Welcome Coffee

10:30 am, Wednesday, October 14 at the Hollar Mill

Our scheduled October speaker has a business conflict and has had to cancel. The amazing Pam Wagoner quickly came up with a winner for a substitute program. We will meet for our monthly meeting at American Honors Ale House on the ground floor of Hollar Mill. After a very quick business meeting, we will hear from the brew master and tour the new brewery. Then you can stay and have lunch in the brewery's taproom!! Don't miss it!

Game Nights

We will have two game nights this month. **Game Night 1** will be held at **6 p.m. on the second Wednesday, October 14** at the Hickory Regional Airport and **Game Night 2** will meet at **6 p.m. on the fifth Thursday, October 29, at the same location**. Game Night 2 been moved to the 5th Thursday to avoid the two game nights being back to back. Participants can play any games of their choosing either evening.

Crosswinds Cafe will continue to cater a \$7 dinner each evening. Watch your email for announcements from Shari about what's for dinner and when to sign up for fun in October. Questions? Contact Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com

Coffee and Conversation

We will be heading to northern Caldwell County for some colored leaves and pretty scenes. We are going to **Buffalo Cove Mercantile Company and Cafe** in Buffalo Cove (the old Todd's Country Store). They have great pizza, burgers, sandwiches and, of course, coffee drinks. Also a nice creek running by the deck and a fire pit. It's going to be a nice trip. It's **Friday Oct. 30th at 12:30 pm**. For more information, contact Sheri Binning at ronald.binning@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg

What a fun game! We had three tables of players at our latest gathering, so you can see how much we love Mah Jongg. We play twice a week at **Pinecrest** senior living center, 915 29th Ave. NE, Hickory. Games are at **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays** and **10:30 a.m. Fridays**.



Parking is limited, and Pinecrest insists we park on the side of the building, not in front. To arrange a carpool or lessons, call Dianne Straley at **308-4282**.

Men's Activities (though not limited to men)

Join us on **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday, October 22 at 12:00 pm** for a shooting session at the Springs Road Gun Club. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**. If you are interested in the Newcomers Bowling League, also contact Vince.

Bridge

Monday, October 5th
Wednesday, October 7th
Monday, October 12th
Monday, October 19th
Wednesday, October 21



New members: please contact Gloria Berg (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about bridge or how to be put on the substitute list.

October Outings

If Fall is speaking to you, Newcomers has two fun events that will help you celebrate our beautiful state.

Haunted Bus Tour, Asheville, Saturday, Oct. 10. Professional pranksters will entertain us on a wacky tour of Asheville, which has had its share of mayhem and scandal over the years. Shari Kidd is organizing the outing. Wear something warm – or even your Halloween costume. Contact LaZoom tours to book your seat on the 7 p.m. tour. Seats are limited – tours regularly sell out - so sign up quickly to join our group. Go online at www.lazoomtours.com. Cost is \$21. The tour is only for those 17 and older, so leave the grand kids at home.

The crazy tour bus leaves the Thirsty Monk Pub, 92 Patton Ave., Asheville, at 7 p.m. Some of us will be at the pub beforehand for dinner!

(Last year about 25 of us took a comedy bus tour in Asheville with some of the same actors. It was a hoot!) Contact Shari Kidd if you have any questions at kidd915sl@gmail.com.

Native American Festival, Vale, Saturday, Oct. 17. Cherokee Indians in full regalia will drum and dance at a huge bonfire near the South Fork River at this 22nd annual celebration. We will gather at Willow Creek Inn to feast on authentic fare including Yellow Apache Corn and Leek Chowder, Cherokee Roasted Hens on open fire, Comanche Buffalo Shepherd Pie, locally grown rice with shrimp, sausage, chicken and beans baked in a saffron tomato broth, fire roasted new potatoes, apple Indian pudding. Beverages include free beer, wine, coffee and ice tea. Cost is \$40.

To enjoy the bonfire, bring your blankets or lawn chairs. You can even camp and have breakfast there on Sunday morning. For reservations, call (704) 276-1111. Suzie and Monty Matthews are organizing this event and ask that we meet at 5:15 p.m. in the parking lot of Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory, to carpool or caravan to Willow Creek. For more details, **call Suzie at 828 409-3314**. She wants to get a head count so we call sit together.

Social Event

We've rescheduled the **'60s Party** to **Saturday, Nov. 14**. Put it on your calendar and join us for music and food from the '60s when we all were a bit younger and friskier.

Here are the details:

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

Where: Market on Main, Table Room, 335 Main Ave. SW, near the downtown Hickory post office

What: Karaoke music by club member and musician extraordinaire Greg Conrad. There'll be dancing - if you choose.

What to wear: casual or anything that reminds you of the '50s and '60s.

Menu: '60s malt shop fare - Club sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, coleslaw, fresh fruit, Coke Floats, ice tea and coffee. Cash bar.

Cost: \$15 which includes tax and tip.

Reserve: Dianne Straley dfwhit@gmail.com or 308-4282.

Bowling League

If you are interested in having fun and getting a little exercise, this is the perfect activity for you.

- We bowl at Colonial Lanes in Hickory which is directly across from the Hickory Mall on Route 70. For more information their website is: <http://amf.com/coloniallanes>
- We bowl 3 games each session and the cost is \$8.00.
- We start bowling at 7:00 pm every other Thursday. Lanes are open for practice at 6:50 pm.
- If you need to rent shoes, the price is \$4.00
- We don't have teams...every bowler is his/her own team. I assign lanes once I know who is bowling for a given session. I try to mix things up from session to session.
- The focus is on camaraderie and getting some exercise, not competition. We have bowlers of all skill levels.
- There are quite a few Newcomer bowlers who also bowl in weekly Senior Leagues.
- We are not a sanctioned league. We do not have to operate under USBC rules.

Our schedule for this year is 14 sessions:

October 8th
October 22nd
November 5th
November 19th
December 3rd
December 17th

January 14th
January 28th
February 11th
February 25th
March 10th
March 31st
April 14 th
April 28th

I hope many of you are interested in bowling. Please contact Vince at legravin@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. Hope to see you on the lanes!!

Busy Hands

Busy Hands is for anyone who likes to embroider, knit, tat, or do any work with your hands. Busy Hands will meet on the **first and third Fridays** of each month starting in **October**. In the past we have met at Habitat for Humanity, located near Five Guys Burger restaurant at the corner of route 70 and LR Blvd. We meet from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call me at 704-530-1767. I look forward to hearing from you soon or seeing you on **October 2**.

Collette Wronek sewalot38@hotmail.com

Daytime Canasta

Afternoon lunch and canasta will be held on **Thursday, October 22 at 11:30 am** at the Hickory Airport. Canasta, lunch, dessert and a beverage is \$10 & canasta with a dessert and a beverage is \$5. Don't know how to play. There is always a learning table if people indicate they need to brush up or learn the game. Plan to come for lunch and canasta in October. To join in the fun, contact **Martha Conrad** at marthaconrad@charter.net.

Rummikub



Rummikub is usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the evening at members' homes. Contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com for more information about Rummikub.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00pm



Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage, as well as \$2.00 for the Kitty. A drink of choice, tea, and water available. Please RSVP to Shari by noon on Monday, October 5. kidd915sl@gmail.com

Place: Shari & Bob Kidd's home, 5495 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory 828-328-4657

Lunch Out

The October luncheon will be in Morganton at **Judges Riverside** at 11:45 Thursday, 10/1. You can view their menu at: <http://www.judgesriverside.com/menu.htm> as well as get driving directions. Our group has been there before with great reviews.

RSVP no later than NOON Wednesday 9/30 to mfj1947@gmail.com.

Book Club

Nov. 18: The Girl With The Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

Set in 17th century Delft, Holland, this novel centers on Griet, the Protestant daughter of a Delft tile painter who has lost his sight in a kiln accident. In order to bring income to her struggling family, Griet becomes a maid for Jan Vermeer, his wife and their growing Catholic household. The Vermeer household, with its five children, grandmother and long-time servant, is ready to make Griet's working life difficult. Though her help is sorely needed, her beauty and innocence are both coveted and resented. Vermeer's wife Catharina, long banished from her husband's studio for her clumsiness and lack of genuine interest in art, is immediately wary of Griet, a visually talented girl who exhibits signs of artistic promise. Unbeknownst to the rest of the family, Griet becomes Vermeer's apprentice. Chevalier's account of the artistic process—from the grinding of paints to the inclusion and removal of background objects—lay at the core of the novel. Her inventive portrayal of this tumultuous time, when Protestantism began to dominate Catholicism and the growing bourgeoisie took the place of the Church as patrons of the arts, draws the reader into a lively time and place in history.

Plan to join us at **1:30** at the **Women's Resource Center** on November 18 to discuss our September selection. For information on book club, contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com or Betty Schwartz bettysch69@gmail.com.

Chico's Fashion Show

Calling all Newcomers! Please join us for a Day to Evening Fashion Show at Chico's Women's Clothing Store 3006 North Center Street, Hickory, NC from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Thursday, October 29, 2015. Light refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to Joyce Sykes at pltbob757@aol.com no later than Monday, October 26th.

Items of Interest

Information must be submitted by noon on Wednesday of each week. As always, I want to hear from you if you run across any interesting things. **If you aren't familiar with "Items of Interest", go to our web site for guidelines for submission rules. The web site is: newcomersofcv.com.** Click on "**Resources**", & then on "**Items of Interest**". **Please feel free to browse our website, and see what we have to offer!!** If you select our "**Sponsors**" page, you will see those businesses that offer us support. You can then access their web sites by clicking on their individual icon. **If you respond to any of these business ads, PLEASE mention that you saw their ad on our website.** This is how we get advertisers to continue to support us for the future. Thanks, Bob Jones itsmerbj@charter.net

Members Helping Members

The focus of this support group within Newcomers is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who might need help due to illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, etc. Types of assistance could include hospital and home visits; help with errands and grocery shopping; transportation for shopping and doctor visits; providing books and/or reading to someone; preparing meals; sending cards, etc. The committee currently includes Kay Norusis and Betty Schwartz. For more information, contact Betty at betty60@gmail.com.