

June 3, 2021

Dear Friends:

With beautiful summer having arrived, I want to personally invite you to this season's exhibit at the **West Virginia Railroad Museum at 2 Railroad Avenue in Elkins**. During June, the museum is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please refer to the attached flyer for all the details.

Entitled **2020 VISIONS: 100 YEARS OF WEST VIRGINIA RAILROADING**, I am pleased to have 27 of my 20" x 30" framed enlargements, taken over the last 30-plus years in West Virginia and the surrounding region, on display (additionally, they are all for sale, and all sales benefit the museum). My work is accompanied by a fascinating mix of older photos, maps, and informative and well-done interpretive panels designed last year by Laura Frick, the 2020 AmeriCorps Service Member at the museum.

I also want to tell you about two special dates: on **Thursday, June 17, at 7:00 PM I will offer a presentation at the Oakland B&O Museum at 17 East Liberty Street in Oakland, MD** (about 90 minutes from Elkins). I will project, and speak about, some of my images from the famed former B&O "West End" between Cumberland, MD, and Grafton, WV, territory which I have been photographing for 30 years. Included are looks inside many of the interlocking towers, now all long closed and most torn down, when they were still in use, and lots of fascinating images of operations all along this ultra-rugged route set in some of the most striking mountain scenery in the eastern United States. Admittance is free. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to give a presentation at this dynamic museum, set in the historic and beautiful B&O depot built in 1884!

The following day, **Friday June 18, I will spend the open hours (9:30 AM to 4:30 PM) at the West Virginia Railroad Museum in Elkins**, talking with any interested visitors about the exhibit and my work. I hope to see many of you on one of these dates! It is always a pleasure to see old friends, and make new ones, in great settings like these, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to these two terrific museums. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Best, Fred R.

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