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Tennessee Overhill Announces New Online Photography Gallery

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The Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association is pleased to announce the addition of a new online photography gallery to its website. The purpose of the gallery is to provide a window into the landscape, art and history of the Tennessee Overhill, a region made up of McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties and named for the Cherokee Overhill towns that rested on the slopes of the Appalachian Mountains. Funding for this gallery was provided by a Rural Community Assistance Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the USDA Forest Service.

The Cherokee Association of Photographers is the first group of photographers to be featured in the gallery. They are a group of artists who live within the Tennessee Overhill and have begun to create bodies of work showcasing the people and places of the region, focusing on the region's natural and cultural resources.

The Association formed in 2000 as an outgrowth of a workshop sponsored by the Coker Creek Economic Development Group to encourage, educate and find markets for photography students' work. Several members of the group are now selling and showing their work in galleries, art shows and other venues. However, most of these artistic works are still not seen beyond the borders of the Tennessee Overhill. It is the goal of this exhibit to broaden the audience for the region's many talented artists as well as to promote a greater appreciation of the Tennessee Overhill.

New exhibits will be added to the gallery in the future and current exhibits will change as new photographs are added, so come back again and again to explore the people, places and natural resources of the Tennessee Overhill as they are seen through the eyes of those who know the region best- the people that call the Tennessee Overhill home.

Visit the Tennessee Overhill Photography Gallery at www.tennesseehill.com/gallery