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## **“Butterfly Exhibit” added to Tennessee Overhill Online Photo Gallery**

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A new exhibit has been added to the Tennessee Overhill’s Online Photo Gallery. Titled “Butterflies: Flights of Fancy,” the exhibit showcases fifteen photographs of butterflies found in southeast Tennessee, along with information about each variety. The photographer for the exhibit is Jim Caldwell, a retired railroad conductor who lives in Etowah, Tennessee.

Few other insects are as pleasing to watch as butterflies, not only for their fascinating flight patterns but also for the sheer beauty of color and pattern. Diane Hutsell, organizer of the exhibit, said, “If you have never seen a Pearl Crescent or Red Spotted Purple, then this exhibit will provide you with a sneak peak at some of the butterflies found in the Tennessee Overhill.”

The “Butterfly Exhibit” is the third exhibit to be added to the Tennessee Overhill Online Photo Gallery.

The Photo Gallery was created by the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association to highlight the culture and nature of the Tennessee Overhill as seen through the eyes of local photographers. Another objective for the gallery is to expand the audience for local photographers.

Jim Caldwell, the featured photographer for the “Butterfly Exhibit,” grew up on a farm alongside the New River near Glen Lyn, Virginia where he developed a love for the outdoors. He has resided in Etowah, Tennessee for over thirty years. The purchase of a used 35 mm camera in the late 1970s led to his interest in photography. Today he uses a digital camera almost exclusively. At every opportunity he explores the Cherokee National Forest to find wildflowers, butterflies and birds. This exhibit highlights a few of the butterflies he has documented in southeast Tennessee.

Linda Caldwell, Executive Director for the Tennessee Overhill, said, “One reason we chose photographs of butterflies is because of the increased numbers of people wanting to view and photograph butterflies. We want those visitors and residents to be aware of the many varieties of butterflies there in the Overhill.”

A Rural Community Assistance Grant provided funding for the Tennessee Overhill Online Gallery from the National Endowment for the Arts and the USDA Forest Service.

To view this exhibit and others in the Overhill Photo Gallery, visit the Tennessee Overhill Website at [www.tennesseeoverhill.com](http://www.tennesseeoverhill.com).