

# ***My Favorite Eastern Mountain Railroading:***

***A Presentation by Frederick J. Ripley***

**The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society  
Winter Lecture Series**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:00 PM**

**Bellaire Public Library  
330 32nd Street  
Bellaire, OH 43906**

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

The meeting of the Great Stone Viaduct Society on February 8 features a presentation by the noted railroad photographer and author Frederick J. Ripley. Fred will speak and show images of some of his favorite railroading in the United States, set in the Appalachian and Allegheny Mountains and foothills in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and neighboring states. Concurrently, an exhibit of his work on this theme is featured through February 28 at the Towngate Theatre in Wheeling, consisting of 21 20 x 30" full-color images, framed and under glass, and all for sale. Copies of an Exhibit Guide describing each photo are available for viewers. The Towngate is located at 2118 Market Street in Wheeling, is open weekdays, and admission is free. Calling ahead to (304) 233-0820 is recommended.

Over nearly 30 years Frederick Ripley has created almost 50,000 images of American railroads. He has written articles, accompanied by his photos, about various railroad subjects that have been published in a number of magazines. His photography has also appeared in calendars and multiple books. Fred especially enjoys using his material to create exhibits that are built around a theme, and presentations that illustrate a particular section of a railroad. Supported by historical material such as timetables, maps, and schedules, he strives to create presentations that are more than just "pictures", but offer an interesting and educational look at the subject in its historic, economic, and geographic context. Enlargements of his photography are in numerous private and public collections.

The photographer says, "With my keen interest in history, combined with a love of the outdoors and regional geography, my style of photography is very much oriented towards presenting scenes of modern railroading in the context of history and tradition, and particularly illustrating the railroad's evolving interaction with its environment and portraying it in settings of natural beauty. The eastern mountain region is perhaps my favorite natural setting in North America, and I feel that the combination of railroading and scenery it offers particularly lends itself to my approach."

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# *Appalachian and Allegheny Mountain Railroading: A Photographic Essay by Frederick J. Ripley*



***ON DISPLAY THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017***

**Towngate Theatre  
2118 Market Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003**

**<http://oionline.com/towngate/>**

**Open Weekdays (calling ahead recommended)  
(304) 233-0820**

**Dramatic and colorful images of eastern mountain railroading “come to life” in this exhibit of over twenty 20 x 30” photographs, all framed under glass and all for sale. Taken by a life-long observer and noted interpreter of the railroad scene, a guide booklet available at the exhibit provides detailed information about each photo. Don’t miss this striking display celebrating American railroading in one of the most beautiful regions of our country!**

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