



Porter's photo 'Founder's Day' depicts a town in Bolivia.

WPCC hosts photographer

Photographs by Benjamin Porter, visiting artist at Davidson County Community College, are now on display at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton.

A public reception for the artist will be held Wednesday in the college's Moore Building Gallery at 10:00 a.m.

Porter's photographs have been exhibited and published internationally. Recently he received the best in show award at the National Aperture '85 Exhibition.

He is a contributing photographer

to archive pictures in New York and a visiting lecturer at Duke University's Center for Documentary Photography.

Porter's photographs are included in the permanent collections of the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y., and the Bibliothèque National in Paris, France.

Porter attended the University of North Carolina as a Morehead Scholar and became committed to photography during an independent study of American expatriates living

in Sweden and France.

After graduating, Porter continued as a photographer, working for the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office in Portland, Ore. During a trip to Mexico he met and photographed for anthropologist Donald Codry, spawning a love for Latin America that included photographing in Bolivia and Brazil. Between journeys south he photographed life aboard American merchant ships in the Pacific and Indian oceans.