

Fr. Brandt takes video journey through southwest U.S.

Well-known photographer and naturalist Father Charles Brandt, a member of the Comox Valley Naturalists Society, will present a video on his Journey Through the Southwestern U.S. at the next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Filberg Seniors Lounge.

Father Brandt will begin his video journey with wildflowers and birds, such as the black-headed grosbeak and the warbling vireo, at Wells-Grey Park in B.C. His travels led him through Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah, where he documented Monument Valley and the

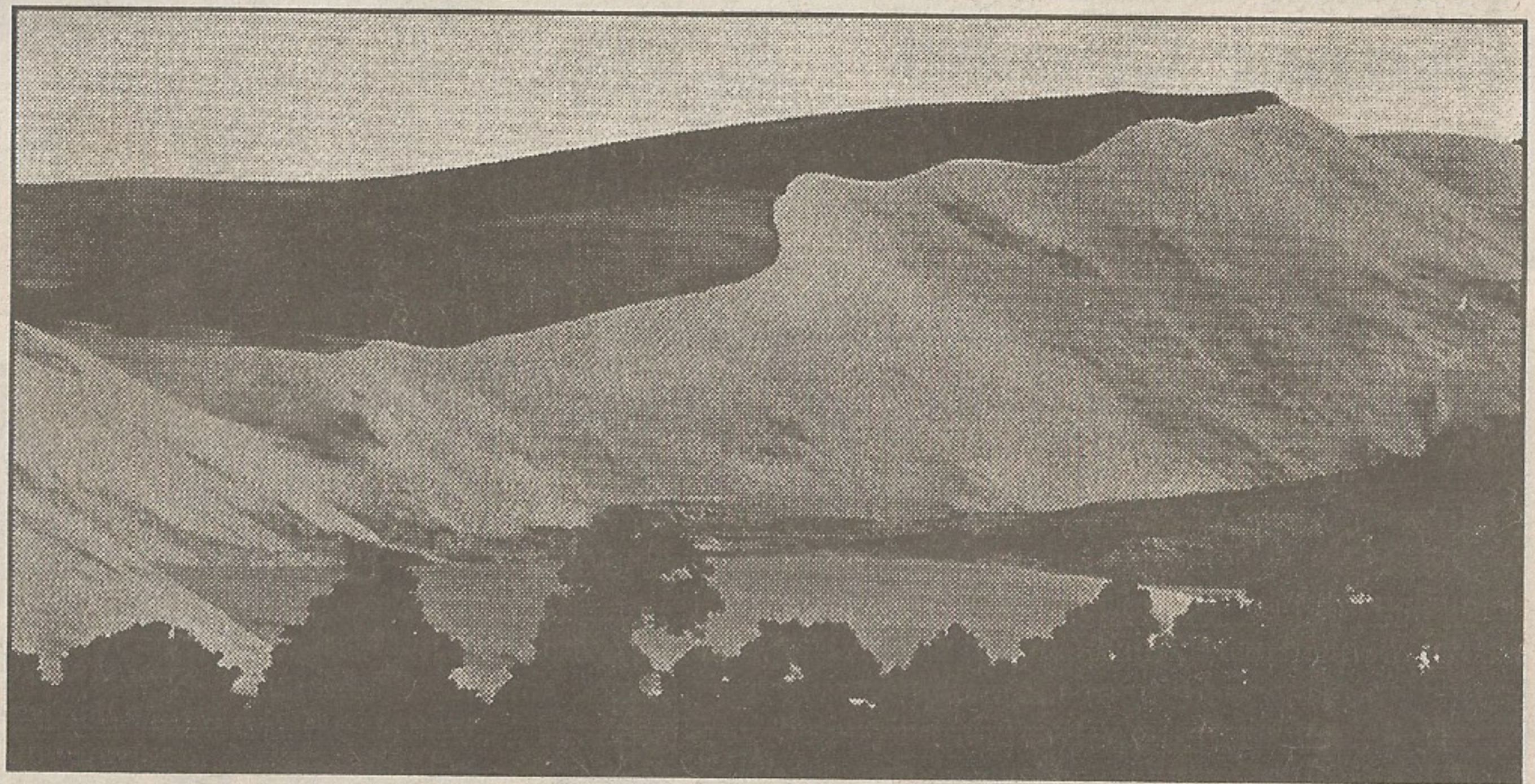
Anasazi Petroglyphs.

In Arizona, he visited Antelope Canyon, Sedona, and the Grand Canyon. Then, travelling through New Mexico, he visited Acoma Pueblo, Santa Fe, and Ranchos des Taos. He filmed the Tetons in Wyoming, and wildlife in Yellowstone, before returning to B.C. and the wetlands at Rock Creek, where he filmed the black tern. His photographic subjects include architecture and landscape, as well as natural history.

Father Brandt has worked to protect the natural world and to awaken understanding toward it for many years.

He first came to Vancouver Island 35 years ago as a hermit priest, to live beside the Tsolum River. Previously, he had been a navigator in the U.S. Air Force, and received a Bachelor of Divinity degree and Bachelor of Science degree, studying ornithology at Cornell University.

The Comox Valley Naturalists Society meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Filberg Seniors Lounge in Courtenay. The guest speaker's presentation follows a short business meeting - bring your own coffee or tea. New members and guests are always welcome.



THE STARK BAUTY OF SAND DUNE National Monument, in southern Colorado, captivated valley naturalist Father Charles Brandt, who will talk about his tour through he southwest U.S. at a meeting on Sunday.