

Dear Catskill Rodmaker's Gathering Supporter,

The 13th Annual Catskill Rodmakers Gathering will be held at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum on September 6 & 7, 2008. It is expected that it will continue to be the largest gathering of bamboo rodmakers in the USA held during the year. This gathering is seen as a very important event as the many attendees have the opportunity to participate in unique education seminars, clinics, and hands-on activities designed to share and build upon the body of knowledge extant in the bamboo rod making community.

This year's gathering will be most exciting as we plan the official opening of the first living rod makers workshop ever established by a museum or related historical-preservation organization. The museum has recently acquired from Jed Dempsey, Pinky Gillum's milling machine, originally built by George Halstead and later owned by Miney Hull. This machine is of historical significance, having built so many treasured artifacts, fly rods held in high esteem by many aficionados. It is currently being refurbished for use as the centerpiece machine of the rod makers workshop. Seen as a major step in our overall expansion plan, the living workshop for cane rodmakers will be used not only to build and repair rods, but as a gathering place for craftsman to network and share techniques. A place where we can preserve the heritage of the past and build the craft of tomorrow.

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum cannot make this happen without financial help and the assistance of our members, the rod makers community and yourself. We seek donations of goods and equipment, literature, art and other ephemera, rod building components and materials to be used for both the silent and live auctions to be held during the gathering. The income from this will provide needed financial assistance to the living workshop project and the museum. You may find that one or more of your donations will be actually used in the workshop. Please feel free to provide a supply of your literature for distribution to our participants and for our workshop library and literature exchange along with your donation.

Once again, we will host a rod builders forum "Rodmakers Alley" in a frame tent to be erected adjacent to the Darbee/Vinciguerra pavilion. The forum is an unstructured venue where attendees may display, show off, brag or patently exhibit any rodbuilding subject of his choice. Tools, techniques, problems, pictures, trophies, trips. You name it. If it has something to do with building and using the bamboo fly rod, bring it along to show off. The purpose of the forum is to promote networking and the sharing of rod building and rod using skills and ideas. We'll supply space, you will have to provide a table and displays accordingly. Plan on having a handout to share your tools, tips or techniques. Let us know if you would like to participate so we can arrange for sufficient space.

Are you a vendor as well as a builder? Tasteful commercial displays of limited scope are perfectly acceptable if they are in keeping with the theme and scope of the other exhibits. No tailgate space will be available. Displays must be accessible from both sides of your table. Space is limited and on a reserve basis, please make your request at your earliest convenience via phone 845-439-4810 or email: flyfish@catskill.net.

To assist us in preparing tax contribution deductions, please complete the enclosed form with your donation and ship at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Nancy Taylor

Chairwoman;
Gathering Donation Committee

2008 Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

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