

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM) 2012 Calendar Details

February 11 Fly Fest and IceCapades (sponsored by Catskill Flies) Join 50 Fly Fest Fly Tyers in the warmth of the Museum to break out of the mid winter blues. This annual assembly of some of the finest amateur and professional fly tyers in the Northeast will be on hand to share new patterns and techniques in anticipation of the 2012 fishing season ahead. For those who brave the cold and are interested in trying their luck ice fishing on the CFFCM Pond, holes will be drilled for you to dunk that favorite bait. Members of the Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited will be on hand to keep you company. Hot Chocolate and Hot dogs will be served under the pavilion to take the edge off. It all starts at 9 AM, so come early and stay late.

April 1 NYS Trout Season Opener at the CFFCM. Join celebrity fly fishermen, local Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, and the first family of fly fishers, the Phelans, in the cold waters of the Willowemoc just upstream from the CFFCM bridge for the official first cast of the season. It will be a full day of fun with bamboo rod casting clinic and tune up at the Livingston Manor High School Gym with Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Boys, a cup of Agnes Van Put's famous soups, Ted Patlen and friends tying flies in the Museum and some special surprises. The official 'shovel in the ground' ceremony to build the Catskill Rodmakers Gathering Heritage Craft Center and Joan and Lee Wulff Gallery will take place at 2:00PM. Celebrities, times and full schedule will follow. It will be another Opening Day to remember.

April 21 Long Island Fly Rodders & Theodore Gordon Flyfishers (TGF) Annual Clean up and Picnic. Come early and stay all day. For years the Long Island Fly Rodders (LIFR) have held a Stream Clean day on the Willowemoc River to give back to the community. This year the TGF and several Boy Scout troops will join in the fun. The LIFR provides the map area to retrieve ice out rubbish, pick up at roadside stations and work with the Town of Rockland transfer station for disposal, host a free BBQ picnic at 12:30 PM, and then encourage everyone involved to fish before leaving. It is a great day for the both local communities and flyfishing community to get together.

May 26 CFFCM Annual Dinner Meet fellow CFFCM members from around the world at this annual dinner. It is a fun evening with a fund raising auction and to get ready for 'bug week'.

June is Education Month. Details will soon follow on youth, adult, and family educational fly fishing programs and environmental classes.

August 4 & 5 Fly Fishing's Biggest Outdoor Weekend: Summerfest/Anglers Market, Jubilee Weekend and 2nd Annual Hardy Bros. Cup America's longest and largest running classic tackle sale and flea market, **Summerfest/Anglers Market**, gets off to a great start at 8:00 AM and continues to 5 PM on Saturday and returns on Sunday until 3 PM, **Jubilee Weekend** is in conjunction with local made products and crafters sharing the property to satisfy every member of the non fishing families, on Sunday a kids fishing derby, **The Great Willowemoc Fish Race**, and **Jubilee Day** celebrating birthdays and anniversaries ending with 0 or 5 for cake, and Agnes Van Put's 96th Birthday. The Second Annual Hardy/Greys Bamboo Rod Casting Competition, in affiliation with the CFFCM, invites rod makers from all over the world to cast in this prestigious event starting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM until dark with a free Pig Roast Barbeque starting at 6:00 PM.

August 12 Fifth Annual Ralph Graves Golf Tournament will once again be held to benefit the CFFCM at Roscoe, NY's the Fairway Golf Club.

September 8-9 Catskill Rodmakers Gathering The largest rodmakers gathering in the world. Reservations required

October 6 One Fly Contest (sponsored by Catskill Flies)

October 6 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame An induction ceremony at 3 PM in the museum and a dinner following. Each year, several worthy individuals who have made a permanent contribution to fly fishing are selected to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame, located in the CFFCM.

November 10 & 11 Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury, CT One of the largest fly fishing shows in the USA dedicated to promoting the arts (fly tying, rod making) of the angler, fly fishing collectibles, books, and ephemera. A live consignment auction is held on Saturday Night.

November 27 or December 4 Winter Fundraiser at ACNY TBD.

December 1 Holiday Open House Join old and new friends in the museum to wind down another year and share the spirits of the season.

In addition to these events, the CFFCM hosts workshops and clinics through out the season. For more information, contact the CFFCM 845-439-4810 or flyfish@catskill.net. The latest information can be found at www.cffcm.net or www.facebook.com/cffcm.

It's all about fly fishing.