

The 'Bamboo Mike' Strip Show, New for 2012. Rest assured that Mike will keep his clothes on. Over the past few months we have had many inquiries on just what to do with that 'old rug beater' that needs a good going over. Of course I am referring to that bamboo rod that was acquired at a garage sale, flea market, non-fishing friend, or found in the attic. Most have been held onto for 'one of these days' I will refinish it. Well, now is that time. 'Bamboo' Mike Longuill, Mike Canazon, and Bob Taylor have agreed to bring their many years of refinishing experience to the CFFCM and provide the tips, tricks, and techniques in two specialized classes: *Stripping Down Old Bamboo Rods* and *What Do I Do Next?*

Session I, *Stripping Down Old Bamboo Rods*, presented by Bamboo Mike Longuill on Saturday, March 31 from 9:30 AM – 4 PM.

In Session I, Mike will teach the proper steps to remove and harvest rod hardware, remove/strip finish, cork grip refinishing, reel seat analysis and prep for guide placement and application.

Students will leave with a stripped rod and ready for next steps leading to *'What to do Next.'*

Session I cost is \$175 for members and \$200 for non-members. Class includes necessary materials and a 'redo' rod. If you bring your own redo rod, the cost is \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members.

Session II, *What to do Next?* Saturday, April 14, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Respected rodmakers, Bob Taylor and Mike Canazon, will share their techniques for finishing a bamboo rod blank or stripped down rod from start to actual finishing. Students will learn how determine correct guide placement, guide application and wrapping, reel seat and cork grip positioning. Before leaving, a detailed rod varnishing demonstration will be taught allowing the students to do this at home.

Cost, \$125 for members and \$150 for non members.

Bonus Sign up for Members: Both sessions with rod \$250 or without rod \$200. Non Members \$300 with rod, \$235 without rod but with membership. For more information or registration for these classes, please call the CFFCM office [845-439-4810](tel:845-439-4810) or email flyfish@catskill.net