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January's

Membership Winner

John & Barbara Templin

Each month we award a prize in our monthly CFFCM membership drawing. All members in good standing are eligible. So if your dues are paid and up-to-date, the next winner could be you!

February 9 - Fly Fest. Shake off the cabin fever and mid winter blues. Break out of the house for a day and get a breath of fresh air at Fly Fest. We will once again host this one fun day of fly tying with forty guest fly tyers in the Museum. This is a simple gathering of like minds sharing the day with patterns, techniques, and tales. The day begins at 10 and goes until around 4, you are free to pick up all the tying tips and tricks you can carry. If you have some extra flies, the organizers will be collecting fishing flies for *Reel Recovery*, the non profit organization sponsoring fly fishing retreats for men recovering from life threatening cancers. For more information check out the Forum at www.catskillflies.com under "Fly Fest 2008".

2008 Museum Exhibits Under Construction We are currently in the process of removing, refreshing, and replacing our temporary exhibits in the Museum. *Synthetic Rods, Part I, Fiberglass* is being replaced by *Graphite, Part II*. We are currently selecting graphite rods from our collection and seeking several others. If you have an early, special, or unique graphite rod in your closet that no longer sees the light of day, please consider putting it to good use in this exhibit. If it has a special story, please include it. Our highly successful *Women in Fly Fishing* Exhibit, prepared by Sara Low, will remain on display for the remainder of this year. It was enhanced this past fall with funding by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. If you have any old photos, prints, or adverts with women enjoying fly fishing, we would appreciate a copy for our archives. Our 2007 Art Gallery Exhibit featuring the individual works of **Michael Simon** and **Kim Mellema-Reid** was a wonderful augmentation to our museum. We thank Michael and Kim for their generosity in sharing their art with our visitors. The wall space occupied by our living artists will now feature **Garrison the Rodmaker**, in addition to several other pieces from our archives. Our current fly line exhibit will be refreshed with assistance from a 2008 grant by the Delaware Valley Art Alliance. (Jonathan Busse, from Eastern Tennessee, will be attending the 2008 Catskill Rodmakers Gathering in September. On Friday, September 5 at 2PM, Jonathan will provide a demonstration on the craft and construction of individual hand braided silk fly lines in the museum. This program is open to all.) **FBI (Flies from the British Isles)** is a truly magnificent collection of flies tied by some of the most talented members of the fly fishing community on the other side of the pond. This is now complete and will remain on display through out the year. Our next international fly exhibit is **Made in Japan**. Like all of our globalflyzation exhibits, this will grow through out the first year and remain on display in its entirety in the following year. To date we have received many flies, fishing tackle, and equipment from our fellow fly fishers in Japan. In addition to the special rod, reel, and net received from the MC Flyfishing craftsmen, we have just received a wonderful tube fly from today's most recognized salmon tyer in the world, Ken Sawada. **Made in Japan** will contain more than just flies. We will be fortunate to include some interesting and less familiar traditional/historical Japanese tackle and accessories. Longtime CFFCM member, Misako Ishimura, is our exhibit coordinator and Japanese liaison. In addition to these exhibits, we will once again refresh many of our permanent exhibits. Any thoughts for 2009? We welcome your input.

Streamside Notes

...making up for last month

January certainly had its ups and down...temperatures that is. This has been one busy month. Fly fishing shows, refreshing the museum, related fly fishing community organization meetings, trustee meetings, end of year reports, and seeing more visitors than normal in our museum. I am pleased to report, all is good. Looking down the road, it's only a couple of months and we open a new trout season. Put Saturday, April 5 on your calendar right now so you don't forget and miss the festivities at Junction Pool and the Museum.

We have received many wonderful stories from our members these past few weeks regaling a special moment on the stream, a memorable fish, some fantasies, histories, and personal experiences...all related to fly fishing. Several members sent in large quantities to choose from, some were quite brief of only a hundred words, and some epistles. Our editorial team is busy compiling these into a book. It is our intention to publish and distribute to *members only*, at no charge in time for summer reading. This will be a piece of fly fishing history. There is still time to get your story in, February

29 is the deadline. Our working title is Fly Fishing Stories and Memories from the Members of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center 2008.

Mary Fried had her hip replaced in early January. The procedure was successful and we hope to have an extended 100,000 mile warranty in place on her return. Mary is our longest continuing volunteer. She single handedly takes it upon herself to maintain our beautiful gardens and plantings around the Center, makes daily runs to the post office, takes our refuse to the transfer station, maintains library and material acquisitions, and too many other things that we missed having her around doing for these past few weeks. In addition, Erin Phelan, our events coordinator, was temporarily out of the game with pre scheduled commitments. I am pleased to report they will both be back come February and will be welcomed with open arms. Thanks to the extra efforts from Sue, Agnes, and Nicole, we are pretty much on schedule. Your patience in receiving member packets was most appreciated.

We also gained many new members this past month from our presence at the Marlboro and Somerset Fly Fishing Shows. Phil Sousa, Steve Cohen, and Larry Downey did

an outstanding job in Marlboro as did Barbara and Richard Bradley along with Andy Sutton in Somerset the following week. Many stopped by to say hello, learn more about our organization, and pick up a list of our activities and events for 2008. We held a free raffle drawing of a deluxe Hodgeman Wader and accessory bag, donated by John and Marge Winter. Our 'only known' colorized photo of Theodore Gordon, given to Sparse Grey Hackle by Roy Steenrod and recently donated to the CFFCM collection by Hoagy Carmichael, stimulated much interest and conversation. Without descriptions, this photo and one of Harry and Elsie Darbee tying flies provoked interest and query to who and why? Hopefully these visits will encourage a visit to our museum and attendance at one of our events this year.

We depend on memberships to keep the CFFCM and fly fishing alive. If you have not sent in your membership renewal, please do so. It will save us the cost of another mailing. Thank you all for your continued support of the CFFCM. This is truly the heart of the fly fishing community.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Don't forget, it's April 5. April 1 is New York State's official first day of trout season; this year it falls on a Tuesday. Unfortunately, many will not be able to attend the usual first day ceremonies that we provide due to work and personal demands. To facilitate a ceremony the Official Fly Fishing Season Opener will be celebrated with first cast on Saturday April 5, 2008 at 7:30 at Junction Pool, in Roscoe. Our first cast hosts, Ed and Judy Van Put will join our special guest and deliver the first flies to the water for another new year.

If you have never been to a first cast, come and experience the social gathering at Junction Pool among fellow fly fishers and the local business and community members who provide hot coffee, snacks, and information about the goods and services available to all in Western Sullivan County. It is quite the day.

Guest Fly Tyers needed for August. Don't let Guest Fly Tyer Coordinator, Ralph Graves go it alone. If you have ever wanted to tie here in the museum we have a few open slots. For returning tyers, we hope you will return you fly tying forms. Full schedule coming in March Castabout.

Members Only Book Sale is March Madness. We are busy reviewing triplicate titles from our library and getting them catalogued for our Third Annual Members Only Book Sale. If you have any titles you think we can use either for sale or for our library, now is the time to send them in. It is during the month of January and February that we inventory, update, and catalog our many library acquisitions. Our media library contains books, videos, photos, slides, movies, magazines, catalogs and ephemera. We hope to maintain a complete collection of one of each with the exception of our books where we need two of each title. One copy in the best possible condition is kept in archive/collection and the other copy is used for research, reference, and reading by members, researchers, and special visitors. We also have a permanent collection of books/libraries owned by esteemed members of the fly fishing community and have significant historical value either as a personal library with personal inscriptions from authors, contributors, etc. (i.e. Wulff, Jorgensen, Zahner...). We continue to welcome all media donations with the understanding that we seek copies for open slots. Those that are duplicate or triplicate can be used either for library fundraising or for education programs and participants. All benefit the library. Look for the used book list in our next mailing.

Are you an attorney or architect? We could use some help from both, not right now and not on a regular basis. We would just like to know who we can call should we have any questions regarding our new building needs, contract reviews, and general legal advice. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you have a spare moment, please feel free to call us at the office 845-439-4810 or CFFCM President, Miriam Stone 607-498-4139.

While we are at it...if you are a professional and/or have special talents that would enhance and assist our continued growth, we welcome your advice and help.

Recent Acquisitions: From **Richard Bradley**- several pairs of waders for our educational programs, From **Clem and Barbara Fullerton** - funding for technology and material improvements.

The day after Annual Day Several years ago on the day following our Annual Meeting and Dinner/Auction we held a 'pegged down' fly fishing competition at our pond. It was entertaining, exciting, and a lot of fun. We are planning a similar event, however more in the lines of a good old fishing derby... but with a few twists and flies. Entrance into the event will be \$100 per team. Teams can be up of up to three members. Of course, it will be catch and release. Only one team member will be allowed to fish at one time and use only one fly. This will enable team members to coach, kibitz, and nose around watching other competitive team members. This will be a three fly competition (dry, nymph, and streamer). To change flies, you have to change a fishing member. You have only one rod and reel to share. Believe it or not, there are more rules and they won't really be complicated. Yes, there will be cash prizes and trophies. Entry fees will be divided 50% to CFFCM and 50% in awards. We will have bagels, danish, coffee etc. served to everyone in the Pavilion at 11:30 AM. Beats will be drawn at 11:45AM and fishing from noon to 1:30PM. Should be fun? Start planning team strategy now. Complete rules and registration forms will accompany our Annual Dinner mailing that accompanies our March Castabout.



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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

February

9: Fly Fest 2008

April

5: Opening of Trout Season at Junction Pool

20-24: Maine Varsity Fly Fishing Club with Kathy Scott & David Van Burgel at CFFCM

May

24: Annual Banquet & Meetings

31: Anglers Club of NY Spring Outing at CFFCM

June

21-26: The Cane Rodmaking School

July

12-13: Env. Ed. Program ages 8-11

19-20: Env. Ed. Program ages 12-14

26-27: Env. Ed. Program-advanced

August

10: Jubilee Day, Anglers Market and Summerfest

September

5-7: 13th Annual Rodmakers Gathering

13: Casting for Recovery

October

18: Semi Annual Meeting

18: Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner

November

15-16: CFFCM Art of the Angler Show, Danbury, CT

December

2: A Night in NY-Winter Fund Raising Dinner

6: Holiday Open House

NOTE: Beamoc TU meets the first Thursday of each month April-December at 6:30 pm in the Paul Dahlie Education Building

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