

CFFCM's Castabout

Catskill Fly Fishing
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April Fly Tyers Schedule

April 5: Ted Patlen
April 6: Lee Hartman
April 12:
Stanley Jakubaszek
April 13: Ralph Graves
April 19: Mike Valla
April 20: John C. Klemm Jr.
April 26: Bob Jacklin
April 27: Bruce Corwin

New Members

John Checchia
Charles Bates
John Bonasera
JB Martin
MC Fly Fishing
Steven Altsher
Robert H. Childs
Big Meadow Fly Shop
Joe DeFilippise
James Rudaitis
Matt Bednarski
Samuel Scafidi

March's Membership Winner James H. Cloud

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!

First Cast and Season Opener, April 5. Join us and NYS DEC Commissioner Grannis on Saturday, April 5, 2008. CFFCM First Cast and Season Opener Hosts, Ed and Judy Van Put, will welcome NYS DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis, to officially cast in the new trout season at 7:30AM at Junction Pool. Also scheduled to attend will be Poland native, TV and Movie actor, Olek Krupa (if his shooting commitments allow). Krupa, an avid fly fisherman and CFFCM supporter, was deeply honored with the invitation to share the stream with Commissioner Grannis and the Van Put's. He hopes to be part of this year's annual ceremony.

After the 'first cast', have a cup of coffee with the Commissioner and mingle with old and new friends at Junction Pool. As in the past, we hope to have a large group to cheer our casters on before socializing in town at local shops, diners, and favorite fishing spots. By 9:00AM, the museum will be open, featuring Ted Patlen as our first guest tyer of the season. Visitors will also have a chance to view the new exhibits and a few new surprises in the museum. From 10AM until Noon, Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Guys will once again host a bamboo rod-casting clinic at the Livingston Manor High School Gym. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about classic cane fly rods and give you a chance to cast a few. At 11:00AM, in our gift shop, Agnes Van Put will once again ladle out her famous soups to one and all. It will be a great day for the fly fishing community.

Check out our website (www.cffcm.net) with updates on things to do on April 5 in Roscoe and Livingston Manor before coming up. We don't want you to miss a thing.

For those staying late, The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce Annual Two Headed Trout Dinner will be held at the Rockland House, cocktails starting at 6:00PM. For reservations or more details, please call 607-498-4139.

The Fly Fest Forty turned into Fifty. On February 9, we hosted our second annual Fly Fest in the museum. Despite the nasty weather conditions, the expected forty tyers turned to fifty, with the furthest traveling in from Maine. With ample space to tie, more fur, feathers, fly tying and fun flew in the museum than ever before. This enthusiastic group grew from the message boards on Dennis and Ellen Skarka's Catskill Flies website. The event was coordinated and executed by JB Martin and Jack Luzerne. We provided the space, Agnes and Ellen provided the cakes and cookies, and the tyers entertained each other and visitors. In addition to the fifty tyers in attendance, we had over 100 visitors throughout the day. We are happy to be home to this event and look forward to future February Fly Fests. Before leaving, the group presented the CFFCM with over \$300 in donations.

Streamside Notes

Fly Fest was absolutely wonderful. Having so many visitors on a bleak Saturday in February brought the place to life again. It was a warm-up of things to come. We are getting ready for another great season.

In this mailing you will find the book list for our annual 'members only' book sale. This year Mike Valla and Ted Patlen stepped in to help in shelving new book acquisitions and cataloging the resale books. They did a fine job pitching in and patching the vacancy of recuperating Mary Fried. We thank them for their time and effort.

Our cookbook was finally put to bed and is expected to arrive in time for our Season

Opener and First Cast on April 5. It will contain over 100 great recipes from our membership and even some of Agnes' secret concoctions and a couple from Joan Wulff. Speaking of Season Openers... if you have never been to one of our First Cast events, come on down this year and check it out. NYS DEC Commissioner Grannis will be here and will gladly answer any questions you may have on our current and future fisheries and outdoors programs. Ed and Judy Van Put have assured me that weather will be in our favor this year. We may even spot a rise. If all works out, Olek will also be here. Put it on your calendar and start the season off in the right direction...here in the Catskills.

Members must be reading the Castabout. We had several replies to our requests for architects and legal counsel. Thank you all for coming to our aid.

Although February is a day longer this year, it still seemed to be a short month. Now if we can just add another week to March, maybe everything will be done for First Cast. Soon Agnes will be starting her cauldrons of soup, we will be fine-tuning new exhibits and finalizing events and activities for the busiest season ever here at the CFFCM. We will be ready.

It is all about fly fishing!
Jim Krul

On Loan from New Fishing Museum.

A new fishing museum, *The Salmon River International Sport Fishing Museum*, was officially opened this past September in Pulaski, NY. They are located on Route 13 in the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce Visitors building, just outside of town on the way to Altmar and adjacent to the DEC Salmon River access parking lot. The SRISFM is custodian of the immense collection assembled by the Gladding family. On a recent visit, we shared a common interest in promoting the pleasures of fly fishing and agreed to assist one another whenever possible. To enhance our existing *Women in Fly Fishing Exhibit*, the director and their board, have loaned us two original Victorian period water colors to hang in our museum. We welcome their association with the CFFCM and hope to return their generosity in the years to come.

Recent Acquisitions and Restricted Donations From the estate of longtime Catskill fly fisher, Ted Cader: A Winner Fly Reel made by Rochester Reel Company, an early first generation fiberglass fly rod, 3 boxes of assorted flies, and a magnificent rattan creel with woven top loops. From John Bonasera A lovely small mount of five traditional wet flies in a hand made bamboo frame to be used in our May Raffle. From Eileen Demarest funds for museum exhibit enhancements. From Judy Bowman waders and wading shoes for our education programs. From Bill Leuszler Framed print of *CFFCM Above (Adriano Minocchia) and Below (Mark Susinno) H2O*. From Leona Jensen (Outdoor Columnist for the Dundee Observer) a vintage copy of the *The Complete Angler*, the Fourth London Edition edited by John Major. These contributions and donations go a long way in maintaining our continued growth.

Last Casts: Edward E. Eckel, 1936-2008. Roscoe, NY. Ed was a retired ironworker with Local #417 International Association of Bridge Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Newburgh, NY and longtime area resident. He died Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY. He was 71. He is survived by two daughters, Sally Quinn and her husband, Michael of Walkill, NY and Elizabeth Eckel of Connecticut, a son-in-law, William George Butterly III, and five grandchildren: Liam, Brendan, Ciaran, Katie, and Sarah. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathleen and a daughter, Patricia.

Ed was an avid fly fisherman and great steward to the fly fishing waters. He was long time member and supporter of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum who provided assistance and participated in many events and activities. He will be greatly missed in the area, on local waters, and by the fly fishing community.

A memorial service with family and friends was held in celebration of his life on Saturday, Feb. 9. Contributions in his name may be made to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

Book Sale

Enclosed, please find the 2008 *Members Only* Book Sale list. Please send in your orders via mail or email (flyfish@catskill.net) at your convenience. Mailed and emailed orders will be fulfilled in order of receipt on March 10 and phone orders will not be accepted until noon on March 10. We also have a substantial quantity of Ed Van Put's first book *The Beaverkill* in paper back and James Prosek's book, *A Connecticut Yankee Follows in the Footsteps of Walton-The Complete Angler* on hand. Each has been signed by the author. Special price for each is \$15. This is a great time to fill in some vacant slots in your library and help the CFFCM library fund

The World's Biggest Fly Tying Contest

Fly Tyer Magazine will be celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. To commemorate this special year, they will be holding the World's Biggest Fly Tying contest with big prizes:

1st: Four days of fishing and 5 nights stay at Forrester's Big Horn Resort in Montana for two (2) includes accommodations and gourmet meals. *2nd:* A Merrimack hand made Canoe, *3rd:* Orvis Helios Rod and Battenkill large arbor reel, *4th:* Renzetti Master Vise *5th:* (4 winners) Fly tying care packages: Dr. Slick bamboo handle tool set and selection of Wapsi fly tying materials.

In addition, we will play an important role. The CFFCM will be recipient of all the flies, which will be displayed in our museum. They will ultimately be judged by our screening panel. Then the top twenty will be judged by all visitors during the day of Hall of Fame. The winners will be announced at the Hall of Fame dinner on October 18.

Fly tyers will be required to provide a mandatory fly (Royal Wulff, Blue Doctor Hairwing Salmon Fly or Whistler) to enter and a tiebreaker pattern. Sound interesting? Complete details will be in the spring issue of Fly Tyer and on our website. All flies will become the property of the CFFCM and be on display until October 2009.

The first two entries were received at the Fly Fest, tied by John Bonasera and Allan Podell. Each future issue of Fly Tyer magazine will provide updates on flies received.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

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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