

CFFCM's Castabout

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May Castabout.



It is the month of May, the merry month of May...tra la la la la, la la la la, la la la, la la la la.

May 3, Stream Xtremes will open in the Museum. Join us from 2-4PM on May 3 for the opening of artist Paul Theising's Stream Xtremes multi media art exhibit in the museum. This dynamic exhibit will include over 30 pieces of Paul's fish sculptures, paintings, and carvings. Paul is the NYS DEP's Environmental Educator for the Watershed for Public Affairs and a world recognized artist. Paul has won many awards including several in the World Fish Carving Competitions. His realistic xtreme paintings capture his stream experiences and his sculptures are realistic interpretations. Take a ride up and take it all in.

May 24 Annual Dinner, Auction and Activities information accompanies this mailing. Please read carefully and join us for a fun filled weekend. Bill Campbell has once again agreed to fly in from Chicago to be our auctioneer. Just seeing Bill in auction action is worth attending...he can get the tightest bark off a tree.

If you want to bid on one of our silent or live auction items but cannot be with us, please visit our website and call us to leave a bid.

Spectacular Season Opening and First Cast at Junction Pool.

Approximately 200 onlookers, fishermen and many outdoors sportswriters were gathered at the confluence of the Beaverkill and Willowemoc to witness the official 2008 season opener. The river was high but the First Cast Team led by Ed and Judy Van Put were ready to meet the challenge. Ed and Judy's guests were NYS DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis, character actor Olek Krupa, and the unannounced 7 ½ year old Johannes Mason. FYI, Johannes was the top rod last year at Junction Pool landing a 16" brown trout using garden hackle. Over the past year, Johannes, impressed with the fly fishers he met last year, returned with fly rod after spending the past year perfecting his tying skills and taking some fly casting instruction at his local TU Chapter. Previously scheduled to announce the first cast, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther could not be present due to budget preparations in Albany. All went on as scheduled and although the Commissioner was present, none of our first casters caught a fish.

The camaraderie continued throughout the day, as everyone made their way to the museum to watch Ted Patlen and Johannes tie flies, see the new exhibits, and take a first look at the multi media art exhibit that 2008 featured artist Paul Theising was hanging. Commissioner Grannis was on hand most of the day talking to sportsmen and discussing the importance of our area and the fishery. Jack Yelle was signing prints and bamboo casters were with Mike Canazon at the LM gym casting cane (sponsored by the LM Kiwanis) until noon, and Olek simply spent the day mingling with everyone.

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Fly Tyers 1 - 4 PM

May 3 TBA
May 4 TBA
May 10 Jerry Stercho
May 11 TBA
May 17 Mike Hogue
May 18 Harold Williams
May 24 Ted Patlen
May 25 Doc Cohen
May 31 Lee Hartman
June 1 TBA
June 7 Allan Podell
June 8 Bud Guidry
June 14 TBA
June 15 Bill Leuszler
June 21 Greg Belcamino
June 22 TBA
June 28 TBA
June 29 TBA

New Members

Dean Mades
Forrest Murphy

March's Membership Winner

Moirajeanne Fitzgerald

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!

Streamside Notes

We are right in the thick of things now that the 2008 season is officially underway. As we were adding final touches to the museum and readying for First Cast. Friday night, Ted Patlen dropped in and set up the fly line exhibit. On Saturday morning immediately after First Cast, Bruce Pollack lent a hand hanging up some vintage BeaMoc pieces over in the Darbee exhibit, and Paul Theising and his crew brought in the first pieces of the new art exhibit. Crazy as it was, Ted set up to tie and had everyone focused on his tying as the work went around him unnoticed. By ten we were off and running. Many thanks to everyone who joined in to help.

Just prior to Opening Weekend, I stopped at the Oswego Branch Office of the CFFCM located in Bob Rock's kitchen but not for the usual drive by. Bob Wood had called a couple of days before and we scheduled an Oswego Branch meeting. When I arrived, octenigerians Bob and Bob were sitting at the conference (kitchen) table with a rod tube placed directly in the center. Bob Wood, a charter CFFCM member and long time Catskill fly fisher, presented me with the early 1920's Leonard Tournament fly rod that he received from 2000 Hall of Fame member, William Chandler during the 60's. It is in mag-

nificent condition and a great acquisition to our collection. In addition to the rod, Bob gave us the Guest Book from the Neversink Lodge that Chandler owned, as well as the 1953 Christmas photo mailing of the Lodge containing many lovely black and white photos of the river, pools, and Lodge. In our conversation, Bob informed me he never fished the rod. I was disappointed that he had never experienced casting and catching fish with this great Catskill legend. Having the rod was fine enough for Bob. He shared several stories including his first visit to the lodge almost 80 years ago when he was 4. As the story went, Bob had found an empty sardine tin somewhere and was floating it on a water trough placed at the end of the lodge porch for dogs and horses to drink. Bob reached for it and fell in head first. He quickly sank to the bottom with only his feet in view. His mother who was reading in a rocker on the porch eventually saw the movement, ran to his aid, and pulled him out by his ankles. If his mother had not been there, he would have surely drowned as the men were out back sampling some of Chandler's secured moonshine (it was during prohibition) and were not to be disturbed. Bob recanted this story as if it happened yesterday, remembering the fear of being in that trough. Bob shared other gems

including photos of him at an early age at the lodge. One in particular was Chandler hanging some carrots on his fathers' touring car... maybe to encourage it to advance! It is not only a great collection of items but has wonderful stories to go along with it.

FlyTyer magazine's, World's Biggest Fly Tying Contest, has begun and we are receiving many worthy entries. Their coverage in upcoming issues will keep readers informed of our presence and reinforce our importance to the fly fishing community. This is a great collaboration and show of support. They deserve a large round of applause.

We are off to a good start and it only gets better. I hope we see many of you this season. Please look at the Emergence Chart included in our *Castabouts* for latest additions. If you have any questions about the upcoming events, give us a call.

It's all about fly fishing

Jim Krul

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Of course, the world famous Agnes Van Put soups were the hit of the day. Agnes broke the previous record of running out at 1:20PM, even with a larger quantity of soup. This was an hour earlier than last year. For those enjoying the soup and asking for the recipe, Agnes made them aware that it was in our CFFCM cookbook that had just arrived the day before. For those staying in town for the evening to go to the annual Roscoe Chamber of Commerce Two Headed Trout Dinner, it was a perfect night cap to a great day in the Catskills. Put it on your calendar for next year...you won't be disappointed.

CFFCM Cook Books are now available. If you want one, cover price is \$10.95; members' price is \$9.95 plus \$3.00 shipping for one copy, for additional copies add \$1 shipping. If you would like Agnes to sign it, simply ask when ordering as she will happily oblige. There are some great recipes in this book, many members sent in their favorites. Thank you all for submitting your recipes, we even included Andy Boyer's.

Recent Acquisitions:

From E.B. O'Keeffe: A wooden hinged fly box with interior sliding lids over compartments holding flies. Exterior is wood burned image of bass and Tokyo Japan. This item was sent from Japan in 1948 from Mary Alice Miller (later O'Keeffe) to her father, Roscoe L. Miller of West Lafayette, IN. This will be displayed in our Made in Japan Exhibit.

From Paul Shulz and The Old Reel Collectors Association (ORCA) - A complete run of *The Reel News* from January 1991 to present for our reference/resource library and a first edition copy of Winchester Fishing Tackle. ORCA is a non profit educational organization that provides historical and technical data regarding fishing reels. They are a welcome association to our organization. You can visit their website at www.orcaonline.org

From Robert Wood- The 1926-1929 Guestbook of William Chandler's Neversink Lodge, his 8' 3/2 Leonard Tournament fly rod, and the 1953 Neversink Lodge Christmas Greeting photo album. The fly rod is on display in our "Story Rods" cabinet in the Cane Corner. Mr. Chandler was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2000 and is now sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood.

Firsts Book Update

We are pretty close to having our first Firsts, members only book, back from the publisher by the end of May. It may be a week or two later. This is the first full fledged publication by the CFFCM. It will be much bigger than expected with over 50 stories. We hope you will enjoy the compilation and it will stimulate you to write down some of your stories should this be an annual program.

August 10th a 3 in 1 Celebration; Jubilee Day, Summerfest, and Anglers Market

You can't beat this deal with a stick, let alone a fly rod. Save the date and bring the family. You can wander the lower field seeking treasures and kids can join in our annual fishing derby. There will be wonderful crafts and activities in the Museum field and a barbeque that will satisfy all. This is a wonderful way to relax, socialize and have some fun all in one day. Having a special Birthday, Anniversary, or special event in your life? Give us a call and be included. We provide the cake.

June Castabout to be a week late.

We try to get *Castabouts* in your hands a few days before the current month actually begins, but we want to include the recap of our Annual Day and Dinner, so we maybe be a few days late in June. Don't get nervous, it will arrive.

2008 Hall of Fame.

Enclosed in this packet is a nomination form for the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. When making a nomination, please include the significant contribution to the overall world of fly fishing of the person(s) you are nominating. Please keep in mind that the majority of nominations we have received in the past simply mention a name, sometimes recognized and sometimes not. Your input and thoughts are very important in recognizing major contributions and those that are to be remembered in the world of fly fishing.

Open Slots for guest tyers. We have some open Saturdays and Sundays available for Guest tyers. If you are interested in sharing your special patterns or tying techniques, please give Erin a call.



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Dated Material:
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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

May

- 3:** Paul Theising's Stream Xtremes art opening
- 23:** NYS DEC Fish Sampling demo at the CFFCM Pond
- 24:** Annual Banquet & Meetings
- 25:** Three Fly Fishing Contest
- 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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