

CFFCM's Castabout

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Fly Tyers 1 - 4 PM

August Tyers

Aug 3 John Roetman
Aug 9 Ralf Schloss
Aug 31 Andrew Gennarzo

September Tyers

Sept 6 Bob Levenson
Sept 13 Ed Burgholzer
Sept 20 Ralph Graves &
Mike Valla

New Members

Lisa Calorosc
Lynn & Bill Lanzoni
Michael Lindenmuth
Rick Malloy
Stuart Tolle
Streett Whiteford
Dr. John Young

August's

Membership Winner
Richard Sinnott

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!

Super Sunday, August 10. Don't miss it! This is a great time for family and friends. Bring your kids...if you don't have any, bring some one else's! Come early and find the treasures before everyone else. The Bridge opens at 9:00 for Summerfest and Anglers Market, and Jubilee Day will get underway at 10:30 behind the museum. Local produce and product vendors of Italian Ices, maple syrup and hand make jewelry along with Watershed Environmental programs and exhibits from Watershed Agricultural Council, Catskill Center for Development, The Sullivan County Audubon Society, the NYSDEC and several more will be here. The Methodist Church will host a Chicken BBQ, and a kids fishing derby will be held at the pond from 11-noon. The Kurpil Family Fiddlers will perform at lunch time. The Great 50/50 Willowemoc Fish Race will be at 1:30, cake served at 2:00 as we recognize all the birthdays and anniversaries to those present including **Rod and Teddy Pigeons 60th** wedding anniversary and **Agnes' 92nd** and **Mike Hogue's 50th** Birthdays. If you have something to celebrate, let us know.

The first Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum 'Members Book' is in.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the our First book. It took longer than expected, but is definitely worth the wait. We have several additional copies available to members at \$10 each plus 3.00 shipping for first book, and \$1 shipping for each additional book.

October 18th Hall of Fame Dinner Update. In addition to honoring our new Hall of Fame Members and recognizing past members, that evening we will be presenting The Lee Wulff Conservation Award, The Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award and announcing the winners of Fly Tyer Magazines *World's Biggest Fly Tying Contest*.

Bob Boyle has been selected to receive **The Lee Wulff Conservation Award**. Bob has written many fly fishing related books, been an active columnist and correspondent for Sports Illustrated, is an innovative fly tyer, and most importantly a long time champion for our waters and environment. Bob has been considered a hero as a result of his seminal account of the Hudson river in his book The Hudson River: A Natural and Unnatural History. Bob was a founder of the Riverkeeper movement and established the Hudson River Fisherman's Association, an environmental group that protects the quality of the Hudson River. This later grew to the larger Waterkeeper Alliance, a collection of conservation groups which now protect around 200 bodies of water worldwide.

Dick Talleur has been selected to receive **The Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award**. Dick continues to be on the front line of fly tying. He maintains active in providing constructive and educational articles for many publications, writing informative books and producing DVD's that provide innovative techniques for every level of fly tyer. Dick is highly visible as a fly tyer and fly fisherman at shows and seminars. He is recognized as one of the most active fly tying personalities in the world. He has authored over 20 books, his latest is Trout Flies for the 21st Century: Over 200 Essential Patterns That Catch Fish Anywhere, Anytime. Dick has produced over a dozen videos, and continues to provide instructional classes, seminars and demonstrations.



Streamside Notes

Although we have had scattered thunder and lightning storms, the streams are extremely low and warm. The fishing has been good during that last magic hour into dark in deep and protected pools. If we do not get a full week of refreshing steady showers, fishing in August will be nil as our fish will be fully stressed.

TA DA! Our first Members book is finally done. I want to publicly thank the editorial team consisting of Rick Bannerot, Rob Longworth, and Bob Rock for their dedication and diligence to get this book edited, compiled, and proofed properly, although badgered by me to simply 'get it done'. At a couple of points, I felt like the Pope talking to Michelangelo while painting the Sistine Chapel... "when will it be done". Thanks to Nancy Hobbs who assisted Erin Phelan, who completed all of the typing, formatting, re-typing and re-formatting in between her operational and administrative duties here at the Center. And to the many CFFCM members who contributed to making this a wonderful book of stories. They all deserve a standing ovation. We hope you enjoy it.

This book was budgeted in my 2008 operational budget for member developmental projects. Funding was to come out of incremental member income. Without beating around the bush, due to size and better quality of the book, it cost more than planned and is worth every penny of it. When you get your Hall of Fame raffle tickets, please take an extra book or two and replenish my incremental member income fund for further member projects such as these. Also, please start thinking of a story or experience you wish to share in our next member story book. Details and deadlines will follow in the September Castabout.

Despite the cost of gas, our July remained steady and busy. New visitors from all over the country and a few from far away countries, continue to stop in and spend considerable

time at the Center. In many instances, we find that we are on their destination list of places to stop when in the North East. One young family from Arkansas spent several hours in the Museum, as it was on their list before journeying home: "it was only a couple hours out of our way".

I am sad to report that participation in our annual Youth Environmental Education courses was significantly down this year. We hope it is not a continuing sign of the economic times or a decline in the interest of our outdoors and environment. However, we are pleased to report that our Environmental Weekend Scholarship fund has enabled several additional students to participate in this program. Once again, our professional educational instructors Pete and Caren (Samuels) Jacques, with the youth assistant coordinator Kara Lane, provided a positive educational experience for all. Thank you all for your contributions to make this program a continued success.

Most of the books I receive at the Center are technical or direct fly fishing related books. From out of the blue, I received an interesting book entitled A Gentleman's Guide to Graceful Living by Michael Dahlie. 'Mike' is the son of the late Paul Dahlie (The CFFCM Executive Director from 1999 to 2004) and his wife Sue. The entire Dahlie family remain strong supporters of the Center and we do keep in touch regularly. Mike's novel is quite unique as fly fishing is woven tightly into the background. There are some interesting twists and turns right up to the end, as we follow the interesting character, Arthur. In fly fishing circles (and I am sure all other circles) we all know an Arthur in one peculiar way or another. It is most evident that Paul shared quite a few stories with Mike. Without bias, I was hooked from the first chapter. It is one of the most enter-

taining and enjoyable books I have read in a long time. The hard cover books are available at the Gift Shop, or call the office at 845-439-4810 and have one mailed directly to you for the cover price of \$23.95; we will pick up the shipping.

In my cataloging of the acquired books from the Brooklyn Library, I found many titles of great interest. As a direct result, I missed several nights of fishing. In the loosened pages of the preface in an edited version of Berners' **A Treatise of Fishing with an Angle**, I found something of great local interest. Special edition editor, Van Sicien writes

"...on the Beaverkill, not far from the Willowemoc Club House, in Sullivan County, NY, I have seen a lady fill her creel with the best so might the told dame and her nuns have done in England just prior to the time when this continent was discovered, and long before the Willowemoc Club had been heard of. The present Willowemoc Club is not composed of Indians; nor is it the club-house an Abbey, but a house of hemlock boards, with comfortable rooms; floors uncarpeted, except by bedside: and a broad piazza, furnished with easy chairs, and overlooking a beautiful lake, full of trout; with an appendage of acres of woodland, and four miles of fine trout stream.

There I shall go when the apple trees are in blossom.

And to please the congenial spirits of the modern monks who form that Club, and the brethren of the angle through our land, is this little book reprinted." G.W.V. S. New York, 1875.

Great stuff. What more can I say...it's all about fly fishing

Jim Krul

Recent Donations and Acquisitions: From our friends of **The Brooklyn Public Library**, a group of de-assessed fishing and outdoors titles to enhance our research library. Some of the scarcer titles include: A Quaint Treatise on Flies and Flymaking 1876, which includes materials required to make the specific patterns, An Angler in Wales 1834, Goodspeed's limited first edition of Angling in America, first edition Orvis, Fishing with the Fly, a ltd. #187 Salmon and the Dry Fly, by LaBranche, Markham's The Pleasures of Princes, and Dame Juliana'Berners "Treatise..." as edited by Geo.Van Siclén for The Willowemoc Club, 1875. **From John Mackiewicz**, a generous donation for tree identification signs for the nature trail. **From the Charles Gutekunst Family**, a large quantity of new fly tying materials and tools for our fly tying education center, from the collection of the deceased Charles Gutekunst. Charlie was an enthusiastic sportsman, who loved fly fishing, the Catskill rivers and fly tying. For a brief period Charlie was the proprietor of A Fly Fishermans Corner, a fly-fishing shop in Barryville, NY. **From Nutmeg Trout Unlimited**, a cash donation for our Educational Programs, **From Christopher Pistell**, two beautiful early original water color paintings, each of a brown trout by Hall of Fame member and great conservationist, Frank Smoot. **From F-Stop Fitzgerald**, two of his books for our library; Secrets of the Salt-water Fly and The Elements of Fly Fishing. The CFFCM is grateful for all donations and contributions that enable us to grow and prosper.

Special Program-Carve a Fish with Master Carver Paul Theising, August 22nd & 23rd.

Join our featured artist Paul Theising and learn the techniques and secrets in fish carving. Paul has placed in the top three places in the World Fish Carving Competitions for the past 20 years and won several. This is a very detailed and comprehensive class set in a comfortable and casual atmosphere. Learn how to carve and paint a brook trout using high density foam in correct proportions and color. All materials will be provided. Friday, August 22nd 7-9 PM and Saturday, August 23rd 9-Noon. This is a special class with limited space available. However, maybe cancelled due to minimum requirements. Student cost is \$35.00, for details and registration, please call 845-439-4810.

Rodmakers are getting ready to Gather.

Harold Demarest Casting Challenge Qualifier is Super Sunday, August 10. The Harold Demarest Bamboo Rodcasting Championship will be held on Sunday, September 7 at the Catskill Rodmaking Gathering. Casting finalists are determined by participating in a qualifying event. This qualifier requires the contestant to cast several different bamboo rods for an aggregate total distance. The top five or six, will go onto the finals on Sunday, September 7, for a cast off using rods made from the finalists in the rodmaking competition. To get a head start on qualifying casters, Mike Canazon, Rodmakers Gathering Coordinator, will hold an advanced Casting Qualifier session at the Super Sunday, August 10 Jubilee Day, Summerfest and Anglers Market, from 3-4PM. If you would like to test your bamboo rod casting distance skills for this exciting event, please join in the fun.

The summer does not end on Labor Day Weekend. In some instances, it just begins. Don't forget that on the Friday after Labor Day, NYS DEC Fisheries Department will be sampling our pond at noon. Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Casting Competition will be running qualifiers in the bunkhouse field. Jonathan Busse will be providing a hand braided fly line demonstration in the museum at 2 PM after which, Philip Krista will be at the pond at 3PM with a two handed and spey casting seminar. All that on the first Friday in September. This will be a great kick-off for the Catskill Rodmakers Gathering weekend. On Sunday, September 7, please feel free to come down and see the finals of the Casting Competition starting at around noon. Also, take a look at some of the most beautiful hand crafted fly rods in the world and meet the makers.

Coming Soon...Over and Under Guest Tyers, September 20. Here is a tying program you won't want to miss. The real Catskill patterns, Dries and Wets. Mike Valla will share the tying bench and tie the traditional Catskill dry fly patterns while Ralph Graves, scourge of the Catskills, will be tying their wet counterparts. This is a first and hopefully not the last of a great concept. This a real opportunity to see two great Catskill tyers; you might want to bring your video camera to catch this one.

Fly Tyer magazines 30th Anniversary, World's Biggest Fly Tying Contest continues here at the Center until September 30. We have received 100 entries to date and they are all on display in between the *FBI (Flies from the British Isles)* and *Made in Japan* international fly exhibits. Fly Tyer magazine will be awarding a total of 8 prizes including a Merrimack Canoe. Other big prizes will come from Orvis, Renzetti, Wapsi and Dr. Slick. The Grand prize is a limited edition bronze statue and trip for two to Forrester's Bighorn River Lodge in Montana. Right now, chances are 8 winners out of one hundred. If you ain't in it, you can't win it!

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

August

10: Super Sunday: Jubilee Day, Anglers Market
And Summerfest

September

5-7: 13th Annual Rodmakers Gathering
13: Casting for Recovery

Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.

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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