

CFFCM's Castabout

Catskill Fly Fishing

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Fly Tyers 1 - 4 PM

September Tyers

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

October Tyers

Oct 4 Dave Brandt
Oct 25 Stan Jakubaszek

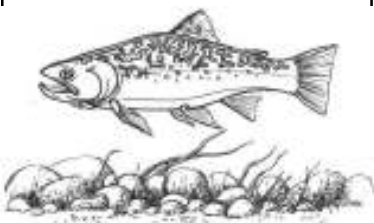
New Members

Samuel F. Abernethy
Herb Brooks
Russ Cuatt
Peter & Theresa Clausen
Stephen Fauer

Septembers

Membership Winner
Vincent Sadwick

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!



Sunday, August 10, was Super. Our first combined Jubilee Day, Summerfest, and Fisherman's Market was a big hit. Under gray clouds, the pond side of the Center opened promptly at 8 AM with everything you could imagine related to fly fishing. At 9:30 the museum side came alive with a wide variety of community service organizations, natural resource associates and conservation organizations. Vendors providing custom wood products, signs, eggs, milk and other delights. At 10:15AM, a shower caused the crowds to seek cover or go to their cars. About an hour later the sun

returned allowing everyone to regroup and finish the day in a big way. The Livingston Manor Methodist Church provided a fantastic Chicken BBQ. Jessica Berry won the kids fishing derby hands down and Jeff Lynch's fish was the first to swim under the bridge to win The sixth Annual Great Willowemoc 50/50 Fish Race. At 2:00 PM everyone gathered to sing happy birthday and anniversary to our honorees: Mike Hogue, Ron and Teddy Pigeon, Alberta Franke, and Agnes. A great time was had by all.

We thank the following volunteers who contributed their time to making this another great day for the CFFCM: Doc and Mary Fried, Mike Canazon, Jorie Andrews, Richard Bradley, Miriam and Sandy Stone, Ross Francis, Mike and Valerie Valla, Connie Van Valkenberg, Tony Trezza, and Manny Zanger. They can all stand up and take a bow.

Participating vendors and exhibitors included:

Ashalters Maple Syrup	Mary Tonges Dairy	Fireside Angler
Sullivan County Audubon Society	Regina Mason	Chesapeake Rods & Reels
Bart's Italian Bakery	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	Badger Creek Fly Tying
Bob Bode	Snowdance Farms	Unicorn Unlimited
Sullivan County SPCA	Sullivan County Dairy Princess	Stan Van Dyke
Catskill Arts Center	Beamoc Trout Unlimited	Walter O'Neil
Catskill Center of Development	Bohemian Fly Fishers	Jerry Girard
Sullivan County Sportsman Association	Beaverkill Traders	Francis Ward
Cornell Cooperative Extension	Bob Perry	Ramsey Outdoors/John Roetman
Ellen Cooper-Festa Jewelry	Robert Ewald	Jordon Mills Rod Co.
Hudson Health Plan	Kazumi Sakao	Catskill Fly Tyers Guild
Jennifer Diehl	Kiri Bamboo Rod/Takatoshi Kumakrir	Carlson Rod Co.
Eastern Star	Hank's Sporting Collectibles	Classic Fly Fisherman
Kurpil Family Fiddlers	Beaverkill Angler	Dick & Judy Smith
		Grauers Fine Fly Tackle
		Ron's Kozlowski
		Kevin Storms

The Rodmakers are Coming... The Rodmakers are Coming... The plans and programs have been completed for the weekend of September 5-7. If you receive this before Sunday, September 7, join us at 9 AM for the first look of the Catskill Rodmakers Workshop. This new addition to our Center is located under the lower level of the museum. Now, at press time, it is still under construction, however, Mike Canazon, Dennis Menscer, Richard Bradley, and Jack Leary (our newest volunteer) are working at a frantic speed toward completion. A review of the gathering will follow in the October Castabout.

Streamside Notes

We usually wait until the winter months to make any noticeable or physical changes in the museum. However, when an opportunity should arise, we are all ready for it. August started with a most noticeable change, the arrival of four magnificent display cases. These cases were used in the Philadelphia Art Museum for a Chinese Exhibit somewhere around 1908. Member (and master rod maker) Tim Abbott was responsible for orchestrating the donation to our museum. These four sided heavy plate glass cases are about 6'Wx3'Dx6'H, hand made using the finest brass hardware and they weigh a ton.

Since we knew the moving truck could not fit over the bridge we had to go to plan B. Mike Canazon, Tim Abbott, Terry Shultz, Tony Trezza, Mike Canonico, Mickey Scarzafava, the two men from A-One Moving and myself off loaded a case onto the back of Mike's pick up. We all stood on the back holding the case upright while Mike carefully drove it to the front door of the museum. After off loading, we moved each piece into it's permanent position on the museum floor. About ninety minutes later, all four were staged. I turned around and the moving truck and all volunteers were gone. Proof there is strength in numbers! Of the four new cases, the Dette and Jorgensen exhibits have been refreshed and the other two will soon be filled with items of interest. There are more noticeable and positive changes inside the museum. If I told you about everything now, I might not have anything to share with you in the months to

come. Again thanks to Tim and the moving crew.

Super Sunday was just that. Combining our Jubilee Day, Summerfest and Anglers' Market was a good decision. Many felt that with school years starting earlier, parents having to bring kids to college, and many more spending Labor Day Weekend at home, the earlier day in August worked. Next year, it will be Sunday, August 9, 2009. Unfortunately due to this combination, I was not able to man the bridge to meet and greet visitors and personally solicit donations. I left the bridge in the capable hands of Mike Valla who did a great job. And when people asked where Jim Krul was, I simply told them "he's the guy on the bridge".

Thank you all for the many positive compliments on the book, Firsts. The credit goes to all of those who submitted great stories and to our editorial and production staff. We will be doing it again. We welcome your support in both literary and financial submissions.

You *really* never know what to expect to get in the mail. We get letters, bills, donations, complaints, compliments and like at home, unexpected and pleasant surprises. This past month we again received what I call a 'story rod' as an acquisition. A Leonard rod tube came via UPS. The cap was not sealed so anyone could have opened it and taken the rod out... no one had. I removed the cap to find an envelope between rod and tube containing a letter. It read, (edited for space) as follows "...The enclosed rod is sent to you pursuant to Article II, Section d of the decedent's Will, Estate of

Joan F. Newton. This is a Leonard Rod which I purchased and gave to my wife. It was purchased from Hoagy Carmichael at a fishing show in Worchester, MA. It was owned by Bert Cable as identified in the butt cap and local to the Catskills. ...It had a nice slow action which suited the decedent and she could cast it well. Unfortunately, she broke the tip horsing in a sucker (of all things) who uncharacteristically took a fly. She was heartbroken. ...The tips were replaced, however the Cable identification was lost in transit. The decedent never used the rod again because she was afraid of breaking it again (so why did I spend big bucks to for it). However, prior to breaking it, she did fish the Beaverkill and the stream which flows into it past your place with it". The letter goes on..."For her Roscoe and Livingston Manor were always a joy even though she had scant success there, she always went to your museum and dragged her niece there. Accordingly, since I don't fish much, she wanted you to have her best rod which has some provenance on your rivers (or at least 2/3 of it has)".

The original letter will be found adjacent to our story rod collection in the museum.

I can't wait for Labor Day Weekend and the Rodmakers Gathering to be over and I can resume my evening fishing schedule. Someone has to do it.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

Next Up...Hall of Fame. This year's Fly Fishing Hall of Fame day will be jammed packed. Our semi annual trustees meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, October 18. Following this meeting at 3:00 PM in the museum the induction of the 2008 Hall of Fame Class: George Griffith, Art Neumann, Ed Zern, Francis Betters, Ed Van Put and Dave Whitlock, will be held. That evening at dinner Dave Klausmeyer will present the Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award to Dick Talleur, Joan Wulff will present Bob Boyle with the Lee Wulff Conservation Award and Mary Dette will share some special stories of her past in Roscoe NY. It will be a special evening.

A Reminder: 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. It will be a real opportunity to see two great Catskill tyers; you might want to bring your video camera to catch this one.

Arts of the Angler...coming in November. The Second Annual CFFCM Arts of the Angler show which will be held at the Danbury CT, Plaza Hotel is coming together nicely. Once again, we will feature the finest in fly tying, fine bamboo rods, fly fishing tackle, books, antiquities, and the addition of selected fishing guides. Vendors include: Above and Below H2O, Badger Creek Fly Tying, Housatonic Valley Rods, Mike Longuil Sporting Collectibles, MC Fly Fishing (from Japan), Chesapeake Rod and Reel, Whitewater Flies/the Variant, Bradley Reels,...and the list continues to grow. You will see our growing list of fresh, new faces (Peggy Brenner, Bruce Corwin, John Klemm Jr, Greg Belcamino, and Andrea VanBenshoten just to mention a few) joining our veteran and top talent tying crew. This intimate and elegant show is a great wind-down of the past season. It will be a chance to pick up some fly tying pointers, examine the finest in bamboo rods, classic tackle, find the greatest selection of fly tying materials and attend some special programs and presentations. November 15 & 16, 2008. More to follow: Visit our website often for updates and additional information. Volunteers??? Call the office 845-439-4810.

CFFCM Legends in Fly Fishing Programs. At our annual meeting this past May, Trustee Jerry Girard requested that we develop a series of scripted programs for clubs and organizations. Though the efforts of Trustee Terry Shultz, we designed an easy to use, power point DVD presentation of The 'Legends of Fly Fishing' series. Each DVD comes with a script that can be used in two ways: one as a lecture the other as a two or more team 'Jeopardy' type competition. Images and slides included were provided by Lefty Kreh and Poul Jorgensen and are archived in our library. Part I is now available to organizations looking for a 20-40 minute meeting program; a fee will be applied. Parts II & III will soon follow.

The 'Legend' series are wonderful programs developed to provide viewers with an educational and historical review of fly fishing members and their accomplishments in an entertaining presentation format. If you or your local club are interested in purchasing a copy of this program, please call the CFFCM office.

Firsts was the first, now it is time for Double Haul. From the very satisfying success of our first members story book, Firsts, our editors Bannerot, Longsworth and Rock have signed on again to do another entitled: Double Haul. Once again, they want your stories. In addition to a favorite story of a first or most memorable fishing trip, fishing memory or history related story, we are going to add a section called "Fly fishing trips from Hell" (recollections of trips that simply went bad). This section will only include five stories selected by the editors; so as not to discourage newcomers to the sport and to have some stuff stored for the future. Editors would also like to persuade you to submit personal anecdotes you may have experienced; nothing fancy...short, sweet, and to the point very much like Mary Fried's dinner with Elsie in Firsts. If you have a favorite cartoon that is not infringing on a copyright, we are sure to find some space. And finally, to assist in time and retyping, we encourage you to email submissions in a Word document to flyfish@catskill.net. Feel free to start submitting contributions now, before the absolute cut off date of February 28, 2009. *Members only* invited to participate.

Save the Date, December 2, 2008 We had such a good time last year Roasting and Toasting Joan Wulff at the Angler's Club of NY, that we are doing it again, well, not exactly. This year we will **Roast and Toast: Hoagy B. Carmichael** to benefit the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. We guarantee this will be a very entertaining night when we recognize one of the most visible and special members of the world's fly fishing community. More info to follow.

Recent Acquisitions: We extend our special thanks to: **Ramsey Outdoors, Upper Delaware TU, Ann Hood of Pepacton Cabins, George Buzby, Tom McCoy, Western Catskill Foundation** and our pal **Al Himmel** for their generous financial contributions for specific education, nature trails, publishing and special need projects this past month. **From Hoagy Carmichael:** a very early Hawes Leonard rod catalog for our archives, **From the estate of Joan F. Newton:** a Leonard 3/2 8' 4W rod with story.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

August

September

5-7: 13th Annual Rodmakers Gathering

October

18: Semi Annual Meeting

18: Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner

Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.

November

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

December

2: A Special Night in NY-Winter Fund Raising Dinner-A
Roast and Toast to Hoagy B. Carmichael

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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