

# CFFCM's Castabout

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## New Members

Chris Francis  
Jennifer Grossman  
Rick Miller  
Marino & Suzie Vidal  
Bing & Migs Wright

November  
Membership Winner  
David E Roberts

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!



## You should have been here for the 2008 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Ceremony and Dinner.

Promptly at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 18, CFFCM President Miriam Stone welcomed guests, members, inductees and their families to the 2008 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Miriam acknowledged the past and present members of the Hall of Fame and recognized the new members who have given so much to the sport of fly fishing. She introduced CFFCM Trustee David Brandt as the MC, who took over from there. Dave provided his own commentary on the importance of the Hall of Fame and the extended effort these individuals have made in our sport. To shake things up, Dave said, "There is always a special order to do these things like A to Zern, this year we were doing the reverse, from Zern to A. With that, he read the biography of **Ed Zern** (deceased), first candidate of the Class of 2008 to be inducted. Accepting the award on behalf of Ed Zern's children, Erica and Brook, was Executive Director, Jim Krul. Jim likened Brandt's format to the way he used to read *Field and Stream*, starting from the back page with Zern's famous column, 'Exit Laughing' and going forward from there. During the week he had a conversation with Erica, who was recovering from recent surgery and could not attend. Her brother, Brook, was expected to return from Spain where he lives most of the year and might possibly come. Unfortunately, Brook did not arrive. Erica was very appreciative that the committee recognized her father. He was a devoted outdoorsman and conservationist. She said he was most proud of his involvement with the World Wildlife Conservation Fund, the development of the American Motor Associations Conservation Organization, the founding of the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers and being the first TGF president. She also mentioned that her father shared all of his talents with his children. She inherited the ability as a crack shot on the skeet field and as an outstanding fly caster on the Beaverkill. While her brother, now the most famous Flamenco guitarist in the world, inherited musical knowledge from Ed who played classical, flamenco and cowboy ballads every night before bedtime. **Dave Whitlock** was next up and due to a previous commitment, could not attend. Miriam Stone read a letter from Dave before accepting the award on his behalf. The letter stated that although he could not be there, "...being inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame was truly a great honor". His comments included: "At 73, fly fishing has given me much to be thankful for...such as happiness and good health, 65 years of unforgettable experiences, a loving partner. ... I promise, you haven't heard the last from one of your oldest, newest members! Again, thank you for one of the best honor's of this fly fisher's life". Brandt then changed courses again and introduced **George Griffith** (deceased) and **Art Neumann** in tandem as he read their bio's and accomplishments as co-founders of Trout Unlimited, 49 years ago in Michigan. David raised the questioned, "Without these two men, just where would clean water, quality trout, and our streams be today?" Bob Summers, noted bamboo rod maker, in accepting the award for George said, "It was at a gathering at Griffith's that the concept was borne." George Griffith was a good friend of Summers who told a story of George falling out of the boat twice on the same outing while they were fishing. "He was a dedicated fly fisherman who went back to fishing 'on each retrieval'." Bob then went on to explain that he was personally closer to Art Neumann, the man that was responsible for taking TU to a national level, writing the TU philosophy, his fine ability to catch fish, and having a top-notch custom rod and fly shop called 'Wanigas Company' (a name explained elsewhere). Art, a couple of weeks shy of his 92nd

Birthday accepted the award with pride, humility and honor. He is simply a great man. Without saying his name, Dave Brandt simply mentioned that a man from the Ausable River was next to receive the award. Questioning from the Michigan contingent on the proper pronunciation of Ausable, led Brandt to say when properly pronounced it is synonymous with **Francis Betters**. It should be noted that Dave has had a long time personal relationship with Fran as he has stopped at his Adirondack Sport Shop regularly over the past 40 or so years. Some of the stories revolved around a pool; that being either a table or a body of water holding trout. Surrounded by family, Francis accepted the award with great pleasure, in return recounting some stories about Dave Brandt. Those too, referenced two types of pool, one in particular relating to lost money, rather than lost fish. Last up, was our own local boy, **Ed Van Put**. Dave highlighted Ed's ability "as one of the greatest trout fishermen I have ever known. If you see Ed's truck parked along a stream, you know for a fact that there are fish in the area". Ed was also recognized as a long time NYS DEC employee singly responsible for acquiring more public fishing access to streams than any other individual ever, being the authority on the history of our hallowed waters and the people of the area, and his dedication to protecting our environment. Ed, a man of few words, gladly accepted the award. He offered thanks to his mother, the Hall of Fame committee and all of those who stuffed the ballot box in his support. With a smile on his face, he returned to his seat. Dave thanked all who attended before asking all Hall of Fame members to gather for group photos with previous members in attendance, Joan Wulff, Mary Dette and Stan Bogdan. (Continues on next page)

## Streamside Notes

Well, it was bound to happen, the frost is definitely on the pumpkins. Up until Hall of Fame the fishing was great with fish taken on BWO's, sulphur emergers, gnats and other small morsels. Ted Patlen had Cairn's all to himself before the Hall of Fame dinner and did well; but like I said, he was by himself.

It was a great month for the Center as we had a record visitor count and many donations for our coffers, fund raising efforts, and our collections. One surprise was a \$500 contribution from Matt Sweeney. Matt won his company's *2008 Employee Giving Campaign*, employees are eligible to win a \$500 donation to the nonprofit organization of their choice, and we were his choice. Many company's offer matching donations and we have been fortunate to be the recipient of many over the past year. This is

just one way to help us along as we meet some tough economic times ahead. Member, Frank Payne has just advised me that the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act they just passed renewed the "IRA Charitable Rollover" for 2 years. This means that people over 70 1/2 years old can contribute assets directly from an IRA to a non profit without tax consequences. At our recent Board of Trustees meeting, a committee was established to seek and investigate grants that can benefit us. If you are a grant writer or would like to assist us in getting some outside support, I welcome your input.

Have you ever heard of Cowdung of Shin Crick? Famous Catskill fly tyer Reuben Cross wrote a little book in 1949 entitled the same. It contains some of the funniest short stories of his character, Cowdung. With the help of member Paul Kaplan, we will be reprinting this little jewel

with all proceeds to benefit the Center. It will be forthcoming with more information to follow. First run will be 100 copies and go for around \$7.95. It will be available to members first. With any luck, we will have them in time for Christmas giving.

There are more ways you can help the Center. We are always asking for donations of materials we can use for fund raising, educational materials and equipment, and of course money or how to get money. As we come to the close of one year and embark on another, please consider helping us with wealth, wisdom or work....it all makes a difference.

By the way, Wanigas is Saginaw spelt backwards.

It's all about fly fishing.  
Jim Krul

**That evening** was the dinner at King's. Miriam Stone announced the winners of the Hall of Fame Drawings:

Framed Theodore Gordon Print

Framed Charlie DeFeo Salmon Fly

Signed Copy of Art Flick's *Streamside Guide*

JP Ross 8' 5W Adams Custom Graphite Rod

Personally Inscribed *Trout Fishing in the Catskill*, by Ed Van Put and Ed's Mom

Weekend for Two at Beaverkill Valley Inn

**Fred Lord**

**Jan Betters**

**Libby Thorne**

**Paul Murphy**

**Jeff Phelan**

**Barbara Jaffee**

After dinner, Miriam introduced Bud Wertheim, originator and sculptor of the Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award. Bud shared his story of how he and Poul had developed the award. Previous winner, Dave Klausmeyer, presented the Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award Medallion, crafted by Wertheim, to Dick Talleur. Dick accepted the award with great appreciation and thanked everyone for their support. Before leaving the podium, Dave Klausmeyer announced the winner of Fly Tyer magazine's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World's Biggest Fly Tying Contest from a vote by visitors of the museum these past few days. The winner was Richard Grencavich. All flies will remain on display until the end of the year. All details will be found in the next edition of Fly Tyer Magazine.

Continuing with presentations, Miriam read the long list of conservation accomplishments over the past 40+ years by Bob Boyle. Joining her on stage was first Lee Wulff Conservation Award recipient, Phil Chase and Joan Wulff. Phil praised Bob's long career and declared him a champion for the environment. Joan presented Bob with the award.

As the encrusted and glazed pear desert was served, Mary Dette shared some intimate stories and recollections of her parents and grandparents as passed down by her mother, Winnie. In absolute silence, her audience hung on every word as she told of 8-year-old Winnie's appendectomy performed on an ironing board (in a guest room), Winnie's ride into town on a cow that embarrassed her father and the start of Dette Trout flies. It made for a most memorable night.

The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame committee would like to extend their thanks for the many people who made it a success including: Sheila Shultz for her research and composition of the class biographies, Dave Brandt for his great ceremony presentations, the guys behind the scenes: Mike Canazon, Chris Andrus, the Bradleys, Ted Patlen, and The Phelans. Hall of Fame Sponsors: Walt Carpenter, Anthony Margadino and Family, Jennifer Grossman and the Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Dame Juliana Berners, Trout Unlimited, The Maryland and New York Chapters of the Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, and Bob and Alison Wood

**2009 Membership Renewals Will Soon Arrive.** This is fair warning. Please do not ignore this first mailing of membership renewals; remitting promptly will save us much time and money in repeat mailings. As you know, renewals are the backbone of our financial resources. They enable us to budget properly for the year ahead and assist us in planning, programming and events. Your membership goes a long way. In this time of economic uncertainty, we hope to be able to continue our work as the home of the fly fishing community. We're not on Wall Street or Main Street, but on the back street. Help us maintain our position and continue to do good things in a sport that you appreciate. This is your organization.

**Last Casts- Mel Krieger** Casting great and casting instructor, Mel Krieger, left us on October 7 after battling an undiagnosed brain lymphoma. He is well known for his casting books, videos, demonstrations and clinics. Mel was also a long time supporter of the CFFCM and always provided his videos and books for our fund raising events. It should be noted that we received another unexpected donation of tapes and books from him on October 3. Thanks Mel, we will all miss you.

**Holiday Gift Ideas.** How about giving a membership to the CFFCM to those 'hard to get a gift for' friends on your list this year. It would be like giving them one of those *jams of the month* presents; only thing is we will substitute a *Castabout of the month*. For the cost of a new membership, we will send them a vintage, authentic Lee Wulff Christmas Card (pre Joan) with a message saying they have been enrolled as a member in the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, with membership card, button, decal and the knowledge they will get a monthly newsletter each month. We will also send them a signed copy of Ed Van Put's book *The Beaverkill* and information on the Center. You will be providing them with a unique present and help us as well. If this does not work for you, please visit our website, click on the link for Fly Fishing Gifts and order from a selection of our most popular gift items from the gift shop. Have it sent directly from here. For a nominal fee, we will also gift wrap it with suitable fish wrap and card, and ship directly to the recipient. It does not get any easier than this. Our link should be up and ready by November 20<sup>th</sup> in time for gift giving.

**It's Show Time.** We are taking it on the road again, November 15 & 16, our Second Annual Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury. Spend a day (or both) with us and see what is new and old in fine tackle, bamboo rods, guide services, fly tying and more. We have a large group of **fly tyers providing non stop demonstrations:** Dave Brandt, Jay 'Fishy' Fullum, Mike Martinek, Bob Mead, Ralph Graves, Bruce Marino, Paul Rossman, Bill Hrinko, Roger Plourde, Harold Williams, Jack Pangburn, Peggy Brenner, Leslie Wrixon, Bill Newcomb, Thomas Farmer, Bruce Corwin, Joe Soma, John Klemm Jr., George Cherundolo, Greg Belcamino, Shawn Britton, and more! **Fly Tying Classes:** *Catskill Dry Flies*-David Brandt, *Streamers and Baitfish* for Fresh and Saltwater-Mike Martinek, *Make A Mead Lady Bug*-Bob Mead, *Deer Hair Management* and Bug Making, and others. **Great vendors** to satisfy your every need: Baker's Bamboo Flyrods, White Water Flies-The Variant, MC Flyfishing, Housatonic River Outfitters, Badger Creek Fly Tying, Richard Bradley Reels, Housatonic Valley Rods, Bamboo Mike Longuil, Belvoirdale, Jerry Girard, and others. Seminars and programs both days: See the list in the latest issue of Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide. Call 845-439-4810 for registration information, fees apply.

There will be live auction on Saturday night after a special in-house dinner. This will include all sorts of neat things including two letters from Robert Traver (John D. Voelker); one to Art Flick and one to Mrs. Flick with the book, *Laughing Whitefish* inscribed to "Art Flick and his 'Darling'". We've added a new component. **The Fly Fisherman's Book Exchange**...a place for you to sell your old books. Make a list of your books, write the price in the top right hand corner of the inside facing page (in pencil) and put your initials below. We will have tables set up and sell your books. If they sell, we take 10% and give you the balance. If they don't sell, you can take them home at the end of the show. For more information, please visit our website and click on latest Arts of the Angler Show link at [www.cffcm.net](http://www.cffcm.net). Come on down.

**Hoagy Night in NY is December 2.** This has nothing to do with large sandwiches, but definitely a Hero...Hoagy Carmichael. We have scheduled another great evening at the Anglers' Club of NY for a Roast and Toast to Hoagy. This will include cocktails, a sumptuous dinner, a salute to Hoagy from some of his friends (?) and a wonderful silent auction which includes a Rolf Baginski bamboo rod, 7' 2/2 4W, among other wonderful items. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call for details on absentee bids (Silent Auction items will be listed on Website the week of November 22).

**Poul Jorgensen set of two DVDs of Tying Salmon Flies, Vol I and Vol II are now available.** Before Poul died, he wanted to have his VHS videos transferred to DVD's. This highly desirable set has been re-mastered for us by Dennis Lund, CFFCM member in Nevada. This two-volume set is available for only \$29.95 and includes shipping, for members only. This is a remarkable value and a must for those wanting to tie Atlantic salmon flies. It would be a great Christmas present. For a set, please call office or send an email with payment information.

**Wish List.** Over the next cold months ahead, based on funds and man power available, we will be improving and maintaining our infrastructure. We have done many great things here at the Center with limited funds and available resources. Some of the projects require minimal funds and some require more. At the recent Semi Annual Trustee Meeting held on October 18, the following projects have been identified that we will soon be facing: repair to the ceiling in the museum that is showing fractures and stress over the years, the museum roof that will need some attention in the next year or two, an immediate repair to the leaky roof section in the gift shop, new carpeting in the museum (now 12 years old), freshening up our administrative offices that have not even been repainted in the past 14 years and also carpet that is just as old as the paint and updating the Paul Dahlie Education Building (that we would like to start on soon). The last one is easiest as all it needs is a coat of paint and someone to do it. If you want to volunteer a couple gallons of paint and/or a couple of days of painting, we will gladly take it. Carpet would be a nice improvement too as we use this for meetings, educational programs, and gatherings. We have other projects, some can be done with minimal funds and a little elbow grease. We welcome your input and assistance; and, if you know some donors that can provide materials, carpet and installation, even better.

**Recent Acquisitions.** From Mike Santulli, a slide presentation of the Thomas and Thomas Rodmaking Factory Shop from 1974 and a signed copy of his book *Where Alders Grow*. From Louis Salvato, a matted and framed oversize professional black and white photo of Lee Wulff playing a large fish in Newfoundland (now on hanging in the permanent Lee Wulff Exhibit in the Museum), From Anthony Magadino, a collection of Charles DeFeo trout flies with authentication, From Keith Fulsher, 15 of 16 signed artist proofs of Charles DeFeo's 1976 *Reflections* prints. From Chris Bogart, a vintage multi strip Node Press for our Rodmakers Workshop. From Marie Heady, *Ephemeras Mayflies Natural & Artificial*, *The Durling Kindersely Encyclopedia of Fishing* and *The Complete Book of Surf Fishing*, from Dan Powers, 130 books for our library, From Craig Searles, 34 books for our library. From Alex Reeves, four graphite fly rods for our collection including a Cortland Leon Chandler signature series rod in mint condition and a first generation Lefty Kreh TFO series rod. From Francis Betters, a signed series of his books for our library. From Tom Maley Crafts and Hobbies, a new pair of youth waders and shoes; and from **Chris Andrus**, a collection of books and catalogs. From **Marie Heady**, three books for our library including the Limited Edition of *Ephemeras "Mayflies"* by Gaidy, From **John Feldenzer**: A copy of the Fall 2005 *American Fly Fisher* magazine, signed by Baseball Hall of Fame member Bobby Doerr and a signed Hall of Fame card of Bobby, with photo of him signing both magazine and card. This issue contains an article authored by John entitled "*Of Baseball and Bamboo: Bobby Doerr, Ted Williams, and the Paul H. Young Rod Company*" for our permanent archives. From Jack Pangburn, artwork for future Castabouts.

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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### 2008 Calendar of Events

#### 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

*Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.*

**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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