

CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Geoffrey Gold
Ronald Rothenberger
Norman Russell
Michael Valenti

November Membership Winner

John Peipon

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!

Third Annual *One Fly* in The Catskills benefits CFFCM. Over twenty 2-man teams assembled at Catskill Flies at 8:30 AM for the 8:31AM start of the third annual One Fly Contest to benefit the CFFCM. This highly unorthodox competition brought out some of the best and worst, Catskill Anglers, in a highly challenging competition that lasted until noon! Teams included the notorious: Merseyside Poolers, Pops and the Banjo, Frosty Brothers, J&J Shooters, Nympho Maniacs, and Articulated Cornuta just to name a few. Points were scored by landing and releasing a trout on the selected teams one fly, and one point per fish. Without getting into the pre-evening warm up events and delays in stream-side activities, this year's winners were the J&J Shooters with a total score of 1 point. Once again, we thank Dennis and Ellen at Catskill Flies and the skilled teams for their participation and donations to the CFFCM.

For those of you daring to want to know more, visit the Message Board at www.catskillflies.com. Some great photos await you. (This was omitted from the November Castabout due to space limitations.)

2009 Membership Packets have been mailed. If you have not received your 2009 membership packet by now, please give us a call and we will send another. Please renew now and enable us to continue our important role in the world of fly fishing, together.

Second Annual CFFCM *Arts of the Angler* Show in Danbury CT was another success. Thanks to the 40+ fly tyers, supporting vendors, class and seminar presenters, demonstrators, auction bidders and many donors, volunteer staff, affiliate TU chapters, and the few hundred attendees it was an amazing weekend. On both days, visitors were treated to non-stop fly tying demonstrations by a most talented cross section of fly tyers. Dave Brandt, Fishy Fullum, Fran Verdoliva, Bamboo Mike Longuil, and Harold Williams provided some outstanding seminars and programs. Our new component, *The Book Exchange*, turned out to be most successful. It allowed attendees not only the opportunity to paw through a few hundred used books, but to sell their own while they viewed the show. The CFFCM made 10% on all books sold. Early plans are to expand this exciting area next year to include used fly fishing equipment, collectibles, and accessories. Special thanks goes to our own Erin Phelan who coordinated and managed this event and the volunteer member staff: Bob Rock, Pete Hauser, Phil Sousa, Anthony Margadino and Virginia Williams. A fun time was had by all.

Fly tying workshop planned for 2009. Over the past year we have received a great amount of new fly tying materials from hooks to hackles. They have been donations from personal collections, estates and fly fishing stores. All materials are in excellent condition and inventory now satisfies every fly tying educational program. Ted Patlen has initiated the sorting and organization of these materials for storage. Our plans for 2009 are to open the Paul Dahlie Educational Building on a monthly basis for tyers to have group sessions and programs. We expect our local groups and organizations to take the role as hosts and take advantage of our facilities.



Streamside Notes

Today, before making my 118-mile commute from CT to the Center, I filled up at \$1.99 a gallon. Whoever thought gas would ever be under two bucks again. There was snow in the air and the temps were around 20. I guess 'the off season' has officially started.

When I arrived at the Center, the temperature was below 20 and a light dusting covered the bridge. There were already tire tracks, so Sue was in early. When I got into the office, before allowing me to get a cup of tea and settle in, Sue reported that we had already received over 50 membership renewals. As the mailing just went out a week ago, this was great news.

I am pleased to report that this has been the best, first time membership mailing response we have had in the history of the Center. Your 2009 Membership packets should go out around mid December. Receipt of your memberships allow us to develop our operating budget for the upcoming new year and plan accordingly. This is what happens in the 'off season'. Thank you again for the "jump start".

Now in the 'off season', we will be gradually making changes

again in the Museum. I am excited as we have great cooperation in developing several new exhibits this year. Trout Unlimited is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and with the help of National TU and TU Chapters everywhere we will build a wonderful joint exhibit. Imagine what our rivers would be like today if we did not have such a dedicated organization in place. We will have some before and after photos of our local streams before TU and other concerned anglers took charge. Also celebrating the 50-year milestone is the United Fly Tyers. They regularly meet monthly outside Boston and continue to draw over 100 local members share and teach the latest and oldest techniques in fly tying. This organization provided the first fly tyers only publication, *The Roundtable*. We are now working with UFT to develop an in-house exhibit as we are with ORCA. ORCA is the Old Reel Collectors Association. Among their members they have access to the greatest collection of reels in the world. We will soon be filling the front right showcase with a fine selection of interesting reels. In addition to these joint organization projects, we have several others in store for 2009.

Exhibits coming down will be *Graphite Rods*, *FBI-The Flies from the British Isles*, and the *Fly Tyer Magazine Fly Tying Contest Flies*. We will be enhancing the *Made in Japan* exhibit with many other flies which we recently received. This exhibit will grow this year and we expect some special guests coming from Japan. If I told you of all the other great things planned in the Museum, there would be little for me to write about down the road.

It has been a good year at the Center. We have a great presence with the fly fishing community worldwide. With your continued help, we will continue to grow in the year to come.

From the *heart* of the fly fishing community, in 'the off season', your staff, The CFFCM Trustees, and I wish you and your families a joyous Holiday Season and great promise in the New Year and Season ahead. Thank you for your confidence and support.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Last Ties- Paul Ptalis

It is with great sadness to inform you that after a tough battle with cancer, a great friend to all, a magnificent fly tyer, and CFFCM Trustee, Paul Ptalis, passed away on Monday afternoon, November 17.

Paul expounded on the creative thought process involved in the construction of classic Atlantic Salmon Flies and his striking portfolio of favorite patterns in his book '*Century End*'. Paul was a major contributor to the art of classic Atlantic Salmon fly tying renaissance that we continue to experience today. His innovative patterns include The Paul Dahlie and The Poul Jorgensen, both part of the CFFCM collection. In addition to his role as a CFFCM Trustee, Paul was the graphic designer of the Poul Jorgensen CFFCM Calendar and provided many of the award graphics in our presentations. He was a very visible tyer and instructor at fly fishing shows and exhibitions as well as a member of the Anglers Club of NY.

Paul will always be remembered for his exquisite and 'unbelievable' creations at the vise, his warmth to everyone he met, and his unique ability to tell a story like no other. He will be greatly missed in the world of fly tying and by us here at the Center. Paul is survived by his wife Marilyn and two children, Evan and Sarah.

Recent Acquisitions: From **Phil Sousa**, a custom cherry tabletop fly tying center, signed by all the tyers from the 2009 Arts of the Angler show for our 2009 Annual Auction. From New Mexico member, **Mike Murray**, a bundle of old cane rod components and hardware dating back to the late 1800's to be used in our rod making workshop. An enormous quantity of new fly tying materials from the **estate of Hank Northridge**, from his wife (brought in by Stan Fudala). Books for our library from **Bob Rock** and **John Lemich**. From **John Likakkis**, his book *Bass Bug Basic* and a fly. From **Bruce Marino**, a 7 piece March Brown Travel Rod and from **Rick Bannerot** a 6 piece March Brown Travel Rod. **Newly Released Books for our Library:** From **Skyhorse Press**, *The Fly Fisherman's Guide to the Meaning of Life*, by Peter Kaminsky and **Lefty Kreh's My Life Was This Big and other true fishing stories, and from **Vincent Sadwick**, *Seasons on the Au Sable*, by Rusty Gates (signed).**

Coming Soon:

Atlantic Salmon Fly Tyer... A Memoir, By Keith Fulsher is currently in production. CFFCM Member and world class fly tyer, Keith Fulsher, shares his most memorable Atlantic Salmon fishing experiences and the evolution of hair wing salmon flies. Keith provides his personal tying tips and techniques with clear and concise step-by-step instructions. Included are over 40 of his favorite hair wing salmon flies in full color with patterns, 20 never seen before. This 8x10 hard cover edition will contain 140 total pages with 109 in full color. First Printing will be limited to 250 copies. Of the 250 copies, 40 individual *special editions* will be available and each to include one of the flies from the production of this book. Special Editions are \$75 each, the remaining 210 will be \$34.95; postage to members will be included. Books are expected to be delivered by end of 2008. Please contact the CFFCM office to reserve a copy at your earliest convenience. All proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

Cowdung is coming. We also expect our first printing of *Cowdung of Shin Crick*, by Reuben Cross, to be here by the end of December. Want one? Please send us \$9.00 per copy (NYS sales tax and shipping and handling included). You will find that every one needs to know about Cowdung!

Members, Start your Stories. The winter months are officially underway and so is the production of our second members' book, Double Haul. Yes, the ice has been broken, as we have now received some new stories...even from Ted Patlen again. We want them all and if you can email them to Erin in a Word format, to flyfish@catskill.net even better. Deadline is February 28, 2009. We look forward to reading them.

Jorgensen DVD Price Error in last Castabout. Everyone looked at it, but no one picked it up. The \$29.95 price listed in the November Castabout for redigitized Salmon Flies Vol. I & II was per volume, not for both. It was to read: \$29.95 per volume or \$50 for both I & II to members, postpaid. Thank you for your understanding.

It might not be too late to get a gift to a fly fishing friend. Give a membership to the CFFCM. They will receive a personal and collectible Lee Wulff Holiday card, a signed copy of *The Beaverkill* by Ed Van Put, and a reminder of your thoughtfulness every month when the Castabout arrives. You can beat the water, but not this deal. Also you can visit our website, www.cffcm.net for a few items to fill the waders hanging on the mantle for fly fishers or those who don't. We have some neat large fish serving trays, some trout decorated socks, and wonderful home items. Don't put it off another minute, or it will be too late.



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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2008 Calendar of Events

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

***Please Note The CFFCM Winter Hours are
now in effect. Open Saturdays 10-4,
Tuesday thru Friday 10-1 and closed Sunday
and Monday***

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