

# CFFCM's Castabout

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## January Membership Winner

### David K Senderling

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!

**The Toast of the Town, Hoagy B. Carmichael.** As expected, the Roast and Toast of Hoagy was a great night in NY. The Anglers' Club of NY was the perfect setting as members and friends joined to honor this major contributor to the fly fishing community. Cocktails were served, guests mingled, and after a fine dinner, President Miriam Stone presided by turning up the heat. She welcomed the guests and some of Hoagy's closest allies to share some personal stories about Hoagy. First up: Boker Doyle said, "If you want one of the worst fishing trips of your life, go with Hoagy". Not only did Boker learn first hand, having been told that the first trip was a fluke and would never happen again, Boker agreed to another. The following trip was worse. Boker finally admitted, that he continues to accompany Hoagy on trips with the hope that some day he can say that they were all not bad. Ned Leeming shared several stories about going fishing with Hoagy and the fun en-route. They found that getting to the destination was half the fun. It seemed that they would map out their favorite travel routes based on the localities of Dunkin' Donuts that specifically served buttermilk donuts. Another quest was to find Yardley shaving soaps in wooden bowls in out of the way drug stores on the way to the stream. Finally, the ingenious method to find out just where the best local fishing was, they would don a Texaco gas station attendant uniform shirt and visit the local station. They found there was a common bond from one gas pumper to another, which opened the door to many good fishing holes through out the Northeast. After listening to Ned, you wondered if they actually did get to fish with all the donuts and side trips. Ted Rogowski chimed in and presented Hoagy with a side mount reel. Good friends and Grand Dames: Judy Bowman shared some stories about her many years attending fishing shows with Hoagy, Ross Francis told of joining Hoagy on a magical day of fishing and Mary O'Malley reminisced Hoagy's antics at the Anglers' Club of NY.

Hoagy returned with his recollections, which often veered from the truth be told. He graciously thanked the audience. In closing, he shared that he loves this sport and the enjoyment it gives him every day.

**Holiday Open House, December 5** wrapped up another year of CFFCM programs. It was a wonderful time to visit with friends in the elegant atmosphere of our museum. Joining us this year was Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Congressman Maurice Hinchey's Assistant, Julie Allen. Both ladies have helped us greatly in the past and expressed hope they can continue this support and assistance in the New Year to come. Assemblywoman Gunther commented on our importance to the area and extended her thanks for our contributions to Sullivan County. The

**No Show Presence in Marlboro or Somerset.** Please note that we will not be participating in the Marlboro or Somerset Fly Fishing Shows this January, as we did not receive invitation contracts from the promoters. Our show staffs have always enjoyed seeing members and show attendees to share our latest information.

**January 17, Livingston Manor Library to host Terry Shultz at 1PM.** Terry will be giving a presentation on his fishing trips around the world. If you are in the area, stop in for this entertaining and informative program on great fish in exotic and exciting areas. Terry is known for his outstanding presentations, which are guaranteed to warm you up on a cold January afternoon.

## Streamside Notes

You just never know what to think...

This past year was quite good for the Center. We accomplished many projects, experienced growth and most important, member involvement. You made it happen. Like at home, we find ourselves with everyday maintenance and upkeep projects. Some projects for this year are: painting the education building, adding new shelves to our archive room, new workbenches in the rod making room and a few others. One in particular Doc brought up this past fall was to get a few members together with a couple of chainsaws to drop the dead trees on the perimeter of the bunkhouse property. Interested? If you are, give me a call and we can schedule some time this spring. Projects like these can be done if you

spare an hour or two when you are up fishing. If you are looking for something to do, I can fix that, drop me a line. In these times of stretched budgets, we do our best.

Thank you for renewing, joining, and sending the additional funds. It all keeps this place alive. For those who have not renewed yet, please save us the costs of sending you a reminder.

We fly fishers have a sort of special lingo that only other fly fishers understand. *"Hey, nice rod; the parabolic action is definitely noticeable in the tip section. Isn't that a Leonard 50 you got there? Looks like you lost your butt plug. 5 weight, huh? Weight forward or Double taper?" What are they rising to? Looks like a size 22 trico to me. Caddis emergers.* My favorite is the reply to the most general fly fishing greeting or question, "how'd you do?" And the

most frequent reply "...lost a good one last night, or missed a couple of good ones". On many occasions I would come back with "did you miss any bad ones?, or how many bad ones did you catch?" After a moment of thought and silence, laughter would always follow. We do have a special lingo and sense of humor.

Quite noticeable lately was that everywhere I stopped and shopped instead of saying 'thank you' or 'come again', the cashiers or attendants would say "have a good one". They must have recognized me as a fly fisherman!

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all... Have a good one.

It's all about fly fishing  
Jim Krul

**February 7, Fly Fest 2009.** That's right, they are doing it again on Saturday February 7 from 10 AM until 4 PM in the museum. On this day a very special group of fly tyers leave their fly tying attics and basements for the first time this New Year. Whether they see their shadow or not, they determine it is still another 8 weeks until opening day with ample time to tie more flies.

Fly Fest is an informal fly tying get-together organized by JB Martin and sponsored by Catskill Flies. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced fly tier, Fly Fest 2009 is the place to be. What can be better than sitting around with a group of people who have the same interest in fly fishing as you do on a mid winter's day? Last year we had 51 fly tyers sharing their fly tying techniques, new patterns, and their most successful flies from last season. If you want to tie, you can. Visit [www.catskillflies.com](http://www.catskillflies.com) and click on the message board for all the details. If you are interested in flies and tying, come down and 'kick the tyers' for a test run on some of their new and exciting patterns. Come out of hibernation and get a cure for that cabin fever, everyone is welcome. Hot drinks and donuts will be in the gift shop. This year the members of Fly Fest will welcome fly donations for Reel Recovery.



**Phil Chase Conservation Hero.** In the February 2009 issue of Field and Stream, our own Trustee, Phil Chase, will be recognized as a Hero of Conservation, an individual committed to preserving natural resources. It should be noted that Phil was the first recipient of the Lee Wulff Conservation Award here at the Center back in 2003. We are proud to have Phil serve on our board.

**Last Casts-** Long time member and supporter, **John Klein**, from Wallkill, NY left us on October 21, 2008 at the age of 94 years and 4 days. He was a great advocate of our local waters and an outstanding fly fisher. John will be missed by his friends, family, and the fly fishing community.

**Recent Acquisitions:** From **Jim Schottenham** at Lang's Auction, four flies tied by Helen Shaw, from **Nick Lyons** a large group of new fly fishing titles for our library and fund raising. From the **Anglers' Club**, *MO'M of the Anglers'* by Mary O'Malley and Mac Francis for our library. From **Judy Darbee Smith**, a framed photo of Harry and his brother Cleeve, as kids playing with a fox...you'll have to see it in the refreshed Darbee Exhibit this spring. From **Dr. Sam Lacina**, a custom 'one of a kind' CFFCM trout landing net to be used for fundraising. From **Mrs. Julie Brown** a collection of Helen Shaw ephemera including original photos, newspaper articles and letters including ones from Arnold Gingrich and Red Smith for our archives.

## Calendar for 2009

**February 7** Fly Fest a gathering of over 50 fly tyers who provide demonstrations and clinics in the CFFCM from 10 AM-4PM. This no charge event is promoted and sponsored by Roscoe fly shop, Catskill Flies. 2009 will be the third annual event.

**April 4** Season Opener at Junction Pool The only way to officially open NYS trout season is with First Cast. This year, hosts Judy and Ed Van Put will welcome Congressman Maurice Hinchey to join them for the ceremonious *First Cast*. This annual event is a joint cooperation with the CFFCM and the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. After the long winter rest, Junction Pool comes alive at 7AM with local businesses greeting guests with hot coffee, pastries, and warm conversation. After First Cast, visitors remain in the area to visit local fly shops, eateries, and favorite fishing holes. Shortly after you can see Ted Patlen's famous fly tying demonstration in the museum and get a cup of Agnes Van Put's famous soup in the CFFCM gift shop. On some occasions, the fishermen actually fish, but it is a day of reuniting after the long winter months with both local business and fly fishing community.

Coinciding with April's season opener, the CFFCM officially opens with new exhibits, attractions and the weekend Guest Fly Tyer Program and Video Sundays. When the snow leaves the ground, we will welcome all visitors to enjoy our refreshed and redeveloped nature trails and seek out some of the local birds indigenous to the area with our Audubon endorsed sighting card.

On the third Saturday of April, The Long Island Fly Rodders organize a stream cleanup of the Willowemoc and Beavercreek. This group of 50 assemble early that morning, clean the rivers until noon and have a barbeque on the CFFCM property. This annual event harvests tons of debris, garbage, and junk from the river banks. This event is entirely funded by the Long Island Fly Rodders as their way to 'give back' to the area.

**May** brings mayflies and mayflies bring fly fishermen

Beginning in May and ending in June the CFFCM hosts 'like' organizations for weekend getaways and meetings.

**May 23** The CFFCM Annual Day and Dinner The CFFCM will celebrate it's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual members meeting and fund raising dinner. The day begins with a members meeting ending at noon. From 1-4 PM, Dr. Hisao Ishigaki, Professor of the Aichi Institute of Technology in Japan, will provide a lecture on Japanese fly fishing, culture and a demonstration on traditional tenkara fishing. At 5:30 a dinner and fund raising auction will be held at King's Catering.

**June** The peak insect hatches on Catskill streams occurs during the first week of June. The CFFCM hosts 'like' organizations to use our facilities for weekend meetings and a full week bamboo rod making class takes place.

**July** is Education Month at the CFFCM. Each weekend we provide environmental weekends for children from ages 7-17. This year we will offer family and individual fly fishing classes and seminars.

**August 9** we will host our Annual Sullivan County Jubilee Day, Fly Fishers Summerfest and Anglers Market. With the assistance of the Sullivan County Bicentennial Committee we will also include a Bicentennial celebration.

Jubilee Day is a day for the local communities and Fly Fishing Center to celebrate milestones ending in 5's and 0's and Agnes Van Put's Birthday. We recognize birthdays and anniversaries with free cake and family entertainment. Local crafters, businesses, farmers, civic organizations, environmental groups and vendors assemble on the museum side of the property sharing their information. On the Pond side of the property, anglers meet for a fly fishing flea market and collectible show.

**September 11-13** The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Catskill Rodmakers Gathering will once again take place on the CFFCM property. This two and a half day program brings in over 140 of the world's finest amateur and professional bamboo rodmakers. On Sunday, visitors are welcome to stop in at no charge and meet rodmakers and view some of their fine creations. The Catskill Rodmakers Gathering has become the largest and most respected gathering in the world.

**October 17** The CFFCM Semi-Annual Meeting, Fly Fishing Hall of Fame induction and dinner. The CFFCM is the home of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame recognizing member of the fly fishing community who have made major contributions to the sport and left a permanent footprint in our streams. These individuals are inducted in the museum during the afternoon with a dinner following at King's Catering.

**November 13-14** The Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury, CT. This is a full service fly fishing show focusing on the arts of the Angler: fly tying, rod building, collecting and destinations. In addition to availing the best in fly fishing equipment, tackle, accessories, and collectibles, it provides attendees with a continued exposure to fly fishing and reinforce the importance of the CFFCM and the Catskills. Educational seminars and programs are featured throughout the event.

**December 1** The CFFCM Annual Winter Fund Raising Dinner will be held at the Anglers' Club of New York.

On the Saturday following, **December 5**, the CFFCM welcomes members and locals to join together for the annual Holiday Open House and end another year together.

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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### **2009 Calendar of Events**

#### **February**

7: Fly Fest

#### **March**

Stories due for 'Double Haul'

#### **April**

4: Opening Day of Trout Season at Junction Pool

#### **May**

23: Annual Banquet and Meeting

#### **June**

19/24: Cane Rodmaking School

*Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.*

#### **July**

11/12: Environmental Education Program

18/19: Environmental Education Program

25/26: Environmental Education Program

#### **August**

9: Super Sunday Anglers Fest / Jubilee Day  
Sullivan County Bicentennial

#### **September**

11/13: 14th Annual Rodmakers Gathering

#### **October**

17: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

#### **November**

14/15: Art of the Angler Show, Danbury CT

#### **December**

1: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

5: Holiday Open House

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

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