

# CFFCM's Castabout

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## New Members

David Bush  
Scott Cesari  
Dr. Joseph Gerace  
Jerry Girard Jr.  
Thomas Herrington  
Steve Reed  
Richard Rothen Jr  
Steven Toth

## February Membership Winner

Gary Speilmann

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!

**There is always something happening at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum.**

**February Fly Fest Fun** This Saturday, February 7 is the return of Fly Fest. Football season is over and fly tying should be into full swing. If you have been cooped up too long, maybe it is time to venture outside and up to the Museum. The usual gang and a few new comers will be tying in the museum from 10-4. This hardy group of fly tyers will be glad to show you some new techniques and patterns they have developed since last season. Funded by the tyers themselves, this great fly tying get together, is coordinated by Catskill Flies and JB Martin, message board moderator.

**Annual Member Book Sale Approaching.** Mary Fried and Joe Fox are diligently working on the list of books donated to the CFFCM for our annual March **Members Only** Book Sale. When we receive books, we explain to donors that we maintain two libraries, one is for archive (a collection of one of every title in the best condition available), and a duplicate library for reading and research. We are constantly upgrading and filling in vacant slots. All books that are not used for our library are then offered first to members at a less than retail value price in our annual book sale. Remaining books are either sold in our gift shop or used for other fund raising. We are thankful for these donations as our library continues to grow in quantity and quality.

In next month's mailing, you will be receiving the Used Book List....there are some great titles and editions we hope will find the way to your library.

**New Tyers Welcome.** We look forward to another season of Guest Fly Tyers. Every Saturday, from our *Season Opener* to *Hall of Fame*, you can catch a fly tyer in the museum from 1-4PM. These guest tyers demonstrate their unique techniques and fly patterns in a warm and casual setting. We are always looking for new faces. If you are interested in participating as a guest fly tyer, please contact the office at your convenience as our schedule is almost complete.

Over the past couple of years, we have had guest tyers scheduled in on both Saturday and Sundays. This year we will reserve Sundays for special programs, presentations, and events. On non-event Sundays, we will show special fly fishing movies and videos on our large screen TV.



## Streamside Notes

The start of this new year and January has been a little more challenging than in the past here at the CFFCM. We seem to be in a stalled position on member renewals ( a gentle hint to those in arrears), the cold temps have affected our heating system and pipes, and other unexpected situations have surfaced. I assure you these are only temporary set backs. Despite the cold and wintry conditions, we have had more visitors to the museum in January than ever before.

But, 2009 does seem to be falling into place. Joe Fox and Mary Fried show up regularly to help with exhibit preparation, library and acquisition room cataloging and shelving. I suspect any day now Ted Patlen will re-surface and assist in the

painting and re-shelving the Education building. We have heard from Johan Klingburn from Sweden, who will be coordinating our Flies from Sweden Exhibit that will be on display in 2010. The tyers of Sweden are honored to be represented in our museum. We continue to receive flies and fly fishing related items from Japan, thanks to our long distance member, coordinator, Misako Ishimura, now living in Arkansas. And thank God for Misako, as I don't have a clue to what the accompanying letters say. This Made in Japan Exhibit is simply magnificent. Another exciting exhibit in works is Cleve Speers, the consummate fly fisher. For those who do not recognize the name, as a teenager, Cleve worked for Jim Payne in his workshop. He tied flies, built rods, made reels, invented fly fishing

accessories, helped manage streams and truly enjoyed the pursuit of trout at every chance available (and was quite successful). He passed away only a couple years ago at age 91. Cleve was one of those men you met that you will never forget. When it came to fly fishing, he did it all. Can you think of five people in fly fishing that can say they did it all? His son, Buddy, has provided us with some of his father's treasures to fill one of our showcases. You will just have to see it for yourself. And there is more, but I want to save something for the March Castabout!

It's all about fly fishing.  
Jim Krul

**Joan Wulff, The Outdoor Life Top 25.** In the December/January 2009 edition of Outdoor Life Magazine you will find the second annual "Outdoor Life 25". The "Outdoor Life 25" is the award program honoring 25 men and women who have changed the face of hunting and fishing. This year the list includes our most revered trustee, supporter and "First Lady of Fly Fishing"; Joan Wulff. We all agree with the IGFA that "no other person has impacted fly fishing or influenced generation of anglers more than Joan Wulff". Congratulations

**Summerfest, Anglers Market and Jubilee Day is August 9.** Yes, it sounds like a long time away but this year we will be also celebrating Sullivan County and the Town of Rockland's Bicentennial.

Are you celebrating a milestone in your life? Share it with us. As always, we will be honoring those having birthdays or anniversaries ending in 5's or 0's, and Agnes Van Put's 93<sup>rd</sup>. Join in the fun. There is food, free cake, family fun and a great array of exhibitors. The Great Willowemoc Fish Race is always a hoot. You don't want to miss this one.

Before we give up all of our ground space to new vendors and exhibitors, our membership comes first. If you would like to participate as a vendor (fly fishing related merchandise on the pond side of our property, or craft/retail related products on the Museum side of the property) or if you belong to a local environmental or conservation related club or organization and would like share information with visitors, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Chairwoman Judy Van Put is waiting to hear from you.

(Previous Summerfest and Anglers Market participants will be receiving their registration packets in April).



**Recent Acquisitions:** From **Tori Jogodnik:** 59 video tapes for our media library and some fly fishing accessories for fund raising from her late husband, Dick's estate. From '**Catskill John' Bonasera** : two magnificent custom made workbenches for the Rodmaker's Workshop. John has been working with Rodmaker Workshop Coordinator Mike Canazon in constructing the necessary workbenches to complete the workshop. From **Harold Levy:** A unique early pebble grained leather multi page fly wallet with a silver clasp containing a few nice snelled wet flies.

**Keith's Book is here.** **Atlantic Salmon Fly Tyer, A Memoir**, is now available, exclusively from the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Only 250 copies of this hard cover and full color book were printed. This wonderful book contains personal stories and observations experienced by author Keith Fulsher in regards to his many years as a fly tyer and fisher for Atlantic Salmon. Keith also shares some very explicit tying instructions for both hair and feather wing salmon flies, 20 of his favorite patterns and 20 of his secret patterns (complete with ingredients) never seen before. A good read for all and a must for fly tyers. Cover price is \$34.95, members get free shipping and handling. All proceeds from this book will benefit The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. So does the reprint of **Cowdung**, funded by Paul Kaplan. And the latest book providing proceeds to the CFFCM is by Our Pal Al Himmel, **Trout on the Rise**. This 51 page, 8x11, soft cover book contains the observations, advice, tying instructions and fly fishing methodology, entomology, river secrets, most personal and flagrant comments, queries, and more information that only an experienced octogenarian can and will provide. This super book will be enjoyed by all. \$5 at the Museum, \$6 in the mail.

And what a great overture to our next members book, **Double Haul**. If you would like to share a fly fishing experience or story in our next publication, we need it now. This is your chance to get published and you have to be a member to be included. If possible, please send a document in an email to [flyfish@catskill.net](mailto:flyfish@catskill.net) or a hard copy in the mail. Deadline was February 28, but this year we will make it February 29.

We are most lucky to have so many authors and writers among us. Thank you.

**TU materials still needed for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit.** If your TU chapter would like to be included in this exhibit, please feel free to send hats, pins, patches, decals, etc. We are proud to have Art Neumann's original philosophy of TU as the hub and will include the many spokes that have kept this organization strong for 50 years later. Please send them in.

**Fly Fishing Education.** This year will be our 26<sup>th</sup> year in youth education. The success of our weekend youth environmental programs are due much to the dedication of our instructors Pete and Caren Jacques. They provide a complete approach to the beauty and joy of trout fishing for our youngsters. Weekend programs in July are available for age groups: 8-10, 11-15, and 16 and over.

New this year, under the direction and coordination of trustee David Brandt, we will offer a series of single day adult and family fly fishing instructional programs. While you can't learn to be a fly fishing expert in one day, these basic programs will expose the students to the gentle art of fly fishing. These programs will be announced, with details, on our website.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in participating in these programs, please have them contact our office to get on our mailing list. Also planned is a 'casting tune up' day with Dave, who has been a casting instructor at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing for more years than he can remember.

**CFFCM Dream List:** New carpeting in the museum, education building, gift shop and offices. New roof on the gift shop, ceiling repair in museum, paving and road repair, funds for museum enhancements, remodeling, funds for bathrooms and kitchen in Paul Dahlie Education Building, a large endowment...

We can dream, can't we?

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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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