

CFFCM's Castabout

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If you have not renewed your membership, this is your last Castabout. Time has finally run out and so has your membership. We can no longer afford to send you renewal requests and Castabouts. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum relies on memberships for the everyday operations and programs. Your membership is very important to maintaining our mission to preserve, protect, and promote fly fishing. Join us to keep it alive.

New Members

Alan Cross
James Cross
Charles Fleischmann
Mike Fusting
Larry & Sheila Harris
J.M. Kelly
John "Jack" Kinirons
Rick Losey
John Rogoz
Victor Skoczylas

Join us April 4. The new season begins at Junction Pool at 7 AM with First Cast. This is a great time to officially open another NY Trout Season. You will find many of your friends and maybe meet some new ones as CFFCM Official Hosts, Ed and Judy Van Put welcome Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for the ceremonial First Cast of the Season. The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will be there to greet you and provide you with a hot cup of coffee. After First Cast, you might want to get out and fling a few flies yourself. No matter what, you can have a full day visiting old haunts, toast Pop Robbins but make sure you get back to the Center for Ted Patlen's Season Opener special fly tying and a cup of Agnes' soup (she also made cookies). We hope to see you.

April Membership Winner

Sydney Finkelstein

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!

April 25 is the Long Island Fly Rodders sponsored Stream Clean Up:

Put this on your calendar. The clean up will begin at 8:30 on the CFFCM grounds. We will provide garbage bags and you provide the clean up on a section of the local rivers. You don't have to spend the day, we will gladly take your help for an hour. We will all meet back at the Center around noon for a barbeque. Bring a friend and after lunch get out there and do some fishing. If you have a chain saw or a pair of loping shears, bring them and help trim up some of the trees and brush on our property; Doc Fried will have a plan. Many thanks to our friends from the Long Island Fly Rodders who have made this an annual club event.

Annual CFFCM Meeting and Dinner is May 23: This is a great day for the Center. At the meeting, President Miriam Stone will review the past year and share with you the plans for the year ahead. At 1 PM, we will welcome Japan's Dr. Hisao Ishigaki who will share a power point presentation in the museum on the culture and traditions of Tenkara fishing followed by an on stream demonstration above the bridge. At 5 PM our annual dinner will take place at Kings Catering with live auction to follow. There will be many wonderful items in both silent and live auctions to benefit the CFFCM. This will be our 28th Annual Meeting and Dinner. You will find we have come a long way since Elsie Darbee started this organization. Details and invitations will soon be in the mail. We hope you can make it.

Book Sale was a success: To the many of you who placed book orders, thank you. This was our most successful members book sale to date. Although we could not satisfy all of you, we came close; hopefully you got a title or two that you wanted. A special thanks for those who donated books to our library and graciously allowed us to sell the duplicates. We have already received several new book donations and will continue to update our library and set aside duplicates for our 2010 sale.

Streamside Notes

I almost forgot. Just over a month ago I did a presentation at the Candlewood Trout Unlimited 'Bugs Class' and what flies to use undersurface. Much to my surprise, one of the students was proudly wearing a 2009 CFFCM button on the collar of his jacket. How do I know he was proud? He told me.

March certainly came in like a lion around here. We got about a foot of snow and some real cold weather. The rest of the month has been pretty much like March, a few cold days and a few more warm days. We still have snow on the ground. Looks like the hill snow pack above the office might make this year's season a little longer. Rivers are in great shape and I saw some size 12 black stone flies in the air today. It is a sure sign of Spring, but anything can happen!

March is certainly madness around this place. We have been finishing up our new exhibits, fine tuning our calendar of events and activities, press releases, invitations to Annual Dinner, seeking items for our auction, and looking for some new part time employees for our gift shop. Volunteers are working hard. Ted Patlen has been painting the education building, Joe Fox

moving and sorting materials, Mike Canazon working on the rod shop, and Mary Fried, who is always helping me with acquisitions and the library, is going to the transfer station on a regular schedule. Without these volunteers, Sue, Erin, Agnes and I would be about a month behind right now instead of a just a week. It is amazing we get so many things done. When you see them, thank them, I cannot thank them enough myself.

I expect we too, like the rest of the country, will have a very financially challenging year ahead. There are many things we need to do here to improve and repair our infrastructure. We can only do what we can with limited funds. Due to a leaky roof and ice build up this winter, we suffered some water damage to the gift shop bathroom and gift shop walls that need attention and the ceiling in the museum needs refurbishing, among the everyday needs for maintenance. I can use all the help I can get. If you are cleaning out your fishing closets and find some gear or flies you no longer need, please send it in. These items can be turned into cash for us and satisfy someone who needs them at the same time. Our auctions and other fund raisers will be the better for it.

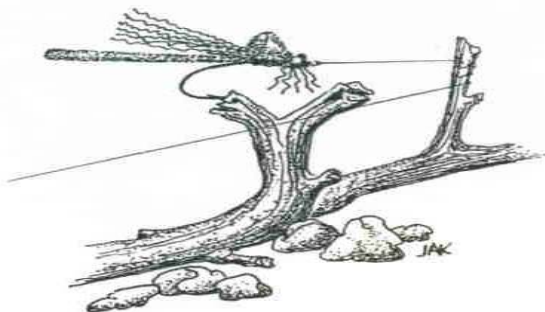
We can always use new members. Or in this case, returning members. I welcome back and wish Mr. Vincent Brannick a Happy 86th Birthday. He was a member way, way back and just returned as a 'retread' as he put it. He wrote that over the years he enjoyed many activities at the Center and wants to have many more. He also made it a fact that he would be wearing our button.

We have a great facility here that not only preserves the past, but provides a great education center for newcomers to the sport and hopefully build for a great future ahead. As a member you should be proud. Together we have a great operation and probably the most exciting and respected fly fishing center in the world. We are the hub of the fly fishing community.

I hope you will be in the area this season and visit us between hatches.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul



New Stories have been received. *Double Haul*, our second member story book is now in works. We will keep you informed when to expect it.

Recent Acquisitions From **Joe Fox**, a Thomas Vise, from **Robert 'Willis' and Kim Mellema Reid** two photo cd's and photo brochure from the 2003 and 2008 Catskill Rodmakers Gatherings, and from **the Ptlis Family** a large quantity of books from Paul's library.

Summer Environmental Educational Weekends are in July: Do you have children or grandchildren? Our weekend programs will start in July. Our programs are a great way to expose children to the outdoors, our environment and to introduce them to fly fishing. Classes begin on Saturday mornings and are completed by Sunday afternoon. Tuition includes all meals and an overnight in the bunk houses. Our trusted instructors, Pete and Caren Jacques are highly qualified and provide a great learning experience for all. Weekends are: July 11/12, ages 8 to 11, July 18/19, ages 12 to 14 and July 25/26, advanced all ages. If you or your club would like to provide tuition to a financially disadvantaged family, please send a check for \$90.00 per student.

2009 Exhibit Update: Many of our exhibits are enhanced with your input and contributions. It simply keeps things alive. Our **Women in Fly Fishing Exhibit** has been moved and refreshed. We have added a bulletin board to this exhibit and encourage you to post a favorite snapshot of a woman/women fishing (yourself if you are a woman). **The 50th Anniversary of Trout Unlimited Exhibit** could use some help. We have received hats, patches, programs, books, and pins from the following TU Chapters: Thames Valley, Mid Hudson, Stanley Cooper Sr., Bucks County, Madison County, Northern VA, Southern Tier, Western NY, Ernest Schwiebert, Croton Watershed, and Pike Wayne. I know there are many more TU chapters we have not heard from, but the sooner they come in, the sooner they can be added. Another organization that will be celebrating a 50th Anniversary this year is The United Fly Tyers (UFT). Remember them? For fly tyers, they were the only game in town for worldwide communication. They published a wonderful magazine, *The Round Table*, that shared great patterns and information by novice and professional tyers alike. Truly UFT was the pioneer group in the propagation of the art and craft of fly tying. They are still around and are preparing an exhibit for our 2009 season.

Want List: If you don't ask, you don't get. Other than the infrastructure needs of the CFFCM, we could use a DVD Player and a VHS Player. Although new is most often better, we will take either in fine used condition. We would also like to enhance our exhibits with 3 or 4 larger monitors; we would need funds as we would like to purchase all them at the same time. Now that the Paul Dahlie Education Building interior has been painted, we would like to carpet it. And there is always our general operating budget that could use a stimulus package to keep us moving forward. Cortland Line Company is once again helping us with new equipment for our educational programs. For the past 28 years, Cortland Line Company has continually provided support and assistance to our needs.

Facility Use: Other than our scheduled events and activities, you will find the Center alive on other weekends throughout the year. When we do not have a program planned, we avail our property (for a fee) for other gatherings, retreats and meetings. This summer we will be hosting The Anglers' Club of NY, The Fairo Club from France, Mid Hudson TU, Central Vermont TU, and NYC TU. If your group or company would like to use our facilities please call the office. Catering can be arranged.

Alternative Summer Fly Fishing in the Catskill: On Saturday, June 27th, 10 AM, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will host a program on fly fishing alternatives in the hot summer months. Contrary to rumors, fly fishing does not end on July 1st. There are exciting opportunities to catch great fish on flies in the many ponds, lakes and other rivers in the Catskills. These fish might not be trout, but they give you the same challenge and reward with the right fly at the right time. Learn the secrets to successful summer fly fishing. This program will introduce attendees to many unknown fishable waters in a 30 mile radius of the CFFCM which are loaded with fish that take flies such as small mouth bass, one of the strongest fighting game fish. We will also include a map of the after the discussions on the technique, tackle and tactics for successful summer fishing. A \$10 fee will be charged to benefit the CFFCM. For more information and registration, please call the CFFCM at 845-439-4810.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2009 Calendar of Events

April

4: Opening Day of Trout Season at Junction Pool
25: Long Island Fly Rodders Clean-Up

May

23: Annual Banquet and Meeting

June

19/24: Cane Rodmaking School
27: Alternative Summer Fishing in the Catskills

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 Summer Hours are now in effect. Open every day from 10-4.

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