

CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Laurie Adams
Peggy Brenner
Robert Demott
Daniel Guiney
Jim Hagen
Dan Hayes
Richard Lipinsky Sr.
Steven Sacco
Cleve Speer

May

Membership Winner

A. Gordon Winegard

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

May Guest Fly Tyers

May 2nd Mike Hogue
May 9th TBA
May 16th Lee Weil
May 23rd Annual Day
May 30th Bill Newcomb &
John Robbins

June Guest Fly Tyers

June 6th Ken Mead
June 13th Harold Williams
June 20th Brad Wilson
June 27th Lee Hartman

The 2009 Season is Officially Open. It rained, it snowed, the wind blew, it was about 38 degrees; in summary it was just plain ugly. In spite of the weather, it was another great day in the Catskills and we did indeed officially open the 2009 trout season at Junction Pool. Slowly but surely after 6:30 AM, a group of about 65 hearty souls gathered to join CFFCM hosts, Ed and Judy Van Put, along with their assistant, 8 year old Johannes Mason. They would welcome Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther to ceremoniously cast in another new season. Unfortunately the Congressman could not make it due to demands of the Office, but the Assemblywoman was here all geared up. After a few welcoming comments by Jim Krul, the team launched the first cast.

Immediately following First Cast, Jack Ganz led a splinter group to the River View Cemetery gravesite of Richard 'Pop' Robbins. Following a custom that was short lived in the 1950's, they laid a lovely wreath upon his grave. After a brief history about 'Pop' presented by Krul, the group returned to the Center gift shop for some warm coffee and Agnes' muffins.

In the museum, Ted Patlen was tying while Jack Yelle was signing his *2009 First Cast at Junction Pool*. This was the third in a series of Limited Edition prints by Jack.

Mike Canazon held a bamboo rod-casting clinic in the Livingston Manor Gym until noon. He and the crowd there came to our gift shop for a cup of Agnes' soup. They joined the many visitors we had all during the day.

Once again, there was simply more fun than a can of worms here at the official Season Opener. If you missed it, there will always be next year.

The 2009 Annual Day and Dinner, May 23. By now you should have received your invitation to our Annual meeting and dinner. We hope you can attend. The weekend activities and auction continue to grow.

Don't forget Keith Fulsher will be here for a special book signing from noon-1PM. There are only a few of the Atlantic Salmon Fly Tyer remaining from the first printing. Keith will gladly sign his previous books, bring them along.

We are honored and pleased to welcome Dr. Hisao Ishigaki from Japan. Dr. Ishigaki is the recognized authority on the 1,000+ year old practice of Tenkara fishing. Originating in Japan, Tenkara is a fly fishing technique similar to dapping or enticing fish to the surface with the delicate presentation of a high floating fly with an extremely long fly rod. Dr. Ishigaki will provide a power point presentation in the museum at 1 PM and an on stream demonstration immediately following. This will be a historical moment in the United States. Translating for Dr. Ishigaki will be our Made in Japan Exhibit Coordinator, Misako Ishimura. The presentation and demonstration will be video taped by a camera crew provided by San Francisco based Tenkara USA.

While you are here, don't miss one of the most fascinating exhibits ever in the museum, **Made in Japan.** This is a living exhibit that continues to grow every week with something new arriving from Japan. We have received flies, equipment, accessories and artwork that will simply amaze you. The latest we received are 13 hand made paper trout, each magnificently and anatomically correct in both size and colors, by artist Yoshikazu Fujioka. Want to learn how to do it? You can, simply visit his website at www.amago.jp.lv and click on the paper trout link. Mr. Fujioka also sent his *Swimming Trout* giclee print from his series, *Trouts and Seasons of the Mountain Village of Japan*.

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Streamside Notes

As crappy as April started, it finished a complete 180 degrees to the good.

After what seemed like a long winter, it is good to see so many visitors to the museum. The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild had their annual rendezvous on the 18th at The Rockland House. I had the pleasure to join Dave Brandt, Dick Talleur, and Roger Menard on the judging panel to select the winner of the Guild sponsored *Town of Rockland Bicentennial Fly Tying Contest*. The objective was to use official colors (royal blue, white, claret/maroon, and silver/gray) of Roscoe and Livingston Manor schools in the construction of a wet fly. Considering the tying talent from this extremely qualified group, the judging was equally as tough. After careful deliberation, it was unanimously determined that (Catskill) John Bonasera was the winner. His fly will be the official Bicentennial Fly. John's winning pattern is as follows: Tail: $\frac{3}{4}$ blue and $\frac{1}{4}$ white married duck fibers, Body: silver gray floss, Thorax: Claret dubbing, Wing: married duck fibers from bottom to top, white single fiber, 6 blue and 2 claret, Throat, dyed blue hen hackle fibers, black head. Nice flies. All will soon be on display in the museum.

Speaking of nice flies, we refreshed the Women in Fly Fishing Exhibit this past

winter. One of the major additions was more of the women in fly tying, however we lacked fine examples of their craft. Long time supporter Bernie Pociask saved the day and loaned us some of his personal collection. Included were plates from Joan Price, Carol Styles, Ethel M. Wilson and Glenna Allen.

Our friends from the Long Island Fly Rodders were here once again to clean up the Willowemoc. They are such a swell bunch that they even provide lunch for everyone who participates in the river clean up. While they were here, we took advantage of them and had them move many of the limbs and remnants of trees that we had removed around the bunk houses. With their help we moved more wood in 15 minutes than a few of us in a month of evenings. When you fish or view the Willowemoc, think of the Long Island Fly Rodders. They deserve a wading ovation.

I do hope you will come up and see us for our annual meeting and fund raising dinner. It is always a fun time. We are lucky to be gaining worldwide attention and being noticed. It is with your membership and support that make it happen. Our Board of Trustees are always looking for your input to keep us up front in the fly fishing community, don't be afraid to provide suggestions, volunteer, or simply stop by more often. If

you can't make our annual day, please send in a raffle ticket or two, consider placing an absentee bid, or better yet, call Erin on her cell phone to bid live on an item. You will have to get the number directly from Erin because she refuses to give this and her home phone number to me. Check out our website regularly as Chris Bogart keeps it timely as new things happen.

A special thanks to Bill Blaufuss, John Golenski and Marie Heady for sending in the DVD and VHS players. We could use one more of each if you have them. We could also use carpeting in the Paul Dahlie Education Building, a new roof on the museum and a couple of volunteers to sort and store fly tying materials. Help is always welcome.

Hall of Fame nominations, suggestions, comments, donations, post cards...send them in.

From first glance it should be a spectacular May for fishing and most likely it will be well into June. This will be the busiest season for the Center ever. Be part of it, it's yours.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

Redwood Creek Winery Supports CFFCM Events. For the past several years, Redwood Creek Wines have been a strong supporter of conservation and educational programs in the outdoor world through grants and funding. To further their commitment to the outdoor world, Redwood Creek Winery has agreed to provide wines and support to CFFCM events throughout 2009. We are happy to have the support of Redwood Creek Wines.

Cortland to provide new rods, reels and lines for Youth Education Programs. Cortland Line Company has been a proud sponsor of the CFFCM since day one. Again, Cortland willingly contributed to our youth education programs with upgrades to all our equipment including rods, reels and lines. Our equipment gets much use and sometimes some abuse. Every year Cortland Line Company comes in and repairs, replaces, and provides new leaders, tippet, and other necessary requirements for the season ahead, usually unnoticed. It has been determined that our equipment is due to be upgraded. The replacement to the latest available is always provided by Cortland Line at no charge to the Center. Having modern equipment goes a long way in educating our students. So often we take so many things for granted and forget to acknowledge our partners in keeping fly fishing alive. Thank you, Cortland Line Company.

Our Annual Dinner Auction list is currently posted on our website, www.cffcm.net. If you can't make it, consider making an absentee bid on one or more of our most unique items including: Fishing with Hoagy Carmichael on Brooklyn Club water, Fishing with Ed and Judy Van Put on their secret and favorite Catskill spots, Fishing the Pootatuck Club with Keith Fulsher, A private tying lesson with Mary Dette, fishing the Salmon River area with Fran Verdoliva, a NYC lunch with Don Trump Jr., fishing Hewitt's Big Bend with David Willmott and Jim Krul with lunch and stories included, and a private casting lesson with Joan Wulff. We have two incredible rods for rod shoppers, a lovely bamboo rod made by Europe's premier rod maker and author, Rolf Baginski and a new 4 piece, 8' 4W graphite Hardy/Greys from England. Also, to be auctioned off is a trip to Alaska's Kodiak Island Saltery Lake Lodge for a most incredible fly fishing trip either the week of August 23rd—29th, 2009 or make a reservation now for 2010. Our own Erin Phelan went last year with her family and she continues to talk about this quality fishery and the people at Saltery Lake Lodge. If you have always wanted to go to Alaska, may we suggest you purchase this trip from our auction, we will all benefit from it. Please check out the website for a link to Saltery Lake Lodge and personal photos by Erin. The live auction will begin immediately following dinner with auctioneer, Hoagy Carmichael.

Sunday, May 24: Please note that the fun does not stop on Saturday night. We have added two great activities on Sunday, the 24th.

On Sunday from noon to four, **Ted Patlen and Stan Fudala** have decided to provide Museum visitors with their version of tag team fly tying. Pick up some of the new patterns from these two as they entertain you with silly banter in between some of the finest tricks of the tying trade. It will be great afternoon.

Learn to fly fish with Dave Brandt on Sunday, May 24 from 10 AM until 4 PM. This session includes a lecture at lunch and some on stream time for critique and consultation. Pick up the basics or refresh yourself with professional instructor Dave Brandt. Dave will take you through the day and provide you with: casting, necessary knots, insect identification, fly selection, and fly fishing techniques. You provide your own equipment or we can help. This class is limited to a maximum of 5 individuals and suitable for families, individuals, or friends. Cost is \$125 per person. Dave will repeat this on June 6th and host a casting tune-up on June 20th, a perfect Father's Day present.

United Fly Tyers celebrates 50th Anniversary, 2009. Adjacent to the Art Flick Exhibit and behind the Lee Wulff Exhibit you will find a 50th Anniversary of United Fly Tyers, UFT exhibit. UFT was the premier fly tying clearing house and official communication to fly tyers world wide. If you look at the list of contributors in the magazine masthead from the 60's it is the who's who and pioneers that made fly tying a house hold word...at least among fly fishers. This exhibit is being assembled by Peggy Brenner and is almost complete.

We take great pride in hosting this exhibit along with TU's 50th anniversary exhibit. Come in and see both, their anniversaries only last until 2010.

Ralph Graves Third Annual Golf Tournament. Who said you have to be a great golfer to have fun? Last year Joe Fox, Mike Canazon, Jeff Phelan, Bob Mead and Jim Krul proved you don't. We can assure you that they will be a little better this year as they have been practicing.

Join in the fun and play a round on **Sunday August 16**, in Roscoe NY. We will have all the fixings of a golf tournament including carts. Ted Patlen with the assistance of Cliff Albertson and Jack Ganz seem to have it under control as they have 14 registered so far. Following the round of golf, a dinner of one pound steaks hot off the grill will be served at the museum. \$55 gets you in. We hope to have 36 participate. Call our office 845-439-4810 to register and start practicing when the trout fishing slows down in July.

Summerfest and Anglers Market now 2 days. Due to several requests from Summerfest and Anglers Market dealers, we have added Saturday, August 8 to make it a two day event. Make your plans now to attend Summerfest, Anglers Market and Jubilee Day for the weekend of August 8 & 9. If you ever considered selling your extra fly fishing equipment, accessories or tying materials, this would certainly be the weekend. Call our office 845-439-4810 for more information.

Jubilee Day will certainly be a big day to celebrate, as this year is also the Town of Rockland and Sullivan County's Bicentennial. If you have a birthday or anniversary ending in 0's or 5's we want to know so we can add you to the celebration list. We are planning a bigger than ever weekend. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Hey, last minute suggestion from Sandy Stone. How many times do you go fishing and tell a friend that you will meet them later? Or wished that you could leave a message for them and get on the water? We have a bulletin board on the porch of our Gift Shop. We will leave some paper and a pen for you to write a note for your friends. This way they will always know where to get a message. If you can't get off the river and want to leave them a message, call the gift shop and we will post it for you. Save the number-845-439-4810.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2009 Calendar of Events

May

1/3: Mid Hudson TU Weekend
4: Catskill Center for Conservation & Development
8: Florida School District TIC Release
9/10: Anglers' Club of NY Spring Outing
15/17: Central VT TU Weekend
17: Angler's Club of NY Spey Clinic
21: CFTG Meeting 7PM Education Bldg
23: Annual Banquet and Meeting
27: Fario Club
29/31: NYC TU Weekend

June

5/7: East Jersey TU Weekend
18: CFTG Meeting 7PM Education Bldg
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

8/9: Summerfest and Anglers Market
9: Jubilee Day/Super Sunday
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

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