

CFFCM's Castabout

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Center & Museum



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Summerfest, Anglers Market, and Jubilee Day Weekend August 8 & 9. Now it will be two big days of collectibles, treasures, and tackle in the Pond Field for Summerfest and Anglers Market. This gives you the chance to return on Sunday and get that neat thing that you lost sleep over on Saturday night. How many times has that happened? Our vendor list is growing and it is sure to be a wonderful event.

We will be open 8:30 AM- 4 PM both days.

Jubilee Day is Sunday, August 9 from 11AM – 4 PM, Chairwoman Judy Van Put is putting together a fine line up of organizations, music, and vendor groups to satisfy the whole family. You will be able to pick up some local crafts, food, and information. Among our new vendors will be Shavers' Beaverkill Trout Hatchery who will bring smoked trout, Snowdance Farm will have organic chicken, pasture raised meats and other delectables, and there will be a special outdoors art exhibit in the museum by Ithaca's Michael Barr (www.westendgallery.net) and a Redwood Creek Wine Tasting.

The Jubilee Day Schedule: 11 AM- 12 Noon: Kids Fishing Derby (13 and under) at the Pond, Michael Barr Art Exhibit 11-4, Redwood Creek Wine Tasting Noon – 1:30PM, Great Willowemoc Fish Race 2:00PM, Elmer Hopper's 75th Birthday, The Town of Rockland and Sullivan County's Bicentennial and Anniversary Cakes at 2:30PM, Food, Exhibits and Vendors 11AM-4PM. It will be a great day for all.

New Members

Evajoyce Davis
John Hoskinson
Bob Roll
Richard &
Diane Sablitz
Bob Stewart
Frank Shane

June Membership Winner David Barletta

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!

July Guest Fly Tyers

July 4th Greg Belcamino
July 11th John Klem
July 18th Ralph Graves
July 25th John Drew

August Guest Fly Tyers

Aug 1 Andy Gennaro
Aug 8 Bob Lindquist
Aug 15 Tom Farmer
Aug 22 George Cherundolo

Volunteer Help Wanted: Both Saturday and Sunday we could use some help on Bridge for traffic and donations, manning our flea market table, beverage concessions and filling in as needed. Sunday we welcome those to assist us in directing vendor traffic, monitoring the fishing derby, wine tasting, Great Willowemoc Fish Race, and serving cake.

Vendor Space still available for both Anglers Market and Jubilee Day. If you or your organization wants space, give us a call (845-439-4810) and be part of the program.

United Fly Tyers (UFT) 50th Anniversary Exhibit is coming together nicely in the Museum. Did you know? Way back before national fly fishing magazines were in vogue, the United Fly Tyers members magazine, *The Roundtable* was the first international voice of fly tying and fly fishing. The advisors were the who's who in fly tying including Walt Dette, Lee Wulff, Harry Darbee, Eric Leiser, Larry Soloman, Alan Bramley, Austin Hogan, and many others. Check out this exhibit while it is up. You will be surprised who else contributed to this fine organization.

The CFFCM Ralph Graves Open Golf Tournament is August 16. At this time we have only a few open slots. Have a great day on the links at Roscoe's Twin Villages Golf Course. You can sign up by contacting either Co-Chairman Ted Patlen (tedpat090@yahoo.com) or Cliff Albertson (Clifford.alberston@verison.net), or special assistant Joe Fox (joe@dettetroutflies.com) for more information. The day ends with a one pound steak dinner and Redwood Creek Wines at the Museum. Jack (OMG) Ganz will be our *man at the course* for check in and coordination. We could use some additional help here too.

2009 Rodmaking Class Completed: We would like to thank our Cane Rodmaking instructors, David Van Burgel, Kathy Scott, and Art Port for passing on the skills to new rodmakers: Alan Cross, James Cross, Joe Farleigh, Larry Harris and Rick Losey.

Streamside Notes

Streamside Notes. It is the end of June and I am still fishing the Catskill Streams. Looking through my journals from the past 6 years. I found that June 12 was the latest I fished locally due to low and hot river conditions. We have had more than our share of rain and cooler nights making this year quite interesting so far.

The economy and the weather affect the activity here at the Center. There are more fishermen on the rivers. With the cost of gas and personal financial situations, we find that most fishermen are avoiding travel to far off destinations. When it rains, fishermen tend to take refuge in the Museum.

There are all sorts of things going on here to keep us in the forefront of the fly fishing community. Our Rodmaking Workshop continues to grow with the continued support and assistance of the Catskill Rodmakers, our Education Building has been refreshed by volunteers, and The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild is helping in developing a fly tying theater and classroom. Thanks to grants from the Norcross Wildlife Foundation, the NYS TU council, local Beamoc TU, and Anthony Margadino we are working on installing cameras on our bridge; one above and one below the water. Both cameras will provide a live feed to the large screen TV's installed on the back wall of the museum (Stage I) and

eventually (Stage II) stream live on-line. A dedicated group of volunteers have been working on this for over a year and logistically, if all works well Stage I may happen by August.

To keep up with 21st century technology and communication opportunities, we have established a Facebook page for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. If you are looking for us, all you have to do is a simple Facebook search. We look forward to receiving your photos, comments and input to keep this fresh, alive, and in front of the fly fishing community. Join as a friend and encourage your Facebook friends to follow or become fans. You can also join me (James Krul) on Twitter.com (which I am learning and trying to keep active on) and I encourage you to share this with your followers. Yes, technology is changing and we do not want to be left in the dust. For those of you not computer savvy, keep those notes and letters coming as they are always welcome.

Now that the dust has settled from our Annual Fundraising Dinner in May, we have found we have fallen short of our financial needs. It certainly was not because of the lack of those responding to our raffle drawing or dinner attendance, but simply the lower prices we realized from both our silent and live auctions; a sign of the times. We are grateful for everything we receive. Our volunteers provide

necessary labor and much of the improvement and material costs involved. Sometimes, it is just not enough. Our annual memberships and membership events cover our operating expenses, while our fund raising events supplement our unbudgeted and unexpected needs. Just like at home, we require regular maintenance, and have unexpected infrastructure repairs. We are now in need of a new holding tank for our geothermal heating unit in the museum for about \$2,000. Looking further out we know in the very near future we will need another heating unit and some ceiling repair work in the Museum. Of course an immediate infusion of a large sum of money will help, but in the long run more memberships, steady support to activities, events and programs goes a long way in my budget preparation and spending. (Yes, Pal AI, we will be putting your last contribution to good use.)

Thank you for all you do.

Now that I got that out of my system I suppose I can go fishing in Maine with the boys the first week of July. (Maybe), some photos on Facebook when I return.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Recent Donations from **Ken Parkany**, over 250 books for our library and future members book sales, from **Margot Pender** and **Nick Heintz** of Jericho VT in honor of **Harold Pender**, Utica, NY a Devine 3 piece fly rod details with historical background, **Richard Hinkley** for two frames mounted with the flies and lures of **Great Uncle Josh Kelly** 1900-1920, **Marilyn Ptalis** a large selection of fly tying materials for our education programs, from **Randy Lewis** a 50" Samsung TV, from **Tim Abbott** an AMT 12 speed, heavy duty Drill Press, a Craftsman Belt Sander with spare belt, with legs and motor and a triple balance model 700 Ohaus scale for the Rodmakers Workshop, from **John Golenski** a Thompson A Vise, from **Dr. Richard Turse** two line dryers with lines and leaders from the 1930's and from **L.D. "Terry" Taterus** framed flies tied by Vincent Marinaro.

The 2009 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Inductees are: Frederick Halford, George E.M. Skues, Roman Moser, Bob Clouser, Dan Blanton, and Gardner Grant. These individuals have been selected from the nominations and vetted by the Hall of Fame Committee for their significant and major contributions to the world fly fishing community. Like all *Halls of Fame*, nominations remain active and alive from year to year. It should be noted that this year inductees include the first international members and those who keep fly fishing alive, healthy and growing.

The 2009 Class of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame:

Bob Clouser is immediately recognized as the inventor of the one of the most unique, innovative, and productive fly pattern styles of all times, The Clouser Minnow. Originally designed for fly fishing for the smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River, it has become one of the most productive fresh and salt water fly patterns ever. Through Bob's keen interest and education in pursuing smallmouth with a fly, his energy has brought attention to this species and elevated it to a game fish status for the fly rodder world wide. Warm water fisheries are very similar to cold water fisheries and require maintenance to keep fish healthy and alive. Bob has been a champion in educating a new generation of fly fishers. Like Henshall's early works on Black Bass, Bob brings forth a new respect for fly fishing to all warmwater species.

Roman Moser is our first living international Hall of Fame inductee. Roman started his fly fishing career as a fly tyer in his native Austria at age 15. After receiving his Masters Degree in Natural Sciences, he taught at the Business Academy in Gmunden and supplemented his income as a fly fishing and casting instructor with Hans Gebetsroither (a good friend of Charles Ritz and Lee Wulff). Roman's expertise continued and soon he introduced both Western and Eastern Europe in fly fishing techniques to catch local species of coarse fish including carp, walleye, and pike. He proved to the world that by adding a gold bead to his nymphs and those proven patterns of others, fly fishers would catch more fish. This new innovation also created a new dimension to fly patterns and a controversy among fly fishers worldwide, *lure or fly?* Today beadhead patterns are highly regarded and recognized as one of the greatest improvements to flies of the past century. To improve and rebuild the rivers of Eastern Europe, Roman introduced the Whitlock Vibert boxes with great success. Today Roman continues to bridge the world fly fishing community with fly fishing products, techniques and healthy environmental programs.

Dan Blanton will be inducted for the for the major influence he made on modern fly fishing and fly fisherman over the past 40 years. Dan developed the techniques now used throughout the world for fly fishing in deeper water with fast sinking lines and special flies. One of the most prolific writers and columnists, his website is considered the most informative on the Internet, educating today's and tomorrow's fly fishing generations worldwide. His signature fly, *The Whistler* is immediately recognized by all saltwater fly fishers.

Frederick Halford, the father of *dry fly fishing*. Not the inventor, simply the proponent who launched dry fly fishing as *only* a way of fly fishing. Although one sided in theory and practice, Halford brought forth casting techniques, equipment, entomological study and imitative fly tying into the forefront, specifically to top water fishing. His correspondence with Theodore Gordon initiated an American Revolution in modern fly fishing and introduced American fly tying.

George E. M. Skues is considered one of the greatest trout fishermen that ever lived. Through his experimentation and observations, Skues proved to the dry fly fishing purists that undersurface, sub subsurface and *in surface* feeding was commonplace for trout. Of course, many dry fly fishermen of the time considered this to be heresy and it still stirs debate. Skues' early observations and tactics continue as proof today that fly fishermen have to be well versed in reading water, insect life cycles, and understanding the feeding pattern of fish for on stream success. Ultimately, Skues continues to influence and encourage fly fishermen to explore and experiment as he did 100 years ago.

Gardner Grant is nominated for his lifelong contributions in preserving, protecting, and promoting fly fishing. Gardner's past includes: president of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Federation of Fly Fishers, national director of Trout Unlimited, director of The Atlantic Salmon Federation, director of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, Chairman of the Board of the American Museum of Fly Fishing, founding director of the NYS Environmental Planning Lobby, organizer and co-chair of the Wild Trout Symposia I, II, and III. He organized the 1st *catch, tag, and release* experiment with Atlantic salmon in Iceland, made two trips to Moscow to arrange the first angling trip to Russia by westerners since 1917, was a bluefish and striped bass fly fishing pioneer. These are just a few of the many achievements, recognitions, and accomplishments of this concerned and generous benefactor to the sport of fly fishing.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2009 Calendar of Events

July

18/19: Environmental Education Program

August

8/9: Summerfest and Anglers Market

9: Jubilee Day/Super Sunday

Sullivan County Bicentennial

16: Ralph Graves 3rd Annual Gold Tournament

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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