

CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Robert Galante
Richard Grencauch
Dallas Jacobs
Kevin Lyons
Michael MacBeth
John Rathbone
Stephen Pioso
Lewis Trowbridge

August Membership Winner Pete Toscani

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!

August Guest Fly Tyers

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

September Guest Fly Tyers

Sept 5 Ken Mead
Sept 12 Ed Burgholzer
Sept 19 Ralph Graves &
Mike Valla
Sept 26 Mike Stewart

Summerfest, Anglers' Market, and Jubilee Day Weekend*.
August 8 & 9th, don't miss it. Bring your friends and family to the biggest weekend event of the summer. Tell everyone you know.

On Saturday, August 8, the 27th annual and largest outdoor fly fishing flea market will be open from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM. You will find rods, reels, tackle, accessories, outdoor art and equipment, home-stuff, collectibles, old flies, new flies, materials, and more. Stuff that you never expected to find or never knew you needed. This is our part in America's Stimulus Program.

New, New, New... last minute additions to Summerfest features:

1.) We will have a table open at our CFFCM booth for another **CFFCM Member Book Exchange**. Here is the deal...If you have any books you would like to sell, bring 'em and we will sell 'em! Simply print your initials and the price (AB/\$9.00) in pencil on the top right corner of the first page. You can leave them at our table while you enjoy the event yourself and at the end of the day pick up any unsold books and any money you received (less 10% commission/donation to the Center). If you want to participate, but cannot attend yourself, simply bring your books (in cartons packed with spine up) to Gift shop before August 6. After the event, you can simply follow up with us at a later date. (Can't do it now? Simply put them aside and we will do this again at the Arts of the Angler Show in November) Non-members are welcome to participate for a 25% commission.

2.) Silent Discovery Auctions. At Summerfest we often get visitors that bring in fishing items for appraisal or identification. After receiving the insurance appraisal or authentication, we have found some that take advantage of our large audience and try to peddle their item from person to person, seeking the highest on the spot price. Needless to say, we discourage this practice and that of those who bring boxes from booth to booth or sell from the trunk of their cars in the parking area. This is simply not fair to our supporting vendors. To accommodate a quick sale for these individuals and get them the highest price, we will try something new, **Silent Discovery Auction**. Here is how it will work: Bob Selb of The Classic Fly Fisherman, has been our recognized appraiser for many years and has always been stationed as the first vendor at the entrance of our Anglers Market. He is clearly marked as an appraiser. As always, Bob will provide the identification and both an insurance value and a 'sell value' (sell values are those that the current average market may bring). Bob provides this service at no charge and does not approach the owner to sell. To assist those who wish to sell, Bob will complete a silent auction sheet to accompany the item and will then take it down to the CFFCM booth. It will state the minimum bid (price the owner will accept) and bidding increments. When received, the CFFCM staff will blow an air horn twice (2 times) alerting attendees that there is a new silent auction item. Attendees/bidders will have exactly one hour to view and bid on this item before it closes. When bidding is closed, the seller can pick up unsold item(s) or high bid less 10% commission to Center. It is fair, takes an hour and makes everyone happy. It's worth a try. (Both seller and bidder must stay until bidding closes. Payment will be made to CFFCM)

3.) Guest Fly Tyer Bob Lindquist will be in the Museum 1 PM - 4PM

4.) 1 PM-2 PM on Saturday and 2 PM - 3 PM on Sunday Mike Valla will have a book (**Tying Catskill Style Dry Flies**) signing at the CFFCM Summerfest

*All visitors will receive Summerfest information and Sunday's Jubilee Day schedule upon arrival.

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For the past 30 years or so, I have always joined a small group of good friends and travelled north to fish the week after the Fourth of July. Funny, this year after a great day and night of fishing, in higher than normal river conditions, we all seemed more tired upon our return to camp. Amazing what high water wading will do to one. And now back to work.

Due to higher water levels and lower water temps we have seen more fishermen. We have also seen more visitors at the CFFCM, thanks to the State of NY Department of Transportation who have installed new brown **Fly Fishing Museum** road signs before exits 94 and 96. This effort has been on going for many years and our request finally got to the top of the pile. With another push by trustee, Andy Boyar, we received help from Senator John Bonacic, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Assemblywoman Gunther, Julie Allen, Sullivan County Legislator Elwin Wood Town of Rockland Town Clerk Judy Newman and NYS DOT Region Nine Director John Williams. They all recognize the importance and contributions of The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Sullivan County. This has been many years coming and we thank all of them.

While the majority of our visitors are first time visitors, believe it or not, many are longtime members. They come for the first time to see first hand what they have been supporting over the years. They all leave satisfied and with a great feeling of ownership. Many have commented "that it is bigger and better than I ever imagined", "...are happy to belong to an organization that

keeps fly fishing alive and continues to grow", and "I wish I was closer so I could visit more often". I would estimate our annual attendance is about 70% first timers. The vast majority of our returning visitors, are of course, members, but there are a few that come back when in the area to see 'what's new'. Members or not, we love to have them come in as they bring in others to discover the fly fishing community. One non-member who just came in after about 7 year absence was Sally Jesse Raphael. Remember her? She was one of our Opening Day Guest First Casters back in 2002. She was with her husband Karl Soderlund and travel columnist Ron Kapon who was doing a piece on the Catskills. According to Sally, we were top of the 'must see' when in the Catskills. They stayed for a few hours at the Center before going into Roscoe to see Mary Dette. Before leaving, we agreed to get together again before the snow flies. You can bet I will return with a report on that too. (You can catch up on Sally at her website: www.sallyjr.com).

We tried another new program in July, a weeklong day camp, mornings only. The program started with an introduction to fly fishing and ended with fly fishing in the pond using their own flies. This experimental class consisted of ten students ranging in ages from 8-15. According to instructor Jeff Phelan, they were attentive, polite, and their young minds, absorbed everything. The success is in the pudding. On the last day, nine of the ten students caught fish. This class was such a great success, it will now be integrated into our summer youth educational programs. While on the subject of youth education programs, our longtime and dedi-

cated weekend environmental youth program instructors, Pete and Caren Jacques, with the assistance of youth instructor Devon Bunce, once again delivered a complete and refreshed environmental program. Without all of their help we could not provide a very important component of our mission, promoting the future of fly fishing. All of our instructors are a most valuable resource.

Regarding my repair report last month, we have had a couple members commit to remove, replace, and repair the drywall in the Gift Shop and to repairing the roof leaks before the winter months. Thank you both.

Having had such a positive month, I hate to bring up the downside. Here goes... due to one of the passing violent storms our museum security phone lines were blown out by lightning. Our insurance deductible is \$2,000, the repair cost was \$850. Rain and wet ground has hampered Stage 1 of our camera project. Furthermore, in our kitchen, (located in the lower level of the Paul Dahlie Education Building), not one, but both of our good old used refrigerators died. If you are local and have a good old used working refrigerator that you no longer use, need or want, we will gladly take it.

As I write this Castabout it is raining to refresh our streams. It's not all bad.

I look forward to seeing you at Summerfest, Anglers Market and Jubilee Day.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Last Casts - "Pat" (Pasquale) Salimeno (July 1, 2009)

Long time member, supporter and friend to everyone at The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, Pat Salimeno left us peacefully on June 23, 2009. Pat took great pleasure in collecting flies, lures, books, and everything else related to fishing. Living just a half hour away in Masten Lake, for years he made regular bi-weekly visits to the Center where he shared his knowledge and bright personality with everyone. Over the past couple of years both his health and visits declined, but never his enthusiasm or cheery attitude. Pat will be greatly missed by the local community and by his many friends here at the Center.

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Sunday, August 9. It all happens: Summerfest, Anglers Market and Jubilee Day.

Summerfest/Anglers Market will again open at 8:30 AM and Jubilee Day will officially open at 11:00 AM
Jubilee Vendors will be open until 4 PM.

11 AM-Noon: Kids (13 and under) Fishing Derby to be held at Pond. Prizes for First fish, Biggest fish, smallest fish and most fish. Bring your kids, Grandkids, neighbors and your own equipment. (Bait of your choice.)

11 AM-4 PM: In museum, Outdoors Artist Michael Barr.

Noon the Kurpil Family Fiddlers, from high atop the Museum Promenade will fill the air with a rich aroma of soothing summer pleasantries.

1:30 PM on the Bridge for the Great Willowemoc Fish Race

2:30 Jubilee Cake Served in honor of Town of Rockland and Sullivan County Bicentennials, Elmer Hoppers 75th Birthday & Miriam Stone's 70th Birthday.

3:00 PM Redwood Creek Wine Tasting and special presentation in the Museum
Food throughout the day in our Education Building Kitchen.

There is still time to volunteer for Summerfest/Anglers Market and Jubilee Day. If you have a few hours, we will gladly fill them. Call now and avoid being disappointed.

Summerfest Vendors include: The Classic Fly Fisherman, Jerry Girard, Chesapeake Rods & Reels, Walter O'Neil, Lewis Trowbridge, Kevin Storms Wildlife Art, Fly Supplies, Dana Gray, Frank Polanish, Mike Canonico, Mickey Scarzaffavo, , Dave Brandt, Walter O'Neil, Fireside Angler, Badger Creek Fly Tying, George Guba, Lang's Auction, Bruce Corwin, Grauer's Fine Fly Tackle, Kiri Custom Crafted Bamboo, Hardy-Greys N.A., Doug DeSilva, Mike Longuil's Sporting Collectibles, Justin Krul, Beaverkill Traders and Steve Starrantino's sporting book blow out on Sunday, August 9th.

Among our new Jubilee vendors will be Heirloom Botanicals, Sullivan County Audubon Society, Arm Effects, Snowdance Farm, Catskill Art Society, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Livingston Manor Central School, Manor Rotary, Mountain Bear Crafts, Amy & Wes Gillingham, Shandeele Spinners, Mia's Quilt Shed, Honey Hill Pottery, Watershed Agricultural Council. Get up close and catch the Trout Town Express!

Tying Catskill Style Dry Flies to benefit The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Author (and CFFCM Trustee) Mike Valla's new book, Tying Catskill Style Dry Flies has just been released. Even if you don't tie flies you will enjoy reading the most comprehensive history on the development of the Catskill Dry Flies and all the people involved from the hackle raisers to the tyers, pre-Gordon to those today. From feathers to flies, the oversize and vibrant photos tell a story on their own and provide the fly tyer the perfect proportions right down to the thread wraps. It is a magnificent book that every Catskill fan has to have in their library.
Cover Price \$49.95

Special Signed copies, shipping included Members Only \$42.95
(Non members signed copies delivered \$49.95)

Fore! The Third Annual Ralph Graves Invitational Golf Tournament Tee Off is on August 16. At press time, we have still not heard back from Tiger if he is in or Buick if they will be a sponsor! However, all systems are go with them or without them. Trout Patlen, Creek Chub Mike, Bear Brandt and other local talent will be on hand. The Golf Tournament committee has reported that there are only a couple of open spots left. The day begins with 9 holes with carts at the Twin Villages Golf Course in Rockland. Prizes for Low Score, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, Closest to Pin and Door Prizes will be given. Dinner *A la Fresco* will follow back at the Center featuring a full pound steak BBQ with all the trimmings and Redwood Creek Wines. Cost is \$55 for golfer and for those that do not golf \$30. All proceeds will benefit the Center. Sponsors include Redwood Creek Wines, Cortland Line Company, Stone Realty, Catskill Flies, Live Bait and Roscoe Liquors. Golf or not, come join in the fun.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2009 Calendar of Events

August

- 8/9: Summerfest and Anglers Market
9: Jubilee Day/Super Sunday
Sullivan County Bicentennial
16: Ralph Graves 3rd Annual Gold Tournament

Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.

September

- 11/13: 14th Annual Rodmakers Gathering

October

- 17: Semi-Annual Meeting
3PM Hall of Fame Ceremony
7PM Dinner at Kinds

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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