

# CFFCM's Castabout

Catskill Fly Fishing  
Center & Museum

Volume 5 Issue 10

October 2009



## New Members

Kerrigan Almey  
Joseph De Santis  
Stephen McWilliams  
David A. Norwood Sr.  
Lori Zimmerman

## October Membership Winner Ned & Marieke Moy

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!

## October

Oct 3	Peggy Brenner
Oct 10	Elmer Hopper & Ron Gherardi
Oct 24	John Bonasera
Oct 31	Elmer Hopper & Ralph Graves



The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Catskill Rodmakers Gathering was held here September 12 and 13. What a gathering it was. It was abuzz with activities and programs that kept all attendees moving from the education building to the pavilion. One component of interest was the annual Harold Demarest Bamboo Rodmaking and Rod Casting Challenge. Every year all makers were given specifications to construct a bamboo rod that will cast the furthest distance by a qualifying team of casters. This year's rod specs were to make an 8 weight bamboo rod that weighed 4 ounces or less to qualify. These rods go through a rigorous regimen of casting by top judges before they are passed on to the competitive casters. Competitive casters are then given the top qualifying rods to cast for distance. They get only a couple of backcasts before releasing their distance cast. All qualifying rods are cast for distance, with total aggregate distance determining the winner. This challenge is quite difficult, as each rod is distinct in its action. This year was particularly hard, as each final rod was unique in flex, power and tip. The winning rod was constructed by Tim Abbott (one out of the three rods he entered made it to the finals). The top caster, Jay Kapola, beat out two time returning champion Rick Miller by 15'. Last year Jay missed winning by only 18".

Sunday, at noon, the Barnes 2008 Gathering Rod raffle was drawn. This rod is limited to a fixed quantity of tickets and costs are \$20 each. This rod is also donated to the CFFCM by the Rodmakers gathering and all proceeds are to benefit the Center. This years winner was.....Fung Chin, from Illinois. Thank you all for participating.

All proceeds from their bucket raffles and silent auction were donated to the CFFCM. We thank them for their generosity and continued support of our mission. When they left by 4 PM on Sunday afternoon, you would never have known they were here. They are a wonderful group of people, we want to thank all of the participants.

(If you have a group or company special event and are looking for an outdoor site to hold it, consider our property. The CFFCM can oversee every component to make it a success from registration to catering every meal.)

**Getting More Internet Attention** We have become very popular over these past few months as our web presence is gaining more attention. As per our previous *Castabouts*, we have become pro-active by adding a Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Fan Page. If you have a favorite photo, send it to [fly-fish@catskill.net](mailto:fly-fish@catskill.net) and we will get it posted on our page. Our latest entry to the electronic world is rotating banners on the new fly fishing auction site [www.bobanddavesauctions.com](http://www.bobanddavesauctions.com) This new site is similar to Ebay, but it lists only fly fishing related items. In addition, we will be previewing and accepting absentee bids for Hall of Fame silent auctions from October 2 through the 16.

**Recent Acquisitions:** From **Bob Taylor** (one of the most recognized and respected master bamboo rodmakers in the world), a lovely and highly desirable Model 46, 4 piece 8', 5/6 weight bamboo fly rod. This rod was donated for fund raising purposes and be included in the 2010 Annual Dinner live auction. From **Tom Smithwick**, a 9' Graphite II Sage, 11W and a #3 Fin-nor Fly Rod. From **Don Cremeans** a Premium Leather Works reel case. From **Chris Bogart**, a brand new beveller for the Rod Makers Workshop.

## Streamside Notes

### Streamside Notes

Believe it or not, the October Caddis made their annual appearance on the Willow this week. The past two years, they arrived late and came in Mid November. Light Cahills started coming off and the fall fishing could not be better. As the leaves have started to turn colors, so had the large browns. According to Mike Canazon, he predicts a productive and prolonged fall fishing season. You should plan a date real soon if he is wrong.

As you can see by the inserts, we have a lot on the table as the off-season begins. Hall of Fame is just around the corner and the Danbury *Arts of the Angler* show is close behind. Final preparations for our Night in NY are just about com-

plete. We will share this year's Fly Fishers of Distinction being honored in New York in the November *Castabout*.

Enclosed, I hope you will take special note of the letter from our President. It seems forever that Joan Wulff has campaigned to keep our sport alive. She has said on numerous occasions "we need to replace ourselves", ultimately to bring someone into fly fishing. They too have to be nurtured and educated to our fisheries, the fish, the techniques, a sharing of your experience and to find the pleasantries we find so nourishing. Just like replacing ourselves as fly fishers, we need to bring in a new member to our museum. When Elsie founded this fine organization some 30 years ago, her cartel was made up of fly fishermen aged from mid 40's

through their 60's. If you add thirty years to those founders, many are no longer with us and the remaining are in their senior years. We have survived through attrition and just these past couple of years have experienced some growth. We need to continue to grow versus status quo. Please pass on the membership form enclosed in this mailing or use it as a gift membership. You will make the difference in our future.

The year is not over; I do hope you will make it to one of our late season events. If you have any ideas, drop me a note.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

**New Artist Shows in Museum** When you walk into the museum, you are greeted both by the huge sculpture of the brown trout and next to the Dette Exhibit, a 6' painting of another brown trout. These lovely pieces are the works of artist Paul Theising Sr. As well as several other pieces of his works. On Sunday, September 12, we introduced his 15-year-old son, Paul Jr., with his first art show. Paul Jr. has compiled a group of his original works in oils, watercolors and pencils for exhibit in the museum. They are for sale and will be on display, until the end of 2010.

**Last Casts - Francis Betters** (September 9, 2009) after a long illness, Fran Betters left us peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, September 6, 2009. Despite his frail condition, Fran joined us last October to attend his induction into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. When accepting his award, Fran said, "It was a great highlight in my life and a great honor to be considered a fly fishing hall of fame member". Fran took great delight in seeing so many of his old and new friends in attendance. Fran will be greatly missed by the fly fishing community and the Adirondack streams where his footprint will always remain. Condolences can be sent to Mrs. Fran (Jan) Betters, Adirondack Sport Shop, P.O. Box 125, Wilmington, NY 12997

### 2009 Calendar of Events

#### October

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

#### November

14/15: Art of the Angler Show, Danbury CT

#### December

1: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser  
5: Holiday Open House

*Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.*



Catskill Fly Fishing Center  
& Museum  
845-439-4810  
flyfish@catskill.net

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Liberty, NY 12754  
Permit No. 5811

P.O. Box 1295  
1031 Old Route 17  
Livingston Manor, NY 12758

**We're on the Web!**  
**www.cffcm.net**

**Dated Material:**  
**October 2009**

---

## CFFCM Emergence Chart

*This publication is made possible with the support of these fine sponsors of the CFFCM. Should you be in the area, please stop in and say "hello and thanks" as a fellow member. Interested in being a Business Sponsor? Call us.*

**Buffalo Zach's, Roscoe NY**, members receive a free cup of coffee with eat in or take out lunch or dinner; **Creekside Cabins, Roscoe, NY**, accommodations on the Willowemoc, conveniently between Roscoe and Livingston Manor with kitchen facilities—receive a free gift with your stay, **Ramsey Outdoor**, 3 locations **Ramsey, Paramus, & Ledgewood NJ** providing all of your fishing and outdoor needs 10% discount with CFFCM membership card; **Live Bait, Roscoe, NY** a casual restaurant and pub open for breakfast, lunch and dinner; **Pepacton Cabin Rentals** Catskill Mt. style-fully equipped cabin rentals—on the banks of the East Branch Delaware River [www.pepactoncabin.com](http://www.pepactoncabin.com), **Roscoe Wine & Liquor—Roscoe, NY**— 10% discount on purchases, not to be combined with any other offers and **Annie's Place, "Main Street" Roscoe, NY** contemporary and antique gifts for the home; **The Reynold's House Inn and Motel** in the center of Roscoe, walking distance to restaurants and shops, [www.reynoldhouse.com](http://www.reynoldhouse.com)

---