

# CFFCM's Castabout

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**Membership Renewal Forms are in the mail.** By now you should have received your 2010 membership renewal packet. Please complete and return at your earliest convenience. It saves us the time and money of sending another reminder. If you haven't received it, most likely you have paid your membership within the past couple of months.

Your membership is important and we hope you will bring in a new member or two in 2010. Fly fishing and its history remains alive with your support. You can see it all here at your museum. Our activities and events are member driven and there is more to come in the coming year.

Member packets, 2010 cards and buttons will be sent to you in January.

Please join us in thanking our 2010 business member supporters: Buffalo Zach's, Creekside Cabins, Live Bait Bar & Grill, Ramsey Outdoors, Pepacton Cabins, Roscoe Liquor, Annie's Place, Reynolds House and Catskill Flies.

## New Members

**Steve Allen  
Bud Bernier  
Ron Cavalier  
Jim Downes  
William Jakubek  
George Kass  
Bob Kayes  
Linda Kuck  
William McKeen  
Fred Monahan  
Tom Toomey**

## December Membership Winner

**Lucien Kneip**

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!

**2009 Fly Fishers of Distinction.** The first Fly Fishers of Distinction Awards were presented to Jim Bacon (Balsam Lake Club), *Rusty* Husted (Beaverkill Trout Club) and Vicky Linville (Woman Fly Fishers) on December 1, 2009 at the Anglers' Club of New York. After a fine dinner, our President, Miriam Stone introduced Trustee Andy Boyar as the evening's master of ceremonies. Andy explained that the Fly Fishers of Distinction award was designed by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum to recognize many of the individuals in this sport who go above and beyond in the world of fly fishing and yet are never recognized outside of their club or organization. They are the individuals who contribute to the soul of an organization and its continued existence. They retain the history, initiate and oversee projects; often stepping in themselves to make sure it is done correctly or when someone drops the ball. They are the 5% of every organization that keeps it alive and ultimately, a component of the overall fly fishing community. They bring a lot to the party, yet are very often 'under the radar'. Without their efforts, the organization or club would simply bump along and often suffer a decline. They are educators, doers, movers and shakers. Every club has one. The evening was great fun. Jim, Rusty and Vicky each shared their personal experiences, most memorable fishing stories and interests in and about fly fishing. Along with comments from members of their clubs, it made for a very personal event. The Anglers Club of NY is a comfortable and historical venue. It was the perfect repository for the stories we heard that evening.

Each Fly Fisher of Distinction was presented with an elegant custom "Rising Trout" sculpture designed and hand crafted by one of our members, artist Lou Trowbridge.

If your club or organization would like to recognize a Fly Fisher of Distinction at our December 2010 ceremony, please contact our office.

## Streamside Notes

It is hard for me to believe we are wrapping up another year. Time flies when you are having fun. Or is it that years seem to fly by faster as you grow older? Like everyone, we too experienced a most challenging year. We have encountered several expected and unexpected issues and maladies. Heat problems in both the Museum and Gift Shop (the latter has been resolved), as well as driveway repairs, museum ceiling and roof problems, refrigerators, leaky pipes and everyday maintenance will come with us into 2010. I suppose we will always have these challenges.

On the other hand, 2009 has been a very good year for our organization. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum continues to

gain worldwide recognition and a fine reputation, membership still grows, we receive positive response to the museum and exhibits, our new signs on Route 17/86 draw in a new audience, every one of our CFFCM programs and events were successful, and your support and confidence keeps us and fly fishing alive. In addition, I forgot to mention that the fishing was better than ever this year, or for as long as I can remember.

I am looking forward to 2010. Maybe everything will shake out and settle down. Every year is a fresh start. We are in the planning stages and hope to have a repeat performance of successes. Keep your eyes on the emergence chart for the latest and new additions to the museum. If you have any ideas, want to volun-

teer, take on a project work with a committee, be a trustee, or even voice your concerns or complaints, please drop me a line. My personal home email is: alcoif@aol.com.

It may take a village to teach a child, but it takes many dedicated individuals with the same interests to build a community. We have it. We are the heart of the fly fishing community.

May you experience the joys of this Holiday Season, share them and have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

**Question:** What is an inch thick, has 387 pages, contains 20 fictional stories and was published by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum? (No, not *Double Haul*, the second book of stories from the members.) This book is **CASTS In the WIND, Fly Fishing Tales** by CFFCM member James Rudaitis. It includes some of the most brilliant stories ever told. Artwork is by John Morrette.

Over the past six months, James has been working with Erin to publish this book. It is finally complete and now available first to members and then on retail bookshelves. James regales us with some fine reading. Cover notes from Tom Rosenbauer and William G. Tapply recognize James's fine talent to bring all of our fishing adventures to life. Easily, you will recognize yourself, friends and family in these memorable tales. Rosenbauer "...told in crisp and never embellished prose, they read like timeless fishing classics." Tapply, "...it would be a disservice to author James Rudaitis to call them mere fishing stories. They span the gamut from whimsical and ironic to philosophical and profound".

The cover price is \$14.95; for members it is \$14.95 delivered and tax included. This is a great book for gifts and a must have for your personal shelf. Order now for delivery before Christmas. (Please note that James donated all costs for this project to the CFFCM and all gross sales are thus profit and will benefit the CFFCM.)

## CASTS In the WIND Fly Fishing Tales



James Rudaitis

**Arts of the Angler Show Follow Up.** Our third annual off site show, held in Danbury, CT, was the best ever. The Ethan Allen Inn was the perfect venue for the event; elegant, intimate, and very comfortable. Comments from our vendors and visitors were all positive and our CFFCM image gained great exposure. It should be noted that our attendance on Saturday alone, surpassed total previous Arts of the Angler Shows.

Again, we thank Redwood Creek Wines for their generous support. The wine sampling before dinner on Saturday night was appreciated and complimented the fine meal provided by the Ethan Allen Inn. We would like to thank our 30+ fly tyers for participating (John Bonasera, George Cherundolo, Ralph Graves, Bruce Corwin, Jay "Fishy" Fullum, Harold Williams, Bill Hrinko, Bill Newcomb, Roger Plourde, Greg Belcamino, Bruce Marino, Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, Ken Mocker, Shawn Britton, Paul Rossman, Tom Farmer, Patrick Jordan, Bob Mead, Dave Brandt, John Marsico, Stan Fudala, Aaron Jasper, Leslie Wrixon, Ted Patlen, Peggy Brenner, Richard Ross and United Fly Tyers). Thanks to our Blind Fly Tyer Contest members who tied a wooley bugger: Winner Patrick Jordan, Bill Newcomb, Catskill John Bonasera, Tom Farmer, and Shawn Britton.

Thank you to the supporting vendors (Classic Fly Fisherman, Carlson Rod Company, Jim Downes' Rods, George Guba, Sawdust & Stitches, Bradley Reels, The Compleat Angler, Badger Creek Flies, Ron's Flies, Housatonic River Outfitters, Swede Ahrstrom, Above and Below, M.C. Fly Fishing, Pentalux Bamboo Rods, Housatonic Valley Fly Fishing, R&R Custom Flies, Rise Form Studio, The Perfection Fly Reel Co, No-Float Stix, Dirks Outdoors, Jerry Girard and Northeast Fly Fishing). Thanks to our program session leaders (Dave Brandt, Fran Verdoliva, John Mordock, Jay "Fishy" Fullum, Aaron Jasper, George Cherundolo); our volunteer show staff (Dave Van Burgel, Kathy Scott, Jeff Phelan, Virginia Williams, Bob Rock, Pete Hauser and Judy Moore), Keith Fulsher and Mike Valla. Organization support (from the many Trout Unlimited Chapters, The CT Fly Fishers Association, Joan Wulff Fly Fishers, LI Fly Rodders, East Jersey TU, and the websites providing links, calendars, and announcements) Thanks to the services of Bob Mead and Dave Martin who accepted absentee bids on their auction site [www.bobanddavesauctions.com](http://www.bobanddavesauctions.com). Visit them if you get a chance and view the banner ads they provide everyday to their viewers. Thanks to our Facebook Fans (simply type in Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in the search box on Facebook and check out photos, or send one of your favorites). If we missed anyone, please accept our apology.

The Fourth Annual CFFCM Arts of the Angler Show will be held again at the Ethan Allen Inn, November 6 & 7, 2010

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**Recent Acquisitions to our permanent collection:** From **Stan Fudala**, Hank Northridge 's streamer pattern collection consisting of 218 NE streamers in their original packaging and individually filed in alphabetical order in metal file box. From **Sandy Stone**, original Leonard Rod company rod makers workbench, four display cases, and two rod racks. From **Phil Castleman**, a 1930 letter from English fly dresser Ernest Lock to Mr. Will T. Williams, Pine Grove PA regarding recent fly order. (Mr. Lock was a commercial fly tyer starting in 1880 and contributor to The Fishing Gazette.) From **Jim Smith**, a collection of 150 books for our library and fund raising projects. From **Nick Lyons**, *My Secret Fish-Book Life* and *The New Wolves* for our library.

**Fund Raising Materials received from:** **Bob Selb**, The Classic Fly Fisherman (R. Kusse/Leonard fly reel and books), **Jim Downes**, LJ Downes Rod Company (a 7'3" Hand Crafted bamboo fly rod), **Dana Gray**, (a large collection of books and other items for our Arts of the Angler Auction), **Joan Wulff**, a set of five (Fenwick) Lee Wulff prototype fly rods. **Paul McCain**, two carved shore birds. **Rick Eck**, a selection of new books, Phil Sousa, Bob Hines, framed rainbow print. **Stan Fudala**, rotating travel vise with case. **Sandy Stone**, 20 fox skins, **Harold McMillan**, four copies of *Redfish*, *Bluefish*, *Shefish*, *Snook*.

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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### **2009 Calendar of Events**

#### **December**

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

*Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn.*

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