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New Members

Patrick McCloskey
Richard O'Gara
Ikko Soga

January Membership Winner

Jim Hagen

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!

Happy Twenty Ten. This will be another big year for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

Over the next couple of 'non-fishing' months we will be changing exhibits and refreshing the museum. Our 2009 temporary exhibits (those only on display for a year or less) have drawn great accolades from our visitors and members. We would like to thank everyone who made them possible. **Made in Japan:** Misako Ishimura, our friends Yukiro Yoshida, Shinichi Tsuchiya, and Hiroshi Kono from MC Flyfishing, Dr. Hisao Ishigaki, and all of the contributing craftsmen, artists, and fly tyers from Japan. Cleve Speer, Jr. and family for the loan of their father's collection of rods, reels and photos for the **Cleve Speer, the Consummate Fly Fisher Exhibit**. The United Fly Tyers with both temporary and permanent materials for our **UFT 50th Anniversary Exhibit** and the many Trout Unlimited Chapter members who provided material and support for their **TU 50 Years Exhibit**.

Filling up the vacant exhibit spaces for 2010 will be **Dead Fish**. This will be multi media exhibit featuring mounted fish, creels that were made to hold dead fish, and a photo essay of over-killing fish (those great pictures of men holding sticks with twenty+ dead fish). Ultimately, visitors will understand many of the situations that brought about the importance and acceptance of 'catch and release'. **Chauncey Lively's Fly Box**. Remember Chauncey? Never heard of him? It is time to do your research this winter and read up on him. His family provided his actual tools, flies, and fly box to share with visitors. He was a magnificent man in our sport; come find out why. **Pflueger Fly Reels**. Our exhibit associates, The Old Reel Collectors Association (ORCA), will be refreshing their 'reel case' in the museum with the largest collection of Pflueger fishing reels ever on display. Pflueger reels are as much a part of fishing in America as the fish are. From bait casting to fly reels, they were the pioneers. How do you catch Swedish Fish? Not gummy worms, but Swedish Flies. **Swedish Flies** will be the 2010 featured international fly exhibit. Sweden is the fifth international fly exhibit following Japan, the United Kingdom, Down Under: New Zealand and Australia, and Poland. You will be surprised to see the innovative and productive patterns, many with a Catskill influence. A new permanent area will be assigned for **Worldwide Flyfishing Crafts**. This area will include items from our permanent collection that were contributed by rodmakers, artists, tyers, etc.

Finally, **Italian Fly Fishing and Flies** is on deck for 2011; early arrivals will be on display in our staging area. In addition to these new exhibits, there will be some exciting changes all to be complete by Opening Day.

Fly Fest and the first Ice Capades February 13; 9 AM- 4 PM

This is the cure for Cabin Fever. Put it on your calendar right now and don't miss it. JB Martin and Jack Ganz, with some assistance from Catskill John, are busy preparing another *Catskill Flies* endorsed **Fly Fest**. Over the past couple of years Fly-Fest has grown into a CFFCM tradition. This event draws over 50 experienced fly tyers who get together in the museum and tie flies, swap lies, share techniques, and unravel some new patterns. This is a great day in the museum and it is open to everyone.

Details, as they progress, can be found at www.catskillflies.com on the message board, you won't miss the chatter moderated by JB. But there is more. Joining **Fly Fest** will be the first CFFCM **IceCapades**. IceCapades will be a full fledged fishing derby on the pond...including *ice fly fishing*. Perch beware! All fishermen are invited to attend maybe the first ice fly fishing derby ever held. Although we prefer and suggest that fly fishermen test their skills with jigging flies, traditional tip ups will be allowed. Keeping with cold country traditions, catchers will be allowed to keep a perch to bring home or cook right there on the ice. Entrance fee will be \$5 per rod or tip up. Big Prizes (and we all know how to measure Big) will be awarded. There will also be contests including a casting accuracy contest to get your fly in the hole, first fish, most fish, biggest fish, etc. Committee Chairmen Jan Weido, Skip Alford, and Mike Canazon will be in charge.

Agnes will be cooking up some of her favorite soups to take the chill off and have a hot pot of coffee on too. Registration is recommended. All money gathered will be for a spring pond stocking of pan fish for our youth programs, on pond demonstrations, and those physically challenged. Of course, weather and thickness of the ice will dictate the day. Watch our website (www.cffcm.net) for cancellation.

Streamside Notes

OK, its 2010. Now what? We're right at it and looking forward to another year at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. On the adjacent page you will find our 2010 Calendar of Activities. You can expect some additional and related activities to surface, so keep your eye on the Emergence Chart on the back of each Castabout. It will be another great year in the Catskills and for our organization. Be part of it.

As you can see, our first event of the year will be the Fourth Annual Fly Fest and the first (maybe ever) IceCapes on Saturday February 13. I hope

weather allows you to venture up and take the chill off the cabin fever.

In the December Castabout I purposely omitted the winner of the Orvis Silver Label TL Mid Flex 8' 6" 4WT fly rod, donated by Jack Pangburn for the *Arts of the Angling* show raffle. Congratulations to Justin Spencer. You see there was some confusion about the winner. My son Justin's middle name is Spencer. On many occasions while he was growing up, I could hear my wife often robustly call him *Justin Spencer* to get his immediate attention; you know what I mean. At first we thought my son was playing a joke on us by simply signing his name Justin Spencer and 'maybe'

a false address. However, after some interrogation and further investigation we discovered there is a real Justin Spencer and it was his ticket that was drawn in the raffle; my apologies to both Justins. I can't say that it wasn't my only mistake in 2009, but it will not be carried over into 2010.

Thank you for renewing your membership and your continued support. I do hope I will get to see you in Twenty Ten at one of our events. You can be part of it; drop me a line.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Last Casts: - Dr. Jerry Greenholz, Donald Spearling and Jack Gartside

It is with great sadness to inform you of the loss of three fellow members of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

Dr. Jerry Greenholz of Huntington, NY passed away on Wednesday, December 2 after a bout with cancer. Dr. Greenholz was a dedicated 'Catskill' fly fisherman who started fishing the Beaverkill, in 1952. A CFFCM charter and a regular contributing member, Dr. Greenholz's last visit to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum was at last fall's Hall of Fame Dinner. He will be missed by the fly fishing community and his all time favorite stream, the Beaverkill. (As per his family's request, donations may be made in his name to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.)

Donald Spearling of Mamaroneck, NY passed away on November 24. Don was a longtime member of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum who loved fly fishing and upland bird hunting. He was an active member who belonged to the Anglers Club of NY, Trout Unlimited, Clove Valley Rod and Gun Club, the DeBruce Fly Fishing Club and the Big Bend Club. He was a frequent visitor of the Center and the area. Donations in Donald's name can be made to the Burke Medical Research Institute, Donald A. Spearling Stroke Research Fund, 785 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605 or Trout Unlimited.

Jack Gartside leaves fly fishing community. A World Trout Bum, recognized by all and the envy of every fly fisher. He fished any time he wanted, where ever he wanted, no job, no worries, and certainly one who enjoyed the fly fishing life to the fullest. Mr. Gartside, who was as well known internationally for his *devil-may-care* lifestyle as he was for his expertise fly-fishing and fly-tying, died of lung cancer in the Bear Hill Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stoneham. He was 66 and had lived in Winthrop, MA.

The John Dwyer Advanced Fly Fisher Camp Scholarship. Long time member John Dwyer has established an annual scholarship for advanced student fly fishers. This program will select several fly fishers to attend a special weekend program here at the Center to further develop fly fishing, fly tying, entomology and fly casting skills. To participate, students must submit a fly fishing resume for the selection committee. This program is targetted to students who have more than the basic knowledge of fly fishing and who have displayed a keen interest in taking a further step ahead in fly fishing education to share with others.

Recent Donations: From **Mickey Goshen**, several books and fly tying materials and tools for our education programs. From both **Jim Smith** and **Dan Powers**: large collections of books for our library and upcoming member book sale.

NEW DVD, Atlantic Fishing to benefit CFFCM. Member Ted Rogowski brings the past alive with some rare salmon fishing footage of Zern, Wulff, DeFeo and Williams. Combined with a canoe trip from last year it provides the viewer with a pool by pool look at the 65 mile Miramichi River, its people, riverside highlights, the fish, and Terry Shultz bringing one in. Cover price \$19.95, member price including shipping \$18.95.

2010 CFFCM Calendar of Events

February 13 Fly Fest and IceCapades A gathering of over 50 fly tyers who provide demonstrations and clinics in the CFFCM from 10 AM-4PM and Ice Fly Fishing Derby on the CFFCM Pond.

April 10 Season Opener at Junction Pool. There is only one way to officially open NYS trout season it is with *First Cast*. This year, hosts Judy and Ed Van Put will welcome special guests to join them for the ceremonious *First Cast*. This annual event is a joint cooperation between the CFFCM and the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. After the long winter rest, Junction Pool comes alive at 7AM with local businesses greeting guests with hot coffee, pastries, and warm conversation. After First Cast, visitors remain in the area to visit local fly shops, eateries, and favorite fishing holes. Shortly afterward you can see Ted Patlen's famous fly tying demonstration in the museum and get a cup of Agnes Van Put's famous soup in the CFFCM gift shop. On some occasions, the fishermen actually fish, but it is a day of reuniting after the long winter months with both local business and fly fishing community.

Coinciding with April's season opener, the CFFCM officially opens with new exhibits, attractions and the weekend Guest Fly Tyer Program and new exhibits.

On the fourth Saturday of April, The Long Island Fly Rodders organize a stream cleanup of the Willowemoc and Beaverkill. This group of 50 assembles early that morning, clean the rivers until noon and have a barbeque on the CFFCM property. This annual event harvests tons of debris, garbage, and junk from the riverbanks annually. This event is entirely funded by the Long Island Fly Rodders as their way to 'give back' to the area.

May brings mayflies and mayflies bring fly fishermen.

Beginning in May and ending in June the CFFCM hosts 'like' organizations for weekend getaways and meetings.

May 29 The CFFCM Annual Day and Dinner. The CFFCM will celebrate its 29th Annual members meeting and fund raising dinner. At 5:30 a dinner and fund raising auction will be held at King's Catering.

June The peak insect hatches on Catskill streams occurs during the first week of June. The CFFCM hosts 'like' organizations to use our facilities for weekend meetings and a full week bamboo rod making classes takes place.

July is Education Month at the CFFCM. Each weekend we provide environmental weekends for children from ages 7-17. This year we will offer family and individual fly fishing classes and seminars.

August 7 & 8 we will host our Annual Sullivan County Jubilee Day, Fly Fishers Summerfest and Anglers Market weekend. **Jubilee Day** will be held on Sunday and is a day for the local communities and fly fishing center to celebrate milestones ending in 5's and 0's and Agnes Van Put's Birthday. We recognize birthdays and anniversaries with free cake and family entertainment. Local crafters, businesses, farmers, civic organizations, environmental groups and vendors. **Anglers Market and Fly Fishers Summerfest** is the longest running event sponsored by the CFFCM, 2010 marks the 27th year. Anglers meet for one of the largest outside fly fishing flea market and collectible shows in the world will be here Saturday and Sunday.

August 15 The Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament, Roscoe NY. Its a great day on the links to share with fellow fly fishers. Golf skills not required, but it does not hurt. Includes a round of golf, golf carts, full grilled steak dinner, and a great time for all.

September 10-12 The 14th Annual Catskill Rodmakers Gathering will once again take place on the CFFCM property. This two and a half day program brings in over 140 of the world's finest amateur and professional bamboo rodmakers. On Sunday, visitors are welcome to stop in at no charge, meet rodmakers, and view some of their fine creations. The Catskill Rodmakers Gathering has become the largest and most respected gathering in the world.

October 16 (subject to change) The CFFCM Semi-Annual Meeting and Fly Fishing Hall of Fame induction and dinner. The CFFCM is the home of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame recognizing members of the fly fishing community who have made major contributions to the sport and left a permanent footprint in our streams. These individuals are inducted in the museum during the afternoon with a dinner following at King's Catering.

November 6 & 7 The Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury, CT. This is a full service fly fishing show focusing on the arts of the Angler: fly tying, rod building, collecting and destinations. In addition to availing the best in fly fishing equipment, tackle, accessories, and collectibles, this show provides attendees with continued exposure to fly fishing and reinforces the importance of the CFFCM and the Catskills. Educational seminars and programs are featured through out the event.

December 7 (subject to change), The CFFCM annual fund raising 'Night in NY' dinner will be held at the Anglers Club of New York.

On the Saturday following, the CFFCM welcomes members and locals to join together for the annual Holiday Open House and ending another year together.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2010 Calendar of Events

February

13: Fly Fest and Ice Capedes

March

Members Only Book Sale

April

11: Season Opener at Junction Pool

18: Long Island Fly Rodders Stream clean-up

May

29: Annual Banquet and Meeting

June

Cane Rod Making School

July

Environmental Education Weekends for youth

August

7 & 8: Anglers Market, Fly Fishers Summerfest and Jubilee Weekend

15: Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament

September

10-12: Rodmakers Gathering

October

16: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

November

6 & 7: Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury CT

December

7: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

11: Holiday Open House

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