

CFFCM's Castabout

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If you have not renewed your membership, this is your last **Castabout**. Time has finally run out and so has your membership. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum is member owned and driven. Your membership and support enables the CFFCM to achieve our mission to: preserve the past, protect the present, and promote the future of fly fishing. With your help we will maintain our position as the living center of fly fishing. Join us and keep fly fishing alive for generations to come.

Fly Fest and IceCapades win Gold. It could not have been a better day at the CFFCM. On Saturday, February 13, more than 60 fly tyers were tying up a storm in the museum and about 40 fishermen gathered on the pond for a full day of fun. We had over 250 visitors. In the gift shop, Agnes and Tony served more than 150 cups of coffee and hot chocolate, 75 cups of soup, and 250 cookies, cupcakes and other sweet delights. Guy Carlson, our groundskeeper and pro ice fisherman, brought his oil barrel grill down to the pavilion and served up 75 hot dogs to the outside gang. No one went hungry.

The IceCapades Fishing Derby yielded some fine, large, healthy yellow perch and a hefty 16-inch brown trout. Donation fees collected will be used for pond stocking in the spring. Our pond is a very important component of our facility and available to members; youth and disabled/handicapped fishing; CFFCM coordinated/sanctioned classes and programs and casting events. We make good use of this important resource year round.

The success of this event was due to many volunteers including: Fly Fest coordinators JB Martin, Jack Ganz, Catskill John and the 60+ tyers, IceCapades pond team Skip Alford (brain child), Jan Weido, and Bob Meyen and the many families and kids who joined us. Of course our perennial volunteer and local man on the ground, Mike Canazon orchestrated the local publicity and assisted in making the entire event a success. Unfortunately, due to a greater demand in Vancouver, the CFFCM ice dancing, hockey, and speed skating events were postponed until July.

Winners of the *Best of the Best* in fly tying went to: Lloyd Richards, Bruce Corwin, and Monty .

Joining Sponsors Catskill Flies and ClassicTrout.com were new contributors: Peck's Market and Paul Stock from Verona Oil who provided food for the fishermen and Fin, Fur, and Feather who provided food for the fish (bait).

New Members

David Cowan
Steve Crowder
Thomas Dato
Henry Dewitt
Mac Ketchum
Reid Whitman

March Membership Winner

David W. Olson

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!

Out in the Open is a television show seen on Blue Ridge Communications TV 13, hosted by Alex and Joanne Zidok. CFFCM member Ed Burgholzer has arranged for them to produce a TV program on the CFFCM and include a tour of the museum. Ed will take care of all the details and give the commentary. They will be filming early in March for the show that will be aired several times in the following week. It will be available on line at *Streamin Video* most likely at the end of March. We will have a finished copy available for viewing on the big screen in the museum after April 1. Thanks Ed.

Streamside Notes

Well it's official, Spring is just around the corner. When the fly tyers were here for Fly Fest, they saw their shadow. As the legend goes we can expect another six weeks of fly tying before fish start rising. This will be great as it will coincide with our Season Opener on April 10.

February was anything but quiet. Heating engineers were in and out, we acquired many new items for our collection, Fly Fest, used book sorting and refreshing the museum exhibits kept this place hopping.

After speaking to her over the phone for the past few years, I finally had the great pleasure to meet Gloria Jordan. Gloria is the late rod maker, Wes Jordan's wife. During our meeting Gloria mentioned she wished she could do more financially for the CFFCM. Well, a few days after our meeting Gloria sent

us a box of dry flies and streamers with signature cards to use for fund raising. It was decided to offer these to members as follows: Dries will be \$10 each or 3/\$25 and streamers \$15 each or 2/\$25; shipping included. For non members, flies will be sold individually for \$15 and \$20 respectively and available in the gift shop. If you would like to purchase any of Gloria's flies, please call us at your convenience.

If I had to list everyone who deserves thanks in this month's *Castabout*, there would be no news or updates. Since we announced our needs last month, we have received many donations; large, small and in between. Each one is important and very appreciated: Thank You all. These donations will be dedicated to the Roof Raising Fund and be used wisely. One donation that stood out was received from John Checchia who owns Will Hardware Store in Livingston Manor. John sent in a check for \$365 or as he put it, 'a dollar a

day'. I had to go in a couple of weeks ago to get some electrical tape and asked 'why a dollar a day'. His reply was that he felt that I would be able to manage his money on a daily basis. And, one more.... I would like to personally thank Ron 'Ronbo' Frost for getting the bank of lights to work properly over the Darbee Exhibit. Ron is a licensed electrician. For the past two years every time I tried to adjust those lights (of course standing on our 12' ladder) I received a shock. Not any more!

Our physical challenges are just a temporary set back. Working together we will meet our needs and continue to grow. Bring in another new member.

Its all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

It all starts in April. Join us for the Season Opener Saturday, April 10.

It's hard to believe it was just last September when we closed the 2009 season. Well it's time to crank it up! At 7:30 AM on Junction Pool CFFCM hosts will welcome our special guests, Sally Jesse Raphael and her husband Karl Soderlund as well as Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. They will continue our tradition of the ceremonial first cast of the season. Come early and take part in the festivities (if not the fishing) and have a hot beverage and snack provided by our co-sponsor, the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Arrive early and get a good spot to watch the group. This is a day to reacquaint yourself with friends, businesses and neighbors. Join us to fish, talk to Sally, Karl and Aileen or snap a few pictures.

Following First Cast:

JB Martin and Jack Ganz will lead a group to visit the grave of Pop Robbins for the annual presentation of the memorial wreath.

The CFFCM will open to officially show off the new exhibits and recent over-winter remodeling. Agnes and Tony will have the coffee on, and Agnes' world famous cookies and soup will be on the table. Ted Patlen will once again launch the Saturday Guest Fly Tyers Program and share his center fold in the February issue of the Italian fly tying magazine, *Sedge & Mayfly, il piacere della pesca a mosca*. Sally, Karl and Aileen will be here to warm up and meet and greet visitors. Roscoe's premier wildlife artist, Jack Yelle, will be signing and selling his limited edition "2010 First Cast" print until noon.

Mike Canazon and the bamboo boys, sponsored by the LM Lions Club, will once again be at the Livingston Manor Gym from 10AM to 1PM to cast off some of the winter dust. They'll feature some classic rods, new creations, and old favorites to cast. They'll familiarize non-cane members with the beauty of natural bamboo rods. They encourage everyone to give it a try and will offer some casting tips and techniques for the new season ahead.

At 6:00 PM the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will once again host the traditional "Two Headed Trout" dinner at the Rockland House. Reservations can be made directly with the Rockland House (607-498-5765), Annie's Place (607-498-4139), or Catskill Flies (607-498-6146).

In between the scheduled festivities is the perfect time to visit some of your favorite fly shops such as: Catskill Flies; Frank Kuttner's; Dette's; Fur, Fin & Feather; and, the Beaverkill Angler. You'll be sure to run into someone you know. Take a moment and check out your favorite spots on the rivers, look for hatching Gordons and rising fish, or join us in the museum for a chat with friends.

March Madness Members Only Book Sale. The listing is enclosed. To improve efficiency and manage our inventory, on March 15, mail orders will be filled in the order they were received. If you send your order via email or fax, it must be dated before March 14 and will be filled after mail orders. Phone orders will be accepted after 10:00 AM on March 15, and will be limited to remaining books available.

Comfort Zone and Raise the Roof Fund Status. We received 10% of our overall financial needs since our February *Castabout* announcement and have 90% to go. We appreciate the many pledges and donations received to date and look forward to hearing from all of you.

We are in the final stages of heating and air conditioning upgrades and replacement plans. We expect to start work following a review of final estimates and budget approvals. As soon as the snow is gone, we will start accepting roof/ceiling replacement plans and estimates.

Recent Acquisitions: From **Chris Regan**, *Barnhart's Pool*, the original Peter Corbin painting used for the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers limited edition print. The transfer of this painting was facilitated by the artist as per the request of the owner, Chris Regan. This painting is magnificent. It is presently on display in the "new acquisition area" in the museum. Another original painting, a rising brook trout in oils, was donated by **Bob Albrecht Sr.** and artist **Bob Albrecht Jr.**, in memory of Harry and Elsie Darbee. This painting will hang adjacent to the refreshed Darbee Exhibit. From the family of **Mary Kelly**, facilitated by **Drs. Todd Larson** and **John Elder**, the complete run of the *Spirit of the Times* magazine (1831-1867) on micro film. This collection is of great importance to our research library. We will be installing a micro film viewer in the museum to share some of this film with our visitors. *Spirit of the Times* was the first outdoors sporting magazine in the USA. Member Richard Westerfield will be digitally scanning the vintage film on to CD's for easy access and sorting. From **Catskill John Bonasera**, the first custom made IceCapades bamboo ice fishing rod and wooden reel. From **Paul Giauque**, 6 brand new Pflueger reels with spare spools for our ORCA/Pflueger reel exhibit. (Paul and his wife Jeanne owned the fly tackle shop, 'Nymphs and Other Things', back in the 70's in CT.)

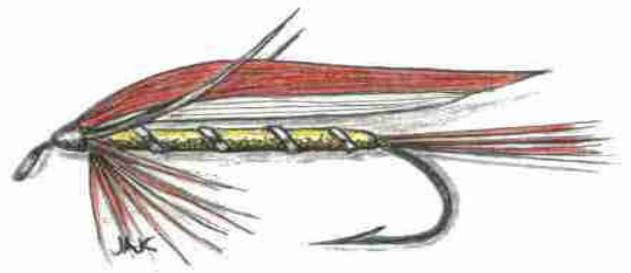
Just received and available for sale:

tagewahnahn, The landlocked Salmon at Grand Lake Stream (GLS) If you fish landlocks in Maine and Grand Lake Stream in particular you will totally enjoy this book by Dennis LaBare. Dennis presents an in depth exploration of the history of the fish, fishery, and people of Grand Lake Stream, clearly and concisely. It is a great read and reference. There is a limited edition of 1,000. \$65 delivered.

Paul Rossman's Creative Salmon Fly Art Volume I. A book on CD in electronic (pdf) format. Longtime CFFCM friend and Arts of the Angler Show tyer, Paul has developed a series of cd/books on the art and construction of Creative Salmon Fly Patterns. This innovative CD book is loaded with salmon flies, feathers, and an interpretation of artistic visuals converted into salmon flies. This is the first in a series of volumes, each of which will be, as Rossman puts it "An ornithological schema." Volume I \$25 delivered.

Tenkara USA The first USA Tenkara DVD featuring the entire lecture by Dr. Hisao Ishigaki as well as the on-stream demonstration filmed here at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum and on the Willowemoc last May 26 at our Annual Day Program. It was an incredible and historic day for fly fishing. Tenkara USA provided a limited amount of these DVD's to be sold to our members, delivered at \$8.00.

Women in Fly Fishing Exhibit Expands We have turned our *Women's Fly Fishing* exhibit into a permanent exhibit. This is a result of the high attention it receives from our visitors. With the assistance from Misako Ishimura we will freshen it in 2010 with the addition of *Women's clubs and organizations from all over*. Look for it to grow in months ahead.



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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2010 Calendar of Events

March

Members Only Book Sale

April

10: Season Opener at Junction Pool

24: Long Island Fly Rodders Stream clean-up

May

29: Annual Banquet and Meeting

June

Cane Rod Making School

July

10/11: Environmental Education Weekends for youth

17/18: Environmental Education Weekends for youth

24/25: 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

9: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

November

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

30: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

December

4: Holiday Open House

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