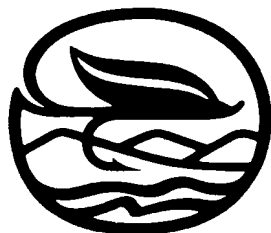


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March Madness "Members Only Book Sale" a Success. Once again, thanks to your help and support, our book sale was a huge success. As you know the books on sale were donated by members to enhance our library collection. When donated books are received we inspect them for quality and title. Automatically, we fill title vacancies regardless of quality to fill the slot. When we have a duplicate title and/or an earlier edition, we replace the book on the library shelf. Duplicates of particular value or rarity are shelved in our *Duplicate Library*. We also keep copies of signed and inscribed books from our members in our permanent collection. When we have additional titles not meeting our needs, we then offer them to our members every March. We welcome book donations all throughout the year.

All remaining books not sold to our members during our March Madness Sale are then up-priced and available in our gift shop on the 'used' book shelf. Members discount remains at 10% on these titles.

Our thanks to everyone for their book contributions and purchases.

April 10, Full Day of Fun Just a reminder that the Season Opener Celebration at Junction Pool will be held on Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 AM. (For detailed activities refer to the March 2010 issue of the Castabout or visit our website, www.cffcm.net) Get there a few minutes early and have a cup of coffee and a breakfast snack compliments of The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. One of America's Sweethearts, Sally Jesse Raphael, her husband Karl Soderlund, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and our own host First Cast Family, The Phelan's will be there. Yes, our Erin, husband Jeff and their daughters Alicia (17) and Allie (11) will welcome our aforementioned guests, as well as the confirmed return of Olek Krupa (character actor and movie star). It will be great to officially kick off a new season. If the weather cooperates and river temps rise just a little more, we may actually find a Gordon or two cruising the surface and under them some trout. Immediately after the ceremonial first casts, stay around and chat with Sally and Karl before hopping in your car for more festivities.

Following the Ceremony there are great things to do:

1. Toast and wreath placement at Pop Robbins Grave site.
2. Take a ride to Horton Brook to see the wonderful progress the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers have done to reshape and restore the bank on this fine little stream. If you have time, give them a hand for some more plantings. Bring your waders.
3. Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Boys will be casting cane in the Livingston Manor Gym at 9AM - 12PM.
4. Ted Patlen will be the first Saturday Guest Fly Tyer in the Museum from 10AM - 4PM.
5. Agnes Van Put will once again be ladling out cupfuls of her hearty soups in the Gift Shop.
6. Take a drive down the rivers and visit any or all of the fly shops. Stop in and see Dennis at Catskill Flies and ask him what he did over the winter. Mary and Joe will be at Dette's for either the 81st or 82nd year. Theirs is the oldest continuously run fly shop in the USA. Visit Frank Kuttner's shop - he said he misses the activity over the winter. Beaverkill Angler, Baxter House and Fin Fur and Feather should also be on your list of places to check out and stop in.

The Two Headed Trout Dinner, sponsored by the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, will once again take place at Rockland House. We are sure the MC will share a moment or two on the dais with our First Class—First Cast guests to make it a most entertaining night. For dinner reservations call Miriam at Annie's Place, 607-498-4139. For those attending dinner and staying overnight, a complimentary pancake breakfast will be held at the Roscoe Fire House. It is another great way to start another great day.

New Members

Jennifer Grimes
Reginald Johnson
Jeffrey Lyon
Dave McNeese
David A. Misner
Kenneth Mocker
John Oast
Chris Reagan
Jay Rabinowitz
Terry E. Storer

April Guest Fly Tyers

April 10th—Ted Patlen
April 24th—Bruce Corwin

May Guest Fly Tyers

May 1st—Harold Williams
May 8—Ralph Schloss
May 15—William Hrinko
May 22—Open
May 29—Dave McNeese

March

Membership Winner Dr. John Rominger

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!

Streamside Notes

OK, the new trout season is finally here. I have tied only about 3 dozen flies over the winter and that is certainly not enough. Mostly my favorite caddis patterns and a few early season emergers and duns. I am sure when the pressure is on, I will make some time and tie the required patterns needed for the moment.

I am sure you will find this issue of *Castabout* very informative. I want you to know, we are alive and maintaining our highly regarded position in the world of fly fishing.

Right now we are in the thick of it. In addition to opening a new season, repairs are in progress. The new geothermal equipment will soon arrive and be installed. We are now taking and reviewing estimates for the museum ceiling and roof replacement. It will include a plan that will allow us to stay open while both repairs are completed. We still do not have the required money, but I am sure working together we will raise it.

I have been beating the drum since last year that we need to duplicate ourselves. If we do, our current financial needs will be solved and our future will be insured. It all starts with a membership. Please read carefully our new membership incentive that rewards both you and the new member. You'll also find the Annual Dinner Raffle where everyone is rewarded.

Yesiree, I am always on the beg; the hardest part of my job description. I guess it never ends.

The Museum has once again been freshened and overhauled. We have replaced the Cleve Speer exhibit with Chauncy Lively, who was one of the most innovative fly tyers and fishermen in the 1970's. Included in Chauncy's exhibit will be his rods, wading staff and vest on loan from the PA Fly Fishing Museum. We are proud to have been supplied with many of Mr. Lively's tools, flies and accessories for display. In addition to the display items, we received, from his daughters Claudia and Anne, several of his flies (very rare) to use for our Annual Dinner Auction, May 29. Volunteer Richard Westfield took the time to scan a couple hundred slides taken by Chauncy of his fly tying steps and converted them into a CD slide show. The slide show can be accessed on the DVD player adjacent to the exhibit case. Gloria Jordan has sent in some photos of her and her husband Wes to be included in our displays. The permanent *Darbee Exhibit* has undergone some major changes.

We have added some representation of Women's Clubs to our *Women in Fly Fishing Exhibit* including those from SC, NC, DE, AZ, and TX. Our next International fly exhibit will be composed of *Flies from Sweden* and we also have a new *International* area. Just recently, the addi-

tion of a microfilm reader will allow visitors to view the many magazine issues of *Spirit of the Times* and several years of *Forest and Field* from the 1870's (now loaded and on display). Our partners in classic and collectible reels, ORCA, have replaced last year's reel exhibit with a diverse and fine collection of Pflueger fly reels. My long time fishing buddy, Phil Sousa, drove down from Westfield, MA to do some cabinetry work. Mike Canazon once again got hooked into refreshing the bamboo rod exhibits with some guidance and assistance from Walt Carpenter. If you have ever been here, you will definitely notice the many changes. If you have never been here, please give yourself ample time to explore our treasures. These changes could not have taken place without the generous financial assistance and support from our pal Al Himmel. We thank everyone involved.

I hope to see more of you here at the Center this year. You will find it exciting, informative and an enjoyable place to visit when not fishing. This place is yours and

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Trustee Vacancies As our Annual Members Meeting and Trustee Meeting approaches, we find we have a couple of seats to fill. Trustees are elected to serve a minimum two year term and may be re-elected for two more. At the end of three two year terms, Trustees are required to sit out one year before being considered for another term. Just what do CFFCM Trustees do? Trustees are the overseers of the CFFCM operations. It is their responsibility to make sure the CFFCM mission to preserve, protect and promote fly fishing is carried out. Many take on the tasks of committee chairs for our events and activities, assist in the fund raising efforts of the staff, calendar development, approve or deny major expenditure requests and review budget maintenance for sound financial responsibility. Trustees are required to meet twice a year for both Annual and Semi Annual meetings and are welcome to attend Executive Trustee Meetings. The only requirement is to have the ability to contribute with wisdom, wealth or work.

Sound interesting? If so, please contact Ross Francis, Trustee Nominating Committee Chair via email at rossjfrancis@gmail.com or call the CFFCM and leave a message for Ross.

If you find that you cannot dedicate the required time as a trustee but would still like to serve on a committee, we welcome your participation.

Learn to Make a Bamboo Rod Class David VanBurgel, Kathy Scott, and Art Port are now selecting the bamboo culms to turn into Bamboo Fly Rods at the 2010 CFFCM Bamboo Rod Making School June 26th—30th. Students do not simply place guides and wrap a blank, they learn a craft. This comprehensive class starts with rough cane strips and finishes with the final varnishing, teaching every step in between. Dave, Kat, and Art are highly regarded and have developed one of the finest and proven class programs in the world. For registration or more information, please call us.

Youth Environmental Education Classes Are in July. For 28 years the CFFCM has provided a well rounded youth education program. Classes start on Saturday mornings in July at 9 AM and are completed on Sunday at Noon. Certified NYS Fishing Guides and Instructors, Pete and Caren Jacques, provide an outstanding program highlighting the importance of a healthy environment, the future of our natural resources, and many hands - on topics. Of course there is ample time for understanding fly fishing through tying flies and casting. This year our pond will be stocked with pan fish that will be eager to take their flies. If kids (and adults too) hook a fish on a fly, they become hooked on fly fishing. If you would like to sponsor a student or financially assist in pond stocking, all donations can be sent to the Center.

Long Island Flyrodders Give Back to the Area, April 24 Our friends from the Long Island Flyrodders will once again host a Stream Clean Day on both the Beaverkill and Willowemoc on April 24. Meet up with the group here at the Center and get assigned to an area. Many hands make little work and will be done around lunch time. Return to the Center and they will feed you. Afterwards and after you can fish as long as you want. Working together cements the fly fishermen and local community. Our ever present gardener and all season volunteer, Mary Fried, will coordinate transfer station drop-off's for this wonderful day.

Some Dates to Save We have many programs and events on our 2010 Schedule. Please look on the back of Castabout for the Emergence Chart for specifics. August boasts Summerfest/Anglers Market/ Jubilee Weekend (August 7&8) and the 4th Annual Ralph Graves Invitational Golf Tournament (August 15). October 9, Hall of Fame. November 6&7, the Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury CT. All could use some volunteer help.

The November CFFCM Arts of the Angler Show consignment auction continues to grow. We are taking consignments now and have received some fine equipment and estate pieces. If you are considering downsizing and looking for an outlet, consider this auction. Fees are 10% of the sale to benefit the CFFCM. We are pleased to have Per Brandin joining the show committee.

Recent Acquisitions: From **Mrs. Jerry Greenholz**, much needed and rare titles for our library from her late husband's collection. From **Whitefish Press**, Mary Kehoe Kelly's book, *The Origins of American Angling and Amateur Rodmaking* by Fitz James Fitch for our library. From **Gloria Jordan**, several pictures of both her and Wes for display and archives. From **Barbara Klutinis**, *Stepping into the stream*, a CD slide show of the reflections of the connection to rivers, life's experiences and each other through their favorite sport from women fly fishers; an ode to fly fishing. (This CD will be available for viewing in our Women in Fly Fishing exhibit area). From **John Golenski** three (3) books for our library. From **Ron Reinhold** his interesting new book *Predicting the Bite*.

Women Fly Fishing Clubs and Organizations have joined our Women in Fly Fishing Exhibit. Since its inception three years ago, the *Women's Exhibit's* has gained a permanent exhibit status in our museum. We are proud to have the following clubs provide information and they are now part of this living exhibit: The International Women Fly Fishers- Shasta Mayflies, Redding California-Women on the Fly, Charlotte, NC- Women in Waders, Spartanburg, SC-Chesapeake Women Anglers- River Runners Women's Fly Fishing Club- and Native Women Fly Fishers. Join us in welcoming them.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2010 Calendar of Events

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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