

# CFFCM's Castabout

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**It's Official, the 2010 Season is Open.** After enjoying the previous Wednesday and Thursday with temps in the 80's, on Saturday, April 10, for *First Cast*, Junction Pool greeted us with temps in the 20's and a few snow flakes to remind us it was still April in the Catskills. Over 75 attendees lined the banks to welcome our special Guests: Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Sally Jessy Raphael, her husband Karl Soderlund and their friend Joe. Led by CFFCM hosts: The Phelan Family (Erin, Jeff, Alicia, and Allie), Cory Williams and Johannes Mason, everyone entered the water to tend to business. With an audience participated countdown, the ceremonial *First Cast* was delivered. Although the water conditions were perfect, the 2010 *first casters* exited the pool scoreless.

After mingling and enjoying coffee and snacks supplied by the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, the crowd dispersed. Many went directly to the Livingston Manor Gym for bamboo rod casting clinics, sponsored by the LM Rotary Club and coordinated by Bamboo Mike Canazon who again chaired this event. Mike reported that this program has continued to grow and has become an important component of the Annual Season Opener.

Back at the Center, Ted Patlen shared some new fly tying techniques and patterns with the many visitors throughout the day. Guests were astonished by the genuine kinship they encountered everywhere they went. The bond that unites us all was evident.

The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce's *Two Headed Trout* dinner that evening was sold out for the first time. During the dinner, Jim Krul reported some sad news that Beamoc, the famed and fabled two headed trout was caught and even worse, ...eaten. However, after some investigation it was discovered to be a ploy used by Krul to get some attention. Special Guest, Sally Jessy Raphael, said a few words about her return for the *First Cast* and how wonderful it was that we got the weather to cooperate. She was able to relive her experience ten years ago. She also shared with everyone the great pleasure she has coming here and meeting so many nice people. One of her great memories will be the fine tuning on her casting she received from Rick Miller. From reports back from the LM gym, she was happy there was a fly rod with 30' of line between the two of them. Sally has traveled the world and fishes at every location the opportunity allows. Her message seemed to resonate that many of us tend to spend many hours fishing alone, however, together we are the fly fishing community and all connected, no matter where we are.

Special thanks go out to our special guests: Sally, Karl, Joe and Aileen who made the day special, along with the support of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to our team on the stream, The CFFCM *First Cast* hosts, Mike Canazon, Ted Patlen, and Jerry Girard, the bamboo boys, The Livingston Manor Rotary, and Agnes and Tony who do a fine job meeting and greeting everyone who come to our Center with warm smiles. It was a long day for everyone, but another great one.

**May 29, Annual Meeting and Fund Raising Dinner-** Spend the day, the evening or both. This is the first major member gathering we have of the season. It is the perfect time to reacquaint yourself with the people, places, and rivers you have missed over the winter months.

The Members Meeting starts at 10 AM in the Paul Dahlie Education Building opposite the museum. We have many topics to address that will insure the continued success and health of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. You are part of every process in keeping our fly fishing community strong and growing.

West coast member and supporter Dave McNeese will join Ted Patlen and special friends to tie in the museum from 10 AM until 4 PM. Two of our author members: Jim Rudiatis (*Casts in the Wind*) and Mike Valla (*Tying Catskill Style Flies*) will be signing books in the museum from Noon - 2PM.

Our Dinner Evening will start at Kings Catering beginning at 5:30 PM for cocktails, the silent auction, and live auction review. Master of Ceremonies and good story teller, Jim Bacon, will keep the evening moving right up until the last gavel hits the table.

Come to the meeting, fish a little in the afternoon and join us for our most important fund raising dinner and auction of the year. (Our silent and live auctions will offer something special for everyone. Inside you will find more details. Absentee bids can be made by calling the office 845-439-4810.)

## New Members

Doug & Nancy Anderson  
Ken Angel  
Marc Bilodeau  
George W. Draper  
Norbert Folwaczny  
Ron Frost  
Stephen C. Jones  
Olek Krupa  
Mike McFarland  
Fred Paddock  
James Tiel  
Allan Virginia  
Howard E. Walters

## May Guest Fly Tyers

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

## June Guest Fly Tyers

June 5th—Mike Hogue  
June 12th—Bob Levenson  
June 19th—TBA  
June 26th—Greg Belcamino

## May

### Membership Winner Mary Sue Gerson

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

April 1 seems so long ago. As always, the opening of another new season brings new life to the museum and the Catskill streams. We have received many visitors, both old and new, who stop by to see what is happening and what has happened. Like every new season it brings new energy to us despite some aging this past year. It is all part of the process.

We have to thank the LI Flyrodders and those who joined them in cleaning our local waters of debris and garbage accumulated after high waters and litterbugs. They do a wonderful job for everyone...not just fishermen. Like always, the LI Flyrodders put on a great BBQ after the job was done. The volume of work that is accomplished is amazing.

Thank you to the many volunteer members who are here to assist the CFFCM staff in our activities, exhibits and events, and the Center in maintenance and support. Mike Canazon seems to always be here (or can be in a minutes notice) as well as Jack Ganz, Ron Frost, Jeff Phelan, Ted Patlen, Jerry Girard, Catskill John, Bob Taylor, Chris Andrus, Walt Carpenter, Marc Aroner, and many others that I am sure I have not intentionally missed. Thank you also, Mary and Doc Fried (who are ever present and do not want to be recognized). Thank you all, we cannot do it without you. A standing ovation for our supporting guests: Sally, Karl, Joe, and Aileen. Thanks to our good friends Louis and Sue at the Reynolds House for taking

good care of our First Cast Guests and to artist Jack Yelle for his wonderful annual paintings and prints of *First Casts*. There are a limited printing of only 12 each year and signed by all of our *First Cast* Guests. If you are interested in getting one, stop in at Morningstar Creations in Roscoe.

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner is at the end of this month. If you have never attended, I hope you will consider joining us on May 29. Despite our temporary set backs, our future is extremely bright. If you can't make it, please buy a chance in our "Everyone Wins" Raffle. Complete and mail the form included in this Castabout. Call us and bid on our 'once in a life time' auction items. Your support makes a difference

This month brought a new experience to our facilities. We welcomed two members of the Healing Waters veterans program from the Maine Chapter with their mentors, Don and Nancy Taylor, who were assisted by our volunteers Jack Ganz, Ron (Ronbo) Frost and Mike Canazon. The group came in on Monday April 12 and departed on Thursday the 15th. During their stay they were exposed to our history, learned the area and got to fish at every free moment. Hatches were sporadic as is always this time of the year; most days it is wait and see. On Tuesday, there was some surface activity in front of the museum and everyone went down to fish. I had to run into Roscoe to do some business. On my way down I stopped at Hazel Pool to check out conditions. As always there were fishermen

below the bridge however nothing happening. On my way back around 4:30 there was no one around. Hendricksons were coming off and there were many fish working. I stood there for a few minutes thinking maybe I should suit up and get into a few fish. Knowing that was not the thing to do, I promptly returned to the Center to tell our guests. When I returned, they were still casting to finicky fish and they had yet to hook one. Despite my enthusiasm, one of them said he would give it a try. I gave him a Hendrickson and a couple of fishing tips for Hazel Pool. He left with Nancy. About 6:30, I finally went back to Hazel to check on them. They were both returning to the car. You could tell by the big smile Mark had, he had had success. He was beaming. It seems when they got there some one was at the abutment and landing a 20+ incher (most likely my fish). Mark had gone just below the bridge and fished the bank and whamo caught his first brown trout on a dry fly (mine) on the rod he had wrapped on his own. Just how good does it have to get? Better yet, they had to take a few photos for proof that it was indeed a hefty 16-17 incher. When I first met Mark, he told me at one point he thought he would never be able to wade in a river. It just doesn't get any better than that.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

**Recent Acquisitions:** From **Dan Plummer & Mary Jane Gelder Plummer**, in memory of Dr. Robert Gelder, a lovely 1918 Leonard Tournament fly rod for our permanent collection; From **Sally Jessy Raphael** an original oil painting of a *spey caster in action* for our permanent gallery collection, from **Chris Andrus** a selection of fly fishing related items and books for both fund raising and library; From **Barbara D'Allesio** a large collection of fly tying and fly fishing books, tackle, and materials to be used for our education programs, exhibits, archives, library and fund raising to benefit selected CFFCM programs from her late husband, Dr. Anthony D'Allesio; From **Bob Rock** some correspondence for our archives both to and from Maxine Atherton, Dick Finlay, and other pieces. From **Larry "Digger" Reynolds** some vintage streamers and two 1950's fly reels for our collection, From **Frank Kuttner** a Hansen's Fly and Bait Vest dated May 7, 1929 chest pack fishing vest that has a mounted pull down fly box (very much like a Richardson type box but with out the trays) and a bait box under. When the fisherman went out for the day he was armed with both fly box and bait bucket to meet any challenge (A very unique piece for our collection). Frank also donated Harry Darbee's Super Hatcher Incubator. This is a very important to the history of the Catskills and for fly tyers everywhere. It is in this incubator that modern hackles were born. This has been added to the Darbee display for all to see.

**Now available from our Gift Shop: Hoagy Carmichael's latest book: 8.** The new book *8 By Carmichael: Portraits of Fly Fishing Innovators* Ed & Jim Payne, Chauncy Lively, Dr. George Parker Holden, and Vince Marinaro, along with a *Short Collection of Stories*. Wonderfully written and with witty articles that detail everything from the author's relationship with Vince Marinaro and Chauncy Lively to detailed and definitive articles on famed rodmakers George Parker Holden and Ed & Jim Payne. 7" x 10" Hardcover • Limited to 1000 First Edition Copies • Comes with Slip Case • 128 Pages • 100 B&W and Color Photos. **Members Only:** Signed copies \$49.95 (+tax) Shipping and handling included.

**New Members & Growing.** We have gained several new members since starting our 'raise the roof' membership drive. Re-member new members will receive the handsome Alan J. Robinson print of the Willowemoc Corridor; if you refer them to join you get one too. Another way to increase our membership is to sponsor a veteran or student, simply send in \$35 for a Healing Waters member or \$15 for a student membership. We will send it to a deserving individual.

A sample of our auction items follows and for latest items on both live and silent auctions visit our website [www.CFFCM.net](http://www.CFFCM.net), the Catskill Fly Fishing Center Facebook Fan Page, and Bobanddavesauctions.com  
 Please support those who support us. The entire list of donors will be available on line and in our June Castabout.

<b>Live Auction.</b>	
1. Spend a half day fishing with Keith Fulsher on the trout rich waters of the Pootatuck Club in CT, includes lunch (\$350)	6. Dinner for four (4) at Aretsky's/Patruon Restaurant in NYC by Chef Bill Peet.
2. Two fisherman can spend a day fishing with Don Trump Jr. at either the Tamarack Club or on one of his favorite spots on the Delaware. (\$500)	7. A selection of four (4) Vintage Pleuger fly reels, brand new & in original boxes, 1492 w/ss, 1492½ w/ss, 1495 and 1495½ (4reels & 2 spare spools) (\$300)
3. Join American Economist Mr. Paul Volcker for a half day fishing on the exclusive Balsam Lake Club water. (Priceless)	8. L.J. Downes Bamboo Fly Rod, 2 piece, 2 tip 7'3", 4W rod perfect for Catskill Streams. (\$1,250)
4. A Bob Taylor Custom model 46-5/6W-377, 4½ oz, 4 piece, 2 tip Bamboo Fly Rod. (\$2,750-\$4000)	9. A Deluxe fly tying desk with all the trimmings made by cabinet maker Phil Sousa and signed by the 2008 CFFCM Arts of the Angler Pro Fly Tying Staff including a selection of new Griffin fly tying tools. (\$200-\$300)
5. A private gourmet dinner for eight (8) in the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum prepared by our Chef, Erin Phelan. (\$800)	10. Hardy St. George Jr. Trout Fly Reel made in Alnwick, 2 9/16, DT3 + 15 yards of backing or WF3 + 40 yards of backing. (\$700)
<b>Silent Auction.</b>	
1. Sweetwater custom built bamboo fly rod to winners specifications. Opening bid \$1,250	4. Orvis Hydro Fly Rod, new from Orvis, Minimum bid \$400
2. From Dave Misner: Half Day Trip on local water with Dick Smith, Minimum bid \$75 to open	5. From Frank & Linda Fox: Deluxe humidor including a few cigars, Minimum bid \$50
3. One of Lee Wulff's 4" suede reel case with hand colored Royal Wulff fly (by Lee) on top and COA from Joan, Minimum bid \$25	6. Also from the Foxes: A picnic bag including two bottles of Redwood Creek wines, Minimum bid \$50
	7. A Cabelas XL Pack Rat Fly Vest, Minimum bid \$40

**Clip here and return to Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum PO BOX 1295, Livingston Manor, NY 12758**

**Annual Dinner Raffle** tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Please order tickets below and remit (with or without dinner reservations). EVERYONE WINS! You can order your raffle ticket with your dinner reservation or call the Center.

**Dinner Reservations**

Seating is limited so please make your reservations early. Reserved tables for 8 are available. Send this portion of the invitation, along with your raffle stubs and payment, in the enclosed envelope by May 18th. Please note that the cost of the dinner includes a \$15.00 tax deductible gift. The names of all attendees will be listed in the Auction Catalog and Program. Buffet Dinner, Table Wines provided by CFFCM supporting member Redwood Creek Wines.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Reserved Table (8) \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> email _____ Phone _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Tickets \$20 ea 3/\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Charge my Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/>

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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### **2010 Calendar of Events**

#### **May**

29: Annual Banquet and Meeting  
29-30: Fiberglass Flyrodders Conclave

#### **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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