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June Guest Fly Tyers

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

June

Membership Winner Ralph Gestwicki

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!

The 2010 Annual Meeting, Dinner and Auction: Mission Accomplished. The Paul Dahlie Education Building was abuzz with activity and chatter as members and trustees visited before the 29th Annual Members Meeting. President Miriam Stone called the meeting to order promptly and welcomed all. After approving the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting, Ross Francis presented the slate of nominations for the 2010-2012 term of the Board of Trustees: re elected were Greg Belcamino, Chris Bogart, Andy Boyar (Legal Council), Dave Brandt, Luke Edwards (1st Vice President), Ross Francis, Rob Longworth, Anthony Magardino, and new trustees are Jack Ganz (Secretary) and David Beveridge. The vote was unanimous. Walt Ackerman, Jorie Andrews (2nd Vice President), Rick Bannerot, Phil Chase, Steven Cohen, Alan Fried, Jerry Girard, Rick Eck (Treasurer), Terry Shultz, Miriam Stone, Donald Trump, Jr., John Tully, Mike Valla, Dave Willmott, Joan Wulff complete our board of trustees and officers. Rick Eck, Treasurer then presented the overall Financial Report on the condition of our organization. Although presently in a stable position, the upcoming repairs and maintenance will provide us with a significant challenge.

President Stone's report covered our past activities and events over the past six months, our current position and hinted at what to expect. She emphasized that our position in the fly fishing community is strong, solid and growing as evidenced by worldwide recognition. Much of this recognition is from word of mouth among those who participate in our activities, via face to face contact and through today's electronic media.

Jim Krul, Executive Director, provided the updated calendar of events and activities for the remainder of 2010 and answered questions about new activities.

The infrastructure update report included that our geo thermal climate control has been replaced. Our roof and ceiling repair project continues to be under review. Engineers will provide final recommendations before we solicit bids from contractors.

In the museum, our long time member, Dave McNeese from Portland, Oregon once again took center stage as our guest fly tyer. He shared many new patterns, some old and demonstrated his unique material manipulation. With further assistance from Ted Patlen and friends it turned into quite the fly tying event, much to the delight of the many visitors on hand.

Authors Jim Rudiatis (Casts in the Wind) and Mike Valla (Tying Catskill Style Dry Flies) were in the museum from noon until 2PM for book signings.

The Annual Dinner got off to a good start with over 140 guests mingling at King's before the 7 PM dinner. Jim Bacon, our MC for the evening, kept everyone on their toes with his charm and quick wit. Miriam recognized the 2010 board of trustees, special guests, and our senior members and thanked them for supporting our organization. Before desert and our live auction, Jim announced the 2010 class of inductees to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame: Art Lee, John Randolph, Louis Rhead and Jack Gartside (thumbnail bios will be found in the July Castabout). Ted Patlen has been selected to receive the Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award that evening. Please plan on attending the induction ceremony and dinner October 9. As desert was served, Jim Krul joined Jim Bacon in providing a very entertaining and profitable live auction.

Everyone won at our Annual Dinner Raffle. Agnes Van Put was called to the stage to draw Ted Barnhart as the winner for a getaway at Linda Reik's cottage and Bill Van Gieson as the winner of the Catskill Rodmakers 6' Lee Wulff Giant Killer bamboo rod. All who entered this raffle will be receiving a prize for each entry which will be delivered to their homes around June 15. Thank you all for entering, everyone won.

While Agnes was there for the drawing it was the perfect time to surprise her with recognition for reaching a milestone of 25 years working for the CFFCM. She was presented with a token of our appreciation and a well deserved standing ovation from everyone. Always having to have the last word, Agnes acknowledged this moment with heartfelt memories of her years here at the Center.

Streamside Notes

May was here today and gone too soon - *A May Zing*. The Catskill streams came alive with all sorts of hatches. Every pool was dotted with just as many fishermen and our bridge experienced more traffic in the past month than the previous six months combined. All of this despite the roller coaster weather ride we experienced. Our activity here was more than the return of fly fishers. May began with the arrival of our new geo thermal units and the installation began. Jeff Phelan assisted me in the sleet and snow stocking our pond with bluegills and minnows funded by the February Fly Fest group. (Please note: Our pond is open to children and physically challenged family members of CFFCM members *only*. Thank you for observing this restriction.) Pond fishing will also be available for educational programs upon request.

Florida NY teacher, Darren Fogarty, once again brought 90 extremely well behaved and interested 6th grade earth science students to the Center for stream insect identification, fly tying programs and open fishing on the pond. Thanks to my buddy, Don Kennedy, all the fly tying equipment was set up the prior evening.

Mid May we were interviewed by Walter Hodges for an upcoming article to appear in the premier of his new online magazine due out in late June. You can view the magazine at www.upstreammagazine.com

Our good friends from the Livingston Manor Rotary Club brought in a *group study exchange team* from Taiwan for a tour of the area and special tour of the museum. On the same day, a Japanese TV film crew arrived for a week of filming. This project, on

the history of American Fly Fishing in the Catskills from Theodore Gordon to present, will be a two or three part program for Japanese TV. I am pleased to report that our facilities will be center stage as much of the filming was done on our property. Segments filmed in the museum included: The development of American dry fly fishing through those of the charmed circle of the Catskills (Gordon, Christian, Steenrod, LaBranche, Hewitt, Dettles and Darbees); the evolution of fly rods with Hoagy B. Carmichael; and tying sessions with Ted Rogowski, Phil Chase and the Catskill Fly Tying Guild. The host of this program was Boston-based Masashito Masa, a recognized fly tyer and columnist for *Fly Fishing Japan Magazine*. In addition to the footage shot at the Museum, this program included the rivers, history markers, fishing and interviews with Joan Wulff, Mary Dette and Ed Van Put. (For a taste of Japanese fly fishing television programs visit www.fishing-v.jp/). All of the leg work and coordination for this event was done by our member Misako Ishimura. Misako continues to be our ambassador to the Japanese fly fishing community, fly fishing worldwide and our link to all of the women fly fishing organizations worldwide. She deserves a standing ovation for another job well done. If that wasn't enough, we ended May with a weekend visit by a large group using our facilities for a Fiberglass Rod Makers Clinic and of course our Annual Dinner and Auction.

Again, Mike Canazon's continued help with event staging, assistance with the auction items, casting demonstrations for the Taiwanese and help tying down the ladder on top of my car, is all greatly appreciated. Once again we can't thank Mary Fried enough for

making our grounds and surroundings so beautiful.

Our new membership programs must be working because we grew more this month than in any other single month ever. Remember, we would like every member to bring in at least one new member this year to help us remain strong and alive. Keep them coming, we still have a few Alan Robinson prints available. For those of you who have already brought in a new member, get another and we will get you a different print. For those of you who sponsored new youth and/or Veteran memberships, you have made them very happy.

Now don't worry about me, with Erin, Shelly, Agnes and Tony watching my back - I have managed to eke out a few moments to fish both here and at home in CT. I experienced probably the most incredible spinner fall of my life and have managed to bring a few quality trout to the net (remember, they are all good ones). Despite the ups and downs in temperatures and freaky weather, this past May has been great. The summer has just begun and if we have some steady gentle weekly rains, it will remain a great season.

It was wonderful meeting so many of you at the Center and at our dinner this past weekend. Some are continuing members and some are new members. This is a great organization, thank you all for your continued support.

It's all about fly fishing.
Jim

Youth Environmental Classes approaching in July. We are once again holding our weekend education programs for kids. Our long time professional instructors, Pete and Caren Jacques are ready to provide a quality environmental experience and an introduction to fly fishing. Students arrive on Saturday at 9 AM and depart on Sunday at noon. All meals and overnight accommodations in our bunkhouses are included. Cost is \$90 per student. If your TU or other organization would like to assist an economically challenged family and sponsor a student, please contact the CFFCM office. Environmental class weekends: July 10/11, 17/18, and 24/25.

August Events are Big Events

Summerfest, Anglers Market, and Jubilee Weekend will be held on August 7 & 8. There are still some vacant vendor spots available for both collectible tackle and local organizations. Call the CFFCM office for Details.

If you are going to celebrate a milestone in your life this year (special birthday, anniversary, etc) , share it with us on Sunday, August 8 at 2 PM. Tell us about it and bring your friends, we will supply the cake. Agnes will be 94 this year.

SAVE the Date now and plan on coming to Roscoe on August 15. The fourth Annual Ralph Graves Living Memorial Golf Outing to Benefit the CFFCM will be held at Twin Villages Golf Course. This is one tournament you do not want to miss (even though Phil Chase tried to let the team down last year.) Chairmen Ted Patlen (tedpat090@yahoo.com) and Cliff Albertson (Clifford.albertson@veriozn.net) are awaiting your registration. Jack Ganz is already loading the cooler with ice and beverages for delivery to thirsty golfers. Following the tournament, we'll return to the Center for a one pound steak dinner complete with Redwood Creek Wines and tournament prizes. Golfers of all abilities are welcome. Donation is \$65 for members and \$75 for non members.

We would like to thank the many people who made our Annual Dinner a success. Please support those who support the CFFCM; we are all in this together.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2010 Calendar of Events

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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