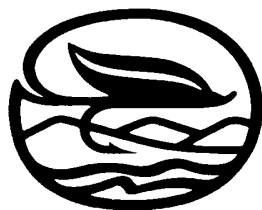


CFFCM's Castabout

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REMINDER: the 6th Annual Fly Fest and Second Annual IceCapades will be held on February 12, in the museum and on the pond. With any luck, weather will be with us that weekend so you'll have a chance to get out and visit with some great fly tyers. They have been preparing all winter to get on the runway and share with you their Spring 2011 ensembles. If you want to tie, contact the Catskill Flies Team Leader. JB Martin says he will make room. Visit their website at www.catskillflies.com, www.classictrout.com or give us a call at the office.

Don't forget to bring your kids and fishing gear and head down to the pond. We will have a hole ready for you to wet a line. If you haven't ice fished, Jan Weido and his Mid Hudson TU Team will show you how it's done...but dress warmly.

If you need a break from shoveling snow this year, are housebound, or have been told by your spouse to get some fresh air, this is your best bet. Where else can you have this much fun for so little expense?

March Madness 'Members Only' Book Sale is Next Month. As a result of the many donations of books to the CFFCM since last March, we have assembled a large collection of titles.

When we receive books, we inform donors that often we do not necessarily need their titles for our permanent collection. What we do first is fill vacant slots in our permanent collection and secondary research library shelves. Second, we cross check the existing titles to upgrade in both edition and condition. Then if we do not need a title, we request to use it for education (newbies, youth, and another organization like Healing Waters, etc). Should it not fill any of the above needs, we request permission to use it for a discount book sale to members only. Proceeds go to improve the library and archival needs of the center. This program has been developed to enhance our library, educational services, member benefits, and protect our archives.

All details on this annual used book sale and book list will be included in the next *Castabout*. You can expect member discounts of 20% or more on all used book prices found elsewhere. **Remember...**this is for 'members only'. Are your dues current?

May 9, Long Island Fly Rodders (LIFR) Annual Stream Clean is now in concert with the **Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts and more.** This annual event is snowballing and taking on great interest among many organizations. The LIFRs will bring at least one troop to camp on the grounds. They will be ready bright and early gathering the debris from our river banks. Joining them will be the members of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Also, we welcome families to join this event. Immediately after cleaning the stream banks the LIFRs will once again host a BBQ here at the Center. Everyone who participates is welcome to attend the lunch. After lunch, fly fishers will return to fish the streams they cleaned and we will offer alternative programs and activities for families and kids. The pond will be open to fishing. There will be: a fly tying class; casting clinic; and, fly tying demonstrations in the museum. Our club relationships continue to expand. We welcome you and your club. Bring a friend and get involved. This is a win-win activity for your club and the CFFCM. We benefit from your energy and your club benefits from the promotion we'll give to them in our communications. This initiative is growing rapidly so become part of it.

New Members

Gian Filippo Alesci
Douglas Fettig
Barbara Gref
Edward Jacoby
William H. Jordan
Dr. Todd E.A. Larson
Thomas J. Laskow, Jr.

February Membership Winner

Terry Storet

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

So far, so good. Other than foul weather, January started off on the right foot for the New Year - at least here at the Center. On January 4, my son, Justin, and I had the privilege of driving Keith Fulsher to the January meeting of the Long Island Fly Rodders so he could accept the *Ancient Order of the Angle* award. This LIFR award recognizes an individual "for the dedication to our sport and their untiring support for the LIFR". Keith attributed his nomination to the fact he will be 89 later this year and he was the most ancient angler they could find. It was a fun evening and also included Keith, Justin and I judging the 'creative tie a fly contest'; tyers were required to construct a fly with a packet of similar materials. Determining a winner was difficult despite bribes and promises, but we all agreed on Lee Weil's fly. You should know that Lee was the featured fly tyer in the last edition of *Fly Tyer* magazine.

About a week later, I had an interesting call from our friends at the Mid Hudson TU. First off, my wife Ginny and I were invited to attend their Stewardship Dinner on October 22, 2011 in Poughkeepsie. Considering it is a new year, I checked my calendar and found the date open. After I accepted, I was

invited to give a little talk prior to their fund raising auction so I think I will share some information about the CFFCM. But then the invitation got even better when I learned the CFFCM will be given a generous percentage of all the money raised at the auction. (More details will follow.)

January's mail continues to be rewarding. Membership renewals continue to come in and at a higher percentage of step-ups and donations than in the past. A check from our friends at The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited will assist us in our operational and improvement needs.

One of the spark plugs behind CFFCM's connecting with TU, FFF, and like organizations has been the personal initiative by member Mike Hogue, owner of Badger Creek Flies and Fly Tying supplies. As a long time CFFCM supporter and friend, Mike has sent letters to all FFF and fly fishing organizations requesting their help in partnering with the CFFCM. We have had many calls and queries regarding our needs and interest at every level. Our gratitude and appreciation goes out to Mike who continues to campaign for the growth of the CFFCM by drawing upon a much larger audience.

Before I forget, also included in the last issue of *Fly Tyer* magazine was a wonderful article on tying and fishing Czech Nymphs by one of our members Aaron Jasper. Aaron has also released an incredible DVD this month entitled '*European Nymphing - Techniques & Fly Tying*'. Have this tape delivered for \$29.95 or pick it up a copy at the gift shop for \$27. Aaron, a first grade elementary school teacher, is also a CFFCM volunteer here at the center and a Catskill champion. Joe Fox just turned 25 and has made a commitment to continue the Dette legacy. '40 something' members Erin and Jeff Phelan and their teenage daughters and volunteer, 'Catskill John' Bonasera, get involved in every aspect of fly fishing. And there are others among us. It is these individuals that are very important. They are leaders of the next generation of fly fishing and are willing to share with, and educate others. Energy like theirs will keep our sport alive for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you John Shanahan for the note.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

Arts of the Angler Auction, November 12, 2011. Our *Arts of the Angler* Auction Coordinator, Per Brandin says it's never too early to start consigning items for our live Auction. The auction will be held at 7:00 PM at the Ethan Allen Inn on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Yes, that's ten months away. Last year's auction was a great success for buyers, sellers, and the CFFCM. If you or someone you know is downsizing their outdoor related items, collections, estate, etc. and would like to turn them into cash, this is a perfect opportunity to do so and benefit the CFFCM at the same time. Per and our support staff will gladly guide you through the process. From fly tying tools to the most interesting outdoor art work, this event draws hundreds of observers and bidders. Ten months is not as far away as you think. The CFFCM Arts of the Angler Show has grown to be recognized as one of the most successful fly fishing shows in the country. We will remind you of our progress as the time approaches.

"The fish you release is your gift to another angler and remember, it may have been someone's similar gift to you", Lee Wulff

Recent Donations and Acquisitions From: Joan Wulff a large quantity of original prints by Denton, Oliver Kemp, John Taylor, and others to be used for exhibits and fund raising. Several photos including those of Roderick Haig-Brown, Lee Wulff, Beamoc Club, CFFCM members, Dan Bailey, and Jim Deren for archives. A series of original Christmas sketches by artist John Groth which were sent to Lee Wulff, these will be used for a Christmas exhibit in the museum this November, and a framed photo of a Rainbow Trout caught in Lake Taneycomo, Branson, MO. **Vito de Vito**, artist, two of his limited edition artist proofs: "Highflyer"...*Opening Day Beat Nine Connetquot River State Park* AP 36/50 and "Back to Back Brookies" AP28/40 to be used for fundraising. We thank our donors.

CFFCM receives property in Roscoe. Now that everything has been wrapped up, we are reporting on a very special donation to the CFFCM.

At the end of 2010 Rebecca Fay and her husband Martin Bernstock, with assistance by Arthur Rosenberg, donated a multi-family house in Roscoe. We are so grateful for their generosity. There were no conditions on its use other than to benefit the CFFCM. With the coordination and services of our legal counsel and attorney, Andy Boyar, and Rick Eck, CPA and Treasurer, we took possession without any fees.

The house is a single building with three apartments (1 up and 2 down), a 3 bay garage and a large parking lot. It is located directly across the street from Live Bait in Roscoe. The two smaller apartments downstairs are currently occupied and producing rent while the upstairs is vacant. We are currently landlords and learning as we go. Unfortunately, the rental income is not meeting the expenses and both house and garage are in need of some major repairs and improvements come Spring. Unfortunately, due to the many low rent apartments available in the immediate area during the winter months the vacant upstairs apartment will be difficult to rent.

Just recently we received a firm purchase offer on this property. It has been determined by our Executive Board of Trustees to consider all offers in the next 30 days and to make a decision in the best interest of the CFFCM by March 1. If you have a serious interest in purchasing this property, please call the office for further information.

GOT FLIES? Too Many? This winter season is the prime time to go through those old fly boxes, tins, jars, and the like and get rid of those flies that you will never use or don't want anyone to see. Send them here and we will put them to good use in our educational programs.

A CFFCM 30th Anniversary Moment.

Some of the top books from 1981: *Trout Tactics* by Joe Humphrey, *Complete Book of Western Hatches* by Rick Hafele and Dave Hughes, *Caddisflies* by Gary LaFontaine, *Fly Fishing for Panfish* by John Malo, *The Essence of Fly Casting* by Mel Kreiger, *American Nymph Fly Tying Manual* by Randall Kaufman, *Soft-Hackle Addict* by Sylvester Nemes, and *Hairwing Atlantic Salmon Flies* by Keith Fulsher and Charlie Krom. How many are on your library shelves?

...and in the 1981 early edition magazines, there were great articles.

Fly Fisherman: *Gambling at Frenchman's*- Betting on Brookies by Robert Traver, *Chironomidae*-A moveable feast for stillwater trout by Hal Janssen, *Sockeye Salmon*-The food fishing that fights like a king by Lani Waller, *Alaska's October Rainbow*-A pot of gold by Ernest Schwiebert, *Great Waters: Labrador*-A special destination guide by John Randolph, *Riches for the Fly Tier*-the golden pheasant by Greg Roberts, *The Bivisible* by Richard Bean, *Rod Rack-Selecting Cane* by Hoagy Carmichael, *Fly Tier's Bench*-Ira Gruber-Master Tier by Ted Niemeyer, and *The Seasonable Angler-Heaven or Hell* by Nick Lyons.

ROD and REEL: *Monofilament II*-Testing fly-leader tippetts by Silvio Calabi, *Mighty are the Midges*- The ultimate in hatch-matching by Dave Whitlock, *Buffalo and Bluefish*-The case for a saltwater license by Ted Williams, *Can I Release Them?*-On the death of a sailfish by Nick Lyons, *Life at Frenchman's Pond*-Profile: John Voelker aka Robert Traver by Jim Enger, *On Bass Fishing and Bass Tournaments*-Confessions of an uptown tweed by John Merwin, *Tackle-Fussings* On Casting -Rod Actions by Jerry Gibbs, *Rod Building*-More on Fly-Rod Grips by Dave Sylvester, *Fly-Tying*-The midge Pupae by Dave Whitlock, and Wulff's Run-Some fishing basics by Lee Wulff.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2011 Calendar of Events

February

12: Fly Fest and Ice Capades

April

2: Season Opener at Junction Pool with a Surprise
Two Headed Trout Dinner

May

7: Long Island Fly Rodders Annual Stream Cleanup
Fiberglass Rod Gathering hosted by Fred Paddock

June

24-29: Bamboo Rodmakers Class

July

9/10: Environmental Youth Educations ages 8-11
16/17: Environmental Youth Education ages 12-14

August

6/7: Summerfest, Angler's Market & Jubilee Weekend
14: Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament

September

9/11: Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

October

1: One Fly Contest sponsored by Catskill Flies
8: Semi-Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

November

12/13: Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury CT
29: A Night in NYC-Winter Fundraiser

December

3: Holiday Open House

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