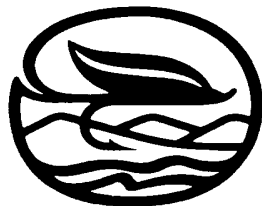


CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Andrew Higgins

Paul Lewza

Terry Perry

Randy & Pat Steele

Guest Fly Tyers

April 2 - Ted Patlen

April 9 - Tim Didas

April 23 - Nancy Taylor

April 30 - Ralph Graves

May 7 - JB Martin

May 14 - Mike Hogue

May 21 - Scott Cesari

May 28 - Lee Weil

April

Membership Winner Kenneth Habeck

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!

A New Season Begins. This April issue of *Castabout* was written, printed, and mailed before the Season Opener. In previous Season Opener announcements, we alluded to a special surprise immediately after First Cast. Considering this was written before April 2, the plans were to invite everyone attending First Cast to go to Mary Dette's and serenade her with Happy Birthday (her actual birthday is April 9 when she turned, sorry Mary, 80) and enjoy cake and coffee provided by the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Assemblywoman Gunther would present Mary with a proclamation citing Dette Fly Shop as the oldest fly shop in the USA if not the world and now refer to Cottage Street as Dette Way and the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce is to name the adjacent pool to the new Riverside Park as Dette's Pool. A complete review of all the actual happenings on April 2 will follow in the May *Castabout* and on our website and facebook. The CFFCM and Roscoe Chamber of Commerce thank Louis and Sue of the Reynolds house for providing accommodations for Mr. Hobgood, our special First Cast guest.

Volunteers Wanted. We can always use your help. We have a lean staff here at the CFFCM and many things would not get done if not for our steady dedicated volunteers. Mary Fried, Mike Canazon, Ted Patlen, Richard Bradley, Jack Ganz, Dave Brandt, Jan Weido and a few others are always around to jump in and pick up the slack, to get things ready, to monitor events, help with everyday maintenance and repairs, run errands, and a host of other things that need to be done. Our season has begun and we have a full year of events and activities ahead. We expect some Healing Water veterans to stay in our bunkhouses in April and May. They could use some basic guiding and fly fishing instruction. Any of us can deliver the introduction they need to get started. How about you helping these vets who have given so much for us?

Roscoe, NY needs our help. WFN (World Fishing Network) is searching for the **Ultimate Fishing Town USA**. Your town could: be crowned *WFN's Ultimate Fishing Town*; win \$25,000 for your community; and have a half-hour television show dedicated entirely to fishing in your town. Roscoe certainly deserves to be considered for this award. It has been regarded for many years as "Trout Town USA". The money would definitely stimulate the local economy. In addition, the award would share, with today's fly fishermen, the historical importance of the area and build a solid community spirit for future support toward fly fishing. We are sure everyone one of us has a special thought or memory of why Roscoe is important to the world of fishing. The process will be in three stages and stage one ends on April 12. Nominate Roscoe today by visiting the WFN site

<http://www.wfnfishingtown.com/nominate-your-town.php>

Should Roscoe secure the nomination for the North East, the second round will begin with another round of voting. We'll keep you posted.

Once in a lifetime Raffle Joan Wulff has done so many good things for the fly fishing community and she has done even more good things here at the Center. First Prize in this year's 30th Annual Fund Raising Dinner Raffle is an elegant dinner in the museum for you and five friends with Joan Wulff and Ted Rogowski. Second Prize is a weekend in Linda Reik's local lake cottage, and third is an Orvis Silver Label Rod donated by member Jack Pangburn. In addition to the raffle tickets in this mailing, you will find a reservation form for our Annual Dinner, Hall of Fame nomination form, and a return envelope for your immediate use.

Streamside Notes

March is one of those crazy months. It teases you with an early taste of spring - a bright, warm day - crocus breaking the ground - and then all of a sudden it turns like an angry beaver and gives you another bone chilling blast of snow. I suppose it is Mother Nature's little way to say there are good things to come, but not just yet. March is also complete madness here.

There is the packing and shipping required for our annual members only book sale, putting together our Annual meeting and fund raising dinner and auction plans, scheduling events, partnering in community events and activities and putting final touches on the museum and exhibits. In addition we said goodbye to our old friend, Dick Talleur, in a Celebration of Life ceremony here March 26th, organized by Marla Blair and Bob Mead. Then we brought in the new trout season.

Read this month's Castabout again. You will find much more, including how you too can participate in this madness.

Come in this year and see the 2011 ORCA (Old Reel Collectors Association) Skeletal Reels from the collection of Richard Lodge ; The Larry Koller Exhibit, Brook Trout - fresh water's most beautiful game fish; and in final stages The Hudson Valley/Catskill School of Rod-making Part 1 of 2, from H.L. Leonard to Tom Bailey Jr (with the help of Walter and Marcia Carpenter and Mike Canazon) and The Camp Table of Clark Gable and his Outdoor Experiences to be provided by Peter Heller. All can be viewed under our new ceiling; make sure you look up.

Woodstick will happen on May 21st & 22nd, but unfortunately with a smaller than expected contingent from Japan. Which is understandable given their losses. We wish them well. I have heard from several of the rod and reel makers from Japan. Although they cannot be here this year, they will have their own *Woodstick* event on May 28 & 29 in Tohoku. Their spirits are strong and they appreciate

our support. They have also invited any of us who want to make the trip to join them. They have assured me they will be here in the future and consider themselves brothers of the angler. They are in our thoughts.

This is the Center's 30th year. Hard to believe it has been 30 years! There are many of you that have been with us since day one. I received a reminder this month from Robert Flackman who shared with me that now at 89 he is no longer able to experience the pleasures of fly fishing himself. However he is renewing his membership to remain involved. I would like to thank you all for your participation. Get out and celebrate a new season everyday you are on the water.

Its all about fly fishing

Jim Krul

Recent Acquisitions: From Chris Theising - A major historical collection of photos, letters, and books from the late author and Catskill fly fisherman, Larry Koller. Although a most prolific hunting writer, his works on trout fishing have been very important to the fly fishing community. This incredible collection includes his original manuscript of the classic book, *Taking Larger Trout*, along with numerous photos and ephemera. (This donation will be on display this year in our *Fly Fisher of the Past* exhibit case.) A collection of Larry Koller photos can be viewed on line at <https://picasaweb.google.com/cthiesin/KollerFishing>

Orange Buckets and Art Flick *"...there's also work for each of us, each time we wade our favorite river. As you teach your children and friends about the habits of trout and how to catch them, also teach them how to protect their streams, especially the tributaries. Just as a forward cast cannot be better than a back cast, a main stream can be no better than its feeders. In these smaller streams get them to plant a few willow shoots, for instance, each time they fish them. And do it yourself, for willows will work wonders for stream rehabilitation."* From, *Art Flick's New Streamside Guide*. Last fall Bruce Pollack suggested we initiate this program locally, and we did. We have purchased Orange Home Depot buckets, Mid Hudson TU has provided the willow slips, and the following local tackle shops will have them near their entrance. We encourage you and your friends to pick up willow slip to plant on your next visit to a needy stream. Simply make a hole with your wading staff, stick the slip in and tamp it down with your foot. If you plant just one every time you go out, we'll soon see what team work can do. Look for the orange buckets at Catskill Flies, Baxter House, Dette Flies, Fur Fin and Feather and Frank Kuttner's.

More May than Ever Before. It officially started with our season opener on April 2, and we are now open 7 days a week. Every Saturday we will feature a guest fly tyer and on Sundays you can stop in and see the new and fresh exhibits. Fast approaching activities requiring some assistance are: to install insulation in our bunk house (provided with funds from The Mid Hudson TU); The Stream Clean sponsored by the Long Island Flyrodders on May 7.; and 'Woodstick' Two Days of Classic Tackle and Today's Craftsman on May 21 and 22 where we will be testing the casting field layout for the upcoming Hardy's Bros. Cup. In the planning phase right now are: August's Summerfest/Anglers Market/ Jubilee Day which will include The Hardy Bros. Cup.; The Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament and in November, The Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury. We are also in need of a long time and steady volunteer to assist us in cataloging our archived collection and library.

- **May 7** is the Long Island Flyrodders annual Stream Clean. Joining them this year is the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, Theodore Gordon Flyfishers and local friends of the rivers. Everyone will meet at the Center at 8:30 and draw river assignments. By noon, everyone should be done and be back at the Center for a free BBQ provided by The Long Island Flyrodders. Give us a call and let us know you are coming as the LIFRs want to make sure they bring enough food.

- **May 21-22, Woodstick, two days of fly fishing crafts and arts fair.** If you appreciate the fine craftsmanship of fly fishing equipment past and present you will want to stop in the Darbee Vinciguerra Pavilion and visit with many of the classic tackle makers and vendors. Organizer Fred Paddock has planned to keep the lights on Saturday evening for those fishing the evening hatch. Stop in and visit up until 9:30 PM

- **May 28, The 30th Annual CFFCM Fund Raising Dinner and Auction.** The day begins with a members meeting at 10AM in the Paul Dahlie Education Building. Please join us and learn more about the past year, the current year and future planning of the CFFCM. Election of officers and new trustees will take place. We will have a special fly tyer in the museum. Dinner will be at King's at 5:30 and a live auction will follow. It will be a great day to look back on 30 years of the progress resulting in CFFCM as the center of the international fly fishing community.

Take a *Maycation*. May is the single most productive trout fishing month here on the Willowemoc and Beaverkill. Insect hatches are at their peak, trout are very active and on weekends, the favorite and famous pools are usually well stocked with fly fishermen. For sure, mid-week fishing in May is a pleasure, stream traffic is considerably less and if you stay overnight you can fish well into the evening. Our business neighbors in both Livingston Manor and Roscoe have joined together to encourage you to come Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. In your off stream hours you will find special offers and discounts to *Maycationers*. Just look for the sign that prominently says "*Maycation-TWT- Here*". You will discover a community that is happy to be a supporter of the CFFCM and welcome spot for anglers. Pick up a card that says *Maycation* and stop into other *Maycation* participating businesses.

To date the following CFFCM partners/and offers include:

Livingston Manor:

- DeBruce Country Inn; 845-439-3900 25% discount overnights TWT
- Wildlife Gift Shop; 845-439-3938 10% discount trout related items TWT
- Willow & Brown; 845-439-5677 10% off store purchases Thursday only
- Lanza's; 845-439-5070 \$20 off Regular room rate 10% on dinners TWT
- Lazy Beagle 845-439-3405 10% off your bill WT (closed Tuesday)

Roscoe:

- Creekside Cabins; 607-498-5873 10% off rates starting Tues and ending Thurs
- Tennenah Lake Golf and Tennis; 607-498-5000 15% off golf, room, meals and row boats and 1st drink TWT
- Live Bait Bar & Grill; 607-498-4999 10% off of lunch purchase TWT
- Catskill Flies; 607-498-6146 10% off all purchases TWT
- Morning Star Creations; 607-498-5918 Free Drawing on framed fly fishing print, stop in
- White Cloud Beaverkill Fly Fishing School; 607-498-4611. Group discount 3rd student ½, 4th free
- Butternut Grove Campsite; 607-498-4224 1 night free bundle wood, 2-3 nights full rack wood
- Duke Pottery; 607-498-5207 ½ pint of local maple syrup with every purchase

Of course as members you are entitled to many other standing offers from our business partners listed on the mailing side of this Castabout.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2011 Calendar of Events

April

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

May

7: Long Island Fly Rodders Annual Stream Cleanup
14: Joe Perrone Opening Day book signing
21/22: Classic Tackle & Today's Craftsman hosted by
Fred Paddock
20/21: NYC TU Outing
28: Annual Meeting, Dinner and Auction

June

3/4: East Jersey TU Outing
24-29: Bamboo Rodmakers Class

July

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

July

23/24: Environmental Youth Education mixed ages

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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