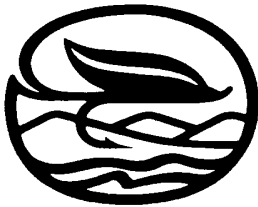


# CFFCM's Castabout

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## Guest Fly Tyers

### July

July 2 - Joe Soma  
July 9 - John Klemm Jr.  
July 16 - Bob Lindquist  
July 23 - Michael Santimauro  
July 30 - Andy Gennaro

### August

August 6 - Peggy Brenner  
August 7 - Shawn Britton  
August 13 - Jim Froio  
August 20 - Mike Romanoski  
August 27 - Ron Frost

### July

## Membership Winner

### Nelson L. North

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!

**Roscoe NY wins WFN Ultimate Fishing Town Title.** It was a nail biter right down to the last day. After running neck and neck and exchanging the lead with Waddington NY throughout the entire contest, there was a rude awakening on Tuesday morning, May 31. Roscoe was trailing by 7,000 votes! There appeared to be dismal chances for Roscoe capturing first place. However, with a last minute effort and a call to arms by everyone in address books and via Facebook, at 6PM when the contest ended the unofficial count was Roscoe ahead by 2,000. It was a miraculous comeback, indeed. On June 6, 2011 it was official; Roscoe was the overall winner and would take the honors of The WFN Ultimate Fishing Town. Roscoe will soon receive a cash award of \$25,000 from WFN to be used for a fishing related project and will be featured on a half hour long television program explaining why Roscoe deserves to be the Ultimate Fishing Town. Roscoe extends its thanks to all of us in the fly fishing community who joined in the effort, it was a win for all.

**Annual Meeting and Fund Raising Dinner and Auction.** The 30<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting of the CFFCM was called to order by President Miriam Stone at 10 AM on Saturday May 28. After approving the minutes of the 2010 meeting, President Stone presented a report to the membership highlighting both the past year's challenges, as well as the successes we experienced together as an organization. Looking forward, the CFFCM will continue to set forth objectives to keep our museum and activities fresh, alive and to meet the needs of our community.

Financially, with the sale of the Fay property and the ability to pay off our credit line, we are in a good financial position. However, we have to be cautious in our spending and maintain a rainy day fund. Miriam also voiced our immediate needs: 1) to add a curtain drain in front of the museum and repair the flagstone entrance; 2) explore necessary improvements to the bathroom, showers, and kitchen in the Paul Dahlie Education building that are long overdue, and, 3) develop a plan to increase and maximize storage for artifacts in our museum.

After Miriam's report, Chairman of the Nominating Committee Greg Belcamino presented the meeting with nominees for the new two-year term vacancies. All returning trustees and three new trustees, John Checcia, Robert Colson, and Jennifer Grossman were unanimously approved. Due to the vacancy of a treasurer (created by the passing of Rick Eck) Executive Director Jim Krul, presented a financial review explaining that although there has been a decline in membership, membership income is almost exactly the same as last year at this time. This was due to the step up in member levels and the '365' association with DeBruce Fly Fishing Club. Jim also reinforced that the current positive financial health was due to the sale of our donated property. After the financial review, Jim described the remaining CFFCM Activities and Events and welcomed any assistance from those present. Meeting was adjourned.

The Trustee meeting immediately followed. The 2011 slate of officers were presented and approved by the trustees: President Miriam Stone; First VP Luke Edwards; Second VP Andy Boyar; Treasurer Bob Colson; and Secretary Jack Ganz. (The complete list of trustees will be found on our web page). Committee reports were presented from By-Laws, Hall of Fame (announcement of inductees will soon follow), and Flyfishers of Distinction (to be presented in the August Castabout). Discussion followed regarding: the development of a priority list for property repairs, maintenance, and improvements; revised website; on stream online camera; and, pond remediation. The meeting was adjourned.

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## Streamside Notes

The last days of May still seem to be a blur with Woodstick, our annual meeting and dinner/auction and sandwiched in between, the previously cancelled, 80 sixth grade class *on-stream* program. But, all things seemed to go off without a hitch and everyone is still talking to one another.

Our annual meeting yielded many ideas for necessary maintenance and improvements to our facilities. We also brought in some new members to take on Trustee vacancies and gained some new commitments from our members. Our annual dinner and fundraising auction were financially successful and will enable us to move immediately on some of our maintenance issues. Combined with the sale of the Fay property and an additional generous donation from Bill Lueszler, we have started some much needed improvement planning for the Paul Dahlie Education Building. There

remain many needs for the CFFCM as we enter our next 30 years. With your continued help and support, together we will achieve these needs to pass on to the next fly fishing generation. Elsewhere in this issue of the Castabout you will find some opportunities to lend a hand, please consider joining us for a couple of hours by getting involved.

I would like to thank several of the clubs who returned our invitation to provide some historical background on their club and key people. During the summer months ahead, stimulate some conversation with your fishing companions and see if you can find out who were the mentors of their mentors. There are a million stories out there and we would like to have them. Have you been a mentor? Don't let your knowledge and experience go to waste, share it.

After a slow start the first few days

in June, the bugs and fish started to cooperate. It seems everyone has a story or two on big fish or those that got away. I will spare you the details. (It should be noted that I did get an invite to fish some local private water that was often hard to get in and out of without being noticed or recognized.)

The rivers are in great condition and the fish are very healthy. If we continue to get regular rains and cool nights the fishing will remain top notch. Plan a few days up here and see why Trout Town USA is the WFN Ultimate Fishing Town.

Stop in and visit the museum. I will give you the details I left out and tell you about my annual brook trout pilgrimage to Maine. I am sure Erin, Pat, Agnes and Tony have heard quite enough.

It's all about fly fishing.

Jim Krul

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That evening, Jim Callahan served as MC. After a wonderful dinner, the winners of the 2011 Raffle were announced. First Prize winner of a dinner for 6 in the museum with Joan Wulff and Ted Rogowski was Steve & Elizabeth Fauer, second prize winner Paul Gshwend III won the two nights at Linda Reik's cottage and Vincent Sadwick won Jack Pangburn's donated Orvis rod. The auction followed and was called by Jim Callahan to the delight of the attendees and winning bidders. (See insert page for donors who contributed to this financially rewarding evening). A good time was had by all.

### Last Casts

**Edwin Johnson.** Long time accomplished Catskill fly fisherman and CFFCM member 'Ed' Johnson passed away in Arkansas on May 7, 2011, at age 91. Born in Minnesota, Ed Worked in NJ until retiring to Walton, NY in 1985. He later moved full-time to his winter home in Heber Springs, Arkansas where Ed could enjoy his fly fishing passion in a warmer environment. It was only a few months back that Ed made the comment "I only fly fish from my chair on my porch now, I am afraid I will fall in the water".

**Howard Guja.** It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Howard Guja on June 5, 2011 at his Bellport Long Island home. Howard was recognized just last December as a Flyfisher of Distinction by his peers at the Anglers Club of NY. Howard will be remembered as an accomplished fly fisherman holding several fly fishing records, a friend to every fly fisher, and a great man dedicated to his family. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.

**Recent Acquisitions:** From **Michael and Wendy Ridenour**, MI, a custom fish stocking back pack tank made in 1932 for the Utica Chapter of the Isaac Walton League. From **Galen Wilkins** A late 1800's wood fishing rod and trolling reel. From **Lloyd E Banquer**, a classic Leonard Baby Battenkill bamboo fly rod. From **Rich Shires** a limited edition and

**We Welcome New Members:** David Bisnett, Paul Dendis, Jay & Margo Erickson, Steven Every, Jason R. Finnerty, Earl J. Fleeger, Dave Forshay, Gail Gallo, Paul Gallo, Michael Gilbank, Gary Hegedus, Joseph J. Hester, Ed Higgins, Bob Hoover, Markus Langecker, Richard R. Lowack, Ron J. Lucchesi, Clay Mitchell, Joseph Mooney, Jr., Chris Murphy, James Murphy, Mike Muzzy, Donnie Myers, William H. Nilsen, Lee Nisenholz, Raffaello Orlando, Bob Palsgrove, Donald L. Peake, Tom Podrasky, David Porreca, Rick Robbins, Gordon A. Robst, David S. Salwocki, Donald J. Starkin, Michael R. Vitale and Arnold Williams

**Physical Support Volunteers Needed.** We can always use some able bodies to assist us in our upcoming projects and events. July 15, Work Day to complete insulation and interiors of the bunkhouses. Needed are: two men for foam sheet installation, two measurers, one skillsaw person, and two nailers: Approx. 4 hours. SUMMERFEST, AGNES' 95<sup>TH</sup> B'Day August 6: Shift and part time are OK. Sales Help at CFFCM table 9-4, food service table 10:30-2:00, Bridge Control 8:30-3, Hardy Cup Help 5PM-8PM. August 7 Sales Help at CFFCM table 9-3, food service table 10:30-1:00, Great Willowemoc Fish Race 1:00, Happy Birthdays 1:30, Bridge Control 8:30-2. August 13 Dinner Prep 4-7 for Ralph Graves Invitational Testimonial Golf Tournament. November 12 & 13 Arts of the Angler Show, Danbury Admission, auction assistance, tear down.

**Woodstick, Kizuna May 21** It may have been a rainy Saturday, but the spirit of the fly fishing craftsmen was not to be dampened. Organizer Fred Paddock assembled a group of domestic and international rod makers, reel makers, and classic tackle representatives to share their products and talents with attendees. The international participants included Ids Schukken, Schukken Design Reels & Rods, from the Netherlands, and from Japan Takuji (Taku) Izawa, Hidden Creek Rod, Kazutomo (Tomo) Ijuin of Ijuin Rods, Matsumoto (Matsumoto) Kazuyoshi, Brightliver Tackle, and long time supporter of the CFFCM, master reel crafter Masatoshi Okui, Kineya Tackle. Mass was leader of the Japanese contingent. In addition to the international crew, we had our stateside participants Rick Robbins, Jim Downes, Bob Selb, Matt Leiderman, Grahame Maisey, Fred Balling and Hardy. Masatoshi and the gang from Japan. Many other Japanese craftsmen who planned on attending could not due to the devastation of their homeland, but sent their well wishes. Mass presented the CFFCM with their well wishes which are represented on banners now on display in the museum plus gifts to our collection of three bamboo rods, three reels and other accessories. We thank them all, *Kizuna*. (pictures and details will be found on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/cffcm](http://www.facebook.com/cffcm))

**Casting Tuneups Continue** FFF Master Casting Instructor and FFF Board Member Floyd Franke and FFF Certified Casting Instructors Paul & Gail Gallo will hold only two more Casting Clinics on Saturdays July 16 and Saturday August 6 at Summerfest from 10 AM until 2PM. We thank them for taking the time to introduce many first time casters, tune up some wary casters and help identify some problems for long time fly fishermen. They are working on another program for next year and are looking forward to it. Floyd, Paul and Gail take a bow. You deserve a big round of applause from everyone for giving the CFFCM another dimension to offer the fly fishing community.

**Summerfest/Anglers Market, and Jubilee Weekend. August 6 & 7.** The CFFCM's longest running annual event, 29 years and now it includes **The First Annual Hardy Bros. Cup** bamboo rod casting competition. Two full days of fishing and sporting collectibles, treasures and tackle on over 100 tables will be found just over the bridge. This single event brings out the best in fishing 'stuff' discovered over the past year from closets, attics, and basements. You never know what you will find or what you will buy. Just imagine all the stuff you never really needed but just had to have. We will be open each day from 8:30 AM until 4 PM. Come down and visit your favorite vendors including: Chesapeake Rods & Reels, Dette Trout Flies, Hank Sporting Collectibles, George Guba, The Classic Fly Fisherman, and many more including some local and regional businesses, civic organizations, health centers, farmers produce markets and home goods vendors.

The First Hardy Bros. Cup bamboo rod casting competition finals will start Saturday at 9:30AM and continue until all casters have had their chance to cast. The competition involves (up to) 6 practice casts, 2 distance casts and one accuracy cast. On the three previous competition days we have seen some fine bamboo fly rods and pretty good casters compete for the title and holder of the Hardy Bros. Cup. This annual casting event will be open to all individuals. Requirements are to use a bamboo fly rod 9' in length or smaller, supply their own reel with a WF or DT floating fly line and 7.5' leader. A sight fly will be provided. (Casters should be able to cast a sight fly 50 feet with a 7.5' leader) The overall point champion will receive a Commemorative 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary C.C. de France rod, hand crafted by Hardy master rod makers, Tom Moran and Callum Gladstone. Second and third place finishers will receive a Hardy classic fly reel. This event will be capped off that evening at 6 PM with a Pig Roast BBQ provided at no charge by Hardy/Greys USA.

Sunday we will cut the cake in celebration of Agnes Van Put's 95<sup>th</sup>, Joan Wulff's and Doc (Alan) Fried's 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays. This will only happen once, so join us for a 'cake break' Sunday afternoon at 1:45 PM immediately following the Annual Great Willowemoc Fish Race.

This year's Summerfest and Jubilee weekend will be one to remember. Don't miss it.

**August 13, The 2011 Ralph Graves Invitational Testimonial Golf Tournament.** This golf outing is now in its fifth year and continues to grow. This year it will be held on a Saturday. Whether you golf or don't, this is truly an enjoyable event to participate in. This golf outing was started by a few hackers and was named to recognize Ralph Graves who was not involved whatsoever. It is simply a day of golf and good times no matter the golfer's skill. It has become a full blown golf outing and remains an enjoyable event. Chairmen Cliff Albertson ([clifford.albertson@verizon.net](mailto:clifford.albertson@verizon.net) or 845-368-1381) and Ted Patlen ([tedpat090@yahoo.com](mailto:tedpat090@yahoo.com) or 210-772-1312) have a great 4-man scramble planned with tee off at 1 PM at Roscoe's Twin Villages Golf Course. This unique 9 hole course will challenge even the most discriminating and polished golfer. Prizes will be awarded for: Low Score; Longest Drive; Straightest Drive; and Closest to the Pin. The winning team will have their names added to the 'Ralphie' trophy that hangs in the back of the museum. Join in, as this might be one of the most enjoyable tournaments you'll ever participate in. Following the golf game you return to the Center for a full pound steak dinner with Ralph and his lovely wife Theresa. Bring your stories about Ralph or make up a few to share in a testimonial to one of the Catskills most recognized individuals. There will be prizes for all. Registration: CFFCM members \$65; Non Members \$75 and non golfers for dinner \$30. All proceeds benefit the CFFCM. A limited number of spaces remain so make your reservation soon. Call the Center [845-439-4810](tel:845-439-4810) (or email the chairmen)

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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### 2011 Calendar of Events

#### July

16: Casting Clinic with Floyd Fanke & Paul & Gail Gallo  
10AM - 2pm

#### August

6/7: Summerfest, Angler's Market & Jubilee Weekend  
16: Casting Clinic with Floyd Fanke & Paul & Gail Gallo  
10AM - 2pm  
13: Annual Ralph Graves Memorial Golf Tournament  
20: CFTG Annual Picnic

#### September

9/11: Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

#### October

1: One Fly Contest sponsored by Catskill Fies  
1: Upper Delaware TU Picnic  
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

*Illustrations provided by member Jack Pangburn*

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