

CFFCM's Castabout

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New Members

Olov Anderson
Kelly Boatright
Karen & Luis Gilbert
Douglas Hamer
Bryan Koontz
Pete Kurtz
Daniel Laurie
Charles MacMath
Christopher Milton
Peter Simsonson

Guest Fly Tyers August

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

September

Sept 3 - John Bonasera
Sept 10 - Ed Burgholzer
Sept 17 - Dave Brandt
Sept 24 - Brad Wilson

August Membership Winner Victor Ezerski

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!

Summerfest, Anglers Market, Jubilee Day + Hardy Bros. Cup = A great weekend.

This is the last reminder that August 6 & 7 will be our biggest weekend of the summer. Take a break, bring the family and neighbors and visit the museum before the summer is over. In the lower field you will find the largest outdoor fishing show in the USA with deals and steals you will not believe. The CFFCM/FFF casting team, Floyd Franke and Paul and Gail Gallo will be here to help you improve your casting, Mike Valla will be at the CFFCM tables under the pavilion signing books, and who knows what else will follow. We have joined forces with Hardy Greys USA, Ltd. for the first annual Hardy Bros. Cup bamboo rod casting challenge on Saturday. There will be a complimentary BBQ pig roast following at approximately 6:00 PM.

On Sunday the Anglers Market will continue, a fishing derby on the pond will be held from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM for our juniors 16 and under. At 1:15 the Great 50/50 Willowemoc Fish Race will take place, followed by a huge birthday bash celebrating Agnes Van Put's 95th Birthday, Joan Wulff and Doc Fried's 85th, Mary Dette and Mary Fried's 80th, and Erin's 40th (again) along with Doc & Mary's 55th Anniversary. If you have a birthday or anniversary, join us! We will provide the cake. Come join in the fun.

Ralph Graves Invitational Golf Tournament. This is just another alternative to an August day when you cannot fish. Moved to Saturday, August 13, this exciting and good natured tournament brings out the best and some of the 'not so best' in a 4 man scramble style contest. Everyone can't win, but everyone can have a good time. Tee time is 1 PM at Twin Village Golf Course. A beefsteak cook out and Ralph 'Roast' will follow at the museum. For more information, please call Chairmen Cliff Albertson 845-368-1381, Ted Patlen 973-985-7083 or the CFFCM office.

Paul Dahlie Education Building Remodeling Project. Improvements, renovations and updating of our property continues. The oldest building on our property is the Paul Dahlie Education Building. Originally this building was a barn, on top a hay mow, now the meeting and storage room and the bottom was used for livestock now the kitchen with bath facilities. Converted into the 'ed bldg' way back when, it has served us well with minimal repairs and no improvements other than a coat of exterior paint 5 years ago and Ted Patlen's interior ceiling and wall seam repairs and paint job. This building is an integral part of our operation as it gets far more traffic than our museum. It is open and used at every event and activity. It is a necessity for thousands of visitors as well as overnight guests and group affairs.

With the recent sale of our Roscoe property and financial donations received from both individuals and clubs/organizations, we have been able to replenish our 'rainy day fund' with a modest amount, make some required planned and unplanned improvements and restore our repair and maintenance budget. We can now complete some of the lesser jobs that have been put on the back burner. The remodeling and updating of the Dahlie Education Building is a major undertaking. Although we do not have the full amount to take on such a challenge, plans are in place to start immediately to prevent major and more costly remediation in the future. Yes, we welcome your financial assistance. Come take a 'walk through' and see first hand our current situation.

Rodmaking School Our highly qualified instructors, David van Burgel and Kathy Scott once again provided the 5 day intensive bamboo rod making course. The three students left with rod in hand and smiles on their faces. One enthusiastic student was heard saying "I don't think I will need my graphite rods anymore. When I get home, I am starting another bamboo rod." Over the past 10 years of holding classes, we are amazed to see the improvements and innovations from these new craftsmen. David and Kat deserve another A for a job well done.

Streamside Notes

Yes, I certainly did catch fish on the Rapid River in Maine in July; a lot of them. Ask Erin and Pat, they will tell you all about 'em...big brookies and landlocked salmon. I even brought pictures to share (for proof) with Erin and Pat. This was my 13th trip to the Rapid with friends I have been traveling with for over 30 years. For fishing, this was the best ever. I won't say more as I may be tossed out of the group. It is great having a wonderful staff to take care of everything so I can concentrate on fishing when I am away.

As always, it was another busy month here at the Center. I would like to thank Terry and Sheila Shultz for organizing a float for the Roscoe 'Fourth of July and Ultimate Fishing Town USA Celebration Parade' on July 2. With the participation of great CFFCM representatives; Agnes Van Put, Joan Wulff, Doc and Mary Fried, and Ross Francis who joined Terry and Sheila we were well represented. Manny Zanger converted his truck and trailer to 'the CFFCM float'. Agnes and Joan sat on the back waving and casting to the large crowd in attendance. After, Agnes commented "Manny did such a fine job mounting the chairs, you wouldn't even know you were on a trailer, it was great". (She is a real PIP.) Join me in thanking them for representing the Center.

Reggie Johnson oversaw the first 'unplugged weekend' here at the Center. This educational program was executed by Reggie to provide both

kids and parents their first *outdoors experience*. This comprehensive program included an introduction to not only fly-fishing, but the elements surrounding the sport; nature, environment, etc. It was a success and we are planning to fine tune and incorporate this into our future summer programming with Reggie at the helm.

On an 'outsource' educational program, Erin and her 13 year old daughter, Allie, introduced the Beaverkill Valley Summer Camp to the fine art and science of fly fishing and fly tying. This week long class included insect identification, fly tying, fly casting, and fly fishing to a group of enthusiastic 7-9 year olds.

Due to a mixed bag of scheduling, our planned work day on the bunk house insulation and finishing was cancelled on July 15 and rescheduled to the 22nd. Ted Patlen and I got together on the 20th to finish bunk house #1 and got about 95% completed. It was a hot day and the days to follow were to be hotter so we appropriately cancelled the 22nd plan. We will once again try to schedule another work day in either late August or mid September. If you plan on having any time to share, please give us a call. I thank those who volunteered and of course Ted. Ted and I look forward to the return of Mike Canazon who has been in Colorado fishing. He has some volunteering to catch up on.

Speaking of volunteers...every now and then I should remind you that our

gardens and property are regularly tended to, our garbage gets hauled to the transfer station 2 -3 times a week, books are cataloged and shelved and acquisitions are stored and categorized properly. Because she goes through here 'like Grant through Richmond' and is often never seen, we owe a great debt of gratitude to this one volunteer who does it all, Mary Fried. She is always here in a pinch when needed. If you happen to see her, please tell her how much we appreciate her devotion to the CFFCM. She might even give you a sliced apple you can eat on your drive home.

On behalf of the CFFCM Board of Trustees and Membership, I extend thanks to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Committee for their hard service to prepare and present a Hall of Fame class.

I appreciate all of the support, work and financial assistance we receive from you. It makes my job a little easier and keeps this place fresh and growing. It certainly does make a difference.

Erin, Pat, Agnes, Tony and I look forward to seeing many of you on our Summerfest weekend just a few days away. It is always a wonderful weekend for the Center and a fun time for all. Bring your friends and show off *your organization*.

Its all about fly fishing.
Jim Krul

Recent Acquisitions: From **Rich Shires**: a limited edition and slip cased copy of *The Limestone Legends, the history and papers of the Fly Fishers' Club of Harrisburg, PA*. From **John Robbins**: a collection of books for our library and fund raising, From **Mia Koerner**: 3 Poul Jorgensen caricature prints, one signed. From **Frank Skidmore**: a collection of Tapes and DVDs for our archive library. From **Alan Pollet**: 6 fly frames from the early 70's; from **Ross Francis** a group of items for fundraising and New Cabela's XL vest. From **Don Rahilly**: a selection of fly tying materials and 2 vises, from **John Checchia**: a large selection of both new and used books, waders, vest, and accessories; from **Terry & Sheila Shultz**: two custom banners and car magnets for display purposes; from **Carole Van Tassel**: a collection of Catskill Flies, fly boxes, her late father's personal log book, license and fishing permits. Some of these fine examples will be sent to the Italian fly fishing museum; from **Lenny Lichvar**: 24 Video tapes of fly tying history; from **Jack Ganz**: Winston Perfect Reel; from **Jim Rudiatis**: several books for fundraising and a ltd. Edition of *A Fair Head of Angling Stories* for our library; from **Mark Sturtevant**: a group of books; from **Galen Wilkins**: a vintage wooden trolling reel and vintage rod, c.1865 for our museum; from **Anthony Magardino**: a new HP color printer for the office; from **Joan Wulff**: a - #28 Grizzly Midge and Royal Wulff tied by Lee Wulff for fund raising; from **Bernie Posiask**: a large collection of vintage catalogs and unique magazines for our archives; from **Frank Skidmore**: a large collection of educational video tapes and dvds; from **The Livingston Manor Free Library and Peggy Johansen**: a large selection of fishing books; from **Rebecca Doderer**: a display case for the museum. **Financial gifts** were received from: **Stephen Pioso, the Chace-Randall Art Gallery in Andes NY, Beaverkill Trout Club, Al Himmel, Orest Szul, Rick Robbins and Michael Vitale**.

Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Class of 2011

The bronze plaque mounted to the exterior wall of the museum states:

Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. To recognize and honor those individuals and groups who have significantly enhanced the culture of fly fishing.

As with past and present, nominations after a process of in depth review of noted contributions affecting the climate and culture of fly fishing, the Hall of Fame committee announced the 2011 class of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. They are identified in the following thumbnail bio's. These individuals will be recognized at a ceremony and reception at 3PM in the museum and a dinner following at Kings Catering on October 8, 2011.

The Hall of Fame committee thanks all of you who have and continue to provide information and nominations.

Roderick Haig-Brown: 1908-1976, an English-born, naturalist, fly fisher, author, philosopher, magistrate, educator and ardent conservationist, Haig-Brown spent most of his adult life in British Columbia fishing for trout, salmon and steelhead. Blessed with a graceful pen, he put words to deeds and actions that the non-angler could not only understand, but also truly appreciate.

He penned almost 30 books, including such noted works as *A River Never Sleeps* and the remarkable 4-book series: *Fisherman's Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter* and wrote innumerable essays and articles for outdoor magazines and journals. He pioneered a fundamental environmental awareness and appreciation for the beauty and wildlife of the Pacific Northwest amongst the populace of B.C., which ultimately helped to preserve the precious resources in the Campbell River watershed, the Adams' River steelhead runs, and king salmon in the Nimpkish River.

Barry & Cathy Beck: Pennsylvania natives Barry and Cathy Beck are the husband and wife photojournalist team that exemplifies the best of the old and the new world of fly fishing. From their simple roots running a fly shop on the small freestone Fishing Creek near Benton, PA and fishing with the likes of Vince Marinaro on Falling Spring Run they have since traveled the world together, hosting adventure-travel fly fishing expeditions and teaching modern fly casting techniques.

They continue to take breath-taking angling pictures that change the way we view the fly fishing world with their photographs. The Becks have scored hundreds of print magazine covers and articles, fishing catalogs, websites, and are now populating the exploding new world of Internet virtual fly fishing e-zines. They have authored numerous books, including *The Blue Ribbon Guide to PA Trout Streams*, *Seasons on the Bighorn* and the *Outdoor Photographers' Handbook*.

John Alden Knight: 1890-1966, banker, syndicated writer, fly-tier, hunter, naturalist, casting expert, angling filmmaker and developer of the Solunar Tables, "Jack" Knight, as he was known by his friends, helped popularize a simple yellow & red bucktail streamer (a.k.a. "The Assassin"), which he redubbed the "Mickey Finn" because of its ability to knock-out brookies and rainbow trout. Knight was friends with Hewitt, Jennings, LaBranche and Alfred "Sparse Gray Hackle" Miller, spending much time developing his fly fishing & tying expertise on the Beaverkill, Neversink, Esopus and Brodhead River with these noted gentleman. His love of hunting and the natural world held him to be an early proponent of catch & release: "one nice thing about fishing – you can always put 'em back."

His greatest legacy was methodically codifying the rhythmic effects of the sun and moon phases on fish (and game) into peaks and troughs by longitude and latitude in his Solunar Tables developed in 1926 and published in 1936 to immediate acclaim (and some scoffing). In addition to several noted hunting books, he is also remembered for his books *The Theory And Technique of Fresh Water Angling*, *The Complete Book of Fly Casting* and *Modern Fly Casting*.

Doug Swisher & Carl Richards: In 1971, this dynamic duo turned the fly fishing world on its collective hare's ear by marrying the science of entomology with fly-tying in the book *Selective Trout*. In it, they introduced a radical new concept to dry fly fishing, the no-hackle dry fly, giving picky trout an imitation fly with a more convincing, natural silhouette; and anglers a new arsenal of deadly fly patterns.

Championed by Joe Brooks in *Outdoor Life* and drawing upon the works of such legends as Flick, Schwiebert and Marinaro, these two gentleman went all over the eastern and western US trout streams collecting bugs, taking pictures, classifying their finding and then developing entirely new types of life-like trout flies. Under the critical eye of the editor, Nick Lyons, they produced for Crown Publishing the largest selling fly fishing book at 200,000+ copies. They went on to write well-received follow-up books like: *Fly-Fishing Strategy*, *Stoneflies*, and *Emergers*.

Last Casts-Dr. Jesse Littleton We are sad to report that Dr. Jesse Littleton, a long time member and supporter of the CFFCM has left the stream after a brief and aggressive bout of cancer at 94. Dr. Littleton initiated *The Fiberglass Rod, Un-naturals Part I* exhibit a few years back and presented us with the first fiberglass prototype rod way before production, let alone intent. His father was given a tapered fiberglass rod by a Corning executive before WWII. Corning was experimenting with fiberglass tapered tubes and eventually they led to actual antenna supports for the army communications needs for the war. After adding a grip, reel seat, and guides, Dr. Littleton caught a 70 lb. Tarpon on it in 1939. It wasn't until after the war that the fiberglass fishing rod was patented. In addition to the rod, Dr. Littleton provided some historical back up to 'his story' and a series of x-rays of bamboo, fiberglass, and graphite fly rods that he used to examine the actions and differences between each material. It should be noted that the x-ray technique and equipment used for the diagnostic examination of layers of the body (pluridirectional tomography) was invented by Dr. Littleton. Residing in Alabama, his favorite passion was fishing for Catskill Trout.

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CFFCM Emergence Chart

2011 Calendar of Events

August

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

September

9/11: Catskill Rodmakers Gathering

October

1: One Fly Contest sponsored by Catskill Flies
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

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