

## Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum

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### 2008 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Inductees

Livingston Manor, NY- On October 18, 2008 the following individuals will be inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame: Ed Van Put, Francis Betters, Art Neuman, George Griffith, Dave Whitlock and Ed Zern.

The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame is located in Livingston Manor, NY, at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, hub of the fly fishing community. The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame was established to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to the world of fly fishing

The induction ceremony and reception will be held in the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum at 3:00 PM, everyone is welcome. A special recognition dinner will be held following the induction ceremony at King's Catering in Livingston Manor, NY; cocktails at 6, dinner following at 7.

In addition to honoring our new Hall of Fame members at this special dinner, Bob Boyle will receive *The Lee Wulff Conservation Award* and Dick Talleur will receive *The Poul Jorgensen Golden Hook Award*. David Klausmeyer will announce the winners of Fly Tyer Magazines 30th Anniversary *World's Biggest Tying Contest*, and Mary Dette will share some precious moments on the early history of the Dette's, making this a very special evening.

Attached, please find thumbnail bios on 2008 inductees and list of previous inductees of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame.

Further information on installation reception and Dinner reservations can be tickets can be found at [www.cffcm.net](http://www.cffcm.net) or contacting The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum at 845-439-4810.

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**Thumbnail Bio's**

**Ed Van Put** for his unending protection of fishing waters for fly fishermen in New York State. Ed has secured more public access and special regulation water for fly fishers than any other individual. Over 70 years old and still working for the NYSDEC, Ed remains a champion for fishermen not only in the Catskills but in the entire state. Ed is an authority on Catskill rivers, a historian and author.

**Francis Better**s for his many years as an Adirondacks fly fishing advocate, conservationist, instructor, innovative and infamous fly tyer. Since the 1940's Fran has been, and continues to be, the ambassador for the Adirondack waters through his many books and personal articles. He has kept the Adirondack waters very much alive. Working with Bill Phillips, he developed maps and information almost 40 years ago that still remain in active use in the Adirondacks.

**Art Neuman** was a shop owner, rod maker and conservationist in Michigan. He was a co founder, with George Griffith, of Trout Unlimited and the first TU vice president. Art continues to support conservation efforts and has become a resource for fly fishers all over the world.

**George Griffith** organized the first Trout Unlimited on his property in 1959. A small group of dedicated Michigan trout anglers with strong concerns relating to our fisheries and fish joined together to form TU. George and Art Neuman expanded this group to a national level, encouraging other similar groups concerned about the future of good fishing and protecting our cold waters. With this momentum gained, Trout Unlimited became a national organization and ultimately, a household word in the fishing community.

**Dave Whitlock** is an artist, author, conservationist, fly tyer, photographer, cold and warm water fly fisherman and professional lecturer. There are many more descriptions and you can fill in your own blanks. Most importantly, Dave was responsible for the success of instream nurseries with his Whitlock-Vibert Box System. Dave is an award winner from many national fly fishing organizations.

**Ed Zern** is probably best remembered for his "Exit Laughing" column in Field & Stream and his most humorous hunting and fishing books. However, Ed was a respected major contributor to the Outdoors Writer Association of America. Ed was a founder and first president of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers. He was a major supporter for hunting and fishing through his many conservation writings.

The 2008 Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Inductees will be installed in a ceremony and reception at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum on October 18, 2008 and is open to everyone. For more details and reservations to the Hall of Fame dinner that evening, call 1-845-439-4810

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**Fly Fishing Hall of Fame**  
**Prior Inductees 1985-2007**

1.	Theodore Gordon	1985--D
2.	Art Flick	1985--D
3.	Leon Chandler	1994--D
4.	John McDonald	1998--D
5.	Herman Christian	1999--D
6.	Reuben R. Cross	1999--D
7.	Elsie & Harry Darbee	1999--D
8.	Winne & Walt Dette	1999--D
9.	Edward R. Hewitt	1999--D
10.	George M.L. LaBranche	1999--D
11.	Albert J. McClane	1999--D
12.	Roy Steenrod	1999--D
13.	Lee Wulff	1999--D
14.	William A. Chandler	2000--D
15.	Charles K. Fox	2000--D
16.	George Harvey	2000--D
17.	Vincent C. Marinaro	2000--D
18.	Joan Salvato Wulff	2000--L
19.	Poul Jorgensen	2001--D
20.	Bernard "Lefty" Kreh	2001--L
21.	Alfred W. Miller	2001--D
22.	Eric Leiser	2002--L
23.	Thaddeus Norris	2002--D
24.	Ernest G. Schwiebert	2002--D
25.	Frank B. Smoot	2002--D
26.	Ray Bergman	2002--D
27.	Stanley Bogdan	2003--L
28.	William H. Kelly	2003--D

29.	Nick Lyons	2003--L
30.	Bob Jacklin	2004--L
31.	Gary LaFontaine	2004--D
32.	James Leisenring	2004--D
33.	Helen Shaw	2004--D
34.	Joan Stoliar	2004--D
35.	Don Zahner	2004—D
36.	Hiram Lewis Leonard	2005—D
37.	Jim Payne	2005—D
38.	Carrie G. Stevens	2005—D
39.	Edmund Everett Garrison	2005—D
40.	Mary Dette	2005—L
41.	Hoagy B. Carmichael	2005—L
42.	Al Caucci	2006 – L
43.	Harold Demarest	2006 – D
44.	Keith Fulsher	2006 – L
45.	Zane Grey	2006 – D
46.	Mary Ellen (Orvis) Marbury	2006 – D
47.	Bob Nastasi	2006 – D
48.	Charles Frederick Orvis	2006 – D
49.	Julia Freeman Fairchild	2007 – D
50.	Preston Jennings	2007 – D
51.	Martin J. Keane	2007 – L
52.	Norman Maclean	2007 – D
53.	Robert Redford	2007 – L
54.	Lou Tabory	2007 - L

### Legend

**D=Deceased**

**L=Living**