

For Immediate Release

## Woodstick

2 Days of *Kizuna* (The Bamboo Bond of Friendship)  
A gathering of Japanese, European and American fly fishing tackle craftsmen  
**At the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, May 21 & 22, 2011**

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Livingston Manor, NY. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will host the second annual Woodstick to be held at the Catskill Fly Fishing and Museum's pavilion on May 21 & 22, 2011. This annual event, organized and sponsored by Fred Paddock (FH Paddock Fly Rods), features traditional fly fishing tackle made by today's finest craftsmen from the USA, Europe and Japan in a relaxed sharing atmosphere.

In its first year, 2010, more than a dozen Japanese craftsmen in equal numbers from the USA joined forces to make this a recurring event. Unfortunately due to the present conditions in Japan, Japanese participation will be greatly reduced. To date, the Japanese contingent for Woodstick, led by Masatoshi Okui (Kineya Tackle) is at 5, however all craftsmen from the past will be represented and have a fine selection of tackle items available to benefit both Japan and the CFFCM.

The following was received in an email from one of the participants

*A lot of friends went Fishing today.*

*They are keeping a healthy spirit by going angling.*

*Fishing is not mere hobby for them.*

*Intolerable fear and sadness attack them.*

*They dared to go angling.*

*And, they become gentle father and husband and come back.*

*Fly Fishing is a life for them.*

In addition to viewing some of the finest crafts of the Angler in the world, The Hardy Bros. Cup will be unveiled on Saturday, May 21. Although the official event was to be on August 6, Hardy has made it available to allow our world visitors a casting chance to test their skills. You can see more on The Hardy Bros. Cup at [www.cffcm.net](http://www.cffcm.net).