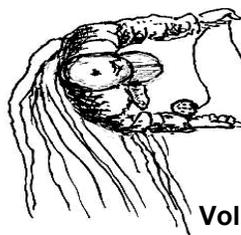


# The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum



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## 2018 CATSKILL LEGENDS NAMED

These are the fly fishing pioneers who discovered and appreciated the richness of the rivers and streams in the Catskills; the champions of these waters who protected every inch that flowed; the authors and historians who shared the romance of the Catskill experience. These are the individuals who have kept the Catskills alive for future generations to enjoy. This year on April 7, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will recognize: **Kris Lee, Ed Ostapczuk, Jack Yelle**. The honorary induction and dinner will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Arnold House on Shandeleer Road in Livingston Manor. Reserve your tickets today by calling the Center. Price is \$50 for members, \$60 non members, \$100 patron ticket or \$500 for a table of 8.

## ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS BOOK SALE

In a few short weeks our March Madness Book Sale begins! CFFCM volunteer Nina Daley has been working diligently listing all books to be included during this digital sale with the technical assistance of Nick Mango, who has updated the store collection. Donated books are evaluated for possible inclusion in our archive and member lending libraries, or for resale if not needed in our libraries. Please review the following book donation guidelines to ensure that we can accept your books before you deliver them.

Books must be relevant to fly fishing, stream ecology, or local (Catskill/Hudson area) history. We also accept books about game bird hunting, firearms, river journeys and guides, fish cook books, and local trail guides. Other books that will be considered are those with historical significance in the general realm of environmental conservation, and additional rare books in good condition.

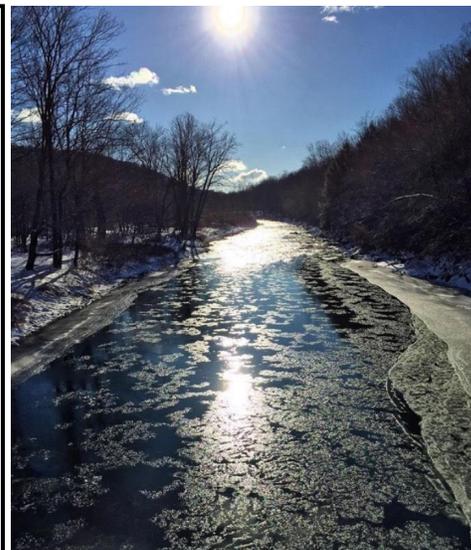
We regret that we cannot accept other books that are unrelated to fly fishing, including books primarily about bait, spin, deep sea or commercial fishing; big game hunting; outdoor pursuits such as hiking and camping; and National Geographic – type books about fish, rivers, ocean life, wildlife, parks, etc.

All donated books must be in good or better condition – no substantial mold, mildew, or other moisture damage; or badly torn, loose, or missing pages.

Donors who want a receipt must make an itemized list by author and title and provide to the office along with the donation otherwise a summary receipt of the number and condition of books will be issued.

Books can be dropped off any time in the month of February to be included in the sale. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the office at [845-438-4810](tel:845-438-4810) or send an email to us at [office@cffcm.com](mailto:office@cffcm.com).

Happy Reading!



### CFFCM's Winter Hours

The Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday during February and March. As you plan your visit, please call the office and make sure we are open. We want the safety of our members, guests and staff to come first. The weather in the Catskills changes so quickly and snow and ice storms happen frequently during these next few months (and sometimes even into April!) so be sure to call ahead before coming across the bridge.

## STREAM SIDE NOTES

**Samantha Mango**

CFFCM has been through numerous changes over the course of the past year, mostly for the better, in my opinion. Now as we've entered 2018, we are facing more changes ahead. To quote Winston Churchill "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." We are far from perfect, but we are constantly changing and evolving to make the Center become the best it can be. This past Saturday at Flyfest was one of those near-perfect moments; watching the Center being utilized as a gathering place for fisherman near and far to come together to share stories and fly patterns. It was a great day with old friends and new and solidified my love for this place. And so for 2018, I hope to have more of those moments. Our calendar is filling up with some great events and programs, so I am sure we will be able to make some more of those "near-perfect" moments at CFFCM and I encourage you all to join us as we aim to make this year great!

## President's Message

**Kelly E. Buchta**

The days seem to move by quicker than ever. The weather is frantic: sunny days to ice storms with some overcast skies and snow in between. The Center closed for the month of January to take time to reflect and reorganize for the upcoming season. In this time, gratitude to members, friends and so many others makes this process an easy one. Our way awesome members are the heart of our organization. Renewing your membership and inviting others helps us build for a robust future and I thank you for your continued support. Our volunteers and friends who watch over the property are the center caregivers and I thank you for assisting when needed.

It is with great pleasure to announce that in the next few months Agnes and Tony will be back working in the gift shop. Many members look forward to seeing their smiling faces along with Lori and Quinn in the gift shop area. We wish Glenn Pontier happiness and good health in his retirement, and we also wish Dawn Eggleton, much success in her new job at Resorts World Casino. Our Office Manager Samantha Mango continues to work diligently to make the Center a welcoming place for all members and guests. As we gear up for another season of programming, I encourage you to reach out with ideas for outreach or a potential event, by contacting me at [buchtake@gmail.com](mailto:buchtake@gmail.com).

## Executive Director Search Update

### *Search for Executive Director Underway*

At the January 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, a Director Search Committee was established to review the needs of the Center and how to move forward in the next months. The committee expects to complete and publish the job descriptions for future positions sometime in late February or early March.

Once the job descriptions are finalized it will be posted in several venues, including the CFFC&M website. It is the committee's hope to interview candidates in April/May and present our final candidate to the full Board of Directors in early May. If the board approves the candidate, we will announce our selection at that time. Our intended goal is to be able to make the announcement at the Annual Member Meeting and Dinner.

This process will be similar to the one we followed during our last search as we found the process to be effective. In the Center's history, our best candidates have always been sourced from our membership. We encourage to watch the website for the call for candidates and be certain to make anyone you feel might be qualified aware of the opportunity.

If you have any input that you would like to provide, please feel free to contact me at the email below. On behalf of the search committee, I look forward to keeping you informed of our progress.

Bill Van Gieson  
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### **BASIC MEMBERSHIPS:**

Individual—\$35  
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## **SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AT CFFCM**

Students are already registering for spring and summer classes at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Dates and costs vary, and most classes have minimum and maximum numbers of students. More classes will be added.

To reserve a spot, individuals must prepay the entire amount. This can be done in one payment or special arrangements can be made with the office. Cancellations will have money refunded, less 10%. No refund for cancellation 30 days or less before the class. Call CFFCM to register.

**SPLIT BAMBOO RODMAKING CLASS** – Individual students will make a ferruled blank with grip and reel seat installed, and receive instructions on wrapping the guides and applying the finish in the student's speed and style at home. This year the class will run from Sunday, May 20 to Saturday, May 26 with plans to start early on evening Sunday; student will probably be able to finish on Friday the 25th, but will have the workshop open if needed on the 26th. Each class must have a minimum of three students enrolled by April 1 or it will be cancelled. Classes are usually limited to six students. Cost of the class is \$1400 and CFFCM members get a 10% discount. The price includes all materials and instruction, as well as a light breakfast and sandwich lunch each day (dinner is not included). Class members may stay in a bunkhouse provided they pay the maintenance charge of \$20 for one to three nights, \$50 for four to seven nights.

Instructors David VanBurgel and Kathy Scott live at the edge of the Great North Woods in Maine. They have been teaching this class since 2003. At the Catskill Rodmakers Gathering in 2016, they received the 2016 Bellinger Award for quality and integrity in craftsmanship.

**FURLED LEADER MAKING CLASS** – Register now for the unique experience of constructing high quality furled leaders while receiving personalized, one-on-one instruction with Rick Bobrick in a historical setting along the Willowemoc Creek in Livingston, New York. Ninety minute instructional sessions have a very relaxed pace allowing each participant to make two 6.5' furled leaders – ready to fish! Leaders are made using 2 lb. test Maxima Ultra-Green monofilament in a five-step, knotless taper. These leaders do not make use of metal rings, instead students will learn how to create the unique micro-mono tippet loop developed by the instructor. The properties of furled leaders make them an exceptional choice for dry fly fishing. They are strong and supple with near zero memory, reducing drag for better presentations. The monofilament construction provides superior turnover and built-in stretch to cushion light tippets and they are also extremely durable, easily lasting for multiple seasons. Students will also receive complimentary paste floatant and learn two new “game changing” knots that will literally help catch more trout! This furled leader making class is expected to fill up quickly due to a very limited capacity; the cost is \$65 and includes all materials and equipment. Classes will take place on Saturdays in March in the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Heritage Crafts workshop. Contact: Samantha Mango (smango@cffcm.com or 845-439-4810) to reserve your spot!

## **2018 EXHIBITS IN PROGRESS**

Winter at the center means time used wisely to plan out the upcoming season of events. With over 200 programs that occur between the months of April to November at the CFFCM, there is much to plan and organize for exciting times ahead. The property and facilities will soon be teeming with guests, visitors and members from near and far who utilize our beautiful surroundings. This year the museum will be hosting three new exhibits for those who come across the bridge and visit. We are excited for these new additions!

*The Masters Fly Collection* has been a three decade plus project curated by Tom Zaco of Venetia, PA. It includes over 2000 flies in nine museum quality wood fly cases. Three cases hold 48 vials of preserved entomological specimens that represent major hatches across North America with flies tied for each life cycle stage of the insect's development. Three additional cases house realistic, salmon, saltwater, bass and caddis flies.

*Fish Tales* is an interactive exhibit where visitors can record their tales to share with other angling enthusiasts. Whether it is your biggest catch, a special memory or a highlight of the best (or worst) day on the water, this exhibit provides an entertaining scope into angling adventures.

*The Neversink River* is an exhibit on loan from Time and the Valley Museum down in Grahamsville, NY. This pictorial and historical exhibit focuses on the landscape and people that helped influence the Neversink river area and region. We are grateful to Lori Miesner who helped procure this exhibit to share in our venue for the upcoming season.

## RENEWAL REMINDER

The 2018 membership drive continues with hundreds of renewals already received. A new year means a time to renew your membership at the CFFCM.

With the exciting season ahead and membership benefits such as the book sale and local retail discounts, do not forget to renew for the 2018 year. Your membership is integral to the support of our many programs that range from youth to veterans and everything in between.

You make the Center a special place. Help us continue our mission as a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to: preserving America's fly fishing heritage, teaching future generations of fly fishers and protecting our fly fishing environment.

Know someone interested in fly fishing? Think about gifting them a membership as a way to introduce them to this sport. online or from the office. Visit the website to renew online or call the office for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CFFCM is rebuilding its volunteer core and needs help in several areas from grounds maintenance to office filings support. Be assured that there is a job for everyone. Other tasks include events and activities such as: fly tying demonstrations, casting lessons, museum docents, event setup and breakdown, assisting in the kitchen, monitoring stream quality, gardening or other activities of interest. Call or email to find out the date of the next volunteer orientation or just stop by the office.

### 2018 GUEST FLY TYERS

There are still many weekends available for 2018 to be a guest fly tyer for a day. Guest fly tyers can demonstrate in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tyers may also do the full day if they prefer. Guest tyers volunteer their time and receive a free lunch. All skill levels are welcome. Those interested in signing up should contact Samantha Mango in the office via phone or email.

## CFFCM eBay STORE

The **CFFCM eBay Store** is live with new items. Make sure to check it out! Our seller name is "catskillflyfishingcenter." Call the office if you have trouble finding us. Store Link: [www.ebay.com/usr/catskillflyfishingcenter](http://www.ebay.com/usr/catskillflyfishingcenter)

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### 1 Acre Property For Sale in Livingston Manor— to benefit CFFCM

CFFCM has received a generous gift of an acre of land on Little Ireland Road in the Town of Rockland. The one-acre wooded lot does not have town water or sewer, but is buildable under local zoning. Taxes on the unimproved parcel are only a few hundred per year. This is an opportunity for members who have wanted to own a parcel of land in this "land of little rivers" to meet their dream. For information contact CFFCM board member Jennifer Grimes, Country House Realty, 7991 State Route 55 Grahamsville, NY 12740; 845-985-5116; [howdy@countryhouserealty.net](mailto:howdy@countryhouserealty.net)

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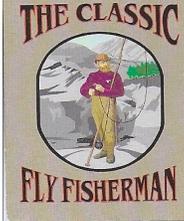


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## CFFCM Emergence Chart

### **March**

*Annual Book Sale begins in March*

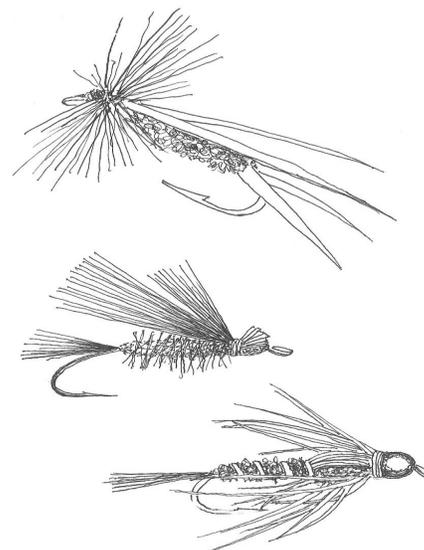
### **April**

- 7 Opening Day Celebrations at CFFCM 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
- 7 Legends Dinner at the Arnold House in Livingston Manor
- 14 Catskill Fly Tyers Guild Rendezvous
- 21 Long Island Fly Rodders Clean Up

### **May**

- 20-26 Bamboo Rodbuilding Class w. Kathy Scott & Dave Van Burgel
- 26 CFFCM's Annual Member Meeting & Celebration Dinner

*On the 3rd Saturday of the Month, Beamoc TU hosts its meeting at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild at 1:00 p.m.*



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