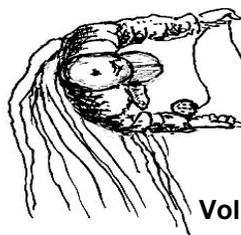


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Annual Member Meeting & Celebration Dinner – Sat. May 26th

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will hold the Annual Members Meeting on Saturday May 26, 2018 at in the Wulff Gallery followed by the Annual Celebration Dinner at the Rockland House.

The members meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Wulff Gallery and is open to all members. The input of members is important to the Center and its governance – and all members are invited to attend. Members have the opportunity to elect new trustees to the board, review the Center's financial position and receive updates on activities for the 2018 season. The board will then hold the Annual Trustee Meeting. Members are welcome to stay for the afternoon, take in new exhibits, and fish a bit at Wulff Run in the Willowemoc.

The day will end with the Annual Celebration Dinner, which will be held at the Rockland House. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m.; a cash bar will be available and raffles, silent and live auctions will be held throughout the evening. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and guests will have a choice of prime rib, roasted half chicken or salmon. Everyone will have a chance to peruse the silent and live auction items, as well as taking their chances with the bucket and 50/50 raffles, while catching up with friends. To RSVP to this event, please complete and return the insert included in this newsletter or simply call the office to confirm your attendance.

'JAPANESE LITTLE STREAMS' - 5/19

This program, organized by Misako Ishimura, will take place on Saturday, May 19th in the Wulff Gallery. We are pleased to welcome guest presenters Mr. Kenzo Hayashi from Okukinu Iwana Preservation group in Tokyo, Mr. Yukinobu Murata and Mr. Fumito Motosugi from Yamato Keiryuka. Also, Chris Stewart of Tenkara Bum will be here. Presenters will discuss efforts to preserve native fish, as well as tenkara fly tying and casting.

Mr. Hayashi belongs to the Okukinu-Iwana Hozonkai-Okukinu-Iwana Preservation Club, which protects and preserves Okukinu-Iwana in the Okukinugawa - Okukinu stream in the Nikko area near Tokyo. Mr. Y. Murata is the Chair of Yamato Keiryukai, NPO, which conducts projects that protect and develop "Yamato Iwana", and "Amago" living in the upper stream of the Oigawa River and supports activities that protect the natural environment and fishery cooperatives, and environmental conservation of the Southern Alps and Ikawa district.

Mr. Hayashi's presentation will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by Mr. Murata and Mr. Motosugi at 11:00 a.m. At noon, there will be a break for lunch, followed by tenkara fly tying demos and lessons at 1:00 p.m. Tenkara fly casting lessons with Misako will be held outside at the pavilion at 3:00 p.m. Cost of event is \$20, includes a light lunch. Call CFFCM to reserve your spot.

LI Fly Rodder's & Long Island TU Clean Up the Willowemoc

On April 21st, the members of LI Fly Rodders & Long Island TU chapter made their annual visit to CFFCM and put in a full day of work cleaning up any and all debris they could find in and along the banks of the Willowemoc.

According to Peter Dubno, one of the members who participated in the clean up, "we collected 280 lbs. of plastic, vinyl siding, cans, bottles, hoses, metal, paper, and other things that defy description." The day afterwards, the group enjoyed a BBQ cookout at the Center.

The Willowemoc has had a rough winter, with several big snow storms that caused flooding and high winds that whipped through the area, the need for a clean up was evident! We look forward to hosting this great project each year and appreciate all the hardwork put in to keep our waters clean!

STREAM SIDE NOTES

Samantha Mango

Spring as truly (and finally) sprung at CFFCM and we are feeling alive with activity and visitors! There is no better feeling than to see the Center being fully utilized and people enjoying themselves across the bridge. The past few weekends we have had several groups (Mid-Hudson TU, LI Fly Rodders, Long Island TU, and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers) stay with us in our bunkhouses, we hosted the "Heart of the Manor" dinner and we had "The Forged Fly" art exhibit on display in the Gallery; all adding to the buzzing of excitement and energy here! We are also looking forward to the up-coming events we have planned ("Japanese Little Streams", Annual Celebration Dinner, National Boy Scout Conference, and Judith Reeve's art exhibit— to name a few), the groups staying with us, as well as our daily museum visitors! We welcome any groups who would like to book a stay with us, so please reach out if you'd like more information and I hope to see many of you throughout the next several months, whether it be in the office, or even better, out on the water!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE

What more can I say— if you have not renewed your membership for 2018 yet, please do so! We need your support to continue to preserve the fly fishing heritage, teach the next generation of anglers and promote the future of fly fishing!!

President's Message

Kelly E. Buchta

While touring the grounds last month with garden designers from Sullivan Renaissance, our attention turned to a tiny bird nest located in the thicket of a woody lilac bush. We commented on how adorable the nest was and the beauty of nature. As we wrapped up information for the garden grant (see article in issue), I couldn't help but think of the nest as a metaphor for the center. You see, many hours to construct and execute events and projects are done by a small group of members, volunteers and staff. Their time and dedication to make the Center home to these aforementioned endeavors is similar to birds who work arduously to create a nest to call home. The nest stands solid in all conditions throughout the seasons. We are by no means a large organization, but our core (like the nest) is a solid one. I would like to invite you to join us on Saturday, May 26 and attend the Annual Member's Meeting and be a part of the Center planning. As members, we all have a collective ownership of the facilities across the bridge. Consider making dinner plans that evening by attending the Annual Dinner at the Rockland House to support CFFCM's future endeavors. I encourage you to be a part of our Center community. As always, if you have ideas for outreach or a potential event, contact Kelly Buchta at buchtake@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Executive Director Search Update

As noted in the April Castabout, we are now accepting resumes for two positions:

- Managing Director• This replaces the previous Executive Director position but remains the primary head of the Center
- Director of Development• Reporting to the Managing Director, this new position is primarily responsible for membership development, event & programs and fundraising activities

Advertisements for the positions appeared in the Sullivan Country Democrat and The Times-Herald Record as well as Indeed.com and other job sites. Additionally, we are featuring the positions on our social media outlets. The full job descriptions for both of these positions are posted on the CFFC&M website under the Opportunities link on the Home page and we are actively accepting resumes at jobs@cffcm.com.

I cannot stress enough that in the Center's history our best candidates have always been sourced from our membership. You are our best recruiters of talent. You understand the Center; its needs and you have a vested interest in its successful outcome. We encourage you to make anyone you feel might be qualified aware of the opportunities available.

The Search Committee looks forward to providing you more updates in the next month as we begin interviewing candidates.

Bill Van Gieson
Chairman, Director Search Committee

CASTABOUT MAILINGS

The April issue of *Castabout* was mailed from Liberty, NY on April 16, 2018. If you would prefer to get a digital copy of *Castabout* emailed to you on the same day it is dropped off at the Post Office, please call the office at 845-439-4810.



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Submit 2018 Hall of Fame Nominees Now!

In anticipation of the 2018 Hall of Fame Induction in October, we are now accepting nominations for new inductees. If you would like to nominate an individual for The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame, please send us a letter (snail mail or email) with their name and a description of their significant contributions to fly fishing.

Induction into The Fly Fishing Hall of Fame is an honor reserved for distinguished members of the angling community who “stand tall” and whose reputations are a part of the history of fly fishing. The criteria used by the Nominating Committee in selecting the inductees to the Hall of Fame are as follows:

- Inductees may be living or dead.
- Inductees must have made substantial contributions to the sport of fly fishing on a national or international basis in one or more of the following areas:
 - Furthering the understanding or care of the aquatic habitat;
 - Innovations of fly fishing techniques, tackle, flies or other elements of the sport;
 - Furthering appreciation for or knowledge of the practice of the sport.

Also, Inductees may be anglers, guides, scientists, conservationists, fishing industry leaders or in other appropriate roles. The Committee will decide on the number of persons to be inducted each year. The staff of the Center shall, in consultation with the chair of the Committee, provide to the members of the Committee information with respect to each nominee.

To complete a copy of our nomination form, please visit: <https://cffcm.com/fly-fishing-hall-of-fame/>

Reelseat Demonstration with Hoagy Carmichael

Come and join Hoagy Carmichael in the Heritage Craft Workshop on Saturday, May 26 at 10am as he makes an aluminum downlocking reelseat. Hoagy will show us the tools, the machines needed, and explain the process of making a classic style reelseat. This is your chance to meet one of our Hall of Famers in one of his favorite settings. If you've ever been interested in the various components of rod building, this is a great learning event. Program is free and open to the public.

FISH TALES—SEND YOURS IN!

One of our new Spring 2018 exhibits is titled Fish Tales. This interactive exhibit invites members and visitors to the CFFCM to share their best (or worst) fish tale for display inclusion. Thank you to those who have shared their tale with us so far. We are learning about each other with the stories we share. Like the ripples on the surface of the water, our stories resonate with our collective angling passion and provide a lasting impact on others. Tales are of your choice: from the biggest fish to the smallest. How about that memorable moment on the water? Who was with you? What happened? Where were you? When did your tale occur? How did it all go down? Each tale will be mounted and displayed for those to read. Selected tales and pictures will be shared on social media to make this both a local and digital exhibit. They can be short tales or long tales...the choice is yours. Be a part of the CFFCM community and tell your tale. If interested, send in your name and tale to the office@cffcm.com for inclusion. Even better, cross the bridge and scribe your tale for all to see!

BOOK SALE CONTINUES!

The annual Book Sale continues on line as part of CFFCM's electronic store – one of the benefits of having it “digitized” last year!

The selection of books available can be found at <http://books.cffcm.com>.

Members are able to pay with a credit card or through PayPal. The price shown is the regular price and an additional 20% will be applied at check out. Shipping is \$4 for the first book, and \$1 for each additional book.

Individuals who need assistance to order online, can call the office for help placing order or to complete the purchase by phone.

Along with staff, this year's sale was made possible by our volunteers: Nina Daley, who organized and catalogued the books and Nick Mango, who set up the online store.

Additionally, CFFCM contin-

ues to welcome books from members who are culling their libraries.

Books must be relevant to fly fishing, stream ecology, or local history (Catskill Hudson area). Books about game bird hunting and firearms, river journeys and guides, fish cook books, and local trail guides are acceptable.

Books not accepted include those mostly 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, wilderness, parks, etc.

All books must be in good or better condition. Donors who want a receipt must make an itemized list by author and title. The office can provide you a form to put together this list if needed.

The Mid Section



A series of monthly columns of specific interest from CFFCM members and Trustees.

“MAINE WOODS HONEYMOON”

by Marge Winter

In the early 1950s the bride normally planned the ceremony and reception. The groom was responsible for the honeymoon. My wedding to John took place in Middletown NY. John kept our honeymoon plans under wraps until close to our wedding day.

We packed up our new red station wagon and headed for Maine. We arrived at Eustis, left our car, and were met by a guide who drove us over rough terrain. We arrived at an isolated cabin at a fishing resort on King and Bartlett Lake.

After a few leisurely days John informed me that he had arranged for a guided trip to a remote lake for a days fishing. On our way in on a lumber road we passed a group of French Speaking Canadian lumberjacks. The Jeep was parked. We entered the heavy woods on a narrow foot path. There were a few small trail markers which our guide carefully followed.

I was astounded. I had been raised in the forests of Sullivan County. The Maine woods were more dense and unique. My idea of gear for this trip was saddle shoes, blue jeans, and a small painters cap to help ward off the vicious black flies.

We arrived at the lake which had a canoe stashed at the shore. The guide, Dave paddled us to an opposite shore where he had a small campsite. Dave built a fire. Soon we were served sandwiches with hot tea.

When we finished Dave banged on the bottom of his tin cup. Two deer emerged from the heavy brush knowing they were going to be fed.

We launched our canoe. The serious fishing began. Dave and John caught a few brook trout on dry flies. I took a break from casting and placed my rod across the bow to light a cigarette. BAM! A trout had hit my drifting fly. There was great excitement as I reeled in the largest catch of the day. The men never got over the fact that I was not even paying attention to my line which was floating at the side of the canoe.

At dusk Dave beached the canoe. I felt fortunate that Dave knew the trail back to the car. I had no desire to be stranded deep in the Maine Woods forever.

Be our Guest Fly Tyer at the Center

Members are invited to become part of a tradition across the bridge. CFFCM is looking for individuals to share their skills on the vice by becoming a Guest Fly Tyer. Many Saturdays are still available between April and October from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This informal program offers visitors and members the chance to learn new techniques, ask questions or just simply observe. All skill levels are welcome! Guest tyers volunteer their time and receive a free deli lunch. To sign up, call or email the Center.

May 5: Bill Leuszler

May 12: Nick Rubicco

May 19: “Japanese Little Steams” Event, fly tying demos

May 26: John Robbins

June 2: John Kavanaugh

June 9: Mike Stewart

June 16: John Apgar

August 4 & 5: Summerfest

August 18: Mike Romanowski

September 22: Mike Stewart

October 13: Ed Marshak, Elmer Hopper & Ron Gherardi

October 20: Dave Brandt

Many More Saturday Dates Open!

Last Cast—Stan Cooper, Jr.

Stanley J. Cooper Jr., 93, of Wilkes-Barre, passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018. A testament to fly tying, Stan tied flies commercially as a full time career for over 70 years. His talents on the vice lead him to create flies for Ted Williams, the Roosevelt family and former President Jimmy Carter. Stan served in the U.S. Army and following his honorable discharge, he began his fly tying career along side his father, Stan Cooper Sr. Together, they began tying and selling flies on a small scale to local shops and soon wanted to expand into bulk commercial fly tying. Stan went on to tie flies for Abercrombie & Fitch, Orvis, local outdoor shops and fellow anglers. He did that for nearly 70 years and estimated he had tied approximately 2.6 million flies.

In 2016, Stan was honored by CFFCM as a Catskill Legend and he will be greatly missed by the CFFCM community.

NEW FALL BAMBOO RODMAKING CLASS SEPTEMBER 2—6, 2018

Fly fishing enthusiasts, bamboo rod aficionados and individuals interested in history and tradition are being offered a rare opportunity to continue a true American folk craft by learning to construct their own bamboo fly fishing rod. The CFFCM has arranged for expert instructors to teach a five-day-long session schedule for this fall.

The new fall class is **September 2—September 6**. Last day of class will end just in time for The 2018 Bamboo Rodmaker's Gathering event set for Sept 7-9th, also taking place at CFFCM. 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.

Instructors David Van Burgel 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, the couple received the 2016 Bellinger Award for quality and integrity in craftsmanship.

Cost of this class is \$1200 (CFFCM members receiving an additional 10% off). Price includes materials and instruction, as well as a light breakfast and sandwich lunch (dinner not included). CFFCM Bunkhouses are available at no additional charge if students would like to stay on-site for the duration of the class. Call the office for more info or to your reserve a spot.

For more info and registration form, visit: <https://cffcm.com/cane-rod-makers-school/>

CFFCM Wins Sullivan Renaissance Grant!

On Saturday April 28th, CFFCM was awarded a Garden Grant from Sullivan Renaissance in the amount of \$1,500 for a new garden along the walkway. We will be using this grant to construct a garden that will run alongside the newly installed walkway, between the Museum and the Wulff Gallery. This garden will be designed to match the natural beauty of the rest of CFFCM's grounds. We are also being awarded with Flower Dollars and Bulb Dollars to help with the purchase of the plants needed to create the garden.

Additionally, we will be eligible for around round of grant awards, as the garden project will then participate in a countywide beautification competition, where judges will review all grant projects and announce winners in early August. Last year, CFFCM participated in this and won \$7,000!!!

We will be organizing work days in June and July to help us complete this project. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kelly Buchta at kbuchta@cffcm.com.

DONATIONS ALWAYS ACCEPTED!

CFFCM is always accepting donations, both monetary and material! If you are in the midst of spring cleaning and come across any gear, art, books, tackle, memorabilia, fly tying material, insert-any-fly-fishing-related-items-here, that you are looking to get rid of, then please consider making a donation to us! We are also often in need of specific items to help make the day-to-day easier for our staff. After the recent never-ending winter, we are certainly in need of a snow-blower to help us clear our walkways after a large snowfall (BIG thanks to Mike Canazon for lending us his own snow-blower several times this year when we needed it and to staff member, Quinn, relentlessly shoveled!). If you are looking to get rid of one, or upgrade to a new one, please keep us in mind!

For any donations made to CFFCM, we will provide a receipt for your records.

Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5

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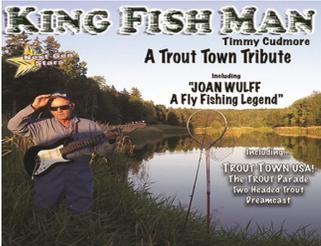
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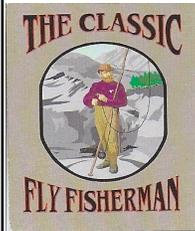


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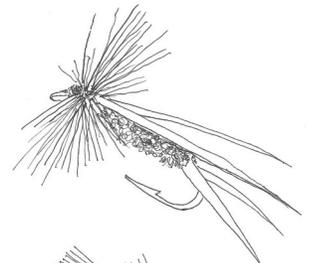
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CFFCM Emergence Chart

May

- 19 "Japanese Little Streams" event in Wulff Gallery ,10:00 a.m.—4 p.m.
- 19 Catskill Fly Tyer's Guild Meeting w/ guest Enrico Puglisi in Museum, 1:00 p.m.
- 26 CFFCM's Annual Member Meeting in Wulff Gallery, 10:00 a.m.
- 26 Reelseat Workshop Demo w/ Hoagy Carmichael in Rodmakers Workshop, 10:00 a.m.
- 26 CFFCM's Annual Celebration Dinner at The Rockland House, 5:30 p.m.

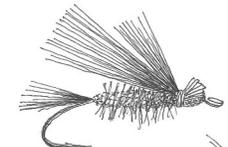


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- 1-30 Judith Reeve Art Exhibit—Wulff Gallery for the month

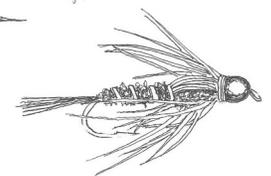
July

- 13-15 FFI ACA Casting Exams



August

- 4 & 5 SUMMERFEST



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