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Leaders Line
By Carl Johnson, President
On May 4th and 5th your Council will hold the Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas Valley Event Center (Fairgrounds) in Ellensburg. The Fair runs Friday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The cost is $5.00 unless you are a FFF member or under 16 which are free. More information about the fair can be found on our web page at: http://washingtoncouncilfff.org/wfff.htm

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Thread Benders Extraordinaire

By Vicki Hoagland, Fly Tying Co-Chair

Here we are again at the Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair, and not a minute too soon! Catch up with old friends and make some new ones and just have a great time living all things fly fishing and tying. Whether you are looking for the opportunity to learn, improve or share your knowledge about fly fishing and tying, you will find it at the Fair. We have some new tyers this year as well as many of our favorites and know you will have a great time discovering them all!

We will have a strong presence from the Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild, including fly tying in hand by Colton Graham as well as masters Steve Brocco, Glenn Wilson, and Rocky Hammond, Jr. to show you what it’s all about. Attend seminars from Preston Singletary about What’s Bugging You and be sure and stop by his table and let him know what is bugging you or have a chat with Gene Kaczmarek and maybe he will tell you what is bugging him with commentary from John M. Newbury (Buszek Award)!

Vicki Eagle Elk will be spinning deer hair flies to entice even the pickiest of bass and do please get great advice from Lory Watkins, Bob Bates, Janet Schimpf, or any of the talented tyers who will be in attendance this year. Stop by BT’s Fly Fishing and Photography and talk shop with Al (Buszek Award) and Gretchen Beatty, they will be glad to help you. This is the only show where you can learn from master craftsman Tak Shimizu from Edmonton, Alberta how to make blind eye Atlantic Salmon fly hooks from piano wire or see the latest tools Jesse Scott has invented for the Evergreen Hand, a one-handed fly tying device he invented. Project Healing Waters participants and volunteers will be on hand tying their favorite patterns, please visit them and talk fly fishing with them.

Karen Royer picks up some tips from Fly Tying Co-Chair Vicki Hoagland. Photo by Bob Bates.
thank these soldiers and vets for keeping us all safe. If the creepy spider or wasp Karen Royer ties doesn’t scare you enough, go see what Jackson Leong has about to crawl off his vise! Henry Hoffman (Buszek Award) will be present and I’m sure glad to talk chickens and feathers! Woven body flies will be tied by Mike Alfe, Cathy Hamilton and Al Lee, who is last year’s winner of the John Gort Fly Tying Award, and he will be sitting next to John Gort who will be tying chironomids. Kuni Masuda will be recycling plastic grocery store bags in a new way by showing you how to tie Shimazaki style hollow body flies.

Roger Stephens and Steve Rohrbach will be teaching a seminar on Topwater and Subsurface Strategies for SRC and Coho and following up with demonstrations of tying Puget Sound saltwater tube flies. If old school fly fishing is your style don’t miss out on the opportunity to visit Darrel Martin and Ron Reinebach to learn about antique patterns and techniques. There will be a hands-on fly tying station for kids of all ages with expert help from Pat Herdt and Michael T. Williams.

This is just a small sampling of tying opportunities at the 2012 Washington Fly Fishing Fair, hope to see you there!
Have you ever waded a bit past your comfort zone in one of our brawling Northwest rivers? Or wondered what it feels like to fill your waders with water? Or maybe you just want to learn more about how to survive wading the cold and slick Washington rivers and streams.

As part of the Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair, Robert Gerlach, WSC Board Member and Bill Wheeler will present a two-session workshop on Wading Safety. The lecture and discussion session will be held Friday, May 4, at 1:30 pm in the Taneum Room.

On Saturday, participants will meet at the Ellensburg Swimming Pool (just across the parking lot from the tying buildings) at 9:30 am for a real water experience. That’s right, you’ll get to fill your waters (intentionally). You can attend the lecture session or both as participation in the pool session is not required.

Here’s what to bring if you want to play in the pool: $5.00 cash or check payable to WSCFFF, hip or chest waders, change of clothes and towel (showers are provided), swim suit if desired, and wading belt. A PFD is optional but a great idea.

Here’s what not to bring: NO STUDDED BOOTS

Please pre-register here: http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/
gram, begun in 2006 with the aim of preserving the history of Northwest fly fishing through the recording of reminiscences of many Northwest fly-fishing pioneers. These recordings were augmented by addition of previous oral histories done by former FFF President Danny Beatty of Anacortes and members of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. Transcripts of the oral histories are available online at: http://library.wwu.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/ffoh What’s next? With the support of our partners and donors, we hope to enhance and diversify The Fly Fishing Collection by acquiring current imprints, historically important works, photographs, artwork, and other media, always with an emphasis on fly fishing in the Pacific Northwest. Our hope is the collection will become a premier source for researchers and others interested in fly fishing.

Visitors to the collection are welcome. Normal hours are Monday - Friday, 11 AM to 4 PM, or by appointment. Special arrangements may be made for group or Saturday visits. For more information, visit our website: http://library.wwu.edu/specialcollections. Driving instructions: http://library.wwu.edu/admissions.wwu.edu/visit/directions

To contact us directly, call Tamara Belts, Special Collections Manager, email Tamara.Belts@wwu.edu, telephone 360-650-650-3193, or Peter Smith, Special Collections Librarian, email Peter.Smith@wwu.edu, telephone 360-650-3175

Editor’s Note: Please see the announcement of the Western Washington University Libraries Heritage Resources Presentation August 3, 2012 on Page 9.

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It’s All About The Kids

By Pat Herdt, VP Education

The Kittitas County Events Center is the setting for the 5th Annual Washington Council Fly Fishing Fair. Education is the cornerstone of this outstanding event. Friday May 4, 45 middle and high school students from Easton, Thorp, and Ellensburg school districts, accompanied by their respective teachers, will receive hands-on sessions with experts in fly casting; fly tying; and entomology, with live aquatic insects.

The program is so successful we will be looking for ways to expand next year.

This year in addition to the education component the students who complete all three sessions will receive a bonus certificate redeemable at either Troutwaters location (Ellensburg or Cle Elum). For $20.00, the student will be outfitted with an Echo Solo 9’, 5-weight rod, reel, fly line, backing and leader. For information regarding the 5th Annual Washington Council Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas Event Center, visit us on Facebook at Washington Fly Fishing Fair or go to www.washingtoncouncilfff.org.

Free Seminars At The Fair

By David Paul Williams, Seminar Guy

The theme is year is something for everyone. We’ve got destinations—Dave McCoy doing Fly Fish Hawaii and Mike Benbow spills the beans on B.C.’s Dragon Lake rainbows. We’ve got the whole Yakima River Basin covered with Gabe Temple talking about rainbow/steelhead interaction, Tim Smith, telephone 360-650-3193, or Peter Smith, Special Collections Librarian, email Peter.Smith@wwu.edu, telephone 360-650-3175

Auctions and Raffles

By Larry Gibbs, Auction Coordinator

We should have some great auctions and raffles this year. There is a fantastic selection of guided river trips. How about a day on the Methow River up in the Okanogan, or a day on the Yakima River in the Ellensburg area or a day on the Clark Fork River in western Montana. All these rivers are great fishing waters. We also have some rods, reels, fly lines, many flies and some fly tying vises, wine baskets, and a huge selection of other items, both fly fishing related and non-fly fishing related. Buy some raffle tickets and also swing by the silent auction tables. I am sure you will see something you just have to have. Plan to attend the live auction on Saturday night. Will Godfrey is our auctioneer and he puts on a great show and auction. I am always looking for donations so if you have something you would like to donate please contact me. Larry Gibbs.
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Plecoptera is an order of bugs commonly called stoneflies. (This marks the first and perhaps the last time readers of this column will be subjected to Latin.) With over 3,500 species, stones are the perfect resident trout, steelhead and smallmouth bass food. Little Winter Stones, Yellow Sallies, Skwalas, Golden Stones or Salmonflies are but a few and fish eat them all.
Stoneflies, in one form or species are available on the fish menu throughout the year. Some species take their time, up to three years, to mature. Other are on a shorter time table. What that means for the angler is simple. Carry nymph patterns in a variety of sizes.
The bugs live in what scientists call the benthic zone and what fly-tossers call “the bottom” of well-oxygenated rivers and lakes. When it comes time for the adults to emerge, most drag themselves out of the water onto rocks, woody debris or other structure where they split their nymphal shuck, then head off into the bushes to find a mate. A few, like Yellow Sallies, emerge directly out of the water. When the eggs are ripe, the female returns to the water where she often becomes the object of desire. When fluttering above the surface or floating in the film, she draws splashy strikes.
If you toss nymphs for trout anywhere in the Rocky Mountains or west of the Continental Divide, then you need to have a supply of Pat’s Stone in your fly box. Even better, have one attached to your leader, either alone or in tandem with something smaller, ready to start tricking fish.
The chenille body color can be varied to match any shade of the naturals in the water. Variegated olives and browns are cool, but solid colors work as well. The legs of Flexi Floss, or similar material dance and pulse in the water, just like the legs of the real thing. They should be tied long, then trimmed to match the fish preference for any given day. On the Yakima, shorter is typically better than longer.
A key to success if getting the fly down to where the bug lives which coincides with where the fish are feeding. That is on the bottom and that means a weighted fly and eye protection.
WWU Libraries Heritage Resources Presents:
Return to the River: Steve Raymond explores the literary legacy of Roderick Haig-Brown

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PHOTO CONTEST 2012

We are excited to announce this year’s 2012 International Fly Fishing Fair Photo Contest. A Youth Category has been added to encourage participation from young photographers. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category and winners have an opportunity for a “cover shot” on the Flyfisher magazine. Attendees of the Fly Fishing Fair will have an opportunity to vote on all photos submitted, so don’t forget to vote for your favorite in the People’s Choice Award.

CATEGORIES:
ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT ON A FLY AND RELEASED UNHARMED.

1. Native Fish of North America
Any cold, freshwater fish caught on a fly in their native waters.
Examples include: Alaska rainbows, Northwest steelhead, Rocky Mountain cutthroat, Eastern brookies, etc.
Label the photo with the fish species and the water from which it was caught.

2. Naturals and Their Imitations
Close up photography of insects, baitfish and their imitations, as in flies.

3. Fly Anglers in Their Element:
People of all ages enjoying fly fishing. That includes: casting, rowing, landing fish, etc.
Mood shots and action shots are welcome.

4. International Fly Fishing Experiences - Freshwater
The great waters of Canada, Iceland, Chile, NZ, etc.
Trout, Atlantic salmon, grayling, peacock bass, etc.

5. International Fly Fishing Experiences - Saltwater
Sailfish, tarpon, bonefish, etc. in Belize, the Bahamas, Christmas Island, etc.

6. Youth (New this Year)
Limited to photographers age 16 and under. Photos can be of anything as long as the subject is fly fishing related.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Photo prints are required. Photos taken in 2011 and 2012 only, will be judged. No smaller than 8x10 and no larger than 11x14. No slides. Film and digital photos can be used but altered photos are not allowed. Photos must be mounted or matted but not framed. Each entry must be permanently labeled on the back with the following:
1. Category
2. Name of Photographer
3. Address and phone number
4. Title of photo and location where shot
Date when photo was taken

Contestants must include a self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage for the return of their photo(s). Contestants attending the show may drop off entries in person, and they may be picked up after the Fair if they are not winners. Those without mailers or sufficient postage will become the property of the FFF. Utmost care is taken to return photos in condition received, but the FFF is not responsible for damage or loss in shipment.

Note: because of magazine listing and publishing it may take to the end of October 2012 to return winning photos. If you submit more than one photo and have a winning photo(s), all will be returned together with the winning photo(s) unless you pick them up the Fair.
RIBBONS AND PRIZES
All winning photos will be kept by the FFF after the Fair. Winners will be announced in the Fall/Winter issue of the *Flyfisher* magazine. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will receive ribbons. The FFF will submit the first place winning photos to the *Flyfisher* magazine to be published. Second and third place winning photos will be listed by name and category only. First place winners will also receive fly line of their choice, courtesy of Scientific Anglers. (Depending on the number of submitted photos for a category, winning placement may only be 1st, or 1st and 2nd if there are not enough entries to judge for 1st-3rd places.)

FLYFISHER COVER SHOT
The Editor of *Flyfisher* may select one of the winning photos to be used on the cover of the magazine. Remember, the photo must be taken in the portrait, or vertical format in order to be used.

AWARD WINNING PHOTOS
First place photos will be sent to Scientific Anglers for use in their advertising. Releases will be required.

TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO
Mail your photo to the FFF office or deliver in person to staff at the Fly Fishing Fair. Mailed photos must be received by Friday, June 29, 2012. Hand delivered entries must be received at the show registration desk by 10:00 am Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

MAILING ADDRESS:

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*Fly patterns on the Federation of Fly Fishers website*

The 155 fly patterns on the FFF website are being moved from one server to another. Current patterns are being put on the new server. You can find them by going to the FFF website, [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org), and clicking *Blogs*. Eventually, all patterns will be archived as printable PDF copies under *Tying* then go to *Fly of the Month*. We expect to have about one year of active blogs. Right now we have:

April 2012 – Zug Bug
March 2012 – Fly Fishers Worm

February 2012 – Larry’s Lightning Bug

January 2012 – Superfloss Chironomid
December 2011 – Wing Burner

November 2011 -- Sparkle Dun (AKA Comparadun)

October 2011 – Cardinelle