



Streamline

November 2013

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited

Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

- November 7 - General Meeting (see article below)
- November 9 - HUGE Garage Sale (see article below)
- November 16 - Outing on the Lower Illinois River - lunch at the Watts Area

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. Forward this message to a friend.

A Message from Your President

General Meeting - November 7

Our November meeting will be on **Thursday the 7th** instead of Thursday the 14th. This is a week earlier than our normal schedule.

This month's speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Bergey, an entomologist from OU. She will be speaking on the the "Entomology of Oklahoma Waters" (or as I would say, "the bugs in our water that we imitate with our flies to catch fish).



I want to take this space to talk about the two clubs that we represent. When we meet each month at the Hardesty Library, we are representing two clubs with slightly different but also overlapping purposes - Tulsa Fly Fishers and Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited.

Tulsa Fly Fishers is an affiliated club of the national organization International Federation of Fly Fishers. As an affiliated club, members are encouraged to join the national IFFF organization but are not required to do so. Tulsa Fly Fishers currently has about 90 members.

As a national organization, IFFF's stated purpose is to:

- Advance the art, science and sport of fly fishing as a way of fishing most consistent with the preservation and use of game fish resources;
- Be a political voice for organized fly fishing;
- Promote conservation of recreational resources;
- Facilitate and improve the knowledge of fly fishing;



Liz has been an aquatic biologist at the Oklahoma Biological Survey (at OU) for 13 years, primarily studying stream ecology. Projects include surveys of aquatic macroinvertebrates (especially in springs and spring brooks), studies of the invasive alga *Didymo* (aka 'rock snot'), and experiments on the effects of rock type and roughness on the distribution of algae and macroinvertebrates.

Current research in Liz's lab include the ecology of playa lake invertebrates, interactions between aquatic plants and algae, and various land snail studies.

Before coming to the University of Oklahoma, Liz worked at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research in Christchurch, New Zealand, helped run an aquatic macroinvertebrate lab for the USFWS and BLM at Utah State University, and was the limnologist for a Chippewa band in northern Wisconsin.

She received her PhD from the University of California-Berkeley, an M.S. from Colorado State University, and B.S. degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

The meetings start at 6:30 pm and are held in the Frossard Auditorium of the Hardesty Regional Library at 8316 E. 93rd Street. It's on the south side of 93rd, about a block and a half east of Memorial Drive and two blocks south of 91st Street, just behind Jackie Cooper Motors. It is easily accessible from Highway 169 and the Creek Turnpike. Meetings are FREE and open to the public.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers and three candidates for the Board of Directors will be held at the November meeting. The Board has approved the following slate of candidates. Candidates may be placed in nomination from the floor during the meeting.

- Elevate the standard of integrity, honor, and courtesy of anglers;
- Cherish the spirit of fellowship among anglers everywhere;
- Establish and maintain liaison with other organizations of anglers and conservationists and government agencies concerned with the sport of angling; and
- Keep its members informed of developments of interest to the membership.

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited is part of the national Trout Unlimited organization. There are two TU Chapters in Oklahoma; the 89ers Chapter based in Oklahoma City covering the western portion of the state and our Chapter covering the eastern part. When someone joins TU, they are automatically assigned to a chapter based on where they live. We currently have a little over 500 members of Oklahoma Chapter 420.

Trout Unlimited's mission statement is "to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds". Trout Unlimited is organized into regional Councils. Within regional Councils, there are multiple Chapters that are designed to carry out TU's mission.

TU's Leadership Manual intended to guide Chapters on how to best carry out its mission states that "A TU chapter can best serve its members and fulfill the mission of TU by being effective in these four areas:

- Conservation: ..engage in stream restoration or advocacy projects,
- Education: introduce TUs conservation principles to a broader audience....with a particular emphasis on youth education,
- Service to Members: give every TU member the opportunity to become involved ...and
- Business Practices: run the chapter in an effective, business-like manner.

As you can see, both organizations have common

- President – David Games
- Vice President – Scott Hood
- Treasurer – Kathy Billington
- Secretary – Mike Shuman
- Board – John Sellars
- Board - Randy Billington
- Board - Pat Daly

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Raffle Prize

The **GRAND PRIZE** for 2013, is an eleven foot 4wt. fly rod. I played with one at the outing at Greenleaf State Park. Could be a good rod for the tenkara, kayaker or float tube enthusiast.

The regular drawing will be your last chance to stuff the jar with your tickets. As the state lotto cautions, "you can't win if you don't play."

Did You Know?

By: Scott Hood

There's a new FREE app out there for your android smart phone from the USACE ... find lake levels, release schedules and more, all right at your fingertips. Here's the web page to get the new app.

<http://usacelittlerock.conduitapps.com/landing/Desktop#.UnE9eoMo5qM>

From what I understand it will also soon be available for the i-phone.

areas of emphasis, conservation and education. While TU focuses on coldwater fisheries and not necessarily just fly fishing, IFFF focuses on fly fishing for both warm and cold water species.

As a combined club, we have a challenge to carry out the sometimes overlapping yet at times distinct missions of the two organizations. At a high level, we focus on conservation with an emphasis on the lower Illinois River as our home water, education of both our membership as well as the public, giving back to the community and promotion of membership fellowship.

It is against this backdrop of mission and areas of emphasis that we have filled our calendar with a mix of club activities including Project Healing Waters, Trout in the Classroom, Lower Illinois Stream Cleanup, outings, monthly meeting speakers, conducting classes and so forth. As we organize these activities, we try to make sure they are consistent with our mission and not just merely activity for activity's sake.

I would like to know from the membership's perspective, are we doing a good job with this? As I asked in last month's letter, we would like member input, both from TU and TFF members, on whether we are focusing on the right things given our organization's mission. If you have input, don't hesitate to email me at dgames18@cox.net. Thanks

David

Holiday Party

The party will be held at McNellies in the Blue Dome district of Tulsa on December 10th. The Gala starts at 6:00 pm.

- There will be a raffle for a Sage 2 wt fly rod.
- A Silent Auction for a signed print by Dave Whitlock
- A Bucket Auction for 3 other prints and small fly fishing items
- A Gift Exchange - Please bring something small to share with like-minded people, a box of flies for example, or a week in your condo in

NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?" is new feature to our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think every member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

Trout in the Classroom

Eggs arrived and were delivered to the schools on October 31st. Here Scott Hood, George Margalski, Charlie Campbell and Charles McAfee inspect the shipment.



Photo by Ed Wampler

Belize.

As we need a head count, RSVP to Pat Daly. Include "Holiday Party" in the subject line.

If you don't use the above link, type pat@cimtel.net in your mail, messenger, or browser.

PHWFF

In early September Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited received a very generous and significant gift from the estate of Lloyd Wicker. His wife Gayla donated his extensive collection of fly fishing equipment and fly tying materials and tools.

After withholding some items for future raffle prizes, the board has decided to have a garage sale to liquidate the remainder of this impressive windfall. While the inventory list is too long to include, here are some highlights.

Rods, over 20 including Sage, LOOP, ECHO, Powell, and Thomas & Thomas

Reels, lots, all Ross

A Renzetti and a Dyna King vise

Gear: boots, waders, bags, fly boxes, and terminal tackle

Tying materials: ("more than most fly shops" was heard while pricing the stuff). 100's of packages of dubbing, wire, thread, lots of fur, full capes, flashabou and more.

Don't miss this sale!

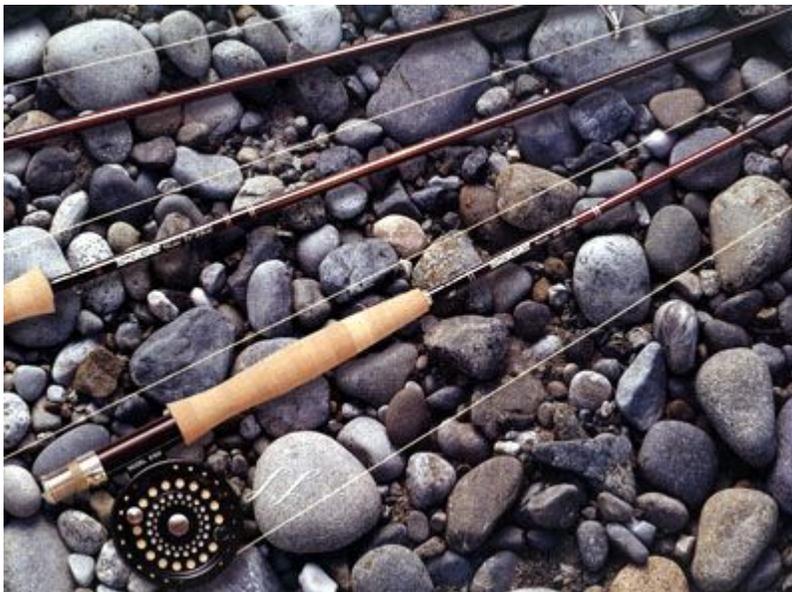
When: Saturday, November 9th

Time: 8 am until 4 pm

Where: Fox 23 Studios, 2607 South Memorial Drive
(Site of the old Burlington Coat Factory)

Parking: Ample and free

Payment: Cash, credit card, check card, or bank



TFF Membership

How do we pay for our speakers? The funds come from the Tulsa Fly Fishers budget. Our income is from dues and the raffle tickets we sell at the General Meetings. Currently about 80 of us are members. If you join in November or December the board has decided to extend your membership through all of 2014. Membership normally runs a calendar year, from January 1 to January 1.

Join now and get a bargain of 14 months for the cost of 12. See Kathy Billington, Mike Shuman or any board member at a General Meeting for the form. You can also download a form from the website www.tulsaflyfishers.org.

Fly Tying

This winter Mike Shuman will present six intermediate skill level classes during December and January. Since he is primarily a bass fisherman and ardent fan of Bob Clouser, the classes will lean in that direction. Classes meet on the indicated dates and will be held at the BA Bass Pro Shop in the large meeting room upstairs.

He has selected the following flies:

- Dec. 4th - Clouser Floating Minnow
- Dec. 11th - Suspender (Clouser)
- Dec. 18th - Mad Tom (Clouser)

debit card (sorry NO personal checks)

The sale will be inside, so don't let the weather keep you away.

All proceeds will benefit the continuing work with our veterans through Project Healing Water Fly Fishing and OKTU conservation projects.

- Jan. 8th - A Modern Calcasieu Pig Boat (Tom Nixon originator)
- Jan. 15th - Diving Caddis (Davy Wotton)
- Jan. 22nd - Ausable Wulff (Francis Better)

Each class is independent so you may attend only those you are interested in. The cost per class will be \$5 to cover materials.

If you are interested in attending any session, contact Mike at okflyfisher@aol.com or 918 443 9184 so he can bring the appropriate amount of materials.

Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- December 7th - Fly Fishing Seminar at Jenks High School
- December 10th - Holiday Party
- December 14th - LIR Cleanup Day with 89'ers
- December 15th - Grand Opening of the Trout Pond at 1:00 pm

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