

The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild

# GAZETTE

February, 2004

## NEXT MEETING

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1pm Rockland House.

Hi! February meeting bring your vise and material to tie flies for Casting for Recovery. This is a very worthwhile cause: the flies will be used for the ladies to fish at a retreat in Frost Valley. Tie whatever fly you would like, Catskill style preferred. These are flies to fish with not for display. Last time we tied 163 flies. Show up and lets sit around and tie a few flies, isn't that what the Guild is all about? Hank

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

\*Sat., March 20<sup>th</sup> – annual ‘Materials Swap/Sale’. 1:00pm (set-up starts at noon) at the Rockland House. Bring the ‘stuff’ you don’t need and go home with other ‘stuff’ you don’t need.

\*Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ‘Fly Tyers Rendezvous’. 10:00am till 3:00pm at the Rockland House. Contact Mike Hogue to reserve your space.

\*Sat., May 15<sup>th</sup> – General meeting, 7:00pm in the education building at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center.

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### Guild sponsored *Fly Tying Course* Members Urged to Help!!!

This year’s fly tying course will be held on April 10 and 24, May 1, 8 and 15 at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center, Livingston Manor, from 10:00am until noon.

Each session will be dedicated to renowned Catskill tyers and their flies. *Harry & Elsie Darbee*, Rat Faced McDougal and Light Cahill; *Walt & Winnie Dette*, Walt’s Dace and Isonychia nymph; *Lee Wulff*, White Wulff and Grizzly Wulff; *Art Flick*, March Brown dry fly and Black Nosed Dace; *Ray Smith*, Leadwing Coachman wet fly and Red Quill dry fly. As in the past, this course is open to everyone at no cost.

This is one of the most important and rewarding projects we will tackle this year. All Guild members are urged to get involved ..... Bob Osburn

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**Helpers Needed:** for the Sportsmens Show on February 1 in Hurleyville NY. It's at the museum from 12 to 4 pm to help kids tie flies. Call Dick Smith at 607-498-6024 asap.

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This newsletter is dependent on *all* Guild members for content. Perhaps we're all too busy at shows, tying flies, building a rod for next season or otherwise time constrained. None the-less, without the membership submitting articles, information, wanted/for sale ads, cartoons, newsworthy information, etc. this newsletter simply becomes a meeting announcement.

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**MEMBERS:** Look at your mailing labels. On it will be the date when your membership expires. If you see 2/04, you need to renew. Please send your check (\$10) to the CFTG, Box 663, Roscoe, NY 12776-0663.

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**SAD NEWS:** Guild member Paul Morrissey passed away on December 24, 2003.  
Guild member Earl Pomeroy passed away in early January, 2004

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Report on the Guild Participation at  
The Flyfishing Show-Somerset, NJ-Jan 23,24,25 – 2004

The Flyfishing Show at Somerset attracted it's usual large crowd despite some very cold weather. Al Ampe, John Kavanaugh and Paul Murphy met at the Expo Center Thursday night before the opening to set up our table. Al provided the table and chairs. John brought the backdrop he had stored from the Symposium in Nov. and also provided an easel for displaying the Fly Plate.

We opened at 10:30 on Friday and had tyer's demonstrating till 6:30, again on Sat. from 9:00 till 6:00 and Sun. 9:00 till 5:00. Andy Brasko, Andy Sutton, John Kavanaugh, John Collins and Mark Romero tied all three days. Hank Rope and Rich Bradley gave us time 2 days and Tom Emerick, Bill Leuszler, Brian McKee, Sam Scafidi, Dick Sablitz and Gary Sweet also represented us. Every member of the Guild who had volunteered to tie was given a spot. We were an attraction. There was always at least an audience of one, usually more, watching and asking questions. There were requests for demos of certain patterns and Mark gave a lesson to a lad who brought his tying kit along. Sunday evening there were flies left at our table, Al Ampe and John Kavanaugh made a present of them to a surprised young boy.

The Fly Plate was a magnet drawing people to the table to get a close look. We had but 18 tickets left to sell and they were quickly gone Friday morning. The drawing was at 2:00pm on Sunday. Kim Boaz, one of the featured tiers from the main floor (impartial, she was not a ticket holder), drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to Ron Gherardi, Fort Lee NJ. He now has the plate on his wall.

We signed up or renewed 24 memberships. A number of others picked up copies of our newsletter and flyers on the Guild's mission and if no memberships come of that, more people are now aware of us. We owe the tyers listed above thanks for a great job, all honored our call for patterns that that were appropriate for Guild demos, and they good-naturedly accepted the juggling of their tying times so we could accommodate all members who wished to tie. Thanks also to: Mark Romero for getting all the items we needed to the show for the opening and bringing everything back; to Judie Smith, who coached us through getting the event up and running; to Al Ampe and John Kavanaugh for the set up and take down; to the tyers who donated flies for the Show's door prize: Allan Podell, Jack Pangburn, John Collins, Paul Murphy, Brad Wilson and Tom Watson (the show had requested a door prize contribution); and not least, the Show's management who has again given us space.

If you did not tie for the Guild at a show this year, think about it next year when show season arrives, you will enjoy it... Paul Murphy