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*...To preserve and share America's fly fishing heritage and the role of Pennsylvanians in this tradition.*

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**ATTENTION**  
 Mark your calendars:  
**October 10, 2009**  
**11th Annual**  
**PFFMA Fundraising Dinner &**  
**Auction**  
 Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse  
 Boiling Springs

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM:**

All members will receive a membership card, the Museum's newsletter, and special mailings.

- Friend \$25
- Contributor \$50
- Sponsor \$75
- Patron \$100
- Sustainer \$125
- Benefactor \$250

Make Checks Payable to and Mail to:

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**THANK YOU !**

The official registration and financial information of the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within PA, 1(800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**PA Fly Fishing Heritage Day - June 20th - Allenberry Resort**

PFFMA is excited to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Heritage Day to be held on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse at the Picnic Pavilion and The Meadow on the Yellow Breeches Creek in Boiling Springs, PA – rain or shine, 8:30am – 4pm. Heritage Day will include a gathering of fly fishing enthusiasts of all ages, interests, and skill levels to celebrate Pennsylvania's Fly Fishing Heritage.

There will be presentations and demonstrations by regional and nationally known experts on various fly fishing subjects. In addition, attendees will learn about fly fishing from exhibitors, vendors, fly tiers, bamboo rodmakers and other artisans. And there will also be great raffles!

Pre-register for a \$12 admission fee which includes the price of the buffet picnic lunch. Registration (without lunch) the day of the event is \$7.

**Attention All Young Fly Anglers:** Admission is FREE for anyone 15 years old or younger! You can pre-register for lunch for \$6. Plus, as an added bonus, there is a **free Youth Drawing** with great prizes.

**BELOW ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.**

- ◆ **Fly Casting** – Improve your casting skills or try casting for the first time with noted fly casting instructors from 9am to 4pm! Frank Angelo, Bobby Clouser, Ed Jaworowski, Scott Loughner, Dave Rothrock, Emily Zeiders.
- ◆ **Fly Tying Demonstrations** - Watch notable fly tiers demonstrate their favorite patterns. Ed Shenk, Tom Baltz, and others.
- ◆ **Aquatic Insects** – Stream-side sessions on aquatic insect identification presented by Greg Hoover, specifically tailored for anglers.
- ◆ **Casting Cane** – Meet cane rod builders and try casting various spilt cane rods.
- ◆ **Women's Fly Fishing Network Session**
- ◆ **Presentations** –  
Hatches, Patterns and Techniques for Limestone Streams by Mike Heck  
The Fly Fisher's Wonderful World of Trout by Dave Rothrock  
Fly Fishing in the 1770s by Ken Reinard, the Colonial Angler
- ◆ **The ever-popular Fish Swim Race** is held again this year. Purchase your Rubber Fish as a fundraiser for the PFFMA and cheer your entry along the banks of the Yellow Breeches Creek!
- ◆ **Plus Many Wonderful Fly Fishing Vendors and Exhibitors!**

Check our website for more information and to register.

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**5TH Annual Fish Swim Race** – You may have heard of Rubber Ducky Races. Well, we of course, use rubber Fish...bold, tropical little things that hit the Yellow Breeches and race to the finish line for the \$500 cash prize. This annual event has created much interest, especially for the youth. Each Fish entered in the race has an owner and a number to identify it. So come out and purchase your Fish and join the crowd who gather for the race event! Buy purchasing Fish swim Tickets you can support the PFFMA fund-raising program and be a part of our Heritage Day event, even if you are not present. We will be glad to mail you the \$500 winners check. Simply mail in the pre-registration form with your donation of \$10 per fish for the number of fish that you would like to enter in the race. And, you can also purchase your tickets ahead of time and avoid the crowd at the events table.



Line judge *Ed Jaworowski* picks the winner at our Annual Fish Swim.

**Congratulations to Bob Clouser, Sr., PFFMA honorary board member on his fly, the Clouser Deep Minnow being named #1 in Field & Streams, fishing field editor, John Merwin's greatest flies of all time**

### Tackle Makers and Retailers of Philadelphia Beginning in the 18th Century

Toolmaker Otto Henze left Ocean City and founded the **Penn Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co.** in 1932. Mr Hunt, a Penn supervisor, left and joined **A. H. Fox Gun Company** of Philadelphia during their brief period of producing a line of fishing reels. Penn Reels, acquired by Shakespeare Tackle Company in 2007, is the only fishing tackle manufacturer in Philadelphia today. Penn continues to produce a wide variety of fishing tackle, but ceased marketing fly rods and reels in 2004.

Before the Civil War, only a few businesses regularly supplied fishing tackle. Starting in 1835, John Krider's shop, and later his Sportsmen's Depot, was a favorite stop for the kings and royalty of the world. This continued through to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. From the 1880's to the 1930's, a large number of businesses sold fishing tackle, some lasting only a few years; now, only surviving advertisements, catalogs, or letterheads provide evidence of their existence. Others continued into the 1950's and 1960's, finally merging and then fading.

This exhibit offers a rare opportunity to see the progression of America's tackle industry, which started in Philadelphia, and a chance to view not only unique fly rods such as those from Thaddeus Norris and John Krider, but also rare advertising and documents from many 19<sup>th</sup> century establishments. A tour of this exhibit will add to your personal flyfishing experience and enhance appreciation of the beauty of the equipment that we use to pursue this art.

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- Jerry Girard, PFFMA Director**

### The Fly Fisher’s Club of Harrisburg, Order of the Hat Award

Since 1953, the Fly Fisher's Club of Harrisburg has recognized many men with the Order of the Hat. Some of these men made their mark on our sport as prolific writers, phenomenal anglers, artistic fly tiers and pattern innovators or educators of angling with a fly. The accomplishments of these previous hat honorees would not have been possible were it not for men who have fought for our natural resources; men who had the same attributes as the 2009 recipient.

Fred Bohls, PFFMA Treasurer, received the 2009 Order of the Hat, at the Fly Fisher’s Club of Harrisburg 61st Annual Banquet April 4, 2009. Fred spends a considerable amount of time working behind the scenes to protect the cold water resources we all hold dear. He has done this through hard work and tenacity while fostering an atmosphere of diplomacy and communication between the angling public, state, local agencies, corporations, and other public and private interests. He is a fixture at Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission public meetings and is persistent in fighting for what is right for the sport of fly-fishing and the environment.



In 1994 Fred was influential in forming the Coalition of Concerned Anglers of Pennsylvania. This organization has given all anglers of Pennsylvania a voice to be heard and has opened the door for communication between the angling community and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Fred has served as president of this organization and continues to be active in the organization. He was also a key figure in establishing the Pennsylvania Fly-Fishing Museum and is on it’s board of directors.

Possibly the greatest influence Fred has had on fly-fishing has been through his work with Trout Unlimited. He has served as his chapter president, environmental chairman, and on the Pennsylvania State Council of Trout Unlimited. Through his local TU council he has worked tirelessly to protect his local streams from the degradation of encroaching development. Without his work the world famous Letort may have been lost when Home Depot and Wal-Mart expanded their operations to Carlisle. With Fred’s guidance the best possible environmental protections were included.

## The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association

Ten years ago a handful of visionaries, recognizing the seminal role that Pennsylvania played in American fly fishing history, committed to preserving and promoting that heritage. Inspired too by the incredible wealth of aquatic resources the state provides, the founders of the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association carved a mission that included education and conservation components.

Until a permanent site can become reality, PFFMA has directed its energies to a variety of activities, and on this 10 anniversary, proudly reflects on its major accomplishments:

- Acquiring, preserving, and curating flyfishing artifacts from notable Pennsylvania anglers, including Vincent Marinaro, George Harvey, Chauncy Lively, Charles Fox, James Bashline, and others.
- Establishing a repository and storage facility in Carlisle, providing opportunity for researchers and scholars to review the museum’s holdings.
- Creating rotating displays in several venues around the state. Themes include: “Streams of Inspiration”, highlighting notable waters of the Commonwealth; “Charlie and Chauncy: Gentleman Anglers”, honoring the accomplishments of Fox and Lively; “Revolution to Railroads: Pennsylvania Fly Fishing in the 1700 and 1800’s”; “Early Philadelphia Tackle Makers and Retailers Beginning in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century”; “Vincent Carmen Marinaro”.
- Compiling a library of works by Pennsylvania authors or books largely devoted to Pennsylvania angling.
- Creating an exhibit at Allenberry Resort Inn and Playhouse in Boiling Springs, consisting of flies tied by Meck, Humphreys, Lively, Harvey, Clouser, Koch, Troth, and other prominent Pennsylvania tiers.
- Celebrating an annual “Heritage Day” in June on the Yellow Breeches Creek at Allenberry Resort, featuring exhibits, vendors, talks, casting and tying demonstrations and instruction, and a “Fish Swim” raffle.
- Beginning an oral history project with interviews of anglers prominent in Pennsylvania’s history, including Ed Koch, Ed Shenk, George Harvey, Joe Humphreys, Lefty Kreh, and Bob Clouser.
- Hosting an annual fall dinner/auction to raise awareness and funds for continuing this valuable work.
- Circulating a newsletter to update members and potential members on PFFMA activities.

The Board of Directors meets monthly at Allenberry to direct the museum’s course, and welcomes ideas and suggestions from members or interested parties. A close working relationship exists with other museums, historians, fly fishers, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. From its earliest days, President Jimmy Carter endorsed PFFMA’s aims by agreeing to be an honorary member of the PFFMA board.

Hopefully, future generations will appreciate the efforts expended in these early days by this small group of dedicated anglers. The still fledgling organization needs members, volunteers, and donations to continue its work. For more information: <http://www.paflyfishing.org/>.

*Ed Jaworowski, PFFMA Director*

### 7TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA FLY FISHING HERITAGE DAY - PREREGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \$12 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Free admission for 15 year olds and younger)

Number of youth Lunches: \$6 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fish Swim Raffle Tickets: \$10 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to and Mail to:  
PFFMA, 1240 North Mountain Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

**Confirmation will be by email only or call 717-599-8645  
Fish Swim Raffle Tickets will be mailed to you.**