We had a fantastic 10th Anniversary Celebration on October 4th at the Allenberry Resort Inn!

The event was special in many ways. Joe Humphreys was our honored guest for the event and he presented an exclusive video which featured fly fishing legend, George Harvey. Our special guest for the evening was Al Caucci, as the inventor of this year’s commemorative fly, the Com-phantom. More than 80 people were able mingle with Joe and Al as well as enjoy hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, special music and a delectable dinner. Our silent and live auctions were both great successes due to the generosity of all of our guests that evening. Fifty-five items were on the silent and live auction block that evening, made possible by donations from 46 generous businesses and individuals. Please take a moment to read the list of donors and help us to thank them in the coming year.

PFFMA is grateful and appreciative for the generosity shown by our donors and attendees. We could not do it without them. Thank you once again for a successful fundraising event!
It's been estimated that insects comprise more than 70% of all macroinvertebrates (ex. aquatic worms, scuds, sowbugs, crayfish, etc.) in a stream. As a flyfisher, you can recognize an immature stonefly by the gills at the base of each leg. This is just one way to confirm that you're looking at available, as early as 1731. Even Benjamin Franklin in 1741 sold fishing items in his printers shop. However, major dealers in fishing tackle did not also world travelers stopping in Philadelphia for sporting supplies on their way to the American wilderness. The current PFFMA exhibit features detailed displays of rods, advertising, and paperwork of Philadelphia's early tackle trade. This exhibit highlights rodmakers, tackle makers, and retailers of William Penn's great city. Edward Pole (1770's) was a major competitor. Pole's successor, George Lawton (early 1800s), sold a complete array of fishing tackle to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Davis Hugh Davis (1770's – 1810), a successful merchant and tailor with a passion for fishing, sold tackle and constructed fly rods, and contributed to the developing theories of rod building and fly fishing. He authored the 19th century’s angler’s bible, The American Angler’s Book (1864). He is America’s Isaac Walton. Leslieing, the Peconic wet fly legend, called Thaddeus Norris “America’s Greatest Fly Fisherman.” The display features historic rods of high quality from innovative rodmakers George Burgess (1841 – 1877), John Krider (1853 -1886), John T. Siner (1886 – 1903) and L. C. Siner (1903 – 1939s). There is also a nearly complete listing of the city’s tackle retailers: A B Shipley (1870s) M A Shipley (1895 – 1920), William Reed (1872) later Reed & Gildner (1890s), then Phillip Reed (1900); J.Goldsmith (later J. Goldsmith & Son (1880s)), then J. Goldsmith & Ancker (1882); William Urflhein (1884), Murtin, Appleton Company (1889). Other, more familiar retailers included the E. K. Tryon Company (1881 – 1960s), which offered a complete line of tackle under their trade names “Kingfisher”, “Pensell” and “Crown”. Supplee-Biddle Hardware Company (1970s) sold an extensive line of tackle marketed under the “Congress” brand name. M & H Sporting Goods (1900 -1953), founded by Louis Moskowitz and Louis Hesbach, became tackle industry giants, sold a full range of quality tackle, and had the best retail staff available, including some outdoor writers. M & H owned the Ocean City Reef Company and eventually M & H merged with Ocean City in 1953. Ocean City Reef Company, founded in 1923, bought companies affected by the Depression. It also acquired Montague Rod & Reel Company and Edward Vom Hofe Company, which moved to Philadelphia in 1941. Ocean City gave birth to a number of other Philadelphia companies. John Hirsch left and developed the “Castomatic” reel within the Outdoor Products Division of the Quaker City Gear Works. Penn Reel Company acquired Ocean City in the 1960s.

By Jerry Girard, Director, PFFMA

During this coming trout season cast your favorite imitations of stonefly nymphs to trout on your home water whether the stream is large or small. While maintaining good contact with your imitation, who knows what may strike your fly when presenting it in a deep, productive riffle this season. Tight lines!

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MEMBERSHIP

As our Museum program develops and expands, membership dues become an increasingly important source of revenue. We currently lease a building in Carlisle for storage of our large amount of collected material. It also provides area for designing and assembling our satellite exhibits. Currently, we have re-created George Harvey’s fly tying room in exact detail as he donated all of his tying items to the museum. We plan to continue doing our oral history interviews with important Pennsylvania fly fishermen. More collections are actively sought and our very successful Heritage Day in June keeps growing in attendance. In order to progress, we are striving to increase membership numbers, as this is vital to our growth.

Please consider joining us now if you have not done so already. If you would be interested in being an active participant in the Museum activities, please contact us. Charlie Knight, Membership Director, PFFMA

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