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20th ANNUAL  
PFFMA Banquet  
Saturday November 3rd 2018

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The event will begin at 4:30  
at the Comfort Suites, 10  
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for more details.

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Please join us for a special event

## 20th Annual PFFMA Fundraising Banquet

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum's 20th Annual Fundraising Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Comfort Suites, 10 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

A social hour will begin at 4:30 PM with a cash bar, and silent and live auction item viewing. In addition to the many silent and live auction items, we will be drawing the raffle tickets for our two special raffles... a Future Beach, Trophy 126 Kayak, and a Thom Glace original Brook Trout painting. Raffle tickets for these items will be available at the banquet. Each attendee will receive a Shenk's Letort Hopper tied by some of PA's finest fly tiers.

Buffet banquet cost is \$40 per person. The buffet includes: Bourbon Salmon and Sliced Roast Beef, salad, rolls, starch, vegetable, chef's choice dessert, coffee and iced tea. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advanced notice. You may reserve your seat online, at [paflyfishing.org](http://paflyfishing.org), or by sending a check to: PFFMA, P.O. BOX 205, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. **Deadline for banquet reservation is Friday, October 27th.** See page 3 for more details.

Guestrooms are available at the Comfort Suites, 10 South Hanover Street, at a rate of \$84.00 per night with a \$4.00 per night per vehicle parking charge. A hot continental breakfast is included in the guestroom rate. Reservations may be made by calling 717-960-1000. Guestrooms are also available at the Comfort Inn, 77 Shady Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013. PFFMA Member rate is \$74.00 per night + taxes. For reservations call 717.706.3400. The Comfort Suites is in downtown Carlisle. The Comfort Inn is adjacent to the museum.

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20th Annual

# PFFMA Fundraising Banquet

## Feature Presentations



The PFFMA will be honoring fly angler, author and fly designer Ed Shenk, Master of the Letort. Ed started fishing over 80 year ago, and has designed many important fly patterns, such as, the Letort Cricket, Shenk's Letort Hopper, White Minnow, Sculpin and many others. Ed has authored *Fly Rod Troutng*, plus over 50 fly fishing and fly tying articles in major sporting magazines. Ed also spent 30 plus years conducting fly fishing schools with his friend Joe Humphreys. Joe Humphreys will be on hand to present Ed with his award.



PFFMA member Ed Jaworowski will give a special tribute to the late Bernard "Lefty" Kreh. Ed will share Lefty's one of a kind humor, and humble personality through his photo program and his words.



# 20th Annual PFFMA Fundraising Banquet Auction Information

We have an awesome line-up of auction items for your bidding pleasure.

- Two of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary items include a 3 night, 2 day all-inclusive guided stay for 2 at the South Holston River Lodge, Bristol, TN, donated in memory of Lefty Kreh.
- The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Bamboo Fly Rod made by John Zimny and Tom Smithwick.
- We also have an array of fly fishing trips, rods, reels, artwork, books, and other items.

Auction items will be displayed regularly on our Facebook page, PA Fly Fishing Museum. If you are unable to attend the banquet, you may submit a proxy bid for any of our auction items. Submit your auction bid, along with the name of the item to: [usaflyies@pa.net](mailto:usaflyies@pa.net). Proxy bid deadline is Friday, November 2, 2018.

## 20th Annual Banquet Auction Donor List

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Jen and George Reilly	Steve Harry, Owner of Antietam Outfitters	
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*\*We will be updating this list in the next newsletter if we missed anyone*



# Ed Shenk

By Tom Baltz

The Cumberland Valley of south-central Pennsylvania is home to some of the most special trout water in the country, our limestone streams and spring creeks. There is a fly fishing legacy here that reaches back into the mists of time to the eighteenth century when British army officers fly fished and most importantly wrote about fishing in area streams like the Letort and Big Spring. Theodore Gordon caught his first trout in the Letort, this quite some time before he fished the Catskill Mountains. The first small flies, what we refer to today as midges were documented here and the basic philosophy of “terrestrial fishing” was originated and refined on area waters. Ed Shenk has made significant contributions to the Cumberland Valley’s fly fishing tradition with trout fly designs including midges and terrestrials, nymphs, hatch-matching dry flies, and streamers. Ed not only designed and perfected some of the most unique flies in the long history of fly fishing but also perfected the techniques to fish with them and further, wrote about it all in over 50 articles for more publications than even Google knows about. Ed and other area anglers made a reputation for fishing with very short fly rods, mostly those less than 6 1/2 feet long, on streams where other anglers had a difficult time with 8 or 9 footers. It is doubtful that any fly fisher has taken as many large trout in the Letort as has Ed. There is not enough room here to cover it all.



## Ed Shenk’s Letort Hopper

One of Ed Shenk’s most famous flies is known as Shenk’s Letort Hopper. Several Letort anglers were working on hopper designs at about the same time and of course, those flies were all called Letort Hoppers. Ed’s fly has stood the test of time and is the Commemorative Fly for the Museum’s Fall Banquet and Fundraiser. A simple design consisting only of a yellow spun fur body, a speckled turkey wing, and a spun deer hair head/collar, one of the unique aspects of the design is that the wing was tied flat, on top of the body rather than on edge, a more common method. This helped to create the two-dimensional impression of width/length without any real height, in keeping with the terrestrial tradition being developed along the Letort. The deer hair head has been known to give fly tyers a fit; spin a good -sized bunch of hair onto the hook and then trim out a head, leaving a collar on top and sides of the fly. Try one on your favorite trout stream!



-Tom Baltz

# Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Heritage in the Poconos gets a new Home



*Photo: Don Baylor*

Brodhead Creek Heritage Center at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve,  
1539 Cherry Lane Road, Analomink, Pa.

At the heart of a natural refuge, open to all, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center is taking shape at ForEvergreen Preserve, Analomink, Pa. With 3,000 square feet of space for environmental displays, education and offices, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center will welcome people of all ages and abilities, connecting them with the natural world around them. The preserve itself protects half a mile of Brodhead Creek, the waters where fly fishing in America was born. The center is scheduled to be completed in October 2018. The Brodhead Creek Heritage Center will hold displays highlighting the angling history of the area like the Henryville House, Hotel Rapids, and Bamboo Fly Rod Maker Louis Schauer from Stroudsburg, PA.

The Brodhead Creek is arguably one of the most historic sites in the development of American fly fishing techniques and tradition. Throughout the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries, virtually all the notable anglers and angling writers visited the Brodhead, a stream that was instrumental in fostering the experimentation that advanced the art, sport, and science of fly fishing for trout. Originally, the Brodhead was called the Analomink meaning “tumbling water.” The two branches of the Brodhead were later called the East and West branches. The West Branch was subsequently named the Paradise Creek. Richard C Hunt, President of the Angler's Club of New York, wrote in the club's 1934 Bulletin, " There are rivers whose names are inseparably linked with the art of angling for trout with a fly, and among them the Test and Itchen, the Beaverkill, the Neversink and the Brodhead, are surrounded by tradition, and have been so beloved by men who have fished them that they are in truth classic streams. And of these classic waters, in this country the Brodhead yields first place to none."

*Story courtesy of Don Baylor*

# Special Thanks

The PFFMA would like to extend a special thank you to the following people who have donated exhibit pieces and other items to the museum.

- Long time member and friend of The PFFMA John Newcomer has moved to the Penn Hall at Menno Haven in Chambersburg, PA. John's daughter Ronda and husband Walter Brewbaker have graciously donated 343 of John's fly fishing books to the Museum's library.
- Long time friend and member Wayne Borges has passed. A financial gift in his memory by Glenna Trimmer, Carlisle, PA and Sparks Wilson Borges Brandt & Johnson, PC Colorado Springs, CO.
- Ten individuals from Pennsylvania and Maryland have gone together and purchased a Vince Marinaro built bamboo fly rod. These individuals have anonymously donated this rod to the PA Fly Fishing Museum.



Ronda and Walter Brewbaker with the book donation from the Library of John Newcomer



Lefty Kreh and Bob Clouser. Innovators, teachers and friends...



# Welcome to the New and Renewing Members of the PFFMA!

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## MEMBERSHIP

As our Museum continues to grow, membership dues become an increasingly important source of revenue. The museum is located at 101 Shady Lane Carlisle PA, 17013. We have exhibit rooms, and many display cases. There is also have an area for designing and assembling satellite exhibits. We have re-created George Harvey's fly tying room and the Vince Marinaro's exhibit shows his flies, rod building, fly tying and photography equipment. We plan to continue doing our oral history interviews with important Pennsylvania fly fishermen. In order to move forward, growing the museum collection and initiate new activities, we would like to increase membership numbers. As this is vital to our growth, please consider joining us now and complete the membership application on page 1 of this newsletter if you have not done so already. If you would be interested in being an active participant in the Museum activities, please contact us. We are a 501 © (3) non-profit organization, we accept donations from those interested in preserving Pennsylvania's Fly Fishing Heritage. Donations may be made by sending a check to: **PFFMA, P. O. Box 205, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**, or pay though PayPal on our web site, [paflyfishing.org](http://paflyfishing.org).

**Don Albright , PFFMA Membership Chairman**



# Upcoming Events:



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You may register for events on our website at [www.paflyfishing.org](http://www.paflyfishing.org)

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# The Backcast

## Charlie Meck 1932-2018



Charlie Meck died Tuesday September 18, 2018. He passed peacefully with his family beside him.

Charlie was a fly fishing icon. He wrote 15 fly fishing books and hundreds of articles. He's a member of the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Hall of Fame.

Charlie was the first angler to write in-depth about the *Hexagenia atrocaudata* hatch. His book, *Pennsylvania Trout Streams and Their Hatches*, really created the genre of river guide books that are so common today. Perhaps Charlie is best known for his fly pattern, *The Patriot*, which was one of the first dries to incorporate synthetic materials in its construction.

Many younger fly fishers may not realize that when they fish a tandem set, with a dry fly and nymph, that they probably owe this prolific fish catching technique to Charlie. Charlie was on a western fishing trip and his guide used a tandem to fish. Fishing this way was very uncommon to eastern fly fishers at the time. It wasn't until Charlie detailed the technique in his groundbreaking book, *Patterns, Hatches, Tactics, and Trout*, that most eastern fly fishers began using dry-dropper tandems. Charlie made many other contributions to our understanding

of fly fishing hatches and theory, too many to list here.

But for all that Charlie gave to the fly fishing world during his life, he gave much more to humanity. Charlie was one of the finest human beings I've known. He was kind, humble, unpretentious, and he loved people. His caring acts affected hundreds and most will never be known beyond the people he helped. I dedicated my first book to him because I may have never had a fly fishing career without his guidance. But I'm also a better man because I knew him.

Paul Weamer

*Charlie Meck and Paul Weamer were close friends for over twenty years. They co-wrote the book "The Pocket Guide to Pennsylvania Hatches"*

### Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about the museum or about how to become a member or volunteer.

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