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Museum Association
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Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

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**Mark Your Calendar!
21st ANNUAL
PFFMA Banquet
Saturday November 2, 2019**

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**The event will begin at 4:30
at the Comfort Suites,
10 South Hanover Street,
Carlisle PA 17013. See Page 2
for more details.**

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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.

21th Annual PFFMA Fundraising Banquet

The 21 st Annual Fundraising Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Comfort Suites, 10 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. Guestrooms are available at the Comfort Suites, at a rate of \$119.00 + tax until October 18th. After October 18th the rate is \$139 + tax.

They are a pet friendly hotel but there is a \$20.00 pet fee with a \$4.00 per night per vehicle parking charge. A hot continental breakfast is included in the guest room rate. Reservations may be made by calling 717-960-1000. Guest rooms are also available at the Comfort Inn, 77 Shady Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013.

For reservations call 717.706.3400. The Comfort Suites is in downtown Carlisle.

The Comfort Inn is adjacent to the museum.

Buffet banquet cost is \$45 per person. The buffet includes: Chicken Marsala and Sliced Roast Beef, salad, rolls, starch, vegetable, chefs choice dessert, coffee and iced tea. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advanced notice. You may reserve your seat online, at paflyfishing.org or by sending a check to:

PFFMA, P.O. BOX 205, Boiling Springs, Pa 17007. **Deadline for banquet reservation is Sunday, October 28th.**

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 three special raffles.

Raffle tickets for these items will be available at the banquet. Each attendee will receive an official 2019 commemorative fly tied by some of PA's finest fly tiers.

This year the PFFMA will be honoring Pa women in fly fishing. We also will be inducting a 19th century commercial fly tier named Elizabeth Stairing Benjamin into the Pa Fly Fishing Museum. Each attendee will receive a commemorative fly that resembles a fly tied by Elizabeth Stairing Benjamin in the early 1850s.

Moirajeanne FitzGerald and Eileen Baltz will present a program on Elizabeth Stairing Benjamin and Pa Women in Fly Fishing.

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20th Annual

PFFMA Fundraising Banquet

Special Raffles and Auction Highlights

The evening of the banquet we will be drawing the raffle tickets for our three special raffles. Raffle tickets for these items will be available at the banquet.

Special Raffle Items:

1. Tom Smithwick Rod Maker, has donated a custom made 8' 4wt. 2 piece 2 tip Bamboo Fly Rod.
2. Thom Glace Artist, has donated an original framed Water Color Brook Trout painting.
3. Chris Ritter of Northkill Tackle has donated three custom made laminated wood nets.

Three winners will each receive a net.

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

One special item from our silent auction item list is a custom 7 1/2 quad Bamboo Fly Rod made by Jim Downes.

We also have an array of fly rods, reels, artwork, books, fishing trips and many 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.

Proxy bid deadline is Friday, November 1,
2019.

21st Annual PFFMA Fundraising Banquet Auction Donor List

Tom Baltz, Owner of Angling Adventures	Brian Shumaker, Owner of Susquehanna River Guides	Eric Naguski, Riseforms Fly Fishing
Jim Downes, Owner of Downes Bamboo Rods	Justin Pittman, Owner of Precision Fly Fishing	Scott Loughner
Tom Smithwick	Justin Pittman, Owner of Holly Flies	Richard Metzger
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Zack Lupold, Owner Lock Jaw Chest Boxes	Barry Mill, Owner of Sawdust and Stiches	Barry and Cathy Beck
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Dusty Wissmath TCO	Steve Harry, Owner of Antietam Outfitters	Nancy and Bill Skilton
Tony Gehman, Owner TCO	Barry and Cathy Beck	Rich Mislitski
Lily and Andy Renzetti	Jerry Girard	Julie Szur
	Neil Sunday	

**We will be updating this list in the next newsletter if we missed anyone*

Elizabeth Stairing Benjamin 1829-1903

Lycoming Creek 19th Century Commercial Fly Tier

Elizabeth is the earliest-known woman commercial fly tier in the United States, according to a letter written by her son Joseph, in 1934 to AMFF. Just prior to the Civil War she became a legend in the Ralston, PA area by ingeniously creating a series of “wildly successful” fly patterns that caught the eye of the of wealthy city anglers.

Watching other anglers, she observed that trout always jumped for certain types of fls. She believed she could imitate the kinds of insects trout were taking and worked with her husband and son to make nets and catch the aquatic life she would imitate. Feathers collected by her son were shaped by Elizabeth and fastened by hand to fishhooks with different colored silk threads. The wealthy city anglers learned of the success of others who purchased her flies, they paid fabulous prices for all she could make!

Thank you to:

-Austin S. Hogan of Cambridge, MA first curator of the American Museum of Fly Fishing 1970-1978.

Commemorative Fly

Elizabeth Stairing Benjamin Wet Fly

HOOK: Wet fly, size 10 or 12. The old flies were dressed on blind eye hooks (no eye) and snelled onto drawn silkworm gut. If you choose to tie the old style on snells, break or cut the eye off of the hook. You can substitute monofilament of about .012 diameter for the gut snell. Snells were about 4” long with a loop at the end.

THREAD: Black silk or substitute.

BODY: Light orange wool yarn, as dressed by Elizabeth Benjamin.

RIBBING: Four or five turns of narrow flat gold tinsel. Wind this before the palmered hackle!

HACKLE: Brown hackle, palmered (wound around body from back to front) about four or five turns. Finish with about two turns at the throat. Be sure to save room for the wing!

WING: Mallard duck flank section, usually folded once or even twice.

HEAD: Black wool yarn, dubbed onto black thread. OR, just black thread.



-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

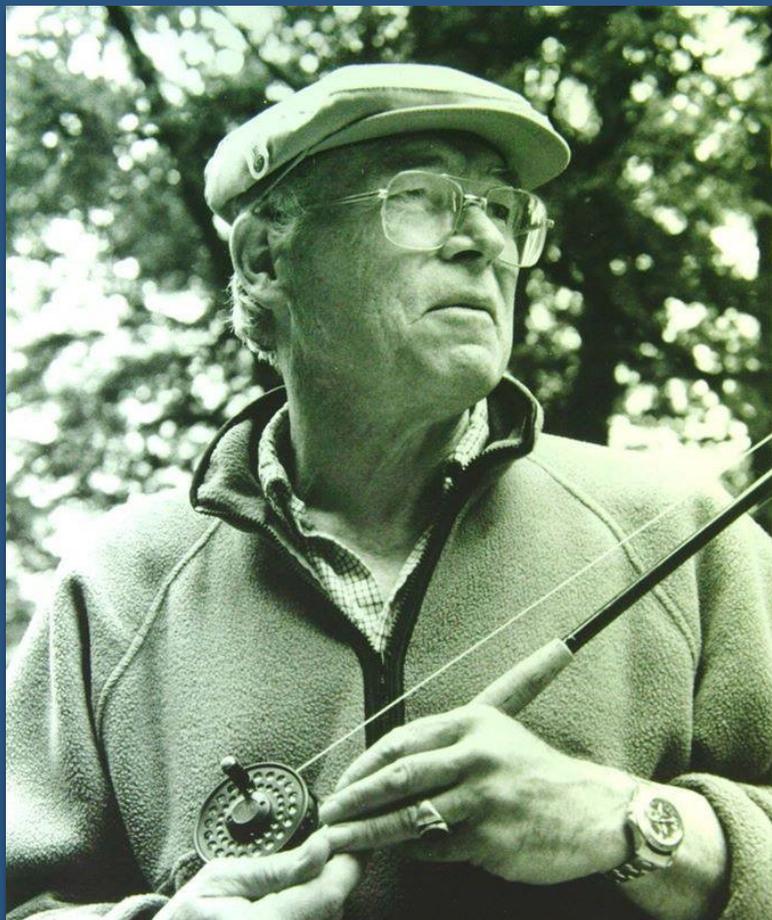
Special Thanks

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.



*Zoe Bashline Kile and Terry Kile in the Museum
Library*

The late Jim and Silvia Bashline's daughter Zoe and son-in-law Terry Kile have graciously donated four (4) of Jim's personal fly rods to the museum for the purpose of fundraising.



New PFFMA Exhibit at the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitor Center



Dedicated to Pennsylvania Women Anglers, our 8th satellite exhibit at the Lake Wallenpaupack Lake Visitors Center, has been completed and installed. We would like to give special thanks to Eileen Baltz and Moirajeanne FitzGerald for putting it all together.

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.

PFFMA Membership Chairman

Upcoming Events:



The Pa Fly Fishing Museum Association will have an induction event on February 29th, 2020 {just outside of Pittsburgh} in Mars, Pa. We will be inducting Chauncy Lively into the Pa Fly Fishing Museum. Chauncy was a contributing writer for the Pa Anglers and later authored Chauncy's Fly Box.

Next year's Heritage Day will be June 20, 2020, in Carlisle, Pa. Al Caucci will be attending and will be inducted into the Pa Fly Fishing Museum. We will have his display completed prior to event.

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