



PFFMA Newsletter

The 28th issue email newsletter for the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association

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Museum Highlights from Cabin Fever and Lancaster Fly Fishing Shows

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association (PFFMA) participated in the annual Cabin Fever Show hosted by the Penn Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited on February 26 and the 11th annual Lancaster Fly Fishing Show held the weekend of March 4-5.

PFFMA Board member Rod Cross and Scott Loughner represented the museum at the Cabin Fever Show known as the premier fly fishing show in Western, PA.

PFFMA Board members Bill Skilton and Don Albright represented the museum in Lancaster with the assistance of museum volunteer Ed Bosley.

Cabin Fever Show Highlights:

On February 26th the PFFMA was at the Cabin Fever Show hosted by the Penns Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited. After a two year hiatus the chapter's fund raising event was held in Cranberry Township north of Pittsburgh. I heard estimates of over 800 people eager to see and buy tackle and supplies, new and old. [Museum board member Scott Loughner](#) held fly casting demonstrations in the large hotel lobby and various other presentations were available throughout the day. The museum display was constantly visited by show attendees young and old.

Since we were in Western Pennsylvania the [display with pictures of Bob Runk, Chauncey Lively, Russ Mowry and George Aiken](#) prompted recollections from friends who knew and fished with these

local legends. Of course there were folks who had [George Harvey](#) as their instructor at Penn State, or even claimed to fish with [Vince Marinaro](#). Just as important though were the visitors who newly learned about the museum and the outstanding contributions of fellow Pennsylvanians to the art, science and sport of fly fishing in America. We did get some new memberships and an increased awareness of the museum in another influential region of the state. I think our presence there was value added and for me...a lot of fun.

By [Rod Cross](#) PFFMA Secretary

Lancaster Fly Fishing Show Highlights:



Gary Borger and John Shaner

Gary was an author/Presenter at the show and John is Fly Fishing Historian at The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in New York.



Bill Skilton with Martha & Tom Mason

Tom and Martha are museum volunteers and Tom is a Fly Fishing Historian at The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in New York.



Bill Skilton with Joe Humphreys

[Joe Humphreys](#) was an author/Presenter at the show and has been inducted into the Pa Fly Fishing Museum. [Bill Skilton](#) is a current Board Member and past President of the Pa Fly Fishing Museum.

Volunteers Needed:

Interested in getting involved and assisting the museum in 2023 -- please contact [Bill Skilton](#) to learn more. Thank you in advance for your consideration - it is appreciated.

Have Something to Share?

The museum welcomes suggestions for PA Fly Fishing related stories/flyes/tools/rods/club news to share with newsletter subscribers. If you have a fond memory of fishing with one of the museum inductees, a special fly, or memorable day on PA stream -- please contact [Mike Smoyer](#).

Mark Your Calendars:

Annual PFFMA Banquet is being planned for Saturday, November 4, 2023 in Carlisle, PA - additional details to be shared in future newsletters.

About the Museum:

*The **Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association** promotes and preserves the history and heritage of fly fishing in Pennsylvania. It is a federally recognized non-profit and all-volunteer organization.*

The Association is dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of fly fishing in all of Pennsylvania and to educating the public about the rivers, streams, and lakes of Pennsylvania and the importance of the aquatic life within them. PFFMA meets its goals through collecting, preserving, and curating fly fishing artifacts and developing educational exhibits.

*You can **help the museum by sharing this monthly newsletter with your fly fishing network** and have them sign up to receive museum updates.*

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Become a PFFMA Member

By becoming a member and supporting the museum association, you will be providing valuable assistance in us reaching our goals by:

- Significantly expanding the displays throughout the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum,
- Funding research for exhibits, oral histories and video projects, building a research library to discover and document more of the Pennsylvania fly fishing influence and history,
- Providing environmental exhibits and programs that educate the public about the significance of the health of Pennsylvania rivers, streams, and lakes
- And much much more.

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