



PFFMA Newsletter

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Museum Open House Update Saturday, June 13th 10:00 - 4:00 pm

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association will be holding an Open House on **Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 - 4:00 at the museum at 101 Shady Lane, Carlisle Pa.** Everyone is invited.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 AM Doors Open

11:00 AM Scott Loughner Casting Demo

1230 PM Donor ceremony

10 AM to 2 PM -- ENTOMOLOGY with CHUCK DINKLE

FLY TYING- Ongoing -- TOM BALTZ and KEN OKORN

CASTING- Ongoing -- SCOTT LOUGHNER and TOM SMITHWICK

HISTORY- Ongoing -- KEN REINARD

TACKLE APPRAISAL- Ongoing -- JERRY GIRARD

Special guest Joe Humphreys is planning to attend and we will be showcasing NEW limited Edition Joe Humphreys designed coffee mugs available for purchase (see photo below). The mugs will have Joe's signature drawing of a trout chasing a fly, and each mug is signed and numbered.

Open House activities include, touring the museum with Museum Board Members, and watching expert fly tying by Tom Baltz and Ken Okorn. Casting demo as well as individual casting assistance provided by Scott Loughner. Tom Smithwick will have an assortment of unusual bamboo fly rods i.e., Vietnamese cane and two strip one-piece rods on hand to discuss and cast. Other rod makers will be on hand casting and discussing bamboo rod building. Historian Jerry Girard will be available to appraise tackle. Our entomologist for the day is Chuck Dinkle, who will be showing and discussing live bugs from local streams

from 10AM to 2PM. Ken Reinard, the Colonial Angler, will display and discuss 18th Century fly fishing tackle.

Also available to view will be items from the Vincent C. Marinaro collection museum archives that had not previously been on display. Making a special appearance will be Frederick, the Cree “wanna be” rooster from Bill Skilton’s flock.

Most importantly, we will be recognizing individuals who donated fly rods and the financial means to complete our Pa Bamboo and Wood Rod Display.

The event is free and open to everyone. If you are not currently a museum member, you may join at the open house. You will receive a thank you gift of a box of approximately 4 dozen flies with a new or renewed membership!

Plan to visit Carlisle, PA for the weekend, fish on local streams and take a break midday Saturday to visit the museum. 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

Mark your Calendar

The **Annual PFFMA Banquet is scheduled for October 17, 2026**, a highlight of our year and a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, supporters, and fellow stewards of the sport. **Barry Beck** will be the speaker and will be reminiscing and discussing some of his past experiences with Pa Fly Fishing legends.



Limited Edition Coffee Mugs

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Inventory Surprises: From Bamboo to Blanks

With the cold, rainy stretch we had these past few weeks in central PA, it felt like the perfect time to take inventory of my fly-fishing gear. What started as a simple checklist turned into a small adventure. I rediscovered fly rods and graphite blanks long forgotten about—including two rods I put together years ago from blanks after learning the craft from my father-in-law. I found reels still in their boxes, waiting for a first use. And tucked away in travel tubes were a few old four- and five-piece bamboo rods picked up at auctions over the years, reminders of another era.

Matching rods and reels again brought a spark of excitement for the summer season ahead. The timing works out well. I have a guided trip scheduled in the western Poconos—a silent-auction win from last fall’s PFFMA banquet—and the weather looks ideal.

Submitted by Michael Smoyer, PFFMA Board Member

Upcoming Fly Fishing Activities & 2026 Museum Events

- Museum Open House -- June 13, 2026
- Annual Museum Banquet -- October 17, 2026

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.

For museum updates you can also check out the [museum's facebook page](#)

PFFMA Newsletter Readers,

If you have content contributions or book recommendations (for 'Streamside Tippets' feature) I would enjoy hearing from you. And, **please forward this newsletter to your friends in the fly fishing community and encourage them to sign up** - link is below.

Thank you for your support.

Best regards,
[Mike Smoyer](#), PFFMA Board Member

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- 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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