



PFFMA Newsletter

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June 13th Museum Open House Recap

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association held an Open House on **Saturday, June 13th** and it was one of the most memorable days in recent museum history, drawing several hundred visitors and showcasing the very best of Pennsylvania's fly-fishing

community. Thanks to strong attendance and generous support museum membership also saw a major boost, with twenty new members joining and fourteen renewals completed during the event.

The day was powered by an incredible team of volunteers and demonstrators whose enthusiasm brought the museum grounds to life. Tom Smithwick and Scott Loughner led engaging casting demonstrations, while Jerry Girard provided expert tackle appraisals throughout the morning. Tom Baltz and Ken Okorn kept crowds gathered around the fly-tying tables, and Sara DeLuca served as our all-around sales lead, helping visitors with merchandise, memberships, and more. A special thank-you goes to Don Albright, who worked side-by-side with President Bill Skilton to handle anything and everything that came up.

Behind the scenes, Scott Loughner, Sara DeLuca, and Dave Marshall were instrumental in setting up and tearing down tents, tables, and chairs—including the ten tables and twenty chairs generously loaned by our landlord. Living-history interpreter Ken Reynard joined us as the Colonial Angler, and Chuck Dinkle shared his expertise as our event entomologist, adding depth and educational value for visitors of all ages.

The highlight of the day came as things wound down. While helping Joe Humphreys to his car, Bill heard Joe say, “This was one of my all-time best days. When can we do this again?” Moments like that remind us why the museum exists and why events like this matter.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, demonstrated, donated, or simply shared in the spirit of the day. The success of this Open House sets a wonderful tone for the rest of the season, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the months ahead.

Register for Banquet

2026 PFFMA annual Banquet Registration is now live

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. To register - click red 'Register for Banquet' button above.



Limited Edition Coffee Mugs

The new, limited edition mugs have **Joe Humphreys signature drawing** of a trout chasing a fly, and each mug is signed and numbered. Available for purchase at annual banquet on 10/17.

Upcoming Fly Fishing Activities & 2026 Museum Events

- TCO August 8th and 9th. in Boiling Springs along the Lake.
- Yellow Breeches Anglers Open House September 12th
- Annual Museum Banquet -- October 17, 2026
- Museum Open House after Banquet - October 18, 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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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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