



PFFMA Newsletter

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Upcoming Museum Activities

Come visit the Museum Booth at these upcoming shows

8/8-9/2026-- 6th Annual Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing and Outdoor Festival (Boiling Springs PA)

8/15/2026-- Hook Line and Harmony Fly Fishing Festival (268 Rock Hill Church Road, Clearville PA)

9/12/2026-- Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association Open House (395 Martin Road, Boiling Springs PA)

10/17/2026-- Annual Museum Fundraising Banquet

10/18/2026-- Fall Open House at the Museum (101 Shady Lane, Carlisle, PA)

11/21-22/2026-- International Fly Tying Symposium (Lancaster Convention Center, Lancaster, PA)

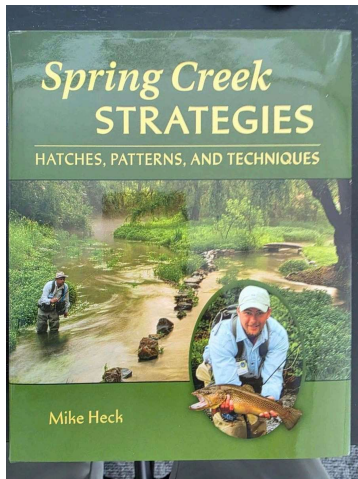
Please stop by and say hello! **We are offering a gift of 4 dozen flies when you register for a membership!**

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.

Streamside Tippets - Reading the Rise



"**Reading the Rise**" page 50 in [Spring Creek Strategies - Hatches, Patterns and Techniques](#) by Mike Heck

One of my fly-fishing buddies Phil Q. handed me an autographed copy of Mike Heck's Spring Creek Strategies while we were fishing the Little Juniata not far from the Spruce Creek Inn in central Pennsylvania last month.

A few days later I was reading page 50 the section titled "Reading the Rise." It's one of those passages that immediately makes you want to get back on the water. Heck breaks down rise forms that tell a story about what the trout is doing and what stage of the insect it's keyed on. He describes the sip rise, that tiny dimple where a trout quietly inhales a midge or small mayfly just in or under the film. Then the head-and-tail rise, the take of a fish feeding insects drifting naturally. The bulge rise happens when a trout takes something just below the surface, pushing water upward without breaking through. And the gulping rise when trout are aggressively feeding on spinners or larger insects trapped in the film.

He also cites Vince Marinaro's timeless guidance of determining whether a trout is taking the fly on the surface or in the surface film by watching the water disturbance. The shape of the rise tells you everything. It's a reminder that on spring creeks, success often comes down to quiet observation. Before you cast, read the rise.



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.

*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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