



PFFMA Newsletter

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Upcoming Museum Activities

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

10/17/2026-- Annual Museum Fundraising Banquet (see below for information)

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!**

Annual PFFMA Fundraising Banquet (Update)

Everyone is invited to The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association's fundraising banquet on October 17, 2026 in Plainfield Pennsylvania. You can register by clicking [Register for Banquet Button](#) below or go to our website at paflyfishing.org.

Menu: Turkey and Ham Buffet. BYOB

Banquet Highlights:

Barry Beck will be our guest speaker. He will be reminiscing about his experiences fishing with PA's great limestone legends.

Joe Humphreys will be in attendance.

Many Fly fishing rods, Fly fishing reels, Boxes of Flies, Guided Fly Fishing Trips, Bucket Raffles, 50/50 drawing, and more will be offered through silent auctions.

Museum Open House:

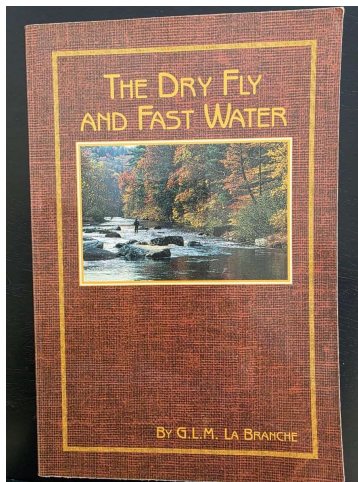
The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association will also be holding an Open House on Sunday, October 18, 2026. The event will be held from 10AM to 2PM at the museum at 101 Shady Lane, Carlisle Pa. Everyone is

invited.

Special guest Joe Humphreys is planning to attend. There will be a limited number of Joe Humphreys coffee mugs available for purchase. The mugs will have Joe's signature drawing of a trout chasing a fly, and each mug has his signature and is numbered (see below for additional information)

Register for Banquet

Streamside Tippetts - The Dry Fly and Fast Water



"**The Dry Fly and Fast Water**" by G.L.M. La Branche (copyright 1914)

On page xxxvii in the Introduction "George La Branche died in New York City on November 18, 1961. He lived to see extraordinary changes in fly fishing ... A round of acclaim followed his passing, in which he was called the Babe Ruth of Fly Fishing. He put together one of those rare theoretical works that was both good synthesis of what was known, and original thinking about what should be done next. **Vincent Marinaro, who saw La Branche apply his skills on the Letort** may have described him the best *"His entire fishing life was a severe contrast with the modern, narrow, and over simplistic approach on relying on pattern alone, in which all too frequently changing flies instead of observing the trout and exploring all the available options in the all-important matter of presentation"*

La Branche argued that anglers must adapt their techniques to the broken, swift currents of Eastern rivers rather than rely on the placid-water traditions of British chalk streams. His emphasis was on precise observation, controlled casts, and an understanding of how flies behave in turbulent water, **ultimately making the case that fast water doesn't limit dry-fly fishing but reveals its true artistry.** The book stands as an early distinctly American style of dry-fly angling that is rooted in realism, movement, and the demands of living water.

Rod Building Machine donated to Museum

Barry Dobil recently donated two (2) rod building machines to the museum. Both are Bellingier brands and are used in the process of building bamboo rods. One is a milling machine and the other is a wrought beveler. These machines are currently on display at the museum.

Thank you Barry for your generosity.



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.

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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