



PFFMA Newsletter

The 42nd issue email newsletter for the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association

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Upcoming PFFMA Online Auction November 18 - 23, 2024

PFFMA is holding an online auction starting Monday, November 18 - Saturday, November 23 using the [*BiddingOwl*](#) online platform. To participate you will need to set up an account. PFFMA held a similar online auction March, 2022 with great success. Revenue generated from the auction will be used to fund the museum's annual operating budget and outreach programs..

The museum is currently soliciting donations to include in the auction to include but not limited to: Rods, Reels, Guided Trips, Flies, Tours, Gift Cards and related items. To make a donation please contact us at usaflies@pa.net

2025 Annual Banquet - Mark Your Calendar

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association board decided to hold an online auction this November instead of a banquet. The next PFFMA banquet is scheduled to take place Saturday, November 1, 2025 in Planfield, PA. Banquet registration and related details will be available May 2025. Mark your calendar and plan to attend next November.

Museum Highlights Summer 2024



Donation James Leisenring Fly Rod

An H.L. Leonard Bamboo Fly rod that belonged to the great Jim Leisenring was donated to the museum. This rod was passed down to the Kalb family from James Leisenring's niece Peggy Bear. Pictured is Deb Kalb gifting the rod and reel to Museum President Don Albright. Thank you, Deb, for guarding this one-of-a-kind irreplaceable part of fly-fishing history and your generous donation to the Pa Fly Fishing Museum.

**Bob Gwozdzievicz museum
donation**



Bob Gwozdziejewicz, long time bamboo rod maker donated several bamboo and glass rods, reels, boxes of books, and all of his bamboo rod making equipment to the Pa Fly Fishing Museum. Pictured is Bob holding a photo of Jim Leisenring flies.
Thank you, Bob, for your generosity..



Andy McNeillie Book Donation

Andy McNeillie donated his Fly-Fishing Library to the Pa Fly Fishing Museum. Andy is known for his beautiful Muddler Minnows. He tied commercially for many years for Orvis and several other shops. Pictured is Andy's daughter, BJ McNeillie and husband who delivered his books.
Thank you, Andy, for your donation and continued support.

New Bamboo Rod Exhibit Planned for Museum

The Museum is in the process of designing and building a display showcasing notable PA bamboo Fly Rod Makers. We currently have approximately fifteen rods, including six by Vince Marinaro and are looking for additional fine rods from PA makers to include in the exhibit.

If you can help in donating a Pa. built bamboo rod, please contact us at usaflied@pa.net

Looking to get involved?

Interested in getting involved and assisting the museum in 2025 -- please contact [Bill Skilton](#) to learn more. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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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