

Next meeting is Thursday,  
January 3, 2019

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
Donato's Touch of Italy  
1361 N Frederick Pike  
Winchester

7:00 p.m. Meeting  
Winchester Red Cross  
561 Fortress Drive  
Winchester

**Fred Boyer is our featured speaker.**



See you at the meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2019  
Bill Prokopchak, Newsletter Editor  
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## Weather News 2018: Rain !!!

Early in 2018, wind seemed like it would be the big weather story of the year. Strong winds brought down thousands of trees in the Shenandoah National Park.

But then the rains began and never stopped. Even the weather prediction for December 31, 2018 -- the last day of the year -- includes, what else, rain !!!

Some weather stations in our area have recorded in excess of 65 inches of precip in 2018.



**Above:** Locke's Boat Landing was under water many times in 2018. An inexperienced kayaker drowned in the Shenandoah during a period of high water.

**Above right:** Raging Redbud Run was a common sight during 2018. A survey, later in the year showed no ill effect on the fish living in The Run.

**Right:** Cattle in this saturated field are up to their knees in mud and dung, contributing to the heavy nutrient and bacteria load in Roseville Run.

Photos by Bill Prokopchak



## Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear all of these presentations.



**January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fred Boyer will share tales of his Canadian Fishing Adventures.**

Photo courtesy of Fred Boyer

**February 7<sup>th</sup> - James Montgomery will share tales of his most recent Kamchatka Fishing Adventure**

Photo courtesy of James Montgomery



**In Negotiations:**

**We are working on a dates for the following presentations**

### **Fishing Alaska Tentatively Set for the March or April Meeting**

Stan, Drew, and Bruce are gathering Alaska photos from their mobile phones and will soon finalize their presentation. We hope to have a definite date for this slideshow early in 2019.

### **Fishing with Phil in Wisconsin**

Phil hammered 'em in Wisconsin. In addition to some hefty bass, Phil hooked his first ever Muskie.

I'm hoping we can get Phil to share some of his photos at an upcoming meeting.

### **Carbon Offsets and YOU**

We are planning to have a speaker to address the topic of "Carbon Offsets" sometime during 2019.

### **Scott Shendow on Hair Stacking**

Master hair stacker, Scott Shendow, will be with us later in 2019 to show his methods for hair stacking as he ties his amazing creations.

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If you have an idea for a Winchester TU meeting speaker, please let me know. We are always looking for great programs on topics of interest to the fly angler.



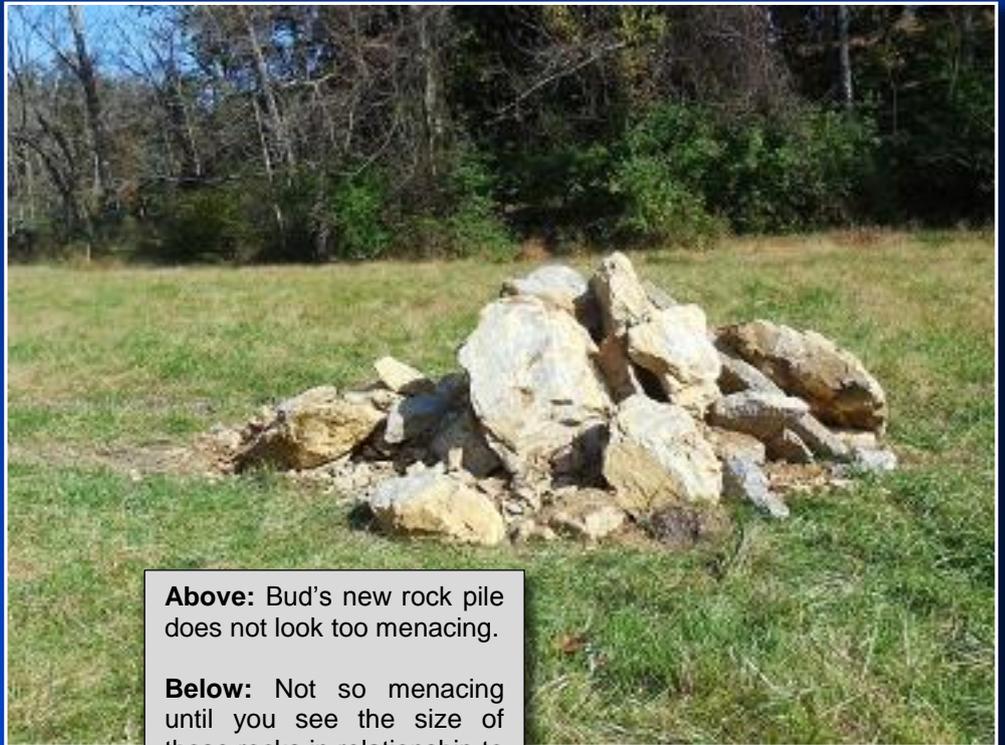
## Bud on the Run: Update on the December Workday and Plans for the January 12<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

by Bud Nagelvoort  
photos by Clark Thomas

I'm going to postpone the Redbud work session by at least a week due to family being here. Maybe the weather conditions will improve so perhaps you will not miss out on a snow and ice experience.

Christmas shopping appeared to interfere with participation in the work session in early December when Clarke and Bud had the unique pleasure of experimenting with dragging three 300 lb. rocks with truck and chain from mid pasture to stream side. We also hauled to streamside from that site several truckloads of smaller rocks including all of those we could slide up a board ramp.



**Above:** Bud's new rock pile does not look too menacing.

**Below:** Not so menacing until you see the size of those rocks in relationship to the size of Bud and his trusty old truck. Some of the rocks weigh upwards of a ton and will be great for creek work, if we can manage to move them.



What is left now at the unfortunate pasture site will test the ingenuity of our professional engineer.

The several remaining boulders are in the 1000- to 2000-pound class. They are not within range of compound cable/block and tackle anchoring sites. It is possible Wayne Seipel's diesel tractor might handle since it was able to easily drag Justin Mackay-Smith's 20-ton dump truck out of the mire there, but that was after the load was dumped in the initial effort to get that truck unstuck.

As soft as the pasture ground is because of all the rain we may need to wait for a long, dry spell before we can drag them into place. Or we bring in a specialist to reduce them to moveable size with explosive. Ugh!

In any event, there is the potential at the worksite to complete the cleanup of debris at the island channels above Clark's Crosslog and drag the 300-lb rocks into place blocking the south channel. With that done, the red oak log on the south bank can be cut to create the cross-log device at the head of the island at the north bank and maybe moved into place.

All of this depends on stream conditions, of course, since the flow has been dramatically high with all the rain. At last look, the flow was strongly over Clarke's Crosslog even though it had been dry for most of a week.

While the work session would normally be scheduled for the Saturday after the meeting, January 5th has obstacles so the session will be tentatively set for the 12th when, we hope, a dry spell will have occurred.

So keep the neoprene waders handy and we'll communicate further about this next stream enhancement exercise.

And by the way, I expect to have installed a no-trespassing sign just above the bridge at Morgan's Mill road between now and the work session since Wayne has observed some fishers failing to recognize the end of the public access at the bridge. Might explain why I couldn't find any fish below the red maple root wad pool to the bridge when using Fred's winning drawing ticket earlier in December. Couldn't have been a skill problem, could it?

Happy New Year and stay tuned for an update.



## Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

### Frost at Midnight

By Samuel Taylor Coleridge

1772-1834

England



The Frost performs its secret ministry,  
Unhelped by any wind. The owl's cry  
Came loud—and hark, again! loud as before.  
The inmates of my cottage, all at rest,  
Have left me to that solitude, which suits  
Abstruser musings: save that at my side  
My cradled infant slumbers peacefully.  
'Tis calm indeed! so calm, that it disturbs  
And vexes meditation with its strange  
And extreme silentness. Sea, hill, and wood,  
This populous village! Sea, and hill, and wood,  
With all the numberless goings-on of life,  
Inaudible as dreams! the thin blue flame  
Lies on my low-burnt fire, and quivers not;  
Only that film, which fluttered on the grate,

Still flutters there, the sole unquiet thing.  
Methinks, its motion in this hush of nature  
Gives it dim sympathies with me who live,  
Making it a companionable form,  
Whose puny flaps and freaks the idling Spirit  
By its own moods interprets, every where  
Echo or mirror seeking of itself,  
And makes a toy of Thought.

But O! how oft,  
How oft, at school, with most believing mind,  
Presageful, have I gazed upon the bars,  
To watch that fluttering *stranger*! and as oft

With unclosed lids, already had I dreamt  
Of my sweet birth-place, and the old church-tower,  
Whose bells, the poor man's only music, rang  
From morn to evening, all the hot Fair-day,  
So sweetly, that they stirred and haunted me  
With a wild pleasure, falling on mine ear  
Most like articulate sounds of things to come!  
So gazed I, till the soothing things, I dreamt,  
Lulled me to sleep, and sleep prolonged my dreams!  
And so I brooded all the following morn,  
Awed by the stern preceptor's face, mine eye  
Fixed with mock study on my swimming book:  
Save if the door half opened, and I snatched  
A hasty glance, and still my heart leaped up,  
For still I hoped to see the *stranger's* face,  
Townsmen, or aunt, or sister more beloved,  
My play-mate when we both were clothed alike!

Dear Babe, that sleepest cradled by my side,  
Whose gentle breathings, heard in this deep calm,  
Fill up the intersperséd vacancies  
And momentary pauses of the thought!  
My babe so beautiful! it thrills my heart  
With tender gladness, thus to look at thee,  
And think that thou shalt learn far other lore,  
And in far other scenes! For I was reared  
In the great city, pent 'mid cloisters dim,  
And saw nought lovely but the sky and stars.  
But *thou*, my babe! shalt wander like a breeze  
By lakes and sandy shores, beneath the crags  
Of ancient mountain, and beneath the clouds,  
Which image in their bulk both lakes and shores  
And mountain crags: so shalt thou see and hear  
The lovely shapes and sounds intelligible  
Of that eternal language, which thy God  
Utters, who from eternity doth teach  
Himself in all, and all things in himself.  
Great universal Teacher! he shall mould  
Thy spirit, and by giving make it ask.

Therefore all seasons shall be sweet to thee,  
Whether the summer clothe the general earth  
With greenness, or the redbreast sit and sing  
Betwixt the tufts of snow on the bare branch  
Of mossy apple-tree, while the night-thatch  
Smokes in the sun-thaw; whether the eave-drops fall  
Heard only in the trances of the blast,  
Or if the secret ministry of frost  
Shall hang them up in silent icicles,  
Quietly shining to the quiet Moon.



## Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.

Please bring your aluminum  
cans to any Winchester TU  
event.



## Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers and **non-anglers** in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout Unlimited and to tie some fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly "BarFly" at Escutcheon Brewery.

The brewery and tasting room are located at  
**142 W. Commercial St.  
Winchester, VA**



Bill and Phil at BarFly

Photo by  
Gene Lewis

No fly-tying or fly-fishing  
experience is necessary.

Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU.



## From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

Redbud Run by Bud Nagelvoort



ood news to report from several sources. The CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) is in its final stages before actual construction can begin on the Winchester property at Fay Spring. NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) has completed its plan for the project, and the City Utilities Committee will be making its final decision on the plan probably at its next meeting. If approved, it will be a matter of securing construction contracts by the City for fencing, a water line for off stream trough watering, and construction of a culvert-type stream crossing for cattle access to both north and south pastures.

Concurrently, DGIF (Department of Game and Inland Fisheries) is assisting in the development of a grant application for the construction of several structures to protect stream banks and provide trout cover. When CREP and habitat work is completed, we will be ready to stock native brook trout, hopefully some time next spring. DGIF will provide the fish. After that, we can talk more about how we would like to see the project used for recreational and educational purposes.

Further downstream, we are at the mercy of the election results with respect to the McTiernan property. The McTiernans' request for inclusion of the property in the Urban Development Zone, which passed the Planning Commission and would allow 435 houses, won't be taken up by the Board of Supervisors until after the election. If Tyler and Forrester win, it is more likely that the Board will oppose the zoning change. Trout Unlimited cannot endorse candidates. Individual members, of course, can support whomever they choose. After the election dust has settled, we'll get our Redbud Committee together again and decide what direction to take.

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Our old friend Bud wrote this piece for *LATERAL LINES* back in October 2001.

# The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

## Simple Fly Fishing (Revised Second Edition)

Authors: Yvon Chouinard, Craig Mathews,  
and Mauro Mazzo

Artist: James Prosei

Paperback: 144 pages

ISBN-10: 1938340795

ISBN-13: 978-1938340796

Publisher: Patagonia

Publication Date: January 15, 2009

Modern-day fly fishing, like much in life, has become exceedingly complex, with high-tech gear, a confusing array of flies and terminal tackle, accompanied by high-priced fishing guides.

This book reveals that the best way to catch trout is simply, with a rod and a fly and not much else.

The wisdom in this book comes from a simpler time, when the premise was: the more you know, the less you need.

It teaches the reader how to discover where the fish are, at what depth, and what they are feeding on.

Then it describes the techniques needed to present a fly at that depth, make it look lifelike, and hook the fish. With chapters on wet flies, nymphs, and dry flies, its authors employ both the Tenkara rod as well as regular fly fishing gear to cover all the bases.

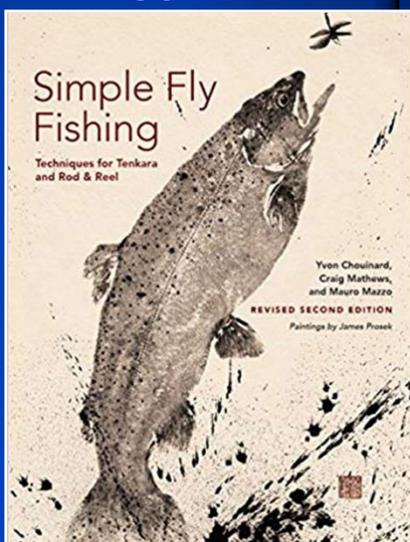
Illustrated by renowned fish artist James Prosek, with inspiring photographs and stories throughout, *Simple Fly Fishing* reveals the secrets and the soul of this captivating sport. Winner, Guidebooks, Banff Mountain Book Competition 2014

Simplify. It's the reason many anglers head to the nearest river or lake to appreciate the joys and meditation of fly fishing. In a new book, three fly fishing gurus take simplicity a step further. -- ExploreBigSky.com

Yvon Chouinard, a noted fly fisher (chosen by *Fly, Rod, and Reel* as Angler of the Year in 2009) and environmentalist, is the founder and owner of Patagonia, Inc.

He cofounded, with Craig Mathews, **1% for the Planet**, a group of businesses giving back to the environment. He lives in Ventura, CA, and Moose Jaw, WY.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



## Hunt for the Giant Trout: 25 Best Places in the United States to Catch a Trophy

Author: Landon Mayer

Paperback: 224 pages

ISBN-10: 0811737195

ISBN-13: 978-0811737197

Publisher: Stackpole Books

Publication Date: Dec 15, 2018

The waters in the United States that grow extremely large trout have for many years been closely guarded, and the techniques for catching these large fish were only known by a select group of die-hard anglers.

This bucket list of top destinations in the US for trophy trout features interviews with expert guides and fly designers, stunning images, and essential where-to and timing information to increase your chances of success.

Landon Mayer and others describe in detail how to hunt giants from Alaska to Maine, revealing what makes each fish and fishery unique; including over 30 distinct patterns and recipes for tying them.

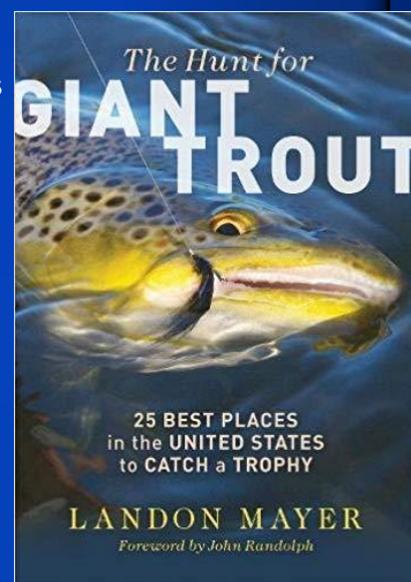
With essential advice and tips from top anglers such as Dave Whitlock, Pat Dorsey, Blane Chocklette, Tommy Lynch, Nanci Morris Lyon, Arlo Townsend, Chad Johnson, and many more.

Landon Mayer is a fly-fishing instructor, guide, and writer with nearly two decades of experience.

He is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler*, and his contributions have also been featured in *Field & Stream*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *American Angler*, and *Fly Fisherman* magazines.

Landon's previous books include *Sight Fishing for Trout*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, *101 Trout Tips*, and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*. He lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



# From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

Our old friend Carl wrote this piece for *LATERAL LINES* back in October 2001, when he was the chapter president.

On The Fly by Carl Rettenberger



orry about the absence of last month's newsletter, but suffice it to say we all had something much more important on our minds. With that said let me tell you about our Orvis Rod Raffle.

Seems like we had two new members join us for our August [2001] meeting, namely June & Dale Thompson. Well, after our regular meeting and just before -- and I do mean just before -- we had the drawing for the rod, June talked Dale into buying two tickets, number 13 for her and one for Dale. (Never did find out what number his ticket was, but, no matter, his role in this story is of no importance anyway.) Not to be outdone, Bud purchased several more tickets, if for no other reason than to increase his chance of winning.

Now let me tell you, his odds were very good. Having purchased 8 of the 90 tickets sold, he was a shoe-in. Well, I shook the heck out of the ticket jar, then handed it to Wes Smittle to draw the winning ticket. Not being satisfied with my mixing, Wes gave it some more shakes, then reached in and did some more hand mixing, and when everything was to his satisfaction, he pulled the ticket. Yup, you're absolutely correct. The winner of this beautiful rod was not Bud; it was, in fact, June.

June was jumping for joy, and Bud was mumbling something about who invited them anyway. Well, June and Dale were off to fish in Colorado and Bud was left crying in his beer. I tried to console Bud by telling him that I was going to give him the rod had I won it. But, alas, this did little or no good, and poor Bud has been in a state of depression ever since.

Well, that's enough about sore losers. On a more important note, the North Branch of the Potomac above Jennings Randolph Lake is still fishing quite well. It's a two hour ride, but well worth the trip. Ask Scott. We took him up there early in August and he still swears you can't get there from here. Or if you want to fish closer to home, come to the Chapel Run work session on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Either Robert or I will show you how to catch big rainbows and little browns.

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# TROUT UNLIMITED TRI-STATE CONSERVATION & FISHING CAMP

FOR 13-17 YEAR-OLDS

**Apply early to ensure your spot for the 2019 Camp.**

Join us for an exciting week of hands-on activities in a beautiful mountain-stream environment, where treasured wild brook trout have survived for thousands of years. Become a skilled and responsible angler and an informed conservationist.

## WHEN:

June 17 - 21, 2019

## WHERE:

Graves' Mountain Lodge

Syria, Virginia - Next to Shenandoah National Park



**WHO:** Boys and girls currently in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade, or who will be 13 years-old by June 17, 2019, who enjoy the outdoors, want to learn to fish or improve their fishing skills, and are interested in helping to protect our environment.



**WHAT:** A fun-filled comprehensive 6-day, 5-night residential camp. The Camp fee is \$850; partial or full financial sponsorship is available for campers needing support to attend. Limited to 24 campers. Led by expert instructors and an experienced staff.

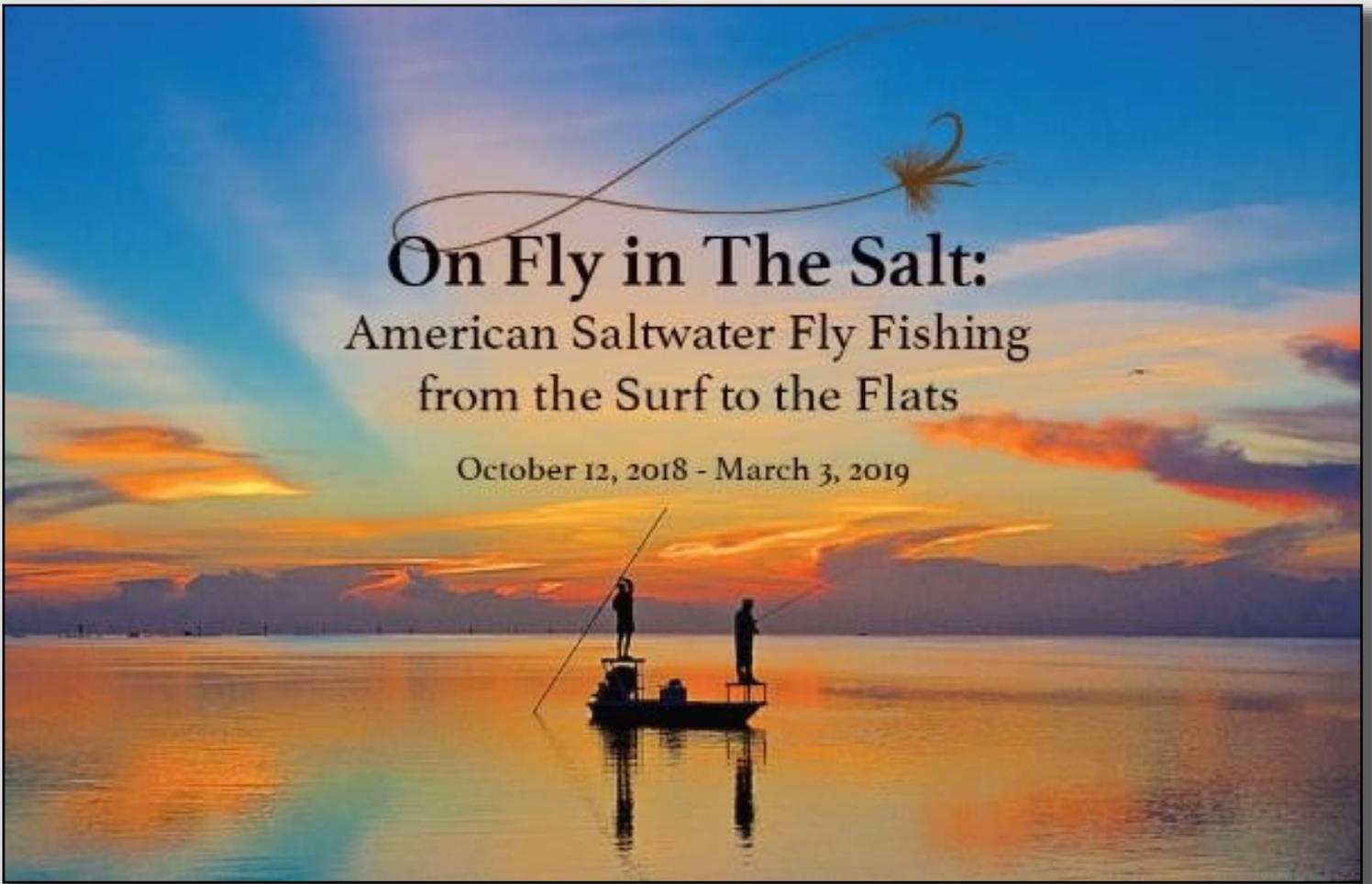


For **INFORMATION** and to **APPLY** or **DONATE**, visit [WWW.TUCAMP.ORG](http://WWW.TUCAMP.ORG) or contact Paul Kearney, Camp Director, at [kearney@tucamp.org](mailto:kearney@tucamp.org); 540-229-0563 or George Gaines, Executive Director, at [gaines@tucamp.org](mailto:gaines@tucamp.org); 202-904-3547

**Trout Unlimited Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp is a joint project of Trout Unlimited in Virginia, Maryland/DC, & West Virginia**



## Saltwater Fly-Fishing Event at the National Sporting Library & Museum in Middleburg, VA



### On Fly in The Salt:

American Saltwater Fly Fishing  
from the Surf to the Flats

October 12, 2018 - March 3, 2019

#### In the Salt

The National Sporting Library & Museum is pleased to announce its Saltwater Fly Fishing exhibit. The exhibit runs from

**October 12, 2018 through March 3, 2019**

at its facility located at

**102 The Plains Rd., Middleburg, VA.**

Half sport, half theology, angling stands the test of time and remains one of America's most popular sports. Despite -- and perhaps because of -- our changing landscapes and increasingly digital age, experts, amateurs, and everyone in between are drawn to the lure of angling.

**On the Fly in The Salt** opens with a Free Admission Day on Saturday, October 13

Followed by two other special events.

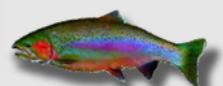
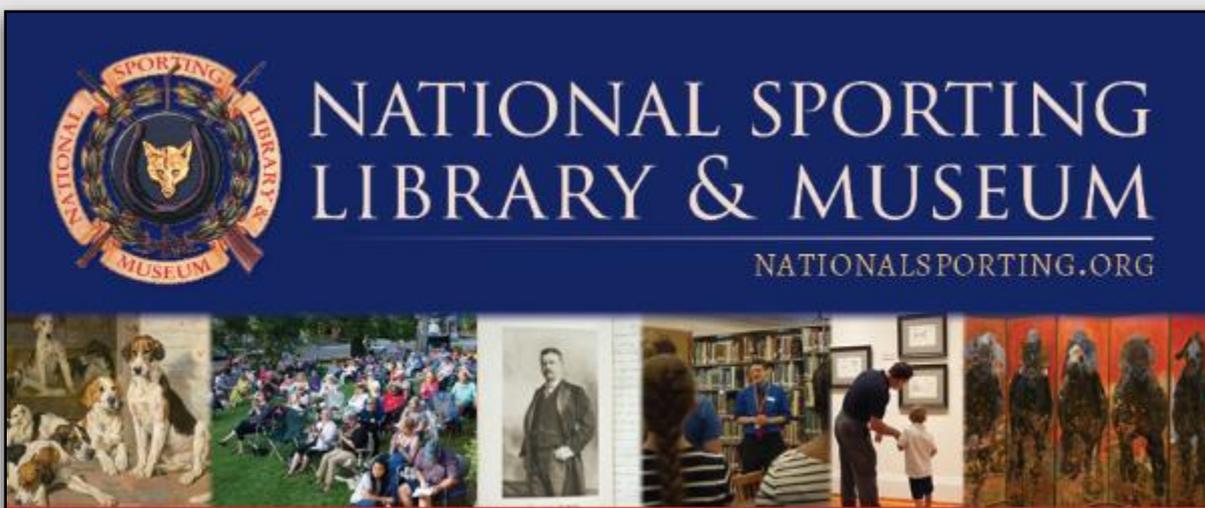
- Friday, October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. -- Reception and presentation by Walt Matia from the American Museum of Fly Fishing
- Saturday, October 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. -- Coffee with Walt Matia from the American Museum of Fly Fishing

#### TICKET INFO

\$10 admission

Free to NSLM members

For more information, contact Anne Marie Paquette, Clarice & Robert H. Smith Educator, at (540) 687-6542 x25, [APaquette@NationalSporting.org](mailto:APaquette@NationalSporting.org)



# 2018 Calendar of Events

## Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

### See also

<http://winchestertu.org/>

#### January 2019

- ✓ Thursday 3 January 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Fred Boyer is the featured speaker on fishing in Canada.
- ✓ Wednesday 9 January 2019 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ Saturday 12 January 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date

#### February 2019

- ✓ Thursday 7 February 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - James Montgomery is the featured speaker on his recent Kamchatka adventure
- ✓ Saturday 9 February 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 13 February 2019 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### March 2019

- ✓ Thursday 7 March 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - We hope our featured speakers will be Stan, Bruce, and Drew on their Alaskan fishing trip
- ✓ Saturday 9 March 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 13 March 2019 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### April 2019

- ✓ Thursday 4 April 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 April 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 10 April --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### May 2019

- ✓ Thursday 2 May 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 May 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Saturday to be Determined -- 2019 Brookie Release Day -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 8 May --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### June 2019

- ✓ Thursday 6 June 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 8 June 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 12 June --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ Monday 17 June through Friday 21 June 2019 --7:00 p.m. - Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp

#### July 2019

- ✓ No monthly meeting in July 2019
- ✓ July Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ No BarFly in July 2019

#### August 2019

- ✓ Thursday 6 June 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 8 June 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 12 June --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



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All water sports, including fishing, and stream restoration activities have inherent dangers. Participation in all Winchester Trout Unlimited activities is at the participant's own risk and participants agree to hold harmless Winchester Trout Unlimited and its members. A responsible adult must accompany all minors.

