



Years of Lateral Lines

The Monthly Journal of Winchester TU Chapter #638

“Give ‘em a break. Bend down your barbs.” C.A.R.

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Next meeting is Thursday, February 7, 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

James Montgomery is our featured speaker.



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See you at the meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2019
 Bill Prokopchak, Newsletter Editor
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James Montgomery is our Featured Speaker on February 7th Topic: Fishing the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Russian Far East

James Montgomery is an avid outdoors-man and videographer from the Shenandoah Valley. His passion for the outdoors started at an early age while growing up hunting and fishing in the Virginia mountains. Later these skills would translate to the video camera as he filmed and produced two popular hunting and fly fishing television shows.



Photos courtesy of James Montgomery



James is the owner of Seven Bends Media, a video production studio in Winchester, Virginia.

His presentation starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Winchester Red Cross building, 561 Fortress Drive, Winchester.



Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

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



March 7th -

Bruce, Drew, and Stan fished Alaska last year and came back with stories that will send you directly to the airline reservation websites. They have fish stories and photos to share.

Photo courtesy of Bruce Johnson

June 6th -

Master hair stacker, Scott Shendow, will be here to show his methods for hair stacking as he ties his amazing creations. Just in time for Smallie fishing.



Photo courtesy of Bell's Fine Clothing

October 3rd -

Newly minted Dr., Lisa LaCivita is the featured speaker for our annual joint meeting with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Audubon Society. Her topic: Frederick County Frogs: What are they telling us and why should we care?



Photo courtesy of Lisa LaCivita

In Negotiations:

We are working on a dates for the following presentations

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.

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 January Workday and Plans for the February 9th Workday at Redbud Run

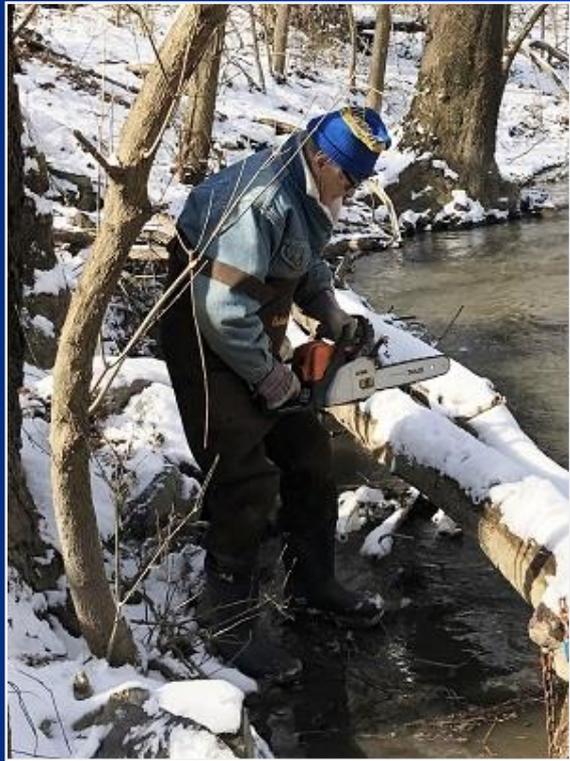
Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 9th.

by Bud Nagelvoort
photos by Clark Thomas

Fellow Redbud Run warriors, needless to say the weather was against us for a work session in January. However, to help you-all recover from the disappointment, we'll try for two in February even though it is a short month. The signs are positive for a heat wave which may melt some snow, but should not have anything like the impact on stream flow that recent rains have imposed upon us.

On Feb. 2, we, meaning Clark, Ray, Bill, and I, excised some of the remaining sycamore log extending from stump across the stream at the DGIF TIC release site. It was the ultimate culprit for the dramatic jam now removed and neatly laid out along the path for TIC releasers.

As contemplated, that sycamore will be allowed to retain half its length in the stream to help secure the pool immediately downstream for large fish.



We also moved two logs that had escaped earlier work sessions.

These two logs now protect the bank at a heavily eroded spot just above our TIC release area where a nice rainbow was once caught.

My hope had been to meet our weekly physical training requirements by loading and hauling a few of the path logs for use at Seipel's, but the bank protection work proved sufficient for the crew and we did not move them. Their move awaits us during some future work session.

Above: Ray works the roots of a downed walnut tree which the group will use for erosion control.

Left: Bud engages his trusty chain saw to prepare a log for erosion control just upstream from our TU TIC release site.

Below: Bill warms his hands after some cold-water work on Redbud Run erosion control.



Feb. 9? No big plans yet, but we'll see what the weather brings: And if the pasture is too soft for moving big rocks to streamside or not. And if the stream flow is down enough for installing a log/rock barrier at one side of the island above Clark's Crosslog or not.

There will be some preliminary scouting on Wednesday when Ray is planning to fish. He was the only chapter member who wanted badly enough to remember what fishing was like after the 2018 river-level debacle to make contact for the day's fishing absent a drawing at the January meeting.

So hang in there. This winter too shall pass unless Individual 1 chooses otherwise.

Friday, February 8, will see an e-mail in the evening if the schedule changes.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

The Shepherds' Calendar February -- A Thaw

By John Clare
1793 - 1864
England



The snow is gone from cottage tops
The thatch moss glows in brighter green
And eves in quick succession drops
Where grinning ides once hath been
Pit patting Wi a pleasant noise
In tubs set by the cottage door
And ducks and geese wi happy joys
Douse in the yard pond brimming oer

The sun peeps thro the window pane
Which childern mark wi laughing eye
And in the wet street steal again
To tell each other spring is nigh
And as young hope the past recalls
In playing groups will often draw
Building beside the sunny walls
Their spring-play-huts of sticks or straw

And oft in pleasures dreams they hie
Round homsteads by the village side
Scratting¹ the hedgrow mosses bye
Where painted pooty² shells abide
Mistaking oft the ivy spray
For leaves that come wi budding spring
And wondering in their search for play
Why birds delay to build and sing

The milkmaid singing leaves her bed
As glad as happy thoughts can be
While magpies chatter oer her head
As jocund in the change as she
Her cows around the closes stray
Nor lingering wait the foddering boy
Tossing the molehills in their play
And staring round in frolic joy

Ploughmen go whistling to their toils
And yoke again the rested plough
And mingling oer the mellow soils
Boys' shouts and whips are noising now

The shepherd now is often seen
By warm banks oer his work to bend
Or oer a gate or stile to lean
Chattering to a passing friend

Odd hive bees fancying winter oer
And dreaming in their combs of spring
Creeps on the slab beside their door
And strokes its legs upon its wing
While wild ones half asleep are humming
Round snowdrop bells a feeble note
And pigeons coo of summer coming
Picking their feathers on the cote

The barking dogs by lane and wood
Drive sheep afield from foddering ground
And echo in her summer mood
Briskly mocks the cheery sound
The flocks as from a prison broke
Shake their wet fleeces in the sun
While following fast a misty smoke
Reeks from the moist grass as they run

Nor more behind his masters heels
The dog creeps oer his winter pace
But cocks his tail and oer the fields
Runs many a wild and random chase
Following in spite of chiding calls
The startld cat wi harmless glee
Scaring her up the weed green walls
Or mossy mottld apple tree

As crows from morning perches flye
He barks and follows them in vain
Een³ larks will catch his nimble eye
And off he starts and barks again
Wi breathless haste and blinded guess
Oft following where the hare hath gone
Forgetting in his joys excess
His frolic puppy days are done

The gossips saunter in the sun
As at the spring from door to door
Of matters in the village done
And secret newsings muttered oer
Young girls when they each other meet
Will stand their tales of love to tell
While going on errands down the street
Or fetching water from the well

A calm of pleasure listens round
And almost whispers winter bye
While fancy dreams of summer sounds
And quiet rapture fills the eye
The sun beams on the hedges lye
The south wind murmurs summer soft
And maids hang out white cloaths to dry
Around the eldern skirted croft

Each barns green thatch reeks in the sun
Its mate the happy sparrow calls
And as nest building spring begun
Peeps in the holes about the walls

The wren a sunny side the stack
Wi short tail ever on the strut⁴
Cockd gadding up above his back
Again for dancing gnats will hunt

The gladdend swine bolt from the sty
And round the yard in freedom run
Or stretching in their slumbers lye
Beside the cottage in the sun
The young horse whinneys to its mate
And sickens from the threshers door
Rubbing the straw yards banded gate
Longing for freedom on the moor

Hens leave their roosts wi cackling calls
To see the barn door free from snow
And cocks flye up the mossy walls
To clap their spangld wings and crow
About the steeples sunny top
The jackdaw flocks resemble spring
And in the stone archd windows pop
Wi summer noise and wanton wing

The small birds think their wants are oer
To see the snow hills fret again
And from the barns chaff litterd door
Betake them to the greening plain
The woodmans robin startles coy
Nor longer at his elbow comes
To peck wi hungers eager joy
Mong mossy stulps⁵ the litterd crumbs

Neath hedge and walls that screen the
wind
The gnats for play will Hock together
And een poor flyes odd hopes will find
To venture in the mocking weather
From out their hiding holes again
Wi feeble pace they often creep
Along the sun warmd window pane
Like dreaming things that walk in sleep

The mavis⁶ thrush wi wild delight
Upon the orchards dripping tree
Mutters to see the day so bright
Spring scraps of young hopes poesy
And oft dame stops her burring wheel
To hear the robins note once more
That tutles while he pecks his meal
From sweet briar hips beside the door

The hedghog from its hollow root
Sees the wood moss clear of snow
And hunts each hedge for fallen fruit
Crab hip and winter bitten sloe
And oft when checkd by sudden fears
As shepherd dog his haunt espies
He rolls up in a ball of spears
And all his barking rage defies

Thus nature of the spring will dream
While south winds thaw but soon again
Frost breaths upon the stiffening stream
And numbs it into ice-the plain

Soon wears its merry garb of white
And icicles that fret at noon
Will eke their icy tails at night
Beneath the chilly stars and moon

Nature soon sickens of her joys
And all is sad and dumb again
Save merry shouts of sliding boys
About the frozen furrowd plain
The foddering boy forgets his song
And silent goes wi folded arms
And croodling⁷ shepherds bend along
Crouching to the whizzing storms

Footnotes

¹Scratting = raking

²Pooty = banded snail

³Een = evening

⁴Strut = strut

⁵Stulp = fence post

⁶Mavis = song

⁷Croodling = protective



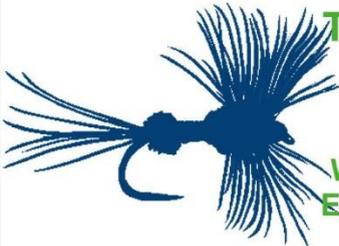
Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

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**





Winchester Trout Unlimited

BarFly
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Escutcheon Brewery
Commercial Street
Winchester, VA



Galen's parachute
Photo by
Bill Prokopchak

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



In December 12th, the Frederick County Board of Supervisors rezoned part of the McTiernan property to Urban Development Area (UDA). (Part of the property was already in UDA.) A number of individuals, including TU members, spoke against the rezoning to express concern for the need to protect Redbud Run and its unique recreation trout fishery. But all is not lost. Any site plan needing approval by the County will need to recognize the critical issues related to runoff from development into the stream. We will be riding herd vigorously on this issue.

A small group of TU members is also working to develop a new approach to the protection of the stream, which we hope will provide the McTiernans an opportunity to donate a conservation easement on their riparian land in exchange for certain tax benefits. And beyond the McTiernan property, the group is exploring the possibility of establishing a Falling Spring, Pennsylvania, type of Greenway on the stream as a demonstration in Virginia of a unique means to protect a small stream watershed. A major element of the Greenway would be the bonus of a limited access, catch-and-release recreation trout fishery. Stay tuned.

Still no final work from the City of Winchester on the schedule to proceed with the Conserve Reserve Enhancement Program on its property at Fay Spring. We continue to believe it will happen this spring.



Our very old friend Bud wrote this piece for *LATERAL LINES* back in **January 2002**.

The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers

Author: Devin Olsen
Hardcover: 224 pages
ISBN-10: 0811719820
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Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: February 1, 2019

Devin Olsen has centered his life around fly fishing. In addition to being one of the most skilled anglers I've met, Devin earned a master's degree in fisheries science, is a sought-after guide, and has a relentless desire for more fishing.

Olsen's experience and thirst for knowledge are evenly matched by his expert angling. Devin has carefully crafted Tactical Fly Fishing for us to succinctly consume his knowledge and add it to our angling process. (Lance Egan, Contributing Editor Fly Fisherman)

Successful fly fishing strategies are molded on the water through countless hours of experimenting, failures, and victories.

The best anglers I've fished with possess an organized plan of attack that factors in variables including water type, bug activity, positioning, pattern choice, and casting approach -- just to name a few.

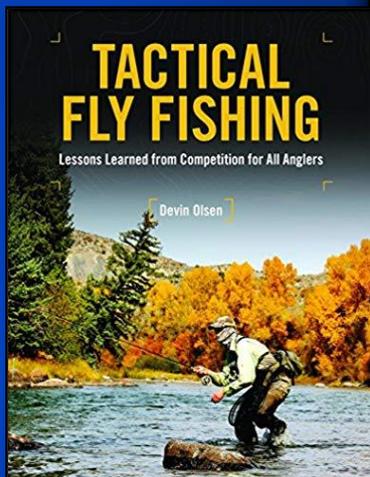
I can't think of a better angler than Devin Olsen, who has perfected his strategic fly fishing approach through years of fly fishing and competing for Fly Fishing Team USA, to help guide anglers of any level to perfecting their own fly fishing approach. (George Daniel, author of Dynamic Nymphing, Strip Set, and Nymphing Tactics.)

About the Author

Devin Olsen has been a member of Fly Fishing Team USA since 2006, winning individual bronze and team silver in the 35th FIPS Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships in Jajce, Bosnia in 2015.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science and works for the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resource Management as a salmon and steelhead biologist in Joseph, Oregon. His blog and online store can be found at tacticalflyfisher.com.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Goodnews River: Wild Fish, Wild Waters, and the Stories We Find There

Author: Scott Sadil
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The best fishing stories are about something other than fishing but wouldn't have come up without the fishing. Scott not only understands that, he does it beautifully. (John Gierach, author of Trout Bum)

Though billed as fiction, there's too much familiarity in these essays to say they weren't penned from the personal experiences of a dedicated angler. Sadil threads life into these stories and if that's what you like, this is your read. (Greg Thomas, Editor, American Angler)

Scott Sadil's Goodnews River is the best of fiction wrapped around fishing.

It delivers you to beautiful places you've never been, and might never go, introduces you to some folks you'd like to meet, and a few you'd rather not, all in fine prose that propels you to keep reading. -- Dave Hughes, author of more than twenty books about fly fishing, including Handbook of Hatches, Tactics for Trout, and Essential Trout Flies

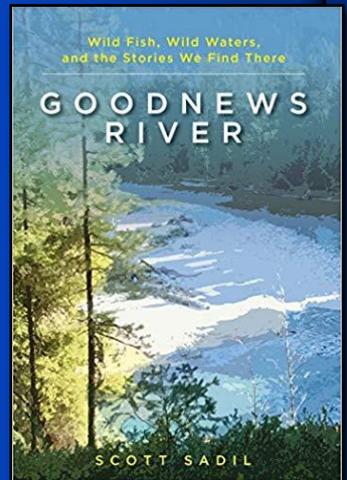
About the Author

Scott Sadil is an author of essays, feature articles, and fiction about fly fishing. His work appears regularly in the significant fly-fishing magazines and he writes the fly-tying column for California Fly Fisher.

He is the author of Angling Baja, Fly Tales, Cast from the Edge, and Lost in Wyoming. He lives in Hood River, OR.



Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



**Winchester TU
 Recycles
 Aluminum.**



**Please bring your
 aluminum cans to
 any Winchester
 TU event.**

From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

Our old friend Carl wrote this piece for *LATERAL LINES* back in January 2002, when he was the chapter president.

On The Fly by Carl Rettenberger



Well, another Christmas has come and gone, and we all need to give thanks for living to see the dawning of a new year. I hope it has been as good a holiday, for all of you as it has been for me.

If there are any other nuts like me out there, you've already placed all your new gadgets on zingers and pinned them to your vest, and braved the winter's cold weather to try out your new rods and reels. All one needs do is ask my wife, and she'll gladly tell you exactly how crazy I really am. I fish once a week, regardless of the weather. Of course, catching isn't as good as it is in warmer weather, but the fishing never changes. If there's a more peaceful way to spend your time than fly fishing, I haven't found it.

The cold weather really isn't that bad if you dress for it. We've all read about layering and how good it works. Well, I can testify to it. Layering isn't about piling on six pairs of socks, jeans, and shirts, but rather, a combination of materials. You don't need to buy the best of all winter apparel, but you should invest in good material. Here's how I dress and stay comfortable.

On my feet: One pair of heavy rag wool socks over a thin pair of silk, polyester, or nylon socks. Next to my skin: On really cold windy days, one pair of Duo Fold or other brand long johns having the following blends of fabric:

Inner layer: 100% cotton

Outer layer: 50% cotton, 40% wool, and 10% nylon

Next layer: Expedition weight, 100% fleece underwear.

Pants: 100% polyester fleece

Shirt: 100% polyester

Jacket: 100% polyester fleece

Wader: Gore-tex with neoprene feet

Boots: Loose fitting wading boots

Gloves: 100% rag wool finger-less, without palm patch of leather. I don't like the palm patch because once it gets wet it stays wet.

A good structured cap: I prefer structured caps because they leave a space of dead air between your head and the crown of the cap.

Waterproof Jacket: If it's raining, snowing, or the wind is really blowing, a Gore-tex waterproof jacket.

And finally, my vest.

When my fingers get cold, I pull them in my fingerless gloves; let them warm up a bit, then go at it again. Give me a call if you're interested in giving it a try some weekend.



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.

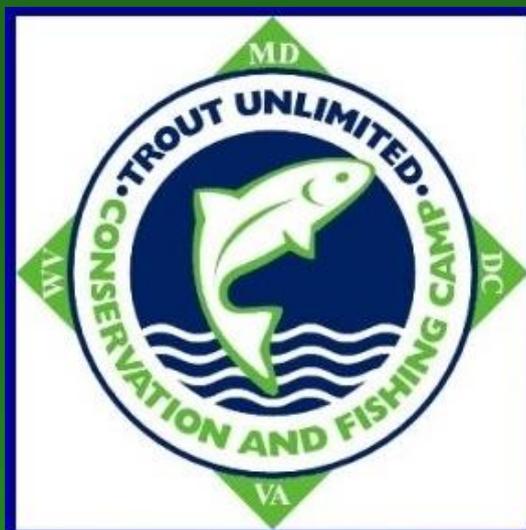
WHEN: Note the change of dates from those published earlier

June 23-28, 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 or contact Paul Kearney, Camp Director, at kearney@tucamp.org; 540-229-0563 or George Gaines, Executive Director, at 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



ANGLER REFLECTIONS

Thank You to the Potomac Conservancy, Emily Warner, and the Hovermale Family

As reported by THE WINCHESTER STAR reporter, Onofrio Castiglia, this week, the Hovermale family has placed the family's Frederick County property in a conservation easement with The Potomac Conservancy.

Our friend, Emily Warner, who is Senior Director of Land Conservation for The Potomac Conservancy assisted the Hovermale family in placing their land in the conservation easement.

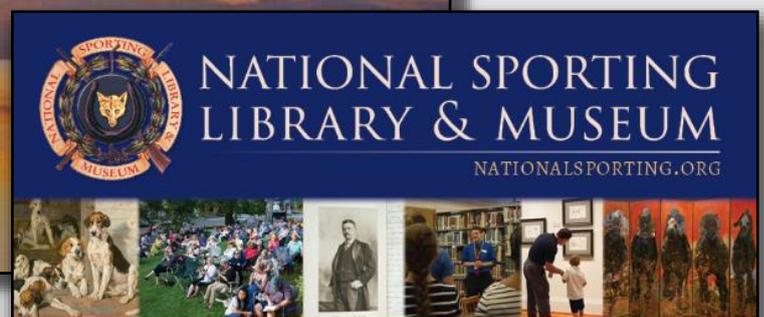
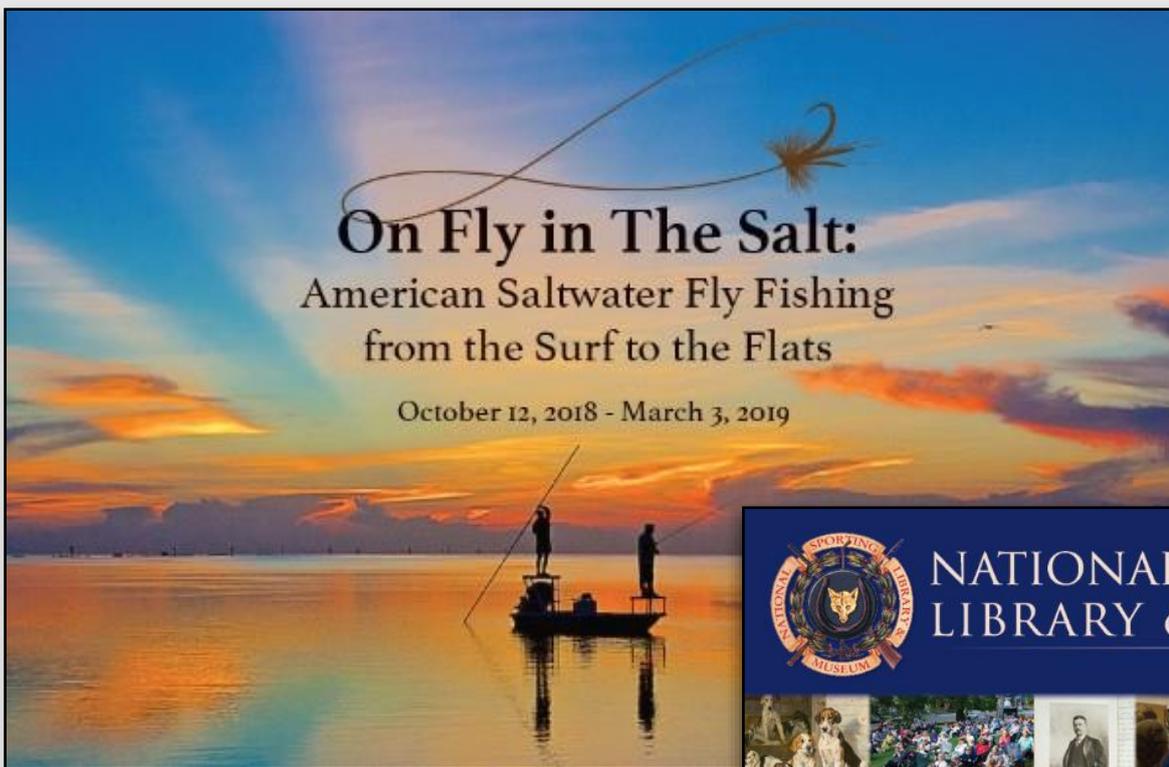
This easement along with other conservation easements on property upstream on Bear Garden Run will protect this tiny cold-water stream for future generations of fish and wildlife in that part of Northern Frederick County, Virginia.

Emily has been a featured speaker at Winchester Trout Unlimited meetings several times and is a supporter of our chapter cold-water conservation efforts on Redbud Run.

From all of us involved in water conservation, Emily, a huge THANKS.



Saltwater Fly-Fishing Event (The show closes soon !!!) at the National Sporting Library & Museum in Middleburg, VA



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.

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



2018 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See also

<http://winchestertu.org/>

February 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 7 February 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - James Montgomery is the featured speaker on Fishing the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Russian Far East
- ✓ **Saturday 9 February 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **2-10 February 2019** -- Great American Outdoor Show, Harrisburg, PA
- ✓ **Wednesday 13 February 2019** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Saturday 16 February 2019** -- Rapidan TU Fishing Show

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
- ✓ **Saturday to be Determined** -- **2019 Brookie Release Day** -- Time to be announced at a later date

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 - Scott Shendow, master hair stacker, will be our featured speaker
- ✓ **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 1 August 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 3 August 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 14 August 2019** --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.

