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## Fishin' Tales

by Julia Bell

Fall is here and the August rains recharged many fishing holes, resulting in some very productive fishing! One of my favorite local waters is the Brazos River. I grew up going to Girl Scout Camp at Stevens Ranch on the Brazos in Nemo, fishing below De Cordova Bend Dam in high school, making summer treks on the stretch from Whitney to Waco, rewarding myself after mid-term exams with a float along the section west of Bryan-College Station, and reading-to-the-point-of-dog-earedness **John Graves'** *Goodbye to a River* and **Ben Nolen** and **Bob Narramore's** *Texas Rivers and Rapids: Canoe and Backpack Guide Book*. Seeing that the recharge improved the fishing below Possum Kingdom and Whitney dams makes my heart happy. There are many places to wade and float-and-fish below each, so it's time to wet a line and bend those rod tips on the Fall Bite.

When I'm wanting a fall fishing adventure, I love heading to the **Texas Hill Country for Oktoberfisch**. This event has a special place in my heart, as **Cody** and I honeymooned at Oktoberfisch in 2010. While sadly the South Llano River is no longer home to Oktoberfisch, Kerrville's Guadalupe River promises to make a good showing. The city of Kerrville has 80% of their River Trail completed, so Oktoberfisch is in a more urban area than the South Llano River destination, but the non-fishing family members have more activities available to them. As for Cody and me, we'll be on the water in our kayaks casting flies and catching fish, hopefully!

For Cody and me, the fall weekend adventures don't end with Oktoberfisch. After a two-year COVID hiatus, Toledo Bend Rendezvous, one

of our beloved fly tying events, has moved to the last weekend in October. We enjoy gathering in Zwolle, Louisiana at North Toledo Bend State Park for some excellent camaraderie, great food, and fabulous fly tying. Seeing our East Texas and Louisiana fly fishing friends, swapping patterns, materials, and fishing locales, while we are stocking our fly boxes for fall and winter fishing, makes for another relaxing, fun-filled weekend that stays on our calendars.

In addition to must-attend, anticipated annual events, I enjoy setting personal fishing goals (at least one fishing goal is always on my New Year's resolutions—really). I like goals, resolutions, as they set expectations to oppose complacency and to develop personal growth in whatever endeavor at whatever age. I keep a Species List documenting all the different fish species I have caught on the fly. It helps me be a better amateur ichthyologist, entomologist, and fly fisher as I learn how to target the fish by studying what they eat, how they feed, when they are spawning, how they overwinter, and what I jokingly refer to as fishiness. Saturday, after helping with the DFF's Basic Fly Fishing class at LLELA, I completed one of my resolutions—to land three new-to-me species in the year. Cody and I extended our trip of the club's July outing to South Fork, Colorado to Loa, Utah, where I added two species, and inspired by **Jeff Ziehm's** seamless ability to catch Smallmouth Buffalo, I finally landed one myself using one of Cody's effective patterns, an Uptown GirlieBugger. Achieving the goal feels rewarding and has me thinking about my next, realistic goals. In the meantime, you'll find me somewhere on the water chasing fish.



**Here's to bent tips  
and happy days!**

—Julia

President, Dallas FlyFishers

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# DFF 2022 Program Schedule

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

All of our remaining meetings will be at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080. Make note of the location of our meeting room. November we will meet in the Youth Worship room on the northwest side of the church on the 2nd floor. There is an elevator just as you enter the building to access that room and plenty of parking on that side of the building (see the church layout in this newsletter). In October, we will meet in our regular meeting room, the Ogden Fellowship Hall, on the northeast side of the church. December is our Holiday/Christmas party and will not be at the building, see below for location.

**Previous Events:** James Johnsey from Tennessee did not disappoint. His about his Tennessee waters showed there is a large diversity of fish in Tennessee! I had no idea. James tied some very easy patterns that I hope all can tie and enjoy fishing them. I just happened to win the crawfish pattern he tied! Thank you.

**Future Meetings and Presentations:** Please add these dates to your calendar and support our great club!

**October 3rd - Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall,** on the northeast side of the building.

**Charlie Craven** is our guest speaker in October. He is the owner and operator of Charlie's Fly Box in Arvada, Colorado, ([www.charliesflyboxinc.com](http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com)).

This will be a live and Zoom. We will record this session so that we can learn to tie the many flies at our leisure. Those on Zoom, please be mindful of your speaker button and keep it muted unless you have a question.

We will begin the meeting at **6 PM** since this is a fly tying demonstration (sorry no time for tie-along) and story-telling session. Charlie will tie about 6 flies while he provides his story-telling adventures. Charlie has agreed to provide the recipes and materials list for the flies so that those interested can view the recording and tie his patterns on your own. Look for the list in a separate email.

The flies will be a mix of flies that can be used for bass and trout Craven's : Two Bit Hooker, Lucky B, Fat Angie, Swim Coach, Drunken Suzy, and Improved Humpy. For those also attending the FWFF meeting on Tuesday he will tie: Jigged Two Bit Hooker, Jeffrey Dauber, Boy Wonder Hopper, Baby Gongga, Mole Fly, and the Jujubaetis. Charlie describes himself and accomplishments below. Charlie will also bring some of his books for purchase in case some want to buy one at the meeting and then he will sign it.

**A little about Charlie.** After mysteriously losing all of his dad's lures in a single day, Charlie was gifted a fly tying kit by his parents for his eighth birthday. He's tied flies pretty much every day for the forty-some years since then and has figured out a few things pertaining to fur, feathers, and fish along the way. At this point, it's becoming well known that he's opinionated, outspoken and sometimes brash when it comes to flies and techniques but his passion lies in sharing the skills he's developed. Over the years, Charlie has been a prolific commercial fly tyer and, for a time, a pretty mediocre fishing guide (Charlie's words not mine), due to his insistence on liverwurst and onion lunch sandwiches instead of grilled prawns like all the other sissy guides.

He's been an Umpqua Feather Merchants Signature Tyer for over 20 years with several fly box mainstays like the Jujubaetis, Two Bit

Hooker and Baby Gongga among his over three dozen commercially available patterns.

All this experience finally culminated in 2004 with the opening of his own fly shop: Charlie's Fly Box, in Arvada, Colorado, where he is the head bookkeeper, order taker and fry cook in addition to president and CEO. He's now written four books: Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying, Charlie's Fly Box, Tying Nymphs, and Tying Streamers with plans for several more when he gets around to them.

After beating Ross Purnell in a prolonged and brutal arm wrestling match, he became the Fly Tyer's Bench columnist for Fly Fisherman Magazine and still maintains this title to this day. He was recently named to that magazine's 50 Most Influential People in fly fishing, and it is thought that his number 45 ranking was specifically chosen to keep his head from growing any larger.

Charlie lives in the hills of Palmer Lake, Colorado with his lucky, patient and loving wife, Lisa, a gigantic white dog and somewhere between three and six young adult children. He still likes quiet time, the Parachute Adams, Colorado whiskey, and dry-dropper fishing from a boat. His favorite number is five and his favorite color is red and he doesn't care what yours are.

*"It's not simply enough that a fly catches fish, it has to do all that's asked of it, well...and style matters"* ~Charlie Craven

**November 7th - Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center,** NW side of building on the 2nd floor. This presentation will be available via Zoom and in-person.

**TPWD Night at the Dallas Fly Fishers:** Our very own **Keira Quam**, TPWD's Aquatic Education Training Specialist, will be our fly tying guest for the 5-6 PM. **John Botros**, TPWD River Access Coordinator, will kick off our TPWD presenters at 7 PM with highlights of the River Access Program. The River Access and Conservation Areas Program (RACA) lease private streamside properties for public river access for fishing and paddling opportunities. Although currently there are no RACA sites established in the DFW area, there are sites on the Brazos and in East Texas. TPWD hopes by providing this talk to the DFF that it may lead to opportunities to develop new or improved river access sites in the DFW area. **Tim Birdsong** will wrap up the evening and be talking about targeting different species in Texas and will spotlight high quality river fisheries for a variety of species throughout the state (including Rainbow Trout, White Bass, Guadalupe Bass, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, and Alligator Gar).

**December 4th Sunday - Christmas/Holiday party.** Once again we will experience the fine cuisine at the TG Brazilian Steakhouse (<https://www.tgsteakhouse.com>): 518 W Arapaho Rd #133, Richardson, TX 75080. **See the separate article in this newsletter for details.** We will have raffle items and door prizes, e.g., two **Dave Whitlock** prints will be raffled. The festivities and arrival will begin at 6:00 PM. Reservations are required; the cutoff date to make a reservation and purchase tickets is November 27th.

### 2023 Speaker Line Up to Date

Set your calendar dates now so you don't miss anything. Please note that there are two locations for our meeting rooms at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080. Make note of the location of our meeting room.

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## DFE 2022 Program Schedule

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**January 9:** **Danny Soltau**, Owner of Dirty Water Fly Shop, Plano. **Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center.** Topic: Streamer patterns that are designed to be anatomical in silhouette yet easy to cast all the while acting like the prey species during its presentation to the target species.

**February 6:** **Alan King** and **Stephen Weaver**, co-founders of Good Fly Organization. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Topic: casting clinic or how to practice cast on your own. The Good Fly Organization is a non-profit organization co-founded by **Stephen Weaver, Alan King, and George "Rusty" Dunn**, all three of which are graduates of Texas A&M. The purpose of Good Fly: "In a world of chaos and stress, Good Fly uses fly-casting to renew the mind and refresh the spirit." They are certified fly-casting instructors. What a treat.

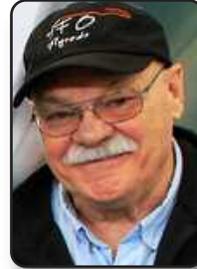
**March 6:** **Meredith McCord**, Winner Ladies Tarpon Fishing 2022, Saltwater Fishing. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Topic - TBD.

**April 2nd (Sunday):** Streamside bug collecting. Since there is a limit of 20 people, we will try and give preference to those that did not get to attend in 2021, then it will be opened up to all to fill up the class. Location: TBD (LLELA?)

**April 3:** **Robert Younghanz**, The Bug Guy. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** I am glad to say that we will once again enjoy the antics of The Bug Guy at our evening meeting and the bugs that we try to imitate when we fish. We will also host another streamside bug collecting event on Sunday April 2nd.

**May 1:** **Dale Harris**, DFF member. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Topic: How to stay dry camping using a kayak or canoe. Dale is retired from his job as a telecom worker, but has been camping since the 1980's - so he has many years of camping experience. Dale has been on more than 20 weeklong wilderness camping trips. Eight of those weeklong trips were camping out of a canoe. Also, over the last 20 years, he has gone canoe camping 10 to 12 times a year on weekend canoe camping trips. He is the president of the Dallas Downriver Club and this is what they do. Dale is looking forward to sharing his learned camping experiences and to share his expertise with other paddlers who want to go camping on a river. He wants to make sure that campers obtain the correct gear for on-the-river camping trips for safety purposes and fun.

**June 5:** **Bob Clouser!** This will be a ZOOM meeting only due to the travel distance and Bob's age (which he is only 84 his next birthday). Bob now lives in Florida and doesn't travel far from home these days. Bob will tie his famous clouser on a new hook design (AHREX™ SA210 Bob Clouser Signature) and present a program about small mouth bass.



**July 10:** **Bill Sargeant**, Fly tying demonstration. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Once again our DFF members share their expert fly tying prowess.

**August 7:** **Nick Gallegos**, Los Pinos Fly Shop, Albuquerque, NM. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Topic: Fishing the Chama River & Northern NM Rivers.

**September 11:** **Aaron Reed**, award-winning outdoor writer and Army veteran. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Topic: Texas Gulf Coast or San Gabriel River Georgetown.

**October 2:** **Donavan Clary**, Oklahoma Fishing Guide. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Topic: Fishing the Lower Illinois or the Lower Mountain Fork Rivers.

**November 6:** **Greg DeMars**, DFF member. **Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center.** Topic: DFW local waters fishing. Greg hopes to have his book published in time for this presentation.

**December 3:** **Holiday/Christmas Party** - TBD

## 2022 CALENDAR:

**September 29th-October 1st** - Southern Conclave, Mountain Home, AR.

**October 1st** - Fly Fishing Roundup in College Station, TX.

**October 3rd** - **Charlie Craven**, owner of Charlies Fly Box in Colorado. This meeting will tie a few flies and have a group discussion beginning at 6 pm.

**October 3rd-7th** - DBU Fall Outdoor Experience on two of these days.

**October 18th** - **Dan Montayne's** warm water fly fishing workshops.

**October 21st-23rd** - OKTOBERFISCH 2022

**October 22nd** - Basic FF Class at LLELA from 9am to 2 pm. - There is an option for attending a certification class for 1 hour from 2pm to 3pm. After the BFF class. Prior registration is required for the certification class. Call **Richard** to register.

**October 28th-30th** - Our beloved Toledo Bend Rendezvous is back on. Watch for more posting about this.

**November 4th-6th** - The FFI Virtual Expo Weekend. **DO NOT miss this one.**

**November 7th** - TPWD Night at the Dallas Flyfishers.

**November 15th** - **Dan Montayne's** fly fishing workshops.

**November 30th** - Fishing event with the Stephenville kids at the fisheries center, 9am to 3pm. Call **Richard** at cell 469-877-0695 if you can come have fun with the kids. They should have just planted trout.

**December 4th** - The Holiday Party, location TBD.

### 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

We have received such positive feedback from the Membership, that we have renewed our contract with First United Methodist Church Richardson for the 2023 year. Mark your calendars for the 2023 schedule. **LaJan's** Programs Overview has many of the 2023 Speakers listed, as well. It's looking to be another grand year with the DFF!

#### 2023 Monday Meeting Dates

9 January, 6 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May, 5 June—Zoom only!, 10 July, 7 August, 11 September, 2 October, 6 November, Sunday 3 December—Holiday Party

## DFE Holiday Slide Show Submission

We hope you're beginning to think about the DFE Holiday Party; **LaJan** has detailed the information; **Jeff** has the Purchase Ticket link on our website; and I'm beginning to organize the slideshow. To feature Y-O-U in the show, please submit your 2022 fishing photos to the secure, Dropbox link. Our deadline for photo submission is **23 November 2022**, so feel free to submit often. We will put the photos into a PowerPoint program, which will run the throughout the Holiday Party. We enjoyed last year's slideshow and are looking forward to this year's, as well.

**Click here to go to upload photos:**

**DFE 2022 Fishing Photo Submission for the Holiday Party Slideshow**

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# 2022 Dallas Fly Fishers Christmas/Holiday Party



Yes, it's that time of year when we start thinking of holidays and parties. Here is one you don't want to miss: our annual holiday/Christmas party! All members are invited to join the festivities, and of course feel free to bring your spouse or a guest. We enjoyed the variety of food and venue so much last year; we decided to go back to the Brazilian steakhouse. Although, the location is the same, the name of the restaurant has been changed to TG Steakhouse (<https://www.tgsteakhouse.com>).

**Date:** Sunday, Dec 4, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:30 PM

**Location:** **TG Steakhouse**  
518 W. Arapaho Rd, #133  
Richardson, TX 75080

**Cost:** \$50/person, click the link to pay and make reservations now on the DFF website: <https://dallasflyfishers.org/holiday-party>

**Activities:** Dinner, Raffle, New Officer Induction, Awards Ceremony. Special items are two **Dave Whitlock** signed prints!

Deadline to make reservations and pay for your attendance to the party is November 27th.

You can register and pay going to the DFF website and clicking on the Holiday Party tab and pay directly online.

<https://dallasflyfishers.org/holiday-party>

You can also register and pay by mailing a check to:

**DFF Holiday Party**  
8349 Club Meadows Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75243

**Questions:**  
Contact **LaJan Barnes** 410-925-9858.

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## 2023 Board Elections

by Jere Anderson

The DFF Board election process occurs in the last third of the year. In September, we announce the open positions; this year we sent an e-mail to the membership detailing the positions. In October, we announce the candidates choosing to fill the vacancies. At the November meeting during the business portion, we vote on the candidates. In December at the annual Holiday Party, we induct our new Board Members.

We have two open positions we would like to fill and welcome both new and long-time members to volunteer. Our open positions are Outings Chair and Programs Chair.

**Outings:** **Jim Woodman** was doing double-duty as Secretary and Outings Chair and needed to scale back, so Jim asked to open the Outings chair position. Our Outings chair helps plan our monthly group fly fishing outings.

**Programs:** **LaJan Barnes** will be stepping down at the end of 2023 and would like a co-chair during 2023 to help transition the 2024 Programs Chair easily. The Programs chair helps schedule the speakers for the monthly club meetings and coordinates with the church our contract for the upcoming year.

Please contact any board member, listed on page 2's sidebar, if you are interested in serving the DFF in 2023. Thank you.

### 2023 Board Candidates

**Dave Smith** is seeking the office of Vice-President. Thank you, Dave for choosing to step into the leadership role and learn the jobs of Vice-President and President in one year.

**Jack Gillis** is retiring from the DFF Vice-President position and Board as Jack is concurrently the Fort Worth Fly Fishers President, the First Vice-President of FFI Texas Council, Advisor to the FFI Board of Directors on Strategic Planning, member of the FFI Education Committee, the Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Committee, the Committee to Develop Fly Fishing Skills and Instructor Development, the FFI National Expo Planning Committee, moderator to FFI Online Fly Tying Pro Series, FFI Bronze and Silver Fly Tying Achievement Awards, and is a demonstration fly tyer at 8 – 10 shows annually. Thank you, Jack for your service to the Dallas Fly Fishers; we appreciate your leadership and commitment to fly fishing and fly tying.

**Ed Bowen** is seeking the Casting Chair position. Thank you, Ed for taking on the role of helping the membership improve their casting skills.

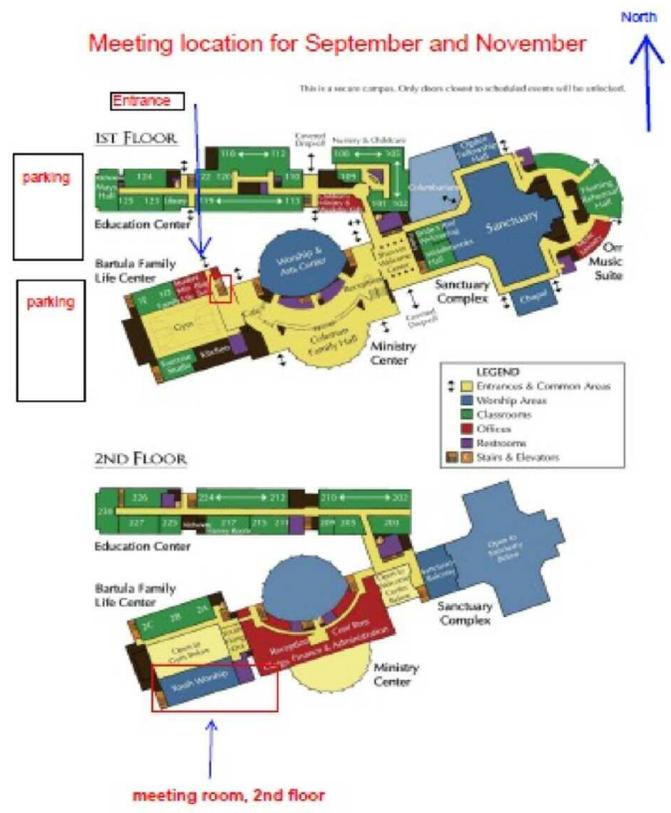
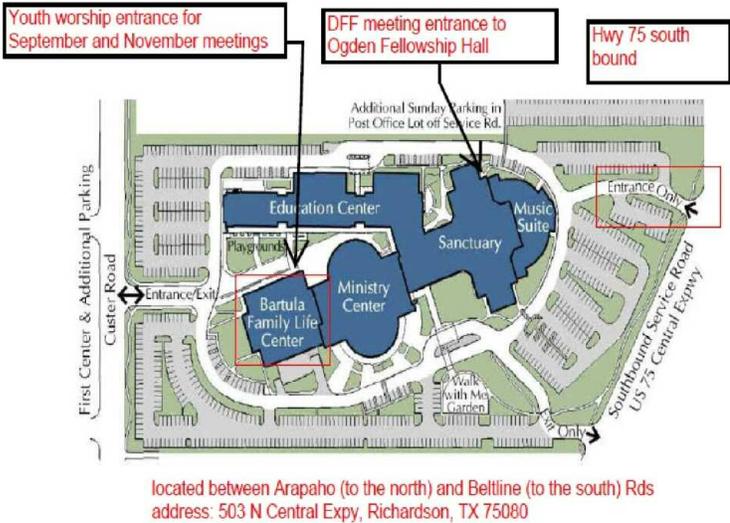
**Dani Rose** is seeking the 2025 Trustee position. Thank you, Dani for joining LaJan and Jim by taking on the role of representing the membership.

# Meeting Room Locations for 2022 and 2023:

by Jere Anderson

The Ogden Fellowship Hall has been our regular meeting location and we will meet there again in **October**. We will meet in the Youth Worship Center in November on the NW side of the building. There is plenty of parking on both sides of the building.

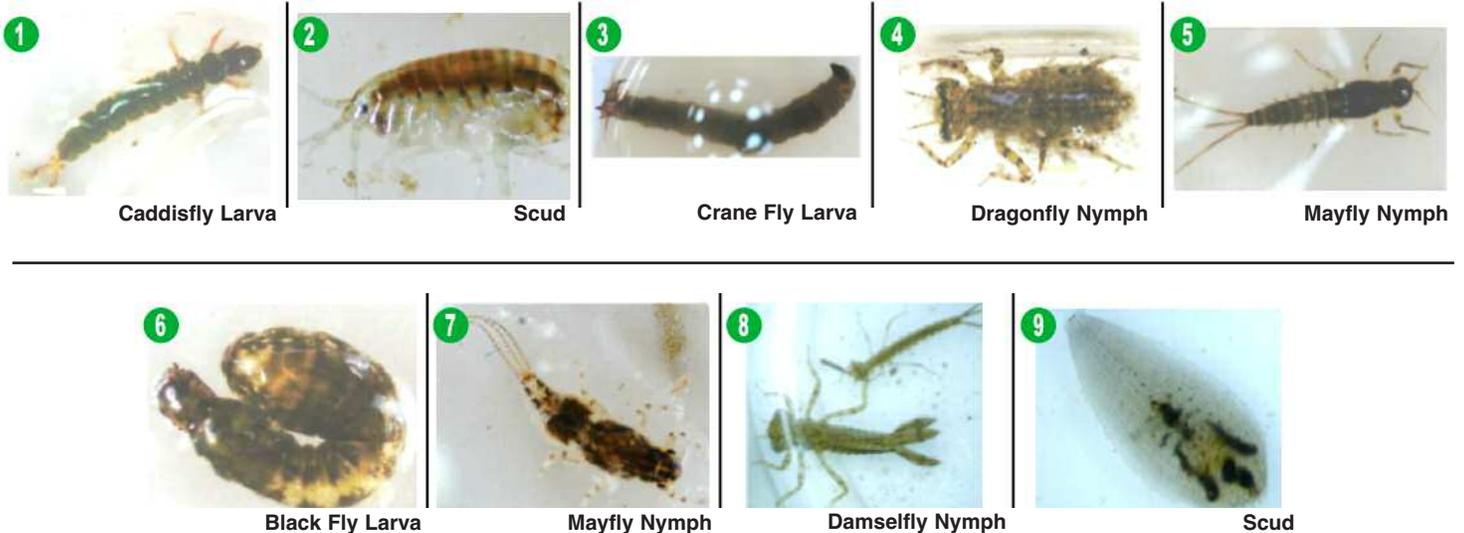
We will meet in the Ogden Fellowship Hall most of 2023; however, we will meet in the Youth Worship Center on the NW side of the building in January and November. The remainder of our 2023 meetings will be held in the Ogden Fellowship Hall on the NE side of the building. Please see the attached maps.



# Bug Picking Team Results

by Roger Rohrbeck

Last month's edition of "The Leader" included an article describing the aquatic sampling of Furneaux Creek, which is performed on a monthly basis by club members **Richard Johnson, Jere Anderson, and Roger Rohrbeck**. The article included microscopic images of the following aquatic macroinvertebrates, which were simply annotated with a number, to see how many of them that readers of the article could identify to order level. Their order appears to the right of the image:



# Latham Springs Outing

by Julia Bell

The club's September Outing to Latham Springs was another success, and I personally enjoyed seeing so many members attend. Friends, brothers, father & son, couples, and new members made the trip to fish the encampment's lake, ponds, and access to the Brazos River. Lake fishing saw success with both subsurface and topwater; Sunfish—Redear, Redbreast, and Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, and a Black Crappie were the reported species of the day. The ponds, a little lower than usual, had some overgrowth with which casters had to contend, but produced some nice size Sunfish and some Largemouth Bass. The river fishing saw lots of Smallmouth Bass

catches and an abundance of near one-pound, aggressive Redbreast Sunfish. One Smallmouth inhaled my fly, so I had to cut my line to avoid damaging its gill rakers—successful release. 20 minutes later and five feet downstream from where I caught it the first time, I caught it again, because it still had my first fly in its mouth. (I fish barbless, so it will work its way out safely as it had already disentangled itself from one gill raker.) It seems I'm still collecting that informal empirical data on how often a fish will feed, and the data suggests that warmwater fish are just as aggressive as the observed trout in September's newsletter.

We are looking at a couple of destinations for mid-October, just awaiting fishing reports. We will notify the membership of the locale, date, and time by e-mail. We hope you can join us on having more fun than anyone.



# Learning, Laughs, and Synthetics

by Dan Montayne

Amidst the burning wreck of an eighteen-wheeler at Stacy Road, an astounding crowd of fly tiers ascended on Cabela's for a special 3rd Tuesday Tying event. This group had waited patiently for the much anticipated presentation featuring synthetic flies. The highlighted patterns were directed by Danny Soltau of Dirty Water Fly Co., Plano, Texas. Two new patterns proved to be both challenging and entertaining. Eye squints, exclamations of uh-oh, and what the ### brought smiles and applause at the session's conclusion.



At the height of the tying intensity, these questions surfaced. Where do synthetic materials fit in today's fly tying? What role will they play over the coming years? Is there a place for synthetic flies amongst the countless patterns that shaped fly fishing history?

Let's take a moment to explore a few items in the now available synthetics line. Materials range from artificial hair, ribbon, flash, body chenille, roping, tubing, foam, thread, floss, and who knows how many other desirables. Most varieties must be cut, wrapped, combined, and altered to be placed on the hook. All components come with their own list of steps to keep them in place in a fly pattern. Some materials are slippery and therefore a challenge to keep from pulling out. Specific items are bulky and need combing, aligning, or trimming to form and shape. This brings us to a very important item necessary for synthetic fly tying....CA Glue or so called Super Glue! I've found flies supplemented with Super Glue are also fish proof and tend to last till I lose them. Thank God for trees, snags and tall grass! Interestingly, traditional feathers that form tails, hackles, and legs still hold a dominant place in functional fly design today. It's worth considering that combining traditional materials and synthetics offers a win-win result.

This brings us to the two patterns taught this month. Both show the future of name change - a mystique in itself - The Baitfish Bandit and The Jewel Thief. Waning are the days of titles such as The Quill Gordon, The Red Ass, or Lefty's Deceiver. Oh well!



Let's not miss the outstanding attributes of synthetics. When scrutinized, these remarkable products reveal tough, durable, and versatile substitutes for trying to fool fish. They may be swapped for any of the traditional feathers, dubbing, legs, and wings found on any fly pattern. Some float well or sink fast. Others provide wonderful motion or silhouettes and best of all, cast well too.

By the way, speaking of synthetics and a place in our tying history and evolution, we have already been blessed with hundreds of patterns created from synthetics. Take a look at all the decades of creations by Fishy Fullum featured in Fly Tyer Magazine. Fishy introduced synthetics stemming from bread wrappers, foam, foil, broom bristle, dental floss, rubber gloves, and the most common packaging materials. If you're not familiar with Fishy's revolutionizing designs, you've missed the early synthetics before they had a dominant name in fly tying. Check out Jay Fishy Fullum's great works.

When you take inventory of the different synthetics available to the modern fly tier, there should be no problem substituting and including synthetics as a major ingredient in any pattern you tie.

See! Synthetic flies do have a place and role amongst the countless old and new fly patterns that will shape fly fishing history. You're a part of that fly tying evolution!!!!!!

# Cutthroat Slam

by Russ Pate

One of the characteristics of fly fishing that I love is the travel. Seeking to fish streams on this continent which takes you to interesting places. I love to fly fish is going to the Rocky Mountain states like New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. Usually, I target the area of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. I love fishing the streams like the Chama, Rio de los Pinos, Rio Costilla and Conejos. This year I decided to expand I decided to expand my horizons to Wyoming.

Another passion I have about fly fishing is pursuing and catching cutthroat trout. I participate on the Trout Unlimited Open Forum. And one of the topics that came this past year was the Cutthroat Slam in Wyoming. The state has 5 cutthroat species in its river and streams: the Bear (Bonneville), the Yellowstone, the Snake, the Colorado, and the West Slope. For the Cutthroat Slam you fish for all the cutthroats but the West Slope. Each species has their own habitat waters. The Yellowstone Cutthroat is the only species that can be found on both sides the Great Divide. That is due to stocking programs done by Wyoming Game & Fish.

When you seek out information on how to do the Cutthroat Slam, Wyoming Game and Fish provides an interactive map to where you can pursue these fish. Some people do the slam do-it-yourself. Others like me get the help of local guides. Wyoming is huge country. I don't know how anyone can pursue the slam in a week's time without help from guides.

The first day I arrived in Wyoming, I stopped to fish the Wind River area near Dubois (Dobose). My initial destination was the Wiggans Branch of the Wind River. I asked a fly shop about Wiggans, and they convinced me to fish Horse Creek instead. Wyoming has tricky trespassing laws. The navigable streams are not easements like here in Texas. The place on Horse Creek flowed by a National Forest campground. I rigged up a hopper dropper rig, eye to eye. I used #10 Charlie Boy hopper with #18 Tung Teaser. I found a nice pool at the bottom of the run. On the 3rd or 4th cast I caught an 8-inch Brownie. I fished the rest of the stream without success.

On the Cut Slam Website are pictures of other anglers and their fish. They tell you where the fish are caught. Near Dubois, there is a lake called Pelham Lake. There are some good-sized Yellowstone's caught at Pelham Lake. So, I decided to go there. On the way to Pelham Lake, I met some fly fishers on the Wind River. I asked them if they done any good there. They said no. However, they fished Pelham Lake and caught some fish. They said it was windy up there. I went up there. It was a 10-mile drive on dirt road with a half mile hike to the lake. And it was windy up there. And the shoreline was treed, which made the casting tight. The best I could do was roll casting with the wind in my face. After 30 minutes, I did not make much progress. So much for my do-it-yourself efforts. The next day, I would meet a guide from Jackson Flyfishing Adventures.

I got up early and left Dubois by 5:30 am to meet my guide **Josh** by 7:30. We met on the Snake River near Wilson Wyo. The Snake is a huge river flowing at least 1500 cf/sec. The river has many seams, eddies, and undercut banks to pursue. Josh rigged me up with a Chubby Chernobyl Ant and a dropper called a Duracell. We were in a drift boat, and Josh ably put us on good seams and banks to catch fish. What struck me about the fish I caught, most of them weren't bigger than 12 inches. I had one who felt bigger, but he broke off downstream from me. We saw many bald eagles, and I caught 15 fish that day with one at least 14 inches. I caught my Snake River Cutthroat here on the Snake River.

The next day, Josh had me meet him in Alpine, Wyo. Today we were fishing the Salt River. The Salt runs south to north along the Wyoming-Idaho border. It flows around 350-400 cf/s. It's not as complex as the Snake. We drifted about 7 miles of river. It was beautiful sunny day, with a little bit of haze from a forest fire. I started the day catching a white fish. I caught two the day before. The Salt has both the Snake River and Yellowstone cutthroats-thanks the Game and Fish stocking efforts. The Salt flows into the Snake at Palisades Reservoir. And the state of Wyoming stocked Yellowstone cutthroats above the reservoir and below it. So, on my 3rd fish caught that day, I got my Yellowstone Cutthroat.

It was on a hopper-dropper rig with a Chubby Chernobyl Ant on top and Duracell on the bottom.

After the Salt River, I moved onto Pinedale Wyo. There, the area has the waters for the Colorado Cutthroat. The Green River and the New Fork River flow near Pinedale. There are also many creeks in the drainage that contain the cutthroats. I hired Eli from Two Rivers Fishing Company to guide me. He's a transplant from Georgia and has been fishing in the area for 5 years. He felt that the creeks were a better place to pursue the fish. So, he took to a ranch on N. Cottonwood Creek. It flowed around 25 c/fs. We fished there for a couple hours with an ant pattern, and I caught 2 Colorado Cutthroats.

Later, he took me down to the Green River, below Fontenelle Dam. There, they had a tailrace that flowed around 1100-1400 cf/s. In the river were big, beefy trout: Rainbows, Browns, and Cutthroats. He rigged up a double nymph rig with a pheasant tail and a rs2. The flies could not be very flashy since the river sees a bit a pressure on the weekends from Flyfishers from the Salt Lake area. The water was clear, and we could sight fish for them. I caught a nice 23-inch Rainbow on the rs2. I caught another Cutthroat on the rs2, but he straightened the hook out. Fishing on the Green was a great way to finish the day.

I had a free day without a guide in Pinedale. So, the fly shop sent me to a public access to the Green River. It's about 6 miles out of town by the crow flies. Occasionally, the state of Wyoming provides public access in the state. This tract of land runs 4 miles of river. I walked down stream for about 45 minutes to pool that looked good to me and have enough room to fish back to the truck. As I was putting my hopper-dropper rig together fish started to surface. So, I tied on a Fat Angie (ant), and a rs2. I caught one fish on the Fat Angie. It seemed after that catch the fish were refusing the ant. So, I cut off the rs2 and put on a Coch y Bondhu (beetle). I caught 2 more fish on the beetle. I fished for another hour without success and moved on to other pools and riffles upstream. One more hour fishing those pools and riffles didn't produce a strike.

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## Cutthroat Slam

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My attitude towards the Slam was taking the event in stride. There are many elements in this process that uncontrollable. I was expecting to catch fish, but not necessarily the fish I needed. Since I fished in Dubois, I knew all I could show for my efforts is either nothing or an 8-inch brown trout. But I caught 3 of the 4 fish I needed, and I still needed to remain cool about it to complete this feat. So, on to Kemmerer to fish for the Bear Creek Cutthroat (Bonneville).

The next morning, I drove to Kemmerer to meet my guide. I got up early enough to see some mule deer and antelope. It was a pretty drive down to Kemmerer. So, I met my guide Daiyle at his home. Daiyle believes the fish in the Smith's Fork are leader shy. Therefore, we need to fish downstream. This wasn't new to me, but it was unfamiliar. It was like learning to fish left-handed. The mending was different, and the hook sets were different. It took me about an hour to get used to this method of fishing, but once I established a routine. I felt very confident about what I was trying to do. Then I caught a few Bear Creek Cutthroats and completed my slam.

From Kemmerer, I traveled through southwestern Wyoming and northeastern Utah. I could see the Flaming Gorge of the Green River while traveling through the Uintah Mountains of Utah. This route took me through Rangely, Colorado. My dad for many years went there to deer and elk hunt. He talked about the area a lot but never took me up there. So, it was good to see an ancestral hunting ground, sort to speak.

Later that afternoon, I arrived at my destination, Silverton, Colorado. I stayed at the Alma House, a neat 2 story 140-year-old building that once was a boarding house. The Alma House is on the National Registry of Historic Sites, and I highly suggest staying there. Silverton is more than 9600 feet in elevation. It's an old silver mining town.

I rested that day. It was a long drive and late in the day to start fishing anywhere. I watched the Tech game and got some dinner. Later that night, I awoke with some difficulty breathing. During the whole trip my nasal passages were dry, and constantly, I had to keep them clear. So, I took a shower. I cleared my nose but didn't get much relief. I drank some water. Even that didn't provide much relief. So, I got in my truck and drove to the parking lot at Purgatory Ski Resort. It was 20 miles away from Silverton, but 2,000 feet lower. I could sleep there. The breathing difficulty, I thought, was due to laying down. As long as I was up and moving about, I felt ok. Hence, I slept the rest of the night sitting in my truck.

The next morning, I awoke and drove back to Silverton to get my free breakfast. Again, I was ok if I was walking and sitting up. I ate my breakfast and visited with other guests without a problem. After breakfast, I drove to Hermosa Creek behind the Purgatory Ski Slope. The creek is about 9500 feet in elevation. I pulled out my 3 wt. Riggged up a hopper-dropper with a black having a red abdomen in a size 16, and a size 20 zebra midge. Within 10 minutes of

fishing, the Colorado Cutthroats were slamming that ant. The casting was tight with willows and fir trees on each side. The creek was very wadable at 25 cf/s. For the next 3 hours, I worked up stream and caught 9 fish. Colorado Cutthroats from Hermosa Creek are a beautiful fish. As you can see. I fished to my casting was getting inconsistent. It was a great day on the water.



As I was writing the article, I learned from the Wyoming Game and Fish that one of the fish I submitted for the Cutthroat Slam was not accepted. I caught the Yellowstone cutthroat in the Salt River, which is on the drainage for the Snake River Cutthroat. The interactive map on the website shows you the natural drainages where these thrive and exist. So, to do the Slam, you need to fish and catch a fish from each of these drainages. But I can go back next year and target the drainage for the fish I missed. I hope I will have the time next year to fish in the Wind River area for the Yellowstone Cutthroat.



## The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson

I am inclined to talk about the issues of Conservation as worldwide, and often very similar. We also need to be more aware of the species teetering on the edge of extinction and act where possible. Just thinking of fly tying species, in the last 170 years, a huge number of really spectacular species have gone extinct. Those of us that admire the classic feather winged flies from the golden age of classic European Patterns know that substitutes are being used

for the fascinating collections of tropical bird feathers. Since 170 years is only twice my age, to accept that so many valuable species are with us no more is saddening. So many species in so many climate zones must adapt and adjust to survive. The same needs that make this planet our home exist for our wild kingdom partners as well. More access to allow the natural species to move with the changes in the environment will perhaps save a few more of them from human mistakes. The leading cause of environmental stress

effecting our wild kingdom is habitat destruction. For any other strategy to work, there must be a suitable environment. So, I want us to take note of some very adventurous approaches to protecting our wildlife on the North American Continent.

Most of us have camped, and as a result have been close to smaller wildlife. The Raccoons that raid our food supply unless you keep it locked in steel like a car trunk or the back of a Station Wagon with all the windows rolled

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up are an example. But still some fun and friendly contact will occur, like this one.



If we just leave him alone and let him decide that the food service here is slow and not first class he will move on. In the wild, the animals need to move to seek out the solutions to their needs. So what are these needs and what could we be doing to facilitate the natural world in their search for the short term needs, and more importantly what might be a better long term solution? Much like how our nomadic ancestors moved from place to place for better conditions and better chances for finding solutions to our tribal needs, Animals also need to be able to adapt by relocating.

Some of the things that make animals seek better conditions are things like Water. Usually a temporary issue but in recent times dry spells are getting longer and more



The completed Bois D'Arc Lake dam and reservoir.

pronounced. So far a great number of the wild life seem to be able to cluster around the better watered lakes. In much of the world, the Lakes are natural, but in others they are man-made. Here in North Texas we are just finishing another Lake, and expect to turn on the pumps soon.

Another driving force is Biodiversity. More important than any specific Environmental Issue, the big picture of all the bits and pieces and how they fit together for our Outdoor World is a key consideration. It is an unfortunate fact that while roughly 78 percent of the West is protected, the vulnerable Biodiversity is "Back East".

Huge expanses of open wilderness run from the Northwest across Canada's Arctic to Alaska with free roaming wildlife and all manners of the natural world thriving there, for the most part. There is access from location to location so that as climate changes or Human crowding forces our outdoor world to regroup, it is not only possible, in the Animal Kingdom it is commonly done.

If you look at a map of our western states, you can see that the spine of the Western Mountains, from the Rockies to the arctic areas of Alaska and the Yukon is a unbroken collection of Mountain Pathways that animals could use to escape heat, cold, drought or flood. If an area got too hostile or the natural food supply needed to move, then like we early Humans, they need to be able to migrate over a period of several generations to a more suitable location. But the humans of today seem to be too insensitive to this need and have built a lot of artificial roadblocks.

In our Western States, a project known as The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative seeks to work with the many political stakeholders to see how to give the animals access a pathway for their migrations. As an example, for some time now Wyoming is careful to protect migrating Antelope moving from high ground summer range in places like Yellowstone to the open prairies south of Grand Teton Park. This pathway involves open prairie land to farmland. How to avoid

conflicts between our Animal World and the developed property that they must cross is challenging if I read the documents of the project correctly. The outdoors from Colorado and Wyoming to the Yukon and the Center of Alaska is a prime part of our outdoor world. So many species roam these miles and miles of rugged outdoor paradise it is incredible. But as the climate changes, the weather has changed in temperature and moisture, which will encourage more of the animals to seek a less crowded environment.

On a global basis, more than 90 of the world's Governments have taken a pledge to retain 30% of our land area as available to nature. In some cases, we are already off to a good start. The USA and its network of parks and wilderness areas, as well as teamwork between we outdoor users and the industries that need access often works, but not always. So what are the issues? Why do we focus on some more than others? To get back to helping our natural species escape from failing environments and migrate to better locations that are more likely to insure their survival, we need to focus on managing some migration corridors.

The best news is that another island of well managed diverse Environment that is home to the best sport Fishery in the USA is here in the Southeastern corner of the USA. Here in the South-East, we have a great fishery that has evolved and been managed, and occasionally mis-managed, by we Humans. Yet they are a food supply for several thousand years, and if we keep our focus, it can only get better as our fisheries science experts get wiser. In addition to the Fish, Alligators and small animals like raccoons and Possums thrive as do hundreds of plants, birds and insects. We are also a resting place of migration for Monarch Butterflies and birds like the waterfowl who need some winter range.

On the political front, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will hold COP27, its 27th conference, in Egypt this November. The last one did some good. There actually was some science in the

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results, unlike many political Governmental Actions. There are three major science groups, each of which takes a specific part of the Science involved in the Climate Situation and write a comprehensive report on their findings. These reports are quite deep and very solid science. King Charles III is a climate change promoter, so it may be interesting to see who speaks and who listens.

If the long-range weather folks have it right, the South where we are is expected to see a warmer but slightly wetter winter. As I write this, our fall Hurricane season is late starting as well. Best wishes for a milder winter. Perhaps this will cause the Planter Trout Weather to arrive early. And the Lunker Bass had a golden year this last winter.

Enjoy life in this great Southern climate. Tie those flies with Dan and be ready for an early Big Bass Season.

**Best wishes  
for bigger fishes.**

*- Jere*

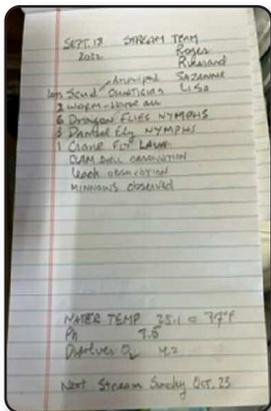
## The Activity Report

by Jere Anderson

The new club year started with our September Meeting, The Meetings for the rest of 2022 will still be at the Methodist Church, but the room has changed. See the meeting announcement on page 3 for where in the Church is our room. Signs will be posted, and the parking ample.

**James Johnsey** graciously consented come to Dallas and tell us about his Tennessee waters. James loves to tie flies and tied two or three flies starting at 5 PM, and began again at 7 PM. James owns and operates Tennessee on the Fly, a fly fishing adventure company, in the heart of middle Tennessee. Check out their website: [www.tennesseeonthefly.com](http://www.tennesseeonthefly.com). Their mission is to create a professional and personalized experience for every client that balances the excitement of fly fishing with obtaining quality skill and understanding while sharing the beauty of the outdoors and the magnificent fish that inhabit the Middle Tennessee waterways. His program was full of great pictures and information about technique and seasonal patterns. Your Editor was sidelined by Covid, but I did attend via Zoom. That was a first for me, and it worked well. I strongly suggest that the Zoom Meetings are a good deal.

The September 13th Stream Team noticed that the water temperature is starting to drop and we are seeing lots of insects, some for the first time like crane flies. Very interesting observation. Can Roger provide more information on



crane flies and are they normal to this part of Texas? Thanks and see you on October 23.

Next on the hit parade was the September 20th **Dan Montayne** warm water fly tying challenge. These are going to just get better and better. Hope all of you, from novice to tying wizard are getting to these. These are on the third Tuesday of the month. A gifted tier will introduce a fly or two and teach the techniques and materials needed. Here we are at work.



The September session had special significance, because two totally new synthetic bass catching designs were introduced. Our guest tier, **Danny Soltau** of Dirty Water Fly Co., shared a pattern using a combination of synthetic sparkle, foam, rubber legs, and bright feathers to tempt even the toughest warm water species. I assure you that the signature patterns introduced take fly skittering to a new and elevated level when fished.

On Saturday, September 24th, one of our best venues was teaching the Basic Fly Fishing Certificate, and if you wish, you could stay and become a Certified Angler Education Instructor. The location is at the face of the Dam from Lake Lewisville, an inspiring

location known as the Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area. You can also fish there most times.

The September Outing was a return to the Latham Springs Ranch Outing on Sunday, 25th of September. This a great outing and lots of fish were caught.

October begins with the Southern Council Conclave on the 29th and the 1st, or going to a new event in College Station that is mostly about casting on the first. Both of these look good. A long time ago, before we split off the Texas Council, the FWFF and the DFF ran three years of the Southern Conclave. I hope quite a few of you made it to this one.

Our October Meeting at the FUMC will begin at 6PM on October 3rd. **Charlie Craven** will tie a few flies and then have a group discussion of fishing skills and techniques. This is covered in detail on Page 2 of this newsletter.

On the first Monday and Tuesday in October, October 3rd and 4th, we will teach at DBU for two days. **Dan Montayne** is leading, so contact him for a spot in the party. The Dallas Flyfishers have been helping **Dr. Ray Galloway** since about 2007 with his Outdoor Experiences Class. We are proud to be building more and better Outdoor Adventure Fans.

We will be teaching a lot this fall, and so watch the calendar for opportunities to teach. You do NOT need to be a certified Angler Education Instructor to help out with these things. But you must be to lead them, so take advantage of the many chances to get your own Instructor Ratings at the LLELA classes and the like.

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## Activity Report

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Dan Montayne's Warm Water Fly Fishing group meetings every third Tuesday of the month will continue on October 18th, and they are too much fun to miss. Dan sends out a notice and you need to sign-up. All skill levels and all tying styles will be taught sooner or later. There is an article about Dan's Group Therapy sessions in this Newsletter.

The Saturday of October 21st – 23rd, is a great fall outing in Fredericksburg, known as **OKTOBERFISCH**. Lots to do, and lots of good food and wine.

On October 28th – 30th the return of the Toledo Bend Rendezvous in North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle, LA, we hope is going to happen again. This is a great event with bunk houses and a full kitchen. You can come and tie



your favorite flies, or just come and learn. You can sit on the porch in the evening and enjoy the beautiful Fall Colors, or you can fish the Lake from the State Park.

There will be a Basic FF Class at the Carrollton Rosemeade Rec. Ctr on Saturday, November 5th, from 9 am to 2 pm with a 1 hour certification option from 2pm to 3pm. Please invite club members, family, friends, and neighbors to take the class. Club members are encouraged to become certified instructors. Contact Richard to help out- volunteer instructors are needed. Richard – cell 469-877-0695

On November 4th – 6th, is our beloved FFI Annual Meeting. It will be a Zoom Event this year, so sign-on to the FFI Web Site and get on the list for your favorite classes and events. Go to the FFI Site and sign-up at [Virtual Expo \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](https://flyfishersinternational.org)

Then on November 7th, our great support group in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries, led and coordinated by our Angler Education Specialist, Kiera Quam, will be our speaker. It looks to be a widely varied program, and will be way too good to miss. Go to page 2 of this Newsletter for the details.

November 15th, is a Dan Tuesday and the last one for 2022. Give yourself a Holiday Present and come to this one.

November 30th, the Stephenville High School group going to the TFFC. They are usually planting Trout by this time. Come and help us teach some fun youth how to be an Outdoor Person.

And then our famous Holiday Party on December 4th, will close out the year. The Holiday Party Plans are coming together and an old guy you all know will also be having a Birthday on that day. Keep up the great work everyone. The club is as active as at any time I can remember in the 30 years I have been a member.

### **DFE Holiday Party**

**When:** Sun, December 4, 5pm – 8pm

**Where:** TG Brazilian Steakhouse ([MAP](#))

**Description:** TG Brazilian Steakhouse in Richardson. Festivities begin at 5 PM:

518 W Arapaho Rd #133, Richardson, TX 75080, <https://www.tgsteakhouse.com>.

**Have a very  
Happy Thanksgiving,  
and a Merry Christmas.**

*– Jere*

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