



Oconaluftee Streamside News

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Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians

Fly Fishing Museum Hall of Fame Announces the First Inductees

The first annual Museum Hall of Fame inductions will be conducted on September 24, 2016 at the Yellowhill Activity Center, 1416 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, just north a few blocks from the museum on the east side of the Oconaluftee River. A meet and greet hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. will provide time for those in attendance to meet and get to know our inductees in advance of the induction ceremony. With limited space, please RSVP for your reserved attendance of this first Museum Hall of Fame event - email info@cherokeesmokies.com or call 828 788 0034 to reserve your place at the induction ceremony, dinner and all weekend admission to the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians for only \$35 per person.

Sponsors are still being solicited and will be announced soon.

The Museum Hall of Fame **Categories** are:

Recreation: Examples are Angler; Fly Fishing Club; Amateur or Professional Guide; Amateur or Professional Instructor; Shop Owner/Manager

Crafts: Examples are Amateur or Professional Fly Tyer, Rod Builder, Rod Maker, Outdoor & Wildlife Artist, Illustrator, Woodcarver, Sculptor, Taxidermist

Conservation: Examples are Volunteer or Professional Conservation Leader; Amateur or Professional Scientist

Communications: Examples are Outdoor & Wildlife Photographer, Writer, Author, Playwright, Publisher, Director, Producer

Our 2016 Museum Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Walter Oliver Cary – Inducted for his **Craft** as a Professional Popper Maker who is well known for his many decades of creativity and wisdom in designing poppers that panfish and bass can't resist. He is also highly recognized for his dedication to providing public fly tying demonstrations and public fly fishing presentations for those new to fly fishing, novice anglers, and especially kids and veterans.

Wanda Hair Taylor – Inducted for her many contributions to the **Recreation** of Fly Fishing in the Southeast as a Professional Guide, Certified Fly Casting Instructor and highly involved fly fishing volunteer with Casting Carolinas, Casting for Confidence and Casting for Recovery.

Jim Casada – Inducted for his **Communications** as an author of numerous outdoor books and as a seminar speaker who has shared a lifetime of knowledge and experience with us all. He has written about numerous academic, fly fishing, hunting, game recipes and historical matters.

Phil H. Bracewell, Sr. – Inducted *post humus* for his many years of dedication to **Conservation** as a founding member of the original North Carolina Chapter of Trout Unlimited and as a volunteer conservation leader who served as the Trout Unlimited National Director for many years. He was the fund raising leader of the Northwestern Chapter of Trout Unlimited, setting banquet records for many years.

One-Year and Counting

Although we established the museum in 2013 by plan, the ribbon was cut and the doors opened to the museum on June 6, 2015, one year ago. The journey in Southern Appalachian fly fishing history continues with a great first year of attendance. Visitors steadily came by for chamber information and/or visit the museum. Actual summer and fall numbers were steady, June 717, July 1126, August 1041, September 751 and October 926. That's an average of 217 per week.

The website, www.FlyFishingMuseum.org, has directions, hours of operation, and exhibit information, as well as membership and donation opportunities. Museum Gift Shop business is promising as one of the means of funding the ongoing operation of the museum. The online fly fishing magazine, [Southern Trout](http://SouthernTrout.com) is providing advertising space for the museum. Don Kirk has generously donated 3 years, or about \$20,000, in ad space to the museum. Foremost we are able to keep the angling public aware of museum activities and events through the online magazine. In addition, this newsletter, Facebook, the museum website www.flyfishingmuseum.com and local newspapers carry our messages regarding what is happening at the museum.

As the demand for activities at the museum is very evident, plans to remodel the "conference room" must be moved up on the schedule. Funding for the remodel work, especially the labor portion was urgently needed. The completed conference room will bear the funding sponsors name, **Project Healing Waters**, for five years in appreciation and recognition. We have already cleared the room and remodeling is underway. Thanks to Billy Shepherd, Chuck H, Dick Morgan, Jerry Southard, Richard Reeves, Ron Gaddy, Tom Hopkins and especially Bob Nanny for volunteering to complete the room preparation work.

Our next important future project is Phase II, the Aquarium Room. We may have a grant forthcoming that covers some of the equipment, but funding for tanks, filtration systems, plumbing, and the labor portion is urgently needed. The completed aquarium room will bear the sponsors name for five years. IMPORTANT!!!! The museum is seeking sponsors to partner and help fund the next major project as soon as possible!!!!

New Exhibits for 2016 include "Stream Blazer" Bennie Joe Craig, Poppers, more rods and reels, more fly tying tools and more "Stream Blazers!"

Upcoming Trout Fishing Events in Cherokee for 2016

Casting for Hope Fly Fishing Tournament - June 18-19, 2016

Tim Hill Memorial – July 16,17

Qualla Country – September 2-4

Trout Derby - August 5,6 – The Trout Derby will include a fly tying demonstration at the museum.

Museum Fly Fishing Weekend – October TBD

Rumble in Rhododendrons – October 28-30

There are a number of trout tournaments held on Cherokee Enterprise Waters. See www.FishCherokee.com, or www.CherokeeSmokies.com for dates. The museum is planning the first Museum Fly Fishing Tournament hopefully in the fall, details forthcoming.

2016 Donors (as of May 2016)

Note: Donations may be cash, volunteer time, exhibit items or items for fund raising

Sustainer Level - \$1200 or \$100/month

Alen D Baker

Jim W Haynie

Project Healing Waters, Rick Queen

Robert A Blocker

International Federation of Fly Fishers

TenkaraUSA, Jason Sparks

Historian Level - \$600 or \$50/month

Hill Top Fly Tyers, Glover McMurray

Preservationist Level - \$300 or \$25/month

Brookings Outdoor Village, Roger Lowe

Ron and Sharon Gaddy

Gary Jones

Raven Fork Rods, Jim Mills

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Fly Fishing The Smokies, Eugene Shuler

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Little River Outfitters, Byron Begley

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Rex Wilson

On behalf of the museum board, thank you for your support!" - **Alen Baker**, Museum Board Member 704.507.6191

Bob Nanney, Museum Events Coordinator, and Dick Morgan, Museum Volunteer Coordinator, have been helping with public shows, scheduled events at the museum as well as back-fitting the catalogue of museum items. Thank you both for your dedication and many, many hours!

The Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians and the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, is situated along U.S. 441 in downtown Cherokee.

Operating hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday from June 1 – August 31. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from September 1 – December 23 and April 1 – May 31

Generally closed January-March, except for scheduled special events.

The address is 516 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Phone number is 828.788.0034. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12.

