



Tuckasegee Streamside News

The Newsletter of the

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Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians

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 in Cherokee, one year ago. The journey in Southern Appalachian fly fishing history continues with a good first year of attendance. 5700 visitors steadily came by for chamber information and visit the museum.

However, we have **relocated** the museum to Bryson City. We will re-open directly after the Museum Hall of Fame Inductions event on September 24.

The website, www.FlyFishingMuseum.org, has directions, hours of operation, upcoming events and exhibit information, as well as membership and donation opportunities. The Museum Gift Shop will be clearing out the Logo items labeled Cherokee and restocking items labeled Bryson City. 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 with almost 4,000 friends, the museum website www.FlyFishingMuseum.org, the Swain County Chamber of Commerce website www.GreatSmokies.com and local newspapers carry our messages regarding what is happening at the museum and in Bryson City.

The newly completed conference room will bear the funding sponsors name, **Project Healing Waters**, for five years in appreciation and recognition. On Main Street, we have cleared out the old storage room and remodeling is complete. Thanks to Harold Adams, Cabbott Cochran, George Donahoe, Bobby Bennett, Tunie & Mike Braun, Deb Brown, Holly Cole, Dale Collins, Ron Gaddy, Jan Gamage, Chuck & Gerri Harrell, Tim Holder, Chris & Annette Holler, Baron Holloway, Tom Hopkins, Bobby Jenkins, Haze Johnson, Linda Knipple, Tanner Lawson, Shannon Messer, Dick Morgan, Barney Neal, Tammy Neal, Amy Parker, Steve Paterson, Richard Reeves, Billy Shepherd, Naven Sherrill, Chloe Smiley, Jada Smiley, Jerry Southard, Rex Wilson, John Winchester, and especially Bob Nanny for volunteering to help with the conference room efforts or relocation efforts this year.

IMPORTANT!!!! The museum is seeking sponsors to partner and help fund the next major project as soon as possible!!!! Our next important future project is construction of Phase II, the Aquariums. We tentatively have a \$25,000 challenge donation that covers the Mountain Stream Tank and some of the equipment, but funding for presentation tanks, filtration systems, plumbing, and the labor portion is urgently needed. The sponsors of the completed aquarium building will be posted in perpetuity.

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

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 Southwestern Community College - Swain Center, 60 Almond School Road, Bryson City, 7.4 miles west from the museum on the right off US 74 West. A meet and greet hour beginning at Noon 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 chamber@greatsmokies.com or call 828 488 3681 to reserve your place at the induction ceremony, lunch and admission to the re-opening of the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians for only \$35 per person, \$20 for children under 12.

Sponsorships are sold out and will be recognized in the Induction Program.

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 hummus* 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.

Upcoming Trout Fishing Events in Cherokee for 2016

1st Annual Museum Hall of Fame Inductions, Museum Re-Opening – September 24, 26

2nd Annual Smoky Mountain Fly Fishing Festival, Bryson City - October 2

Rumble in Rhododendrons, Cherokee – October 28-30

There are more trout tournaments held on Cherokee Enterprise Waters. See www.FishCherokee.com, or www.CherokeeSmokies.com for dates.

Smoky Mountain Hook and Hackle – November 4-5

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

International Federation of Fly Fishers

Southern Trout Magazine, Don Kirk

TenkaraUSA, Jason Sparks (pending)

Jim W Haynie

Project Healing Waters, Rick Queen

Swain County Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee Valley Authority (pending)

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

Hill Top Fly Tyers, Glover McMurray

Bob Nanney

Simonds Bait & Tackle Shop, Ann Parton

Eunice Lovell

Saint Clair Mapping, Fred Turner

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

Robert A Blocker

Chad Bryson

Ron and Sharon Gaddy

Gary Jones

Raven Fork Rods, Jim Mills

Brookings Outdoor Village, Roger Lowe

Rod & Ann Dalstrom (pending)

Endless River, Ken Kastroff

Laura Kennerly

Temple Fork Outfitters

Supporter \$120 Level

Appalachian Angler, Theo and Hayden Copeland

The Craig Family, Kevin Craig

Fly Fishing the Smokies, Eugene Shuler

Chuck and Gerri Harrell

Mountain Tenkara, Bob Ivins

Rivers Edge Outfitters, Joey Walraven

Smoke Mountain Meadows Campground, Terry Houghton

Southern Highroad Outfitters

Tuckaseegee Fly Shop

Blackrock Outdoor Company

Davidson River Outfitters

Fontana Guides

Phil Hinton

Brown Osborne

Dr John Robinson

Smoky Mountain Outdoors Unlimited, Ronnie Parris

Tommy Thompson (pending)

Upper Creek Angler, John Zimmerman

Contributor \$60 Level

Kyle Bright

Roger Caylor

Bill Everhardt

Fish Hawk

Georgia Women Flyfishers

Anthony Hipp

Tom Hopkins

Little River Outfitters, Byron Begley

Dick Morgan

Mickey Reavis

Dave and Emily Whitlock

Bo Cash

Edward Jones, Matthew B. Underwood, AAMS

Robin Feierabend

Zeke Foard

Matt Greene

John and Sharon Hollifield

Brian Jaeck

Dan Long

Dr Eveleen Randal

Joe Summer

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, Tammy Neal and Amy Parker, Museum Volunteer Coordinators, have been helping with public shows, scheduled events at the museum as well as back-fitting the catalogue of museum items. Jackie Greene, Holly Cole and Jan Gamage have been planning the first Museum Hall of Fame luncheon. And many more locally helped to relocate the museum in August. Thank you all for your dedication and many, many hours!

The Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians and the Swain County Chamber of Commerce are located at 210 Main Street in downtown Bryson City, North Carolina. Operating hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Generally closed Sundays, except for scheduled special events.

The address is 210 Main Street, Bryson City, NC 28713. Phone number is 828.488.3681.

No charge for admission at this time.

