



Tuckasegee Streamside News

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Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians

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 (meaning we must raise an additional \$25,000 match) that covers the Aquatic Species Science Center, the Mountain Stream Tank and some of the chilling equipment. 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. There are sponsor positions for tanks for Muskie, White Bass, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Stillwater, Non-Native Fish, Forage Fish, Mountain Minnows, Native Sunfish, Redhorse Sucker, Threaten Species, or in other words \$2,000 (100-gallon vertical tank) to \$5000 (600-gallon) which correspond to the various live systems planned. We also are seeking \$25,000 in donations for Trout in the Classroom Regional Center.

One-Year and Counting

The journey in Southern Appalachian fly fishing history continues with a good second year of operation. With a brief 6-week interruption to [relocated](#) the museum to Bryson City mid-August to September, we re-opened on September 23, the day before the Museum Hall of Fame Inductions luncheon event. The newly completed conference room bears the funding sponsors name, **Project Healing Waters**, for five years in appreciation and recognition.

The website, www.FlyFishingMuseum.org, is well maintained and has directions, hours of operation, upcoming events and exhibit information, as well as membership and donation opportunities. The Museum Gift Shop is clearing out the Logo items labeled Cherokee and restocking items labeled Bryson City. The online fly fishing magazine, [Southern Trout](#) 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.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.

Coming new Exhibits for 2017 include the following "Stream Blazer" exhibits: Fred Hall, Carl Standing Deer, Horace Kephart, Charlie Bean, L. J. DeCuir, Hugh Chatham, T. Henry Wilson, and special exhibits: Louis Rhead and George Vanderbilt II. In Phase II we plan a number of new exhibits including several conservation oriented exhibits, Southern Trout Magazine Legends Hall of Fame, Southern Trout Magazine Kiosk, Floating and Fly Fishing which will include a 1920s wooden canoe, and several "Timeline Exhibits." Added new exhibits since moving to Bryson City are modern rod building, more early fly rods including a mid-1800s Greenheart, and more early fly reels.

Fly Fishing Museum Hall of Fame Seek Nominations for Second Year of Inductees

The Museum Hall of Fame selection process for 2017 inductions is underway. Nomination forms may be obtained at the museum or contact Alen Baker alenandscottie@aol.com. The inductees will be announced in June and the luncheon to recognize these famers will be held again at the 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 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 now being sold as well 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.

Wanda Hair Taylor – Inducted for her many contributions to the **Recreation** of Fly Fishing in the Southeast.

Jim Casada – Inducted for his **Communications** as an author of numerous outdoor books and as a seminar speaker.

Phil H. Bracewell, Sr. – Inducted *posthumous* 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.

Upcoming Trout Fishing Events in Bryson City Area for 2017

Fly Tying Classes, Fly Fishing 101 Classes in the Project Healing Waters Conference Room at the museum. See www.flyfishigmuseum.org for dates and times.

WNC Fly Girls Fly Tying Class – January 14 at 10 am. See <https://www.meetup.com/WNC-Fly-Girls/events/236415524/> or contact Tammy Neal.

1st Annual Southern Appalachian Outdoor and Fly Fishing Experience in downtown Bryson City – May 6,7

This event includes the Smoky Mountain Hook & Hackle event which will become a Spring event.

2nd Annual Museum Hall of Fame Inductions – August 26

3rd Annual Smoky Mountain Fly Fishing Festival, Bryson City - October 2

Rumble in Rhododendrons, Cherokee – October 27-29

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

Fly Tyers Weekend, Little River Outfitters, Townsend, Tennessee – November 4-5

2016 Donors (Year-end 2016)

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

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

Alen D Baker	EBCI
Ron Gmerek	Jim W Haynie
International Federation of Fly Fishers	Curtis Leonard
Project Healing Waters, Rick Queen	Southern Trout Magazine, Don Kirk
Swain County Chamber of Commerce	TenkaraUSA, Jason Sparks (pending)
Tennessee Valley Authority (pending)	

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

Jim Clay	Ron and Sharon Gaddy
Hill Top Fly Tyers, Glover McMurray	Eunice Lovell
Bob Nanney	Saint Clair Mapping, Fred Turner
Simonds Bait & Tackle Shop, Ann Parton	

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

Robert A Blocker	Brookings Outdoor Village, Roger Lowe
Chad Bryson	Rod & Ann Dalstrom (pending)
Endless River, Ken Kastroff	Gary Jones
Laura Kennerly	Raven Fork Rods, Jim Mills
Debra Smith	Temple Fork Outfitters

Supporter \$120 Level

Appalachian Angler, Theo and Hayden Copeland	Blackrock Outdoor Company
Jim Casada	The Craig Family, Kevin Craig
Davidson River Outfitters	Fly Fishing the Smokies, Eugene Shuler
Fontana Guides	Chuck and Gerri Harrell
Phil Hinton	Mountain Tenkara, Bob Ivins
Brown Osborne	Rivers Edge Outfitters, Joey Walraven
Dr John Robinson	Smoke Mountain Meadows Campground, Terry Houghton
Smoky Mountain Outdoors Unlimited, Ronnie Parris	Southern Highroad Outfitters
Tommy Thompson	Tuckaseegee Fly Shop
Upper Creek Angler, John Zimmerman	

Contributor \$60 Level

Kyle Bright	Bo Cash
Roger Caylor	Jim Clay
Edward Jones, Matthew B. Underwood, AAMS	Jim Erik
Bill Everhardt	Robin Feierabend
Fish Hawk	Zeke Foard
Georgia Women Flyfishers	Matt Greene
Anthony Hipp	John and Sharon Hollifield
Tom Hopkins	Brian Jaeck
Little River Outfitters, Byron Begley	Dan Long
Dick Morgan	Dr Eveleen Randal
Mickey Reavis	Bill Ritter
Ellen Snodgrass	Joe Summer
Dave and Emily Whitlock	Rex Wilson

“On behalf of the museum board, thank you for your support!” - **Alen Baker**, Museum Board Member, (704) 507-6191.

Gene Barrington, Board Member; 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 are planning the second Museum Hall of Fame luncheon. And many more locally help in the museum year-round. 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. Summer (Apr-Jul, Oct) operating hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Winter (Nov-Mar, Sep) schedule may be the same or reduced to weekdays, closing on Saturdays.

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.

