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President's Corner

Happy New Year to one and all and may the New Year find you healthy, wealthy and wise and on the stream catching the fish of your dreams. It's good to put 2011 behind as it was the wettest year on record in Northeast Ohio. Not good for the streams and the fishing. We cancelled 5 outings in a row to Kingsbury Glen due to high water in April and May. On a positive note we did get in the outing in November to Kingsbury Glen. Ask Jim Napier to show you a picture of the steelhead he landed.

Start 2012 on positive note by attending the club meeting on Jan. 11 to see Glenn Weisner's presentation on fishing Crooked Island in the Bahamas. The North Coast Fly Fishing Expo is Saturday, Jan 14.

Mark your calendar for June 1, 2 and 3 for the trip to the Little J at the Inn at Edgewater. Hopefully we can get in a trip to Presque Isle in May and the Clear Fork River.

The club is sponsoring a Youth Fly Fishing Class at French Creek Nature center on March 8, 22, April 5, 19 and May 3 and 12. The class is limited to 12 and will be from 6 to 8 pm. The topics will be equipment selection, fly casting, knots, basic entomology, landing and releasing fish and fly tying. The last class will be fishing all day at a location as yet to be determined. We need help with the classes - about 5 people per class. This is a pilot program that is funded by the state of Ohio and we need your help to make it a success.

Firelands club dues for 2012 can be paid at the January meeting. John Sabo is the new Director of Membership. Steve Bell has a very busy work schedule and thus passed the job to John. Steve deserves a round of applause for all his time and efforts in his role on our board!

Happy New Year and Good fishing!

Bill Grake,
President. Firelands Fly Fishers

Future Events

General Club Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the French Creek Nature Center, 4530 Colorado Ave. Sheffield Village.

Meetings begin socially at 6:30 PM



2012 Events and Meetings

January 11th – Firelands Meeting at French Creek

January 14th – North Coast Fly Fishing Expo

February 8th – Firelands Meeting at French Creek

March 14th – Firelands Meeting at French Creek

*Fly Tying Sessions at Gander Mountain in Sheffield
Wednesdays from 6 – 9 PM*

January 4, 18, 25 February 1, 15, 22, 29

Previous Meeting – December 14 – Christmas Pot Luck

As always, there was enough food to feed an army of fly fisherman. Thanks to everyone that contributed food and purchased raffle tickets, but special thanks go out to everyone that set up, cleaned and specially Bill and Carl for organizing the food and the room once again.

Next Meeting – January 11 – Glenn Weisner

Glenn Weisner (Toledo, Glenn River Fly Co.) will be sharing a presentation with us on his travels, with Wayne Samson and Chris Helm, to the Bahamas and fly fishing at Crooked Island. This will be a great mid-winter mental escape for all of us.

Here is Glenn's description: A View of Crooked Island and the Saltwater - travel with Glenn and Wayne and visit the virtually uninhabited out-island of Crooked Island in the Bahamas. Armed with big sticks, suntan lotion, sunglasses and absolutely no experience on saltwater we were guided by our very close friend Chris Helm (a regular to the salt) and of course the locals who kept saying to Glenn ..."hey maaaaan...those TROUT moves will not work down here maaaaan"..... Our goal of this presentation is to introduce you to the world of salt, the elements, the quarry, the gear & clothing, the people and the way of life that will surely captivate you.

Target audience- this presentation is VERY fly-fishing related and is basically a "destination" presentation for those wishing to learn more about the small, seemingly primitive, out-island and it's wonderful people and fishing opportunities. As a "destination" slide show quite a bit of information will be presented covering: travel, lodging, local culture & people, fly-fishing operations, spin fishing opportunities, gear, clothing, fly patterns, specific techniques and of course some old fashioned "fish" stories. If you have been to the "salt" a lot- we are sure you will see some familiar sights! If you have never been to the Bahamas to fish the "salt" we are sure you will find this presentation to be both enjoyable & informative.

PLEASE NOTE: We will also be collecting membership dues for 2012 at this meeting.

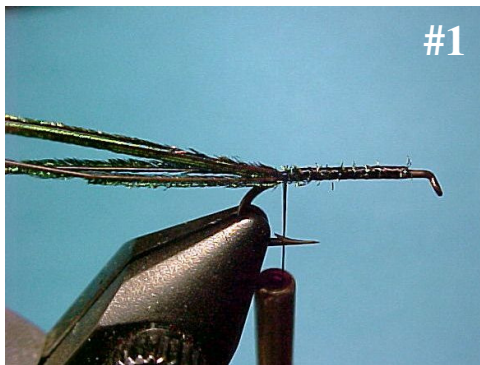
Fly of the Month, January – The Crowe Beetle

Hook: Mustad 94840 - Size 12 to 20

Thread: Black - 8/0

Under Body: Peacock Herl

Over Body: Black deer hair



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5, Complete

Photo # 1 Wrap a secure base of thread from the hook eye to the bend. Tie in four strands of Peacock Herl to the hook shank and leave the balance hanging out behind the hook for later.

Photo # 2 Stack a pinch of black deer hair and tie it in to form a body with the tips facing back. Leave the thread near the hook eye.

Photo # 3 Spiral wrap the peacock herl in tight wraps around the hook shank up to the hook eye. Tie it off with the thread and trim off the excess Peacock Herl.

Photo # 4 Flop the deer hair over the back of the body and tie it off at the hook eye.

Photo # 5 Pull three strands of deer hair from each side backwards and tie them off to form backwards facing legs. Snip off the excess deer hair to form legs and a head. Whip finish the thread and trim off the excess thread to complete the fly.

*For previous Fly of the Month patterns,
please visit our web site at
www.firelandsflyfishers.org*

*Tom Zmina,
Director of Fly Tying,
Firelands Fly Fishers*

Fly Fishing and Tying Expos

In addition to our wonderful Wednesday night class offered at Gander Mountain in Sheffield, these following shows and expos take place around the Midwest this winter. Check back next month for additions and changes. If you are new to casting or tying or just shopping for fishing gear, these expos are recommended. Ask at a meeting, we have members that have tied at or attended all of them. Carpools are recommended as well.

North Coast Fly Tying Expo – January 14 – Lakeland CC, Kirtland, OH - <http://www.ncff.net/expo2012.htm>

Huron River Fly Tier's Symposium – January 28 - Canton, MI - <http://www.huronriver.org/symposium.html>

Buckeye United Fly Fishers (Cincinnati) – Feb 4 - <http://buckeyeflyfishers.com/FlyFishingShow/2012show.htm>

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo – March 10 and 11 – Warren, MI - <http://www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com/index.php>

Cabela's Fly Tying Seminars – Saturdays, 10:00 – 4:00 – Dundee, MI

Jan. 7 Glenn Weisner & Wayne Samson - Bass & Trout Flies

Feb. 4 Kevin Feenstra - Steelhead Flies

Jan. 14 Dennis Potter - Terrestrials for Trout and Panfish

Feb. 11 Ron Dilbone - Foam Flies

Jan. 21 Kevin Morlock - Carp & Smallmouth Flies

Feb. 18 Jeff "Bear" Andrews - Steelhead & Trout Flies

Jan. 28 Chris Helm – Streamer Flies

Feb. 25 Jerry Darkes - Steelhead Flies for Ohio and PA

Castalia Fishing Lottery, Ohio DOW

Castalia Fishing Application - accepting applications now through January 31!

The Division of Wildlife conducts an annual drawing to fish for trout in the 1/2 mile section of Cold Creek that runs through Castalia State Fish Hatchery. Participation is determined by computer generated random drawing which is held early February.

The application period is December 1 through January 31. Applications must be submitted online by January 31 or earlier to be considered. Go to the [Wild Ohio Customer Center](#) and click "Lottery Applications." Applicants 16 years old and older must hold a valid fishing license to apply.

The application fee is \$3.00 and anglers may apply once annually. If the same name appears on multiple applications, all applications will be disqualified and the fee(s) forfeited. Independent drawings will be held for both a youth season (summer) which includes 15 years old and younger, and an adult season (spring and fall) which includes 16 years old and older. Each person must submit a separate application.

Application fees are non-refundable.

Permit holders may bring two adults and three youths and you may participate **only once per season** as either the permittee or a partner. Participants 16 and older must hold a valid fishing license.

Anglers will be able to check the website (in the [Wild Ohio Customer Center](#)) under their customer number to find out if they were chosen as participants. **Applicants not chosen to participate will not be notified.** Anglers chosen to participate will receive instructions on how to download the necessary permit and instructions from our website, including the fishing date. The permit to fish applies to the successfully drawn applicant and his/her partner(s) and permits are transferable (adult to adult, youth to youth). All participants must be properly licensed.

Fly Fishing Films

The Trout Club at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History will be showing the film 'Connect' on Friday, February 3. The evening will begin at 6:30 with a cocktail party (cash bar) and appetizers, with the movie beginning at 8pm.

Tickets are available for advance purchase of \$10 (\$5 for students) at Orvis in Woodmere, and The Backpackers Shop in Sheffield. Tickets can be purchased at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History the night of the event for \$15. Your ticket purchase qualifies you for an entry into our intermission raffle of a Nautilus CCF reel. For information on the film: <http://www.confluencefilms.tv/>

The Fly Fishing Film Tour, travelling the United States with several featured films each year, is coming to Cedar Lee Theater in Cleveland Hts. on Tuesday, March 20. <http://flyfilmtour.com/>

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"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish." ~ Herbert Hoover

