



Fort Worth

Fly Fishers

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Message From the President

Happy Holidays fellow Fly Fishers!

The FWFF Christmas Party will be GREAT! It will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden in the Rosebud Room. While we had a great speaker lined up, Spencer Seim, he had death in his family this week and had to cancel. Hopefully, we can bring him back in 2019. BUT, we've made alternative plans for our entertainment—which will appeal to everyone—including non-fishing spouses. This will be a true party, no business, just socializing having fun. And, we have a few surprises up our sleeves.

The trip to Broken Bow last month was a huge success. The fall colors were spectacular, the weather was beautiful and the fishing was great! I want to personally thank Greg Kohn for hosting this outing. He did an outstanding job in organizing and handling the logistics. If you get a chance, you should chat with Greg. His enthusiasm for the sport of fly fishing is contagious and he is a wealth of knowledge. There's a full report and photos in this newsletter.

I also encourage you to consider hosting an outing next year. The concept is that the host is familiar with the area where the outing takes place, arranges for accommodations, and communicates the necessary information to participants. It is relatively easy AND you earn volunteer leadership hours.

Speaking of volunteer hours, it is time to turn in your VIP cards showing your number of recorded volunteer hours. We will present prizes to the volunteers with the most hours. We will also have drawings for some great prizes and each hour you have volunteered will be a chance to win. The more hours you have, the more chances you have to win. All this will be done at our January club meeting. So, please get your cards into Kay Jackson before Dec. 31. Cards may be turned into Kay at the Christmas party or mailed to her at 3820 Danbury Drive, Arlington TX 76016.

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Finally, I would like to thank those folks who volunteer their time on the Board of Directors. Words cannot adequately express how professional and dedicated these folks are. They have really made this club one of the best in the nation and they have made my job easy. The current board is listed on the last page of this newsletter. Please let them know how much you appreciate what they do for the club. Also, in that list are those newly elected directors that will be starting their terms in 2019. Many thanks go to these folks who have stepped up to volunteer their time.

As we get ready for this season, we need to remember how blessed we are and to share those blessings with those who are less fortunate. We should also all take time to appreciate the beauty of the world we live in and to make a commitment to preserve that gift for the generations to come.

See you at the Christmas Party

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas

Fish on!

Bryce Bezzant
President

The Annual Christmas Party

December's meeting is always special because it's also our annual Membership's Christmas Party. Due to a family emergency, Spencer Seim is not able to join us, but we have lots of fun things planned.

You can register right now for the December party, at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Just go to the [Member Login page](#) of our website, click on the Calendar and sign up. We're having a Street Taco Bar and ice tea, all for just \$10 for members and their guests, or \$20 for non-members. You can also bring your own beer and wine. See you there! If you have questions, call Kay Jackson at 817-658-3004.

Upcoming Speakers

Adam Tate, FFFF's outgoing Speakers Director, has set up an outstanding lineup for 2019's first three months. Here's a snapshot of the year's opening speakers, along with some additional details of January speaker Doc Thompson. Check it out!

COMING UP!
SPEAKER LINEUP
2019

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Est. 1965

FLY FISHING NEW MEXICO WATERS
Doc Thompson's High Country Anglers
January 8th

THIRD APPEARANCE!
Landon Mayer FLY FISHING
The Hunt for GIANT TROUT
NEW BOOK!
DECEMBER 2018 RELEASE
February 5th

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT
JOHN DIETSCH
THE FLY FISHING DIRECTOR AND FISHING STUNT DOUBLE FOR BRAD PITT
March 5th

January Speaker *Doc Thompson*



Doc Thompson is an Orvis Endorsed Guide in northern New Mexico. He started High Country Anglers in 1995 thinking he could make a living as a fly-fishing guide in New Mexico. Thousands of guide trips later, Doc is still alive and guiding. He is known for his patience, knowledge, professionalism and working with people of all skill levels from novices to sharing new tricks with “old dogs”.

As Doc says; “All guides love to fish, but I also love to guide.” Doc is also an Orvis Fly Tier-Designer. He was honored as the 2006 Orvis Guide of the Year and has been a finalist for Guide of the Year in 2012, 2014 and 2017. In the winter months he hosts saltwater and trout trips to various destinations. Doc presents educational programs on fly fishing New Mexico, fly selection, entomology and fly tying to many fly-fishing clubs and fly shops throughout the country.

Upcoming Outing *January Brings Combined Fly Fish 101 and Outing on Brazos at Possum Kingdom*

Our January outing will be combined with Fly Fish 101 on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on the Brazos River below the Possum Kingdom Dam, near Graford.

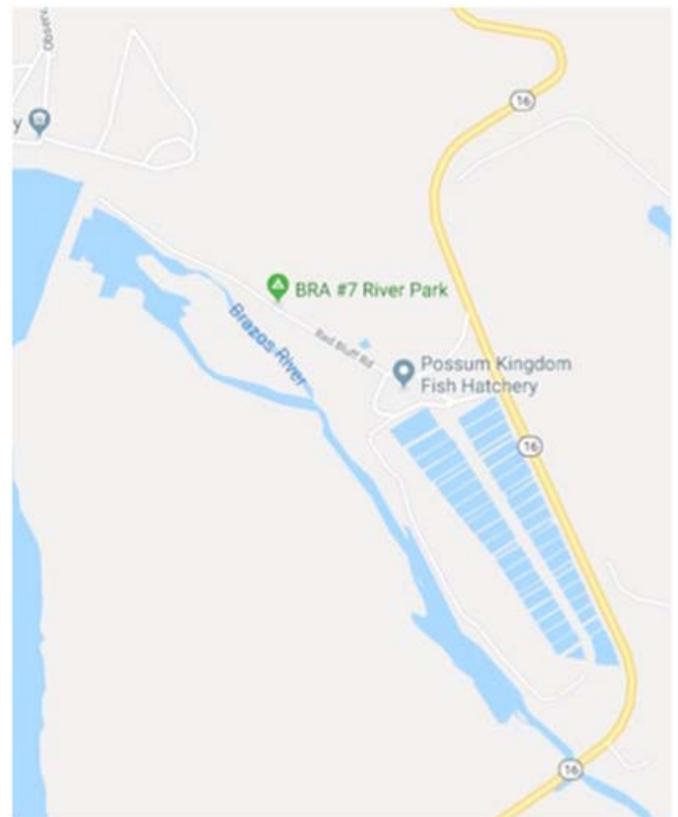
In the morning, we will host a trout lab. You will learn basics for leaders, tippets and flies for catching trout, which are stocked

below the dam at Possum Kingdom and near the Texas 16 bridge. You will not need rods or flies, but will need a valid Texas fishing license to participate.

On hand will be a few volunteer casting instructors to demonstrate the basics as well as some “fishing instructors” who will help you learn how to mend line in moving current, adjust flies for the best depth to catch fish, and help you learn the best way they know how to catch trout in the Brazos River.

Lunch will be provided in the parking area near the dam and the Brazos River Authority offices. And for those who wish to remain after lunch, fishing will continue.

Here is a map of the Brazos River Authority camp site No. 7, where we will meet at 9 a.m.



The address is 200 Red Bluff Road, in Graford, Texas. If you enter that address into your favorite online mapping service, such as [Google Maps](#), it will give you printable directions from your own location. You can also try entering it into your own mobile GPS device. If the address is not found, you can use these GPS coordinates for the Brazos River Authority’s River Park Campsite #7:

32.87014, -98.4214

For more information, or to volunteer to help our beginners, please contact Vince Turley at vturley@att.net or 817-307-0073; or Les Jackson at keebranch@sbcglobal.net. Bring a friend!

Outing Report

Broken Bow Outing - A Huge Success

The club's November outing was to Beavers Bend State Park near Broken Bow, Okla. The Lower Mountain Fork (LMF) fishery that runs through the park is a great tailwater trout stream and provides some outstanding fishing for rainbows and browns as well as other species. This stream had just recently been stocked and was loaded with fish. Just check out the photos!

We had 18 FWFF members who made the Nov. 16-18 trip and stayed in Broken Bow Nature Cabins. The fall foliage was spectacular, the weather was great and everybody caught fish -- a lot of fish. Granted, the fish ranged in size from 10 to 13 inches and no monsters were caught (or at least not reported by the time of this writing). But, the sheer number of fish that were landed made it a lot of fun.

The club arranged for Beavers Bend Fly Shop to have fly fishing guide Trey Prater provide an informal talk on Friday night. Trey did an orientation to the river, discussed what flies were fishing well and in general, how to catch fish on the LMF. On

Saturday, Trey took two groups of five fly fishers, one group in the morning and one group in the afternoon. He conducted an on-the-water seminar and guided both groups to fishing spots where they caught fish. Greg Kohn, who was the host for the trip, provided assistance. The club paid for Trey's services and, other than tipping, the guide trip was at no cost to the members. As reported by all, Trey did a great job of on-the-water instruction.

The day was finished out with a pot luck dinner. Greg Kohn brought five huge chicken pot pies that he bought from Costco, and others provided side dishes and desserts. No one went hungry.

We truly appreciate Broken Bow Nature Cabins for the accommodations and Beavers Bend Fly Shop for arranging for the guide and other things. If you plan on going to Beavers Bend, please consider supporting these vendors. Lastly, we need to express appreciation to Greg Kohn, who did a great job hosting the outing. Thanks Greg!

Bryce Bezan
FWFF President



Kevin Marlow pulls in a rainbow on the Lower Mountain Fork.



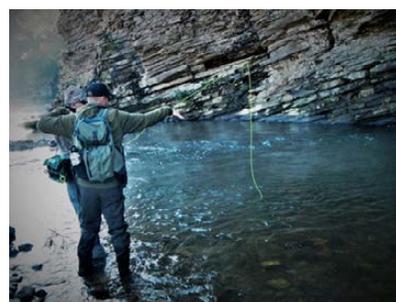
Guide Trey Prater shows club members how easy it is. Right?



Mike Simmel cradles a rainbow.



Morning at The Bluffs on the Lower Mountain Fork.



Guide Trey Prater shows how to get a good drift at The Bluffs.

Steve Pio brings in a catch.



Glenn Guminski fishing Zone 2 on the Lower Mountain Fork.

It's All About the Fishing!

This is where we highlight photos and stories sent in by FWFF members from recent trips. See what your fellow members are up to, and if you have photos to share send them to Jim Fuquay, newsletter editor, at jimfuquay@gmail.com



Keira Quam landed this brownie during a trip to Beavers Bend.

Backwoods Fort Worth Moves into New Location

An expanded fly-fishing department is on tap for the new Backwoods Fort Worth store scheduled to open by the end of November. The new location is 441 Carroll St. in the Montgomery Ward Plaza shopping center on the city's near west side.

The independent outdoors retailer also said it has added a pop-up shop in Fort Worth's Trailhead at Clearfork development. That location opened Nov. 8 and is in addition to its Backwoods Paddlesports facility at Panther Island Pavilion. It will also continue to operate out of the Foch Street Warehouses development.

Backwoods said its new Carroll St. store covers 6,400 square feet and features an HD theater area, Backwoods Adventures travel kiosk, expanded outdoor gear offerings and an outdoor green space.

"It's going to be a really fun space in the heart of Fort Worth," said Tim Martin, general manager of Backwoods Fort Worth. Grand opening events are planned. Backwoods has operated in Fort Worth since 1978. The company is based in Austin and also has stores in Omaha, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Wanted:

Outings Director for FWFF

Consider filling one of the club's most important and rewarding positions. Great opportunity to share your experience with members and make even more good friends. Please contact any Board Member or FWFF President Bryce Bezant (817-360-6672).

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a lot of volunteer opportunities for FWFF club members. By volunteering, your hours count towards the club's Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) and the opportunity to redeem VIP Bucks for new fly-fishing gear from Orvis and Temple Fork Outfitters. It's not too late to participate in the VIP program, which runs through Dec. 31. Here are some ways to earn VIP Bucks:

- Conservation event: Events are being planned now. Contact David Hooper at hoopertx@sbcglobal.net
- Auction Committee: We need a committee for the 2019 auction. Contact Rick Hanes at rohdevelopment@aol.com

Time to Renew Your FWFF Membership

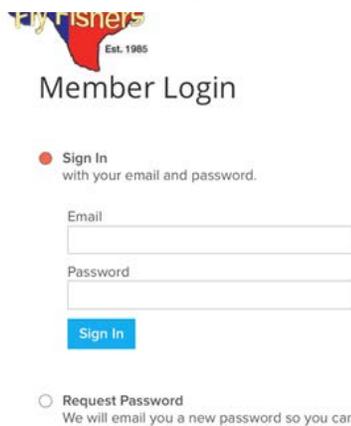
Fort Worth Fly Fishing membership run for a calendar year, so November marks the beginning of our renewal season. The club's new, improved website is the easiest way for you to renew. Here, we present a step-by-step process for renewing online using a credit card. It's especially convenient because all your membership information is entered by yourself and is updated throughout the club's membership database. You can still renew the old way, by writing a check at the monthly membership meeting or mailing a check to FWFF, P.O. Box 1133, Fort Worth, TX 76101.

How to renew online:

1. Go to the website at www.fortworthflyfishers.org, and click on Member Login.



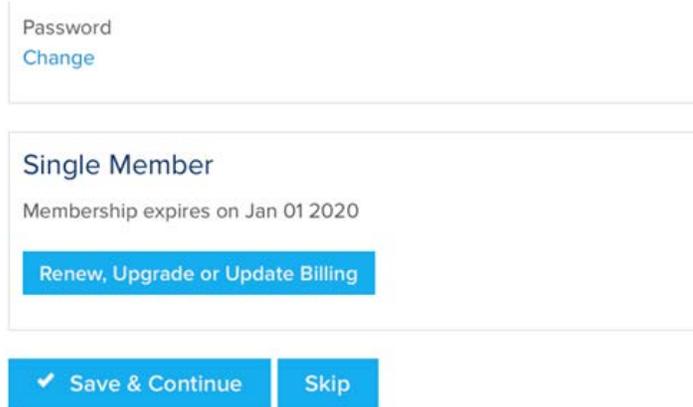
2. Log in with the email address you used when you last renewed. If you haven't logged in to the new website, click "Request Password." Your email address will receive a randomly generated password, which you can later change.



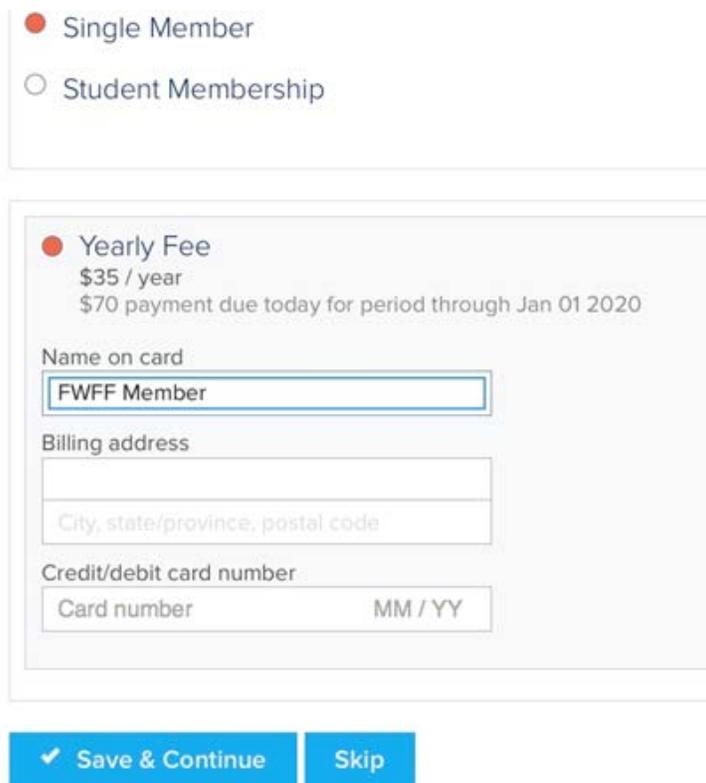
3. Click on "My Account" button on the Membership Welcome! page.



4. First, this is a good time to update your personal information, such as address and contact number listed under the "About" tab. You can also add as much or as little as you wish under the "Profile" tab. Now click on the "Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing" button.



5. Click on the type of membership you want: Family, Single or Student. The Yearly Fee will be automatically displayed to match your selection. Then fill in your name, home address and credit card data. Click the "Save & Continue" button.



That's it! You're good for another year of membership in Fort Worth Fly Fishers.

Fly of the Month: *Diawl Bach*

This month's Fly of the Month is the Diawl Bach, as tied and photographed by Barry Webster, FWFF Fly Tying Director.

Meaning "little devil", the Diawl Bach is a popular Welsh fly pattern used in British still waters, and an appropriate lure to use when the fish are feeding on midge pupae. Since it's the holiday season, I've taken some liberties and tied the Diawl Bach in a Christmas color scheme resulting in the Holly Jolly Diawl Bach.



Head: Red tungsten bead
 Hook: nymph hook (here a Firehole 718 in size 12)
 Thread: Black Veevus 14/0
 Tail: Goose biots, white, that I colored red
 Underbody: White floss (or 140/210 denier white)
 Body: Green floss (DMC satin embroidery floss)
 Ribbing: Red Ultra wire (brassie)
 Wing case: Red and green DMC satin floss
 Thorax: Rainbow dubbing
 Legs: Mallard flank feather barbs, dyed red



Step 1: Flatten your barb (if not already barbless). Place the tungsten bead on the hook with the smaller hole toward the hook eye. Select two goose biots (I used white biots and colored them with a red permanent marker) and tie them in at the back of the hook

shank, before the bend of the hook. They should be about a hook shank in length. Securely bind down the tag ends to the hook shank.

Step 2: Attach a length of the red ribbing wire to the top of the hook shank and place in a material keeper, if you use one, to keep it back out of the way. Switch to the white floss (or thicker white thread)



and build a smooth, tapered underbody. We use white or light-colored underbody so the floss body does not darken when wet. Make this underbody as smooth as possible or bumps will be visible in the floss body. Secure the floss underbody by switching back to the black thread.



Step 3: Select a piece of green floss about 18 inches long. I use one strand of the six-strand DMC satin. I then untwist and carefully separate the single stand, revealing two underlying strands (so this is one-twelfth of the original DMC thread). Save one strand for your next fly and attach one strand to the body near the bead, leaving a tag facing forward as shown.

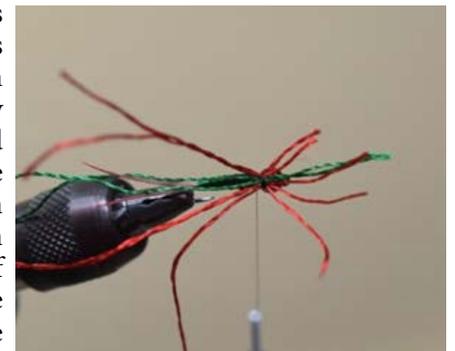
Separating the strands this way will allow you to wrap a dead flat floss body, which is the desired result.

Step 4: Using touching adjacent wraps of the floss, wrap from the front of the hook to the rear at the biot tail and wire ribbing attachment point and then back to the bead. Carefully wrap the floss allowing it to go on the body as flat as possible. Do not allow the floss to "cord up." Use the thread to secure the floss and clip both the tag and the wrapping end of the floss close to the hook shank.



Step 5: Wrap the red wire up the body of the fly using about five or six evenly spaced turns, and secure using thread next to the bead. Helicopter the wire off the fly.

Step 6: Select four stands of red DMC satin floss and two strands of green DMC satin. Carefully attach two strands of red to the near side of the fly, two strands of green on top of the fly, and an additional two strands of red to the far side. The results should look like the photo. These strands



Fly of the Month: *Contd.*

will be pulled over the top of the thorax and legs to create a wing case later. Use the thread to bind the red and green floss to the hook shank to create a thorax area (about 1/4 the hook shank in length).



Step 7: Clip the tag ends (the front facing strands) of the wing case and use Rainbow scud dubbing to create the thorax.

Step 8: Select two small groups (8-10 barbs each) of red dyed mallard flank by pulling the group out perpendicular to the rachis (stem) so the ends are fairly even. Clip off the barbs and attach a group, tips facing to the rear, to each side of the thorax. These rear-facing barbs, creating the legs, should be about 1/2 a hook shank in length, as shown in the picture. Clip off the front-facing ends and use a small additional amount of rainbow dubbing to cover the tie in point.



Step 9: Pull the strands for the wing case over the thorax and legs, tie them down behind the bead. Keep the red and green strands aligned as you pull them forward. After securely binding the ends down behind the bead, use your

scissors to carefully remove the tags ends. Clip them as close to the body as possible and then whip finish and clip the thread free from the fly.

Step 10: You may use UV cure resin or head cement over the wing case to improve the durability of the fly.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the December Holiday party.

Barry Webster
Tying Director





Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men coping with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery. Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half-day period at a comfortable facility with onsite or nearby fishing access.



“This retreat was the most uplifting and rewarding experience of my life.” -- retreat participant

All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants. Retreats are led by professional facilitators, trained retreat coordinators and fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the experience and to create a powerful, small-group dynamic.

In 2017 Texas held six retreats serving 70 courageous men living with cancer. We held 2 retreats each in Glen Rose, Navasota and Waring. We hosted our 2nd retreat in partnership with Project Healing Waters to serve only Veterans and Active Military men living with cancer.

2018 SCHEDULED TEXAS RETREATS:

Navasota, TX (Mar 16-18); Waring (April 6-8); Glen Rose (April 13-15) Waring (Sept. 21-23)

Veterans Only: Glen Rose, (Oct 12-14); Navasota (Nov. 2-4)

If you would like to be a Participant please apply on-line or contact us:

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490 info@reelrecovery.org www.reelrecovery.org

Texas: Mike Emerson 817-894-7832 mgemerson1944@gmail.com

Giving. Learning. Living.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery provides free retreats for women with breast cancer with a focus on improving quality of life through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

Supported entirely by donations and a team of over 1600 volunteers nationwide, CfR currently offers 42 retreats across the country, serving nearly 600 women each year. **Your generous help makes it possible to enrich the lives of women with breast cancer.**

Casting for Recovery

802.362.9181

info@castingforrecovery.org



Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
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CLUB ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

Dec. 4

Annual Holiday Party, Fort Worth Botanic Garden

JANUARY 2019

Jan. 8

Club meeting (one week later than usual to avoid New Year's Day) – Speaker Doc Thompson of Ute Park, N.M.

Jan. 19

Joint member outing and Fly Fish 101

FEBRUARY

Feb. 5

Membership meeting

MARCH

March 5

Membership meeting

Fly Tying Groups Around Town

One of the best ways to improve and learn new tying skills as well as make new friends is to attend one of the tying events held in our area on a weekly basis. If you are a seasoned and experienced tyer, many of us would be glad to learn a new pattern or technique from you. If you are new to the whole mystifying ordeal of putting thread and feathers on a hook, do not be intimidated. Come and watch, enjoy a cold one, and catch up on recent fishing reports.

Fort Worth

Backwoods:

1013 Foch Street

Fort Worth TX 76107

817-332-2423

Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Call ahead for details and information.

Stephen Woodcock is the Backwoods fly fishing manager and go-to guy for all your fly fishing needs. Stephen was instrumental in getting many club members into fly tying. Backwoods fly tying nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

Arlington

Cafe Acapulco

4001 W. Green Oaks Blvd., Suite 121

Arlington TX 76016

817-483-4171

Thursday nights: Dinner and drinks start at 5:15-5:30 p.m.

Tying starts at 6:30 p.m.

This event is usually headed by FWFF members who rotate in leading the class. The Mexican cuisine and cold drinks served by Lynda get the program rolling before tyers start making the fur, feathers and lies fly. If you don't mind a bit of rabbit fur in your salsa or peacock herl in your PBR, come join us!

Grapevine

Bass Pro Shop: Fly Fishing Department

2501 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051

Wednesday Night: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 10:00 a.m.

Led by "The Roadkill Round Table", this group has been tying for 35 years but welcomes new members.

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS

Board of Directors

Position	Name	Term
President	Bryce Bezant	2018-2019
Vice-President	Rick Hanes	2017-2019
Treasurer	Harold Hilley	2017-2919
Secretary	Joy Summers	2018-2020
Membership	Sharon Leissner	2017-2018
	Donna O'Toole	2019-2020
Speakers	Adam Tate	2017-2018
	Glen Guminski	2019-2020
Outings	Roshan Ali	2017-2018
	Open	2019-2020
Fly Tying	Barry Webster	2017-2018
	Carlos Crespo	2019-2020
Communications	Jim Fuquay	2018-2019
Conservation	David Hooper	2018-2019
Education	Les Jackson	2017-2018
Social Relations	Jim Bass	2018-2019
Auctions/Raffles	Anna Wadsworth	2017-2018
	Kevin Marlow	2019-2020
Legal	Mike Nelson	2018-2020
At-Large	Kay Jackson	2018-2019



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Our Purpose

"The purpose of our local club is to provide a forum for the meeting and exchange of ideas among members concerning the art of fly fishing."
Federation of Fly Fishers, Southern Council 2002 and 2003 Club of the Year, Texas Council 2014 Club of the Year