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Fly Fishers

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## Message From the President

Happy New Year, Fly Fishers!

Well, 2018 is in the books and was a great year for this club. We have done and achieved a lot. We had a great fundraiser in March, which allowed us to provide excellent speakers, learning clinics, outings with on-the stream seminars, FlyFish 101's, Fly Tying 101 and a Christmas Party, which was a blast. These programs would not have happened without the time and dedication of your Board of Directors and the numerous volunteers that help.

On the last page of this newsletter is a list of the yearend 2018 Board and those that have volunteered to step into the positions of those rolling off the Board in 2019. Please seek them out at the meetings and let them know how much you appreciate what they have done for the club and support the new Board members in their new positions.

We also want to recognize the folks that volunteered their time in helping at various club events. We are doing so by awarding prizes through the VIP program and that will be done at our January meeting. (Please see article in this newsletter).

Moving forward in the 2019, we have a great lineup of speakers, FF 101s, fly tying seminars, mini-clinics, casting instruction, conservation projects and outings. We hope to expand these programs so that they give you a great experience in 2019 and beyond. A 2019 Calendar (subject to some modifications) is presented in this newsletter. Please note those events of your interest on your personal calendar.

Lastly, I have four personal objectives that I believe should be present in a club like ours. These are:

1. To learn from others
2. To make good friends

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● **Yearly Fee**  
\$35 / year  
\$70 payment due today for period through Jan 01 2020

Name on card

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City, state/province, postal code

Credit/debit card number  
Card number  MM / YY



**Time to Renew**  
*Read more on page 9.*

**Fly of the Month**  
*Read more on page 10.*

## President's Message- Contd.

3. To do the things I like to do
4. And the most important -- TO HAVE FUN

If we as a club are not fulfilling these objectives for the members then we are missing the point and we need to rethink our program.

If you are a beginner fly fisher or an old hand at the sport, we hope that this club is fulfilling your needs. Please let us know of anything you want to see happen in the club and we will put it up for serious consideration. Further, I would encourage each member to get involved either through participation or through volunteering your time. In that process your experience with the club will be truly enhanced.

REMEMBER! JANUARY MEETING IS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY, JAN. 8. I personally will be watching football on New Year's Day, which is the first Tuesday.

See you at the meeting. Fish On!

Bryce Bezzant  
President

## Meet and Tie Flies with Landon Mayer

Landon Mayer, one of FWFF's favorite speakers who returns for our February membership meeting, will host a special gathering on Feb. 3 at Backwoods Fort Worth. Yes, it's Super Bowl Sunday, but the two-hour event will be over before kickoff.

This is your chance to meet and visit with Landon, who will also lead participants in tying a selection of his proven "Guide Flies." All you need to bring is your vise, tying tools and a selection of threads. Other materials will be provided.

Attendance is limited to 12. Cost is \$45. Here are the details:

- Location: Backwoods, 441 Carroll St., Fort Worth
- Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 3
- Registration: Online at [fortworthflyfishers.org](http://fortworthflyfishers.org) – sign in and click on the Calendar, then "Landon Mayer Event"; or contact Glenn Guminski at [Sailmoore94@verizon.net](mailto:Sailmoore94@verizon.net) or 817-403-0526.

The logo for Fort Worth Fly Fishers (FWFF) consists of the letters 'F', 'W', 'F', and 'F' in a bold, stylized font, followed by a '4'. The letters are white with a black outline and are set against a background of a mountain range.A banner for the Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline. The background is a scenic view of a mountain range with a river in the foreground.

**FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS  
FUNDRAISING FESTIVAL**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2019**

**WILD ACRES BREWERY**

## Upcoming Speakers

Adam Tate, FWFF'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**

**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.

### January Quick Clinic: *Member Services Discussion*

Quick Clinics are held 20 minutes prior to the beginning of our monthly meetings. The January clinic will be led by Kay Jackson, Director at Large. She wants to hear from members about how the club can better serve its members. Members should bring ideas on the activities they'd like to see in 2019 and beyond. Kay will record the feedback and share with the Board of Directors to help in planning. We need your feedback to make our club even better and stronger! Meet at 6:40 pm in the lecture hall where meetings are held.

# 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](https://www.google.com/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](mailto:vturley@att.net) or 817-307-0073; or Les Jackson at [keebranch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keebranch@sbcglobal.net). Bring a friend!

2019 OUTINGS CALENDAR (PRELIMINARY)			
DATE (2019)	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Jan. 19, 2019	Brazos River below Possum Kingdom	Trout, stripers, sand bass	Vince Turley
Feb. 15-17	Lower Mountain Fork, Beavers Bend	Trout	Greg Kohn
March 16, 2018	White bass run, Nolan River near	White bass	
April 12-14	Bill Ward Ranch kayaking and	Bass and perch	
May 18, 2018	Red River below Lake Texoma, exact	Stripers	
June 13-16	Texas Coast, kayaking and	Speckled trout, redfish, black	Bryce Bezant
July TBD	South Fork, Colo.	Trout	
August	No outing due to		
Sept. 20-22	Lake Caddo,	Bass and perch	
Oct. 18-20	Llano River, South Llano River RV Park	Bass and perch	
Nov. 15-17	Lower Mountain Fork, Beavers Bend	Trout	Greg Kohn

## To: The Fort Worth Fly Fishers Club from Reel Recovery Texas

Ten years ago, Warren Wolf walked into a Fort Worth Fly Fishers meeting to ask for help. He had recently attended a retreat in Colorado for men living with cancer and he came back inspired to start a chapter in Texas.

Warren died in May, 2011, but not before he put in place a strong foundation. The Fort Worth Fly Fishers played a major role in laying this foundation with financial support and volunteers from the beginning.

Texas has now served over 400 men in 34 retreats. It is noteworthy that this club's continuous support has provided the money to send 22 men to a retreat. Several of these men have been members of this club and others attending a retreat (some introduced to fly fishing for the first time) have chosen to join this or another fly-fishing club in their area.

On behalf of Reel Recovery and the men we have served in Texas, thank you for your very generous contributions in funds and peoplepower in sustaining support of the Texas Chapter of Reel Recovery.

*"Reel Recovery is a gift. Being here has given me the strength and courage to move forward with my life." -- Retreat Participant*

Mike Emerson, Texas State Coordinator, Reel Recovery  
[www.texasreelrecovery.org](http://www.texasreelrecovery.org)

## Reel Recovery Gear Cleanup Event Needs Volunteers

What: Reel Recovery gear clean up

When: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday Jan. 12

Where: Backwoods Fort Worth, 441 Carroll St., Fort Worth

Contact: (817) 332-2423

Are you new to fly fishing? Are you wondering how you can get some volunteer hours to help you earn points for the yearend FWFF VIP 2019 drawing?

Well, here's an opportunity to help out one of our club's causes -- Reel Recovery. Backwoods has been kind enough to host us for a session to clean lines, reels and associated fly-fishing gear used in 18 different states served by Reel Recovery. As you can imagine, some of the gear gets some tons of use and needs a good cleaning. We will have all cleaning supplies, as well as more experienced volunteers to help.

Reel Recovery is a non-profit that sends men who are cancer survivors on fly-fishing retreats. It's free to participants, who

have dealt with any form of cancer. Reel Recovery holds two retreats in North Texas, two in central Texas, and two in the Houston area.

For more information to volunteer or as a participant, go to [reelrecovery.org](http://reelrecovery.org) and click on the appropriate tab.

## Fly Tying Workshop with Fishy Fullum

Nationally-acclaimed fly tyer Fishy Fullum is teaching a half-day workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at UNT Health Science Center (the same meeting room where the club meets monthly). Participants should arrive at 8:30 a.m. and be ready to begin at 9 a.m. The cost is \$35 per person.

Fishy is teaching six different fly patterns, and students will be tying along with him. Materials will be provided for each of the flies. Participants need only to bring their vise, tools (scissors, bodkin, hackle pliers, etc.) and super glue. The patterns he'll be teaching include:

- 1) The DKW
- 2) Fishy's latest new grasshopper pattern
- 3) Striped ghost popper
- 4) The sequin fly
- 5) Triple tail
- 6) New wiretail minnow

This class is NOT for beginners. Attendees must have a general command of fly tying skills and terminology.

Class size limited to 30 people. Those interested should visit [www.fortworthflyfishers.org](http://www.fortworthflyfishers.org) and sign up and pay online in advance of the workshop.



*Fishy Fullum with a student.*

# Volunteer Incentive Program(VIP) Winners To Be Announced at January Meeting

The 2018 Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) winners will receive their awards at the January club meeting.

The winners will include the member with the most leadership hours and the member with the most non-leadership hours, plus three additional winners selected from a random drawing of tickets (one volunteer hour = one ticket) from those who turned in volunteer hours by Dec. 31. The winners get to select their prizes from a select list of Orvis and TFO products.

The 2019 VIP program kicks off this month and will run from Jan.1 to Dec. 31, 2019. Here's how it will work:

Members earn volunteer hours at club-sponsored events when they work on or lead committees or work at an event. Work is defined as: helps coordinate, leads coordination, host, cooks, helps with casting, cleaning up etc. Just attending an event will not earn check off on the VIP cards, and it is the discretion of the board member to sign off on volunteer hours. Cards can be obtained at the event or in advance from the responsible director.

There are two categories of VIP cards:

- o Leadership hours are earned by members who volunteer to lead an event (i.e. outing, conservation, Fly Fish 101 event) under the direction of the responsible board member

- o Non-Leadership hours are volunteer hours that assist with events.

A VIP card with 12 initials (equals 12 hours) is considered a completed card. As cards are completed, a member can turn them in or hold them until the end of the year when the cards are put in for a drawing. Every hour counts, and can be turned in even if the card is not completed.

Cards are to be turned into Kay Jackson, Member at Large Director. For large events, a spreadsheet can be developed by the responsible director to help track hours which will be transferred to cards for his/her volunteers.

Here is the 2019 VIP prize and award structure. There will be one grand prize awarded in each category. The person with the most Leadership volunteer hours will win 600 VIP Bucks, and the person with the most Non-Leader volunteer hours will win 500 VIP Bucks.

There will be three additional prizes of 150 VIP Bucks each will be awarded in a chance drawing. Each participating member

will receive one chance ticket for each volunteer hour he/she earned in the calendar year with all tickets going into a drawing for the three prizes. In essence, the more hours members volunteer, the more chances they receive for the prize drawing.

Members are responsible for keeping up with their VIP cards and presenting them to the board member for sign off. The member is also responsible for turning in their signed off cards by Dec. 31, 2019 to Kay. The club is not responsible for lost or stolen VIP cards. Lost cards cannot be "re-created" by a board member on behalf of the volunteer member. Rules will be posted on our Web site. For questions, contact Kay Jackson.

Anyone who volunteers any level of hours has the potential to win. So, what are you waiting for? There are a LOT of opportunities this year, beginning with the Reel Recovery gear clean up on an. 12 at Backwoods and the January Fly Fish 101 on the Brazos River below the Possum Kingdom dam on Jan. 19.

## 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](mailto:hoopertx@sbcglobal.net)
- Auction Committee: We need a committee for the 2019 auction. Contact Rick Hanness at [rohdevelopment@aol.com](mailto:rohdevelopment@aol.com)
- FLYFEST 2019: Lots of positions helping with events: Contact Bryce Bezant at [rbbezant@outlook.com](mailto:rbbezant@outlook.com)

## Fly Fish Texas



Join us at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens on February 16th for a day of rods, reels, lines, and flies! Fly fishing clubs from around the state will have sessions and booths to help educate participants on the sport. There will be opportunities to learn to fly fish, tie flies and knots, work on your casting technique, and other related topics. Educational presentations will take place throughout the day. Vendors will be on hand with products and mini-demonstrations.

Admission to Fly Fish Texas is included in your Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center admission fee:

Adults: \$5.50

Seniors (65 and over): \$4.50

Children (4 - 12 years old): \$3.50

This event is appropriate for all ages, and all fishing abilities!

## FLYFEST 2019 is Just Around the Corner!

This year's FLYFEST event, sponsored by the Tarrant Regional Water District, is set for March 9 along the banks of the Trinity River at the Acme Brick headquarters building site. Please make your plans now to volunteer for some of the sessions, such as the casting contests or the team fishing sessions. There is always a big need for help at this popular event, which always exposes new people to fly fishing. If you can help, please contact FWFF President Bryce Bezant at 817-360-6672 or [rbbezant@outlook.com](mailto:rbbezant@outlook.com).

For a look at the current lineup, visit the TRWD's FLYFEST page on their website at [trwdflyfest.com](http://trwdflyfest.com).



# IT'S THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRWD FLYFEST

## SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00AM - 5:00PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun day in and along the Trinity River in Fort Worth has something to hook everyone in the whole family. To create an optimal angling experience, the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) will release 1,600 lbs. of Rainbow Trout and nearly 3,000 Texas native fish in the festival location.

**A DAY FULL OF REEL FUN!**



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**Texas  
Fly Fishing**  
& BREW FESTIVAL  
March 23-24, 2019  
Plano, Texas

**Kayak Demo Pond**

**Free & Paid Classes**

**Women's Programs**

*New This Year* **Fly Tyers Row**

**Sample Micro Brews  
from Across Texas**

**Win a week's  
fishing in  
Iceland!**

[www.txflyfishingfestival.com](http://www.txflyfishingfestival.com)



# Time to Renew Your FWFF Membership

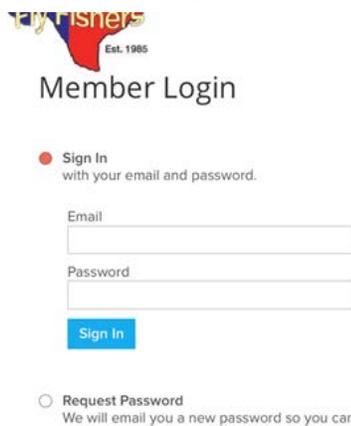
Fort Worth Fly Fishing membership run for a calendar year, so November marks the beginning of our renewal season. The club's new, improved website is the easiest way for you to renew. Here, we present a step-by-step process for renewing online using a credit card. It's especially convenient because all 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](http://www.fortworthflyfishers.org), and click on Member Login.



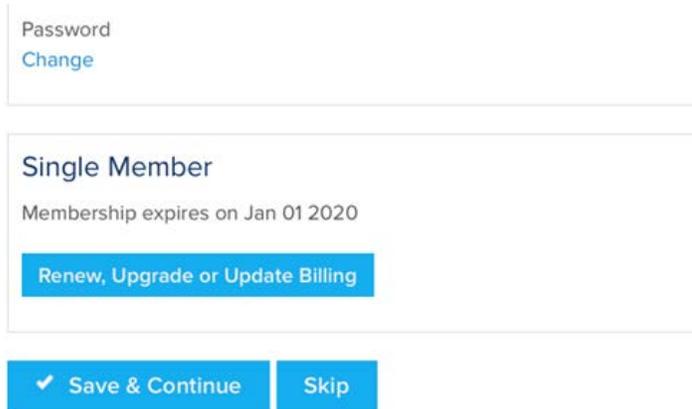
2. Log in with the email address you used when you last renewed. If you haven't logged in to the new website, click "Request Password." Your email address will receive a randomly generated password, which you can later change.



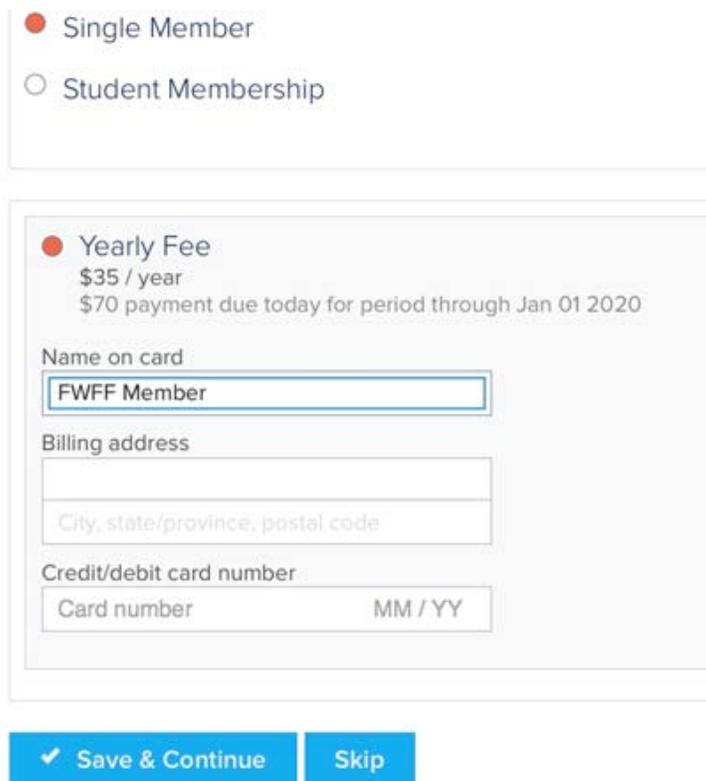
3. Click on "My Account" button on the Membership Welcome! page.



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: *Lil Kim Streamer*

The first fly of 2019 is presented by Sharon Leissner. Sharon has had great success catching big trout with this streamer pattern as seen below.

I will let Sharon describe her success with the Lil Kim:

“Floating down the river and stripping streamers from a drift boat is my favorite pastime. Whether it’s hitting the bank and stripping the fly straight back to the boat or letting it run down the bank then swinging into the current, the Lil Kim catches fish! I first used this fly when I found it in a fly shop in southern Colorado and spent a couple days with it on the Conejos. It did a great job of moving and catching big fish. It looks so good in the water and has awesome movement, which, for me, is the most important characteristic of a streamer. I know some people prefer choosing size or color over movement, but I’ve had more success catching bigger fish with streamers based on their action in the water. I particularly like this fly because when pausing during the strip, it falls over onto its side and flutters like a dying minnow. I’ve since used it on the White River in Arkansas, the Rio Grande in Colorado and lots of other small creeks and ponds and it never fails to produce. Big browns love it! Hope you enjoy tying and fishing the Lil Kim!”



### Materials:

Hook: TMC 3995 #10 (any streamer hook will do)  
 Weights: Brass conehead sized for hook and .025 lead wire  
 Tail: Olive marabou Blood Quill (for even ends)  
 Body: Red mylar Flashabou  
 Ribbing: Polar chenille silver or clear  
 Collar: barred olive Schlappen or saddle hackle  
 Crystal flash in any color



Step 1. Mash barb and put the brass cone on hook. Place hook on vise. Wrap lead around hook about 8-9 times and push into the cone. Start the thread behind the lead to secure it.

Step 2. Tie in the marabou tail, about twice the length of the shank. Tie in crystal flash along the marabou tail.



Step 3. Tie in the red mylar flashabou. Then wrap it forward along the shank, tie off and trim excess. Tie in the polar chenille.



Step 4. Palmer the polar chenille forward, tie off and trim excess.

Step 5. Tie in more crystal flash on each side of the body along the entire length of the fly.

Step 6. Tie in more of the marabou behind the brass cone. Optional: you can tie in the red crystal flash to make the throat at this point or at the end (see step 8).



## Fly of the Month: *Contd.*

Step 7. Tie in the barred olive hackle and wrap to make the collar, being sure to pull the barbules back on each side of the stem at the same time you wrap so everything lies angled towards the tail.



Step 8. Flip over the fly and tie in red crystal flash to make the throat. Cut crystal flash as desired and whip finish.

Thanks to Sharon Leissner for submitting January's Fly of the Month. If you'd like to submit a fly, contact Fly Tying Director Carlos Crespo at [carlos.alfredo.crespo@gmail.com](mailto:carlos.alfredo.crespo@gmail.com).

# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival Saturday February 9, 2019

**One Hour  
Classroom Fly Tying  
Presentations  
&  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
"Iron Fly"  
Competition**



**Featured Guest**

*One of the largest  
gatherings of expert  
fly tyers under  
one roof at one time*

**Beginners Fly Tying**

Doors Open at 8:30 am  
Bethany Christian Church  
3223 Westheimer Road  
Houston, Texas  
Adults - \$10, Seniors (62 & Up) - \$8, Family - \$14, Under 18 - \$5, Scouts (In Uniform) Get in for Free



[www.texasflyfishers.org](http://www.texasflyfishers.org)

**Pat Cohen**  
Deer Hair Specialist  
[rusuperfly.com](http://rusuperfly.com)

[www.texasflyfishers.org](http://www.texasflyfishers.org)



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 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat in partnership with Project Healing Waters to serve only Veterans and Active Military men living with cancer.

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

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490 [info@reelrecovery.org](mailto:info@reelrecovery.org) [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org)

Texas: Mike Emerson 817-894-7832 [mgemerson1944@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@castingforrecovery.org)



Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
Photo: loriromneyphotography.com

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### DECEMBER

Dec. 4

Annual Holiday Party, Fort Worth Botanic Garden

### JANUARY

Jan. 8 (NOTE: One week later than usual)

Membership meeting

Jan. 19

Fly Fish 101 – Brazos River Authority Campsite No. 7 and Highway 6 bridge – below Possum Kingdom Dam

### FEBRUARY

Feb. 5

Membership meeting

Feb. 9

Fishy Fullim Fly-Tying class

February 15-16

Broken Bow outing

### MARCH

March 5

Membership meeting

March 9

TRWD FLYFEST 2019 -- On the Trinity River

March 16

Nolan River – White bass Outing

### APRIL

April 2

Membership meeting

April 6

FWF4 – Annual fundraising auction

April 12-15

Annual Perch and Bass Tournament at Bill Ward's Ranch

April TBD

Fly Tying 101

### MAY

May 7

Membership Meeting

May TBD

Fly Fish 101

May 18

Outing – Red River below Lake Texoma for stripers.

### Events Around Texas and the Nation

Feb. 9 -- Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival, Houston

Feb. 16 -- Fly Fish Texas, TPW Freshwater Fisheries, Athens

Feb. 22 -24 -- Trout Fest, Lazy L&L Camp Site, Guadalupe River, New Braunfels

March 2 -- Red Stick Day Fly Fishing Festival, Baton Rouge, La.

March 25-31 -- Sowbug Round-Up, Baxter Co. Fair Grounds, Mountain Home, Ark.

April 6 -- New Orleans Fly Fishers Expo and Conclave, Bayou St. Johns, New Orleans, La.

April 5-6 -- Lake Athens Fly Fishing Festival, Lake Athens

July 23-27 – Fly Fishing International Annual Fishing Expo, Bozeman, Mont.

For many more events and detailed information, visit FFI Texas Council Chapter and the Events page at Fly Fishers International.

## 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:

441 Carroll Street

Montgomery Plaza

Fort Worth, TX

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

El Fenix Mexican Restaurant

4608 S Cooper St.

Arlington TX 76017

817-557-4309

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, which meets in a space in the rear of the restaurant. Mexican cuisine and cold drinks 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
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Treasurer	Harold Hilley	2017-2919
Secretary	Joy Summers	2018-2020
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Conservation	David Hooper	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*