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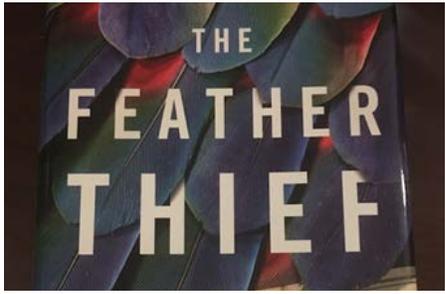
# Message From the President

Here it is October and we have a lot of stuff that is coming up to finish out 2019! This also gives you a chance to jump in, help and gain VIP hours that can go towards some great prizes to be awarded at the January 2020 meeting. If you haven't heard about the VIP program, ask any Board member and they can explain it to you. In addition, read the article in this newsletter to understand how it works and to see how you can participate. Remaining opportunities to volunteer this year are the Broken Bow outing in November and the Christmas Party. Kay Jackson is doing a great job heading up the Christmas party as she did last year! But, she needs volunteers to help. Please contact her at [kayjacks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kayjacks@sbcglobal.net) or 817-658-3004 if you would like to volunteer. Greg Kohn is hosting the Broken Bow outing in November. You can contact Greg at [gregkohn87@yahoo.com](mailto:gregkohn87@yahoo.com) to see how you might assist.

At the Christmas Party, Spencer Seim of ZIA Fly out of Taos will be providing a very entertaining program! Spencer is a big contributor of a recent book, *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson, and will talk on that topic. I believe it will be a very entertaining program. Some of you may recall that Spencer was set up for last year's party, but he had to cancel at the last moment because of a death in the family. The Christmas party will be at the Botanical Gardens on the first Tuesday in December (regular club meeting date). You can register and also pay online by signing into our website and clicking on XXXX.

By now you have been informed of the 2020 nominees to fill expiring terms on the Fort Worth Fly Fishers Board of Directors. As a member, you may submit additional names for consideration prior to the October club meeting. We will vote on the new Board members at the November club meeting (Nov. 6), which per our club by-laws is the official Annual Meeting. Please take the time to consider additional nominations and let any Board of Director member or myself know of someone you wish to include on the ballot.

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**2019 FWFF Christmas Party**  
*Read more on page 3.*



**FWFF September Outing**  
*Read more on page 9.*

## President's Message- Contd.

Capt. Jeff Johnson of Fly Fish Rockport is our guest speaker at our Oct. 1 membership meeting. You can read more about him in this issue. Also at the meeting we will demonstrate our [fortworthflyfishers.org](http://fortworthflyfishers.org) website and our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) presences. You might want to check out those online pages if it has been awhile since you have viewed them. Just click on the links.

You may also pay your **2020 dues** on the website under the Members Only section ([fortworthflyfishers.org/my-account/#myaccount](http://fortworthflyfishers.org/my-account/#myaccount)). It is easy and quick! These renewals are due **January 1, 2020**. Please let Jim Fuquay ([jimfuquay@gmail.com](mailto:jimfuquay@gmail.com)), our Communications Director, know if you have any problems.

Oktoberfisch is Oct. 18 – 20 in Junction, Texas. This is a great event that will provide an opportunity to associate and learn from other fly fisherman (see details in this newsletter).

Thanks club members for your interest and participation!

Fish on!

Bryce Bezant  
President

## October Speaker: Capt. Jeff Johnson, Rockport Fall Fishing for Redfish



Capt. Jeff Johnson's love of fishing began at an early age, growing up along the banks of the Yakima River in Central Washington. After a while, it became pretty obvious that fishing was in his blood! In 1997, he

moved to Bozeman, Mont., to attend college a little and fly fish a lot. This is where he honed his skills, spending entire summers fishing and improving his techniques. After years of freshwater guiding and vacations to saltier climates, he decided to expand his business to saltwater fishing grounds, and the Coastal Bend of Texas. Come to the Oct. 1 membership meeting to hear Jeff's presentation on fishing the Texas coast.

## November Speaker: Meredith McCord, Houston



Meredith McCord, our guest speaker at the Nov. 5 membership meeting, has parlayed her passion for fishing and travel into doing some fun [TV and film](#) work with a fly rod in hand, stalking fish on

flats, rivers and lakes around the globe and in her home state. She starred in Season 4 of "Buccaneers and Bones" with Lefty Kreh, Huey Lewis and Tom Brokaw and has been featured in other fishing shows such as "Guiding Alaska" and "Silver Kings", the latter which will air on the Discovery Channel starting in January 2020.

In 2012, Meredith began chasing International Game Fish Association world records to challenge herself and improve her angling abilities. In 2015 and 2016, Meredith was named Top Female Angler of the Year by the IGFA. Then in 2017, she signed up and won Grand Champion of the Ladies Tarpon Fly Tournament in Islamorada. This past year, Meredith achieved second Place and won the award for the largest tarpon caught and best other species. As of today, Meredith possesses well over 150 IGFA World Records, the second-highest among female anglers.

When she is not at work or on the water, she's usually enjoying family and friends, leading mission trips to work with orphans in third-world countries, bird hunting or cooking at home. To keep in fishing shape, Meredith, a retired award-winning triathlete, spends her time swimming and road biking. She is passionate about many things in this earth, but her biggest love is for the Creator of it all.

## Upcoming Conservation Project Volunteer Opportunities

Working with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the University of Texas at Arlington and other local environmental entities, Fort Worth Fly Fishers volunteers will participate in an upcoming project to build a floating wetland to be deployed on Lake Arlington. Under the leadership and coordination of TPWD, the construction phase of the project is scheduled this month. The exact weekend date or dates have not been scheduled, so stay tuned for updates.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact David Hooper at [hoopertx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hoopertx@sbcglobal.net).

## 2019 FWFF Christmas Party

### Register Now!

7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3  
 Botanic Garden Oak Hall Room  
 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.

**Members and their guests: \$15/person**  
**Nonmembers: \$25/person**  
**Food: Buffet Dinner/cash bar**

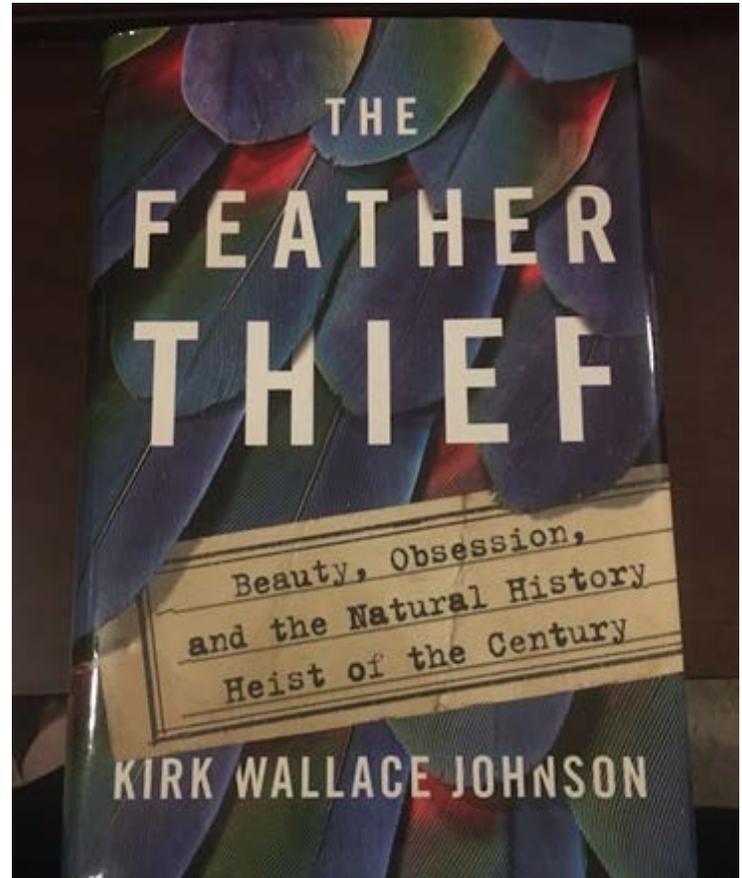
In 2011, New Mexico fly fishing guide Spencer Seim and his client, Kirk Wallace Johnson, were in the middle of a river when Seim recounted the story of the theft of feathers up to 150 years old from an English museum two years earlier. Johnson was enthralled, and embarked on researching and writing *The Feather Thief*, an account of how a young American musician and fly-tyer, Edwin Rist, entered the British Museum of Natural History's Tring Museum, home to one of the largest ornithological collections in the world, and grabbed hundreds of bird skins — some collected by a contemporary of Darwin's — and escaped into the darkness.

*Come hear* Spencer tell his involvement in how the experience culminated in the 2018 publication of Johnson's book. Spencer will discuss his role in helping Johnson research information for the book, which has become a best seller on Amazon and translated into nine languages.

Spencer himself is an accomplished salmon fly tyer – that's how he knew of the theft, and that Rist was selling rare feathers on eBay and at fly-tying shows. At the party, Spencer will also speak on vintage fly designs and the benefits of using sustainable materials in tying. And, he'll spend the last part of his presentation discussing fly fishing in Southern Colorado. This is going to be a unique program!

Spencer is the owner of ZiaFly in Taos, NM. He has been fly fishing since age 8 and tying flies since age 12. Guiding in the area for the last 17 years, he's passionate about introducing anglers to the magic of the southern Rockies. As a fly tyer, Spencer's creations are designed to catch even the most finicky of fish. As a fly fishing history buff, he's focused many of his tying endeavors on the classic salmon flies that were very popular in the Victorian era. Spencer is also known to make his own hooks from scratch and prefers to tie "in hand" to honor the old traditions of fly tying. He lives in Taos, N.M., with his wife Sophia, daughter Olivia, and son Ivo.

This year, we're providing a buffet Italian dinner. There will also be a cash bar for \$7 per drink (beer or wine). You can register now by going to [Fort Worth Fly Fishers](#), signing in, and clicking on the Calendar on the member page. Then click on December's Christmas Party to register. It's easy!



*Spencer Seim, above, on the water. Right, one of Spencer's sustainable salmon flies.*





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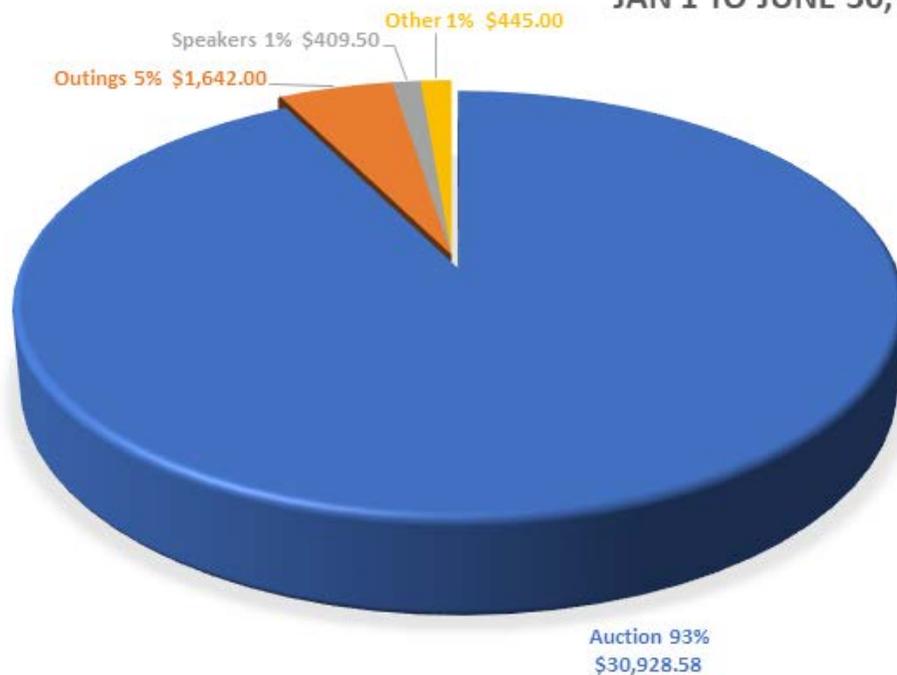
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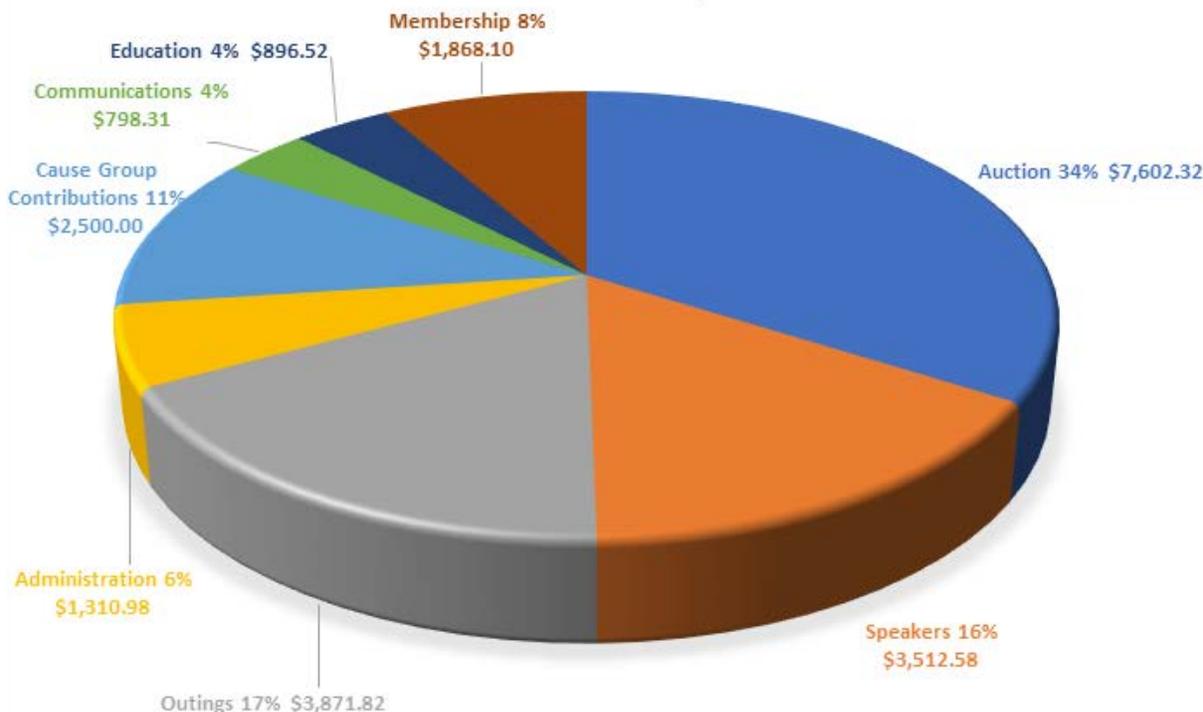
## FWFF Finances for the First Half of 2019

The board of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers wants members to be aware of the club's financial condition, which has been particularly strong in recent years. Presented here are the club's revenues and expenses for the six months ending June 30, 2019. These figures exclude membership dues, which for the most part are directly passed on to Fly Fishing International. The board would like to thank Finance Director Harold Hilley for his work compiling this information.

**SOURCES OF INCOME  
JAN 1 TO JUNE 30, 2019**



**EXPENDITURES  
JAN 1 TO JUNE 30, 2019**



## Fort Worth Fly Fishers September Outing

On the last weekend of summer, the club went to the Lake Tenkiller area in Oklahoma for our September outing. Illinois River to be exact. Could not ask for a better event, unless you wanted some better fishing. It has been a while since I have been on a club outing, and really enjoyed this one. Donovan Clary was our special guest this weekend, and we cannot thank him enough. He worked extremely hard for us, and spoke with us on many occasions. Available at a moments notice, speaking with us, giving us flies and on-the-water instructions. Add in his suggestions on where to go, and we were set to go.

Fishing can be tough when it's been a very hot stretch of days, and that was the case for us. Even the anglers at the Elite Bass Tournament in Tahlequah, had a tough time. With high water for quite some time, then a total shutoff, the trout fishing was very tough. Not impossible, but very, very tough. But our group adapts well, and adapt we did. Multiple species was the name of the game. Two varieties of smallmouth bass, spotted bass, black bass, hybrid bass, catfish, buffalo, crappie, gar, bluegill, green sunfish and who knows what else. It was really fun to hear everyone talk about their experiences.

Send those pics in to the club to share with all.

Flies that worked well during the weekend were typical bait fish patterns, top-water deer hair patterns, crawfish patterns, black leeches, and the increasingly popular pattern called the mop fly. The water in the Upper Illinois was very clear, with good movement. I floated the upper three times, and really enjoyed the trips. Several enjoyed wading this area, and had good success as well. The Lower Illinois was tough, but did provide a lot of multi-species activity. This area is so diverse, and will provide the angler the chance to catch almost anything.

Our base, Blue Doors at Tenkiller, was a great place to stay. The rooms were nice and had no distractions to keep us from being together as a group. The community kitchen area was the focal point of the lodge area, and the social setting was enjoyed by all. Saturday's meal was brick oven mini pizzas, salad and Dutch oven peach cobbler. Prior there was an awesome spread of high-quality cheese, crackers and some great beverages!!!

Thank you, Pat and Nolan for the pizza building and cooking. Daniel, thank you for the awesome cobbler. Debbie, thank you for the cake. Other helpers included Dan for the breakfast help, Maggie for the excellent cheeses, and my dear wife for her help around the area. Chris, thanks for your help organizing everything, and Bryce, for your support and leadership.

Until next time, which I hope is sooner than later,

Russell Husted



## November Outing: Lower Mountain Fork at Beavers Bend, Oklahoma

November is fast approaching and once again FWFF will be gathering at the Broken Bow Nature Cabins for a long weekend of fishing. Friday through Sunday Nov. 15-17 are the dates to mark on your calendar. The canoes and kayaks should be gone and the boards should be out of the wing dams, making for better fishing conditions.

Friday evening, I will be leading an informal discussion about techniques, flies, hatches and locations to fish on the Lower Mountain Fork River in Beavers Bend State Park. The club will provide a guide, from Beavers Bend Fly Shop, for two sets of five anglers, one group on Saturday morning and one group on Saturday afternoon, for an on-stream clinic. We try to have the least-experienced anglers attend these clinics.

If there is interest, I will lead an entomology expedition on Saturday morning. We will be able to determine what insects are present in the area and discuss patterns to match. This time of year (November) one would expect blue wing olive mayflies

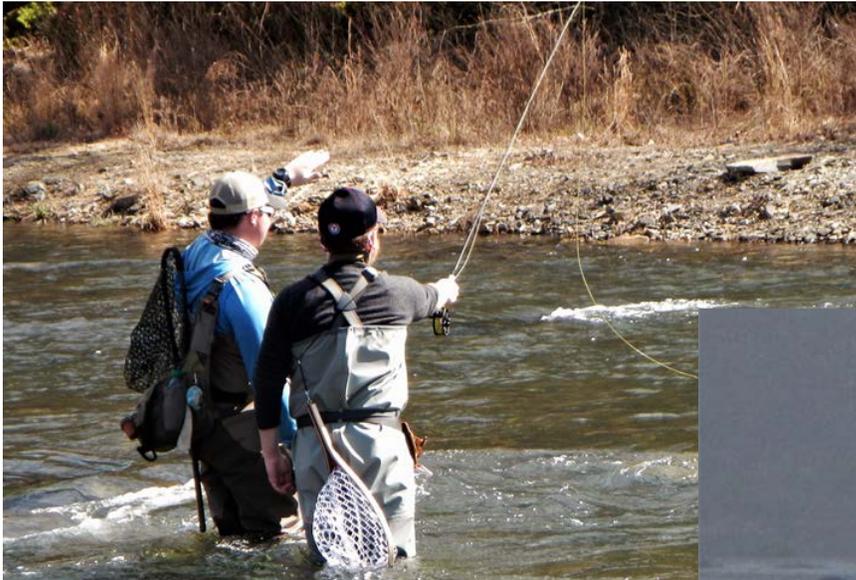
and midges to be prominent species. Nymphs imitating stoneflies and streamers imitating small bait fish could also be effective. The brown trout may be starting to spawn and can be aggressive to well-presented streamers.

The main course for dinner Saturday evening will be provided by the club. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. We will gather in the Possum Landing cabin at 7 p.m. for dinner.

A sign-up list will be present at the September casting clinic and the October membership meeting, or contact me and I will add you to the list. The cost for two nights in the cabins is determined by the number of anglers attending, but the approximate cost should be \$60 to \$70 a person.

Any questions about the outing, contact me at: [gregkohn87@yahoo.com](mailto:gregkohn87@yahoo.com)

Greg Kohn



*FWFF member Jacob Sherwood gets some guidance at the February 2019 LMF outing.*

*FWFF President Bryce Bezant on a foggy morning at the Lower Mountain Fork in February 2019.*



## Fly of the Month: *Copper John* by FFFF member Bill Hodges



The featured fly tier for the October issue of the newsletter is our own Bill Hodges demonstrating the famous Copper John, the most commonly used trout fly in the West these days. This nymph pattern is an attractor: It does not imitate a specific insect, but fish find it irresistible. The bead head, copper wire and lead wire get it right down to the bottom where the fish are. Charlie Craven's great book, *Basic Fly Tying*, featured a total of 64 steps to complete it. Bill's isn't that complicated, but certainly is more difficult than a Woolly Bugger.

### Materials:

- **Hook:** 2X long, size 10-18 (size 14 shown)
- **Bead:** copper or tungsten (best), sized to hook (3/32" shown)
- **Weighted wire:** sized to hook (.020 lead wire shown)
- **Thread:** black Uni-Thread, 8/0
- **Tail:** brown (or black) goose biots
- **Abdomen:** copper (or any color) Ultra Wire, medium
- **Flash:** silver Mylar tinsel, small, or pearl Flashabou
- **Wing Case:** black Thin Skin
- **Thorax:** peacock herl
- **Legs:** partridge hackle
- **Coating:** UV resin or 5- or 30-epoxy

### Tying Instructions:

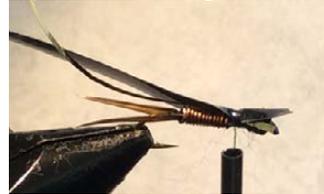
**Step 1.** Insert the bead behind the eye, then wrap lead wire and push inside of bead

**Step 2.** Tie on the thread and work it back to just over the hook point. Tie in biots, one on each side with the curved ends facing out. I like to place a tiny drop of super glue where they are tied in to keep them in place.

**Step 3.** Move the thread forward and back several times until you have a smooth base for the copper wire.

**Step 4.** Beginning at the end of the lead wraps, tie down the copper wire all along the far side of the shank to the base of the tail. Without moving the tail, wrap the wire forward to just behind the lead, leaving a small space.

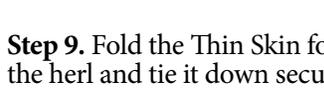
**Step 5.** In front of copper wire, tie in a silver Mylar tinsel, being sure it sits directly on top.



**Step 6.** Similarly, tie in a strip of black Thin Skin directly on top, over the tinsel. It should be wide enough to cover about halfway down each side of the shank. Secure and trim the excess in front.



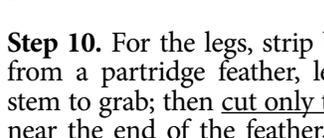
**Step 7.** Select three strands of peacock herl and tie them in at a 45-degree angle just in front of the copper wire. Secure and trim the excess.



**Step 8.** With hackle pliers, capture and twist the herl to make a solid rope. Then make enough wraps forward to touch the back of the bead. Secure and trim.



**Step 9.** Fold the Thin Skin forward over the herl and tie it down securely behind

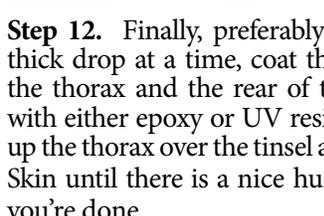


the bead. Now fold the tinsel over the Thin Skin and tie securely. (I place a small drop of super glue on the wraps at this point.) Trim the excess after the glue has dried.

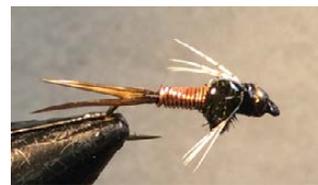
**Step 10.** For the legs, strip barbules from a partridge feather, leaving a stem to grab; then cut only the stem near the end of the feather, leaving a "V" as shown in the first picture. Then remove more barbules, leaving just enough barbules to provide the legs, as shown in the second picture.



**Step 11.** With the stem pointing forward, hold the partridge feather with the "V" straddling the thorax on top. Leg length varies, but should extend at least beyond the herl but not past the copper wire (longer length shown here). Position the partridge feature for leg length, then tie in between herl and bead head. Trim excess. (**Note:** Thin Skin and tinsel are not shown here to better see the leg placement.)



**Step 12.** Finally, preferably using a thick drop at a time, coat the top of the thorax and the rear of the bead with either epoxy or UV resin. Build up the thorax over the tinsel and Thin Skin until there is a nice hump, and you're done.



## CLUB ACTIVITIES

2019 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Oct. 18-20	Oktoberfisch- Llano River, South Llano River RV Park (Note: not an outing, just FYI)	Bass and perch	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 15-17	Lower Mountain Fork, Beavers Bend State Park, near Broken Bow, Okla.	Trout	Greg Kohn

### EVENTS AROUND TEXAS AND THE NATION

For many more events and detailed information, visit the [Events page at Fly Fishers International](#) and the Facebook page of the [FFI Texas Council](#).

## NEW! Earn VIP Hours with Fly Donations

A new way to earn volunteer hours toward the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is to tie flies. Starting in 2020, we're providing a new member packet that will include three flies tied by our members. **For every three flies you donate, you earn one hour.** Be sure to turn in your flies to Membership Director Donna O'Toole, and she'll authorize an hour of volunteer time that you can turn into the program. Look for the VIP ticket bucket at meetings. All volunteer hours for this year must be turned in by Dec. 31.

VIP is now in its third year of recognizing and rewarding members who give their time and experience to help others enjoy our great sport. Here's a quick reminder of how the program works:

- Encourages and rewards volunteerism on behalf of the club and its activities
- Runs the calendar year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.
- Recognizes volunteers who work at club-sponsored events or hosting or helping the host at outings.
- Rewards member volunteers who lead or help with a FWFF-sponsored event with one initialed square for each hour worked.
- Awards a minimum of 12 hours for hosting an outing.

Here are the 2019 prizes and how they are awarded.

- First Place: 600 VIP Bucks for the member who accrues the most volunteer hours in 2019.
- Second Place: 500 VIP Bucks for the member who accrues the second most volunteer hours in 2019.
- Third Place: 300 VIP Bucks for the member who accrues the third most volunteer hours in 2019.
- Three prizes of 150 VIP Bucks to qualifying members whose names are drawn at random.
- \*One prize per winner; Only the winners can redeem their VIP Bucks for prizes

#### MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Turn in cards as you earn hours or once a card is full (12 hours); give cards to Kay Jackson or place in the VIP bucket at meetings.
- All VIP cards **MUST** have the member's name on the back of the card to get credit.
- Members are responsible for their own cards and getting hours signed off
- The club is not responsible for lost or stolen VIP cards
- Lost cards cannot be "re-created."

It's a great program. Please participate!



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.  
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## 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
Vice-President	Rick Hanes	2017-2019
Treasurer	Harold Hilley	2017-2919
Secretary	Joy Summers	2018-2020
Membership	Donna O'Toole	2019-2020
Speakers	Glenn Guminski	2019-2020
Outings	Chris Patnode	2019-2020
Fly Tying	Carlos Crespo	2019-2020
Communications	Jim Fuquay	2018-2019
Conservation	David Hooper	2018-2019
Education	Vince Turley	2019-2020
Social Relations	Jim Bass	2018-2019
Auctions/Raffles	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*