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# Message From the President

Well, it's been a long, strange spring. I recognize the Covid-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardships for many of you, both logistically and financially. The FWFF has not been exempt to those hardships and we continue to explore ways to adhere to our foundation of providing education, conservation and community.

Your Board of Directors is working diligently to meet the challenges of the day recognizing these extraordinary times will require innovation, flexibility and energy as we explore new ways to move forward. In the coming months, you'll see us trying some new things and seizing new opportunities to maintain, and hopefully expand, many of our initiatives.

A vital part of this process is dependent on you, our membership, to provide us feedback on things you like, things you don't like, and suggestions on how we can continue to increase our value to you as a member. To that end, I am encouraging you to drop me a note at [president@fortworthflyfishers.org](mailto:president@fortworthflyfishers.org) with your ideas and recommendations on how we can best serve you.

In May, we lost access to the UNT Health Science Center meeting room with no clear indications of what the future holds in that relationship. We have been forced to cancel many of our key activities and events as the safety and welfare of our members is and will always be our top priority.

We are moving forward with our June 2 meeting featuring guest speaker [Greg Welander](#). The meeting will be held via Zoom conferencing and will begin at 7:00 p.m. For those of you unfamiliar with Zoom, instructions on how to access and use can be found at [here](#). I suggest logging on a few minutes prior to the event in case you experience difficulties or delays. **In the coming days, I will distribute the link to the Zoom conference via email to all paid members. so be on the lookout!**

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**It's All About the Fishing**  
*Read more on page 6.*

## President's Message- Contd.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sept. 12 for the FWFF Annual Auction to be held at Wild Acre Brewing at 5:30 p.m. This year, we will be bringing you some pre-auction opportunities to bid on trips and other fishing and non-fishing related merchandise. Stay tuned to email, our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) postings for updates and opportunities. For more information regarding the option or ways you can contribute, contact Kevin Marlow at [kevin.i.marlow@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.i.marlow@gmail.com) or Rick Hanes at [rohdevelopment@aol.com](mailto:rohdevelopment@aol.com) for more information.

In conjunction with the auction, we will be hosting the raffle drawing for the Jackson Mayfly kayak as well as an additional kayak and pontoon boat. For your \$20.00/per ticket (6/\$100.00) investment, you get three chances to win. For more on how you can purchase our raffle tickets, contact Bill Hodges at [bcolhodes@aol.com](mailto:bcolhodes@aol.com).

The Colorado trip scheduled for July 18-25 is on! Russel Husted was able to secure accommodations so if you are interested, reach out to Russell at Russell [husted@sbgclobal.net](mailto:husted@sbgclobal.net) He needs to confirm those interested in participating quickly.

Interested in a little competition? You may want check out the Lake Athens Fly Fishing Festival benefiting Project Healing Waters-North Texas Chapter at [www.Johnnyonbthefly.com](http://www.Johnnyonbthefly.com)

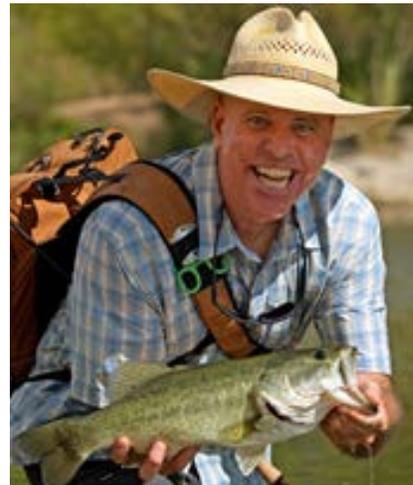
Again, I encourage you to join us on Tuesday, June 2, via Zoom. Until then, be well, be safe and great fishing.

David Hooper  
President, Fort Worth Fly Fishers

## June 2 membership meeting will be first held online

*It's a new world! Our June 2 membership meeting, featuring speaker Greg Welander, will be held online using the popular meeting service Zoom. This change is being made because our regular room at the UNT Health Science Center is still closed and the FWFF Board of Directors is following health recommendations involving social distancing. The board has held its past three meeting using Zoom and it's easy to use. You will receive an email with the link to the meeting and should have little trouble installing the Zoom online viewing service. As usual, the meeting starts at 7 p.m.*

## Hill Country Guide Greg Welander is June speaker



Greg Welander is a lifelong angler and started fishing at the early age of four. He first picked up a fly rod in 1998 and hasn't looked back. In 2004, he took up the art of fly tying. Greg has been a fly-tying instructor for the last nine years.

In Texas, he has fished everything from stripers on the Red River below Lake Texoma to redfish of the Lower Laguna Madre.

The Texas Hill Country streams and lakes are his local passion in between trips to the Texas coast for redfish. Also, Greg has been fishing for rainbow trout on the Guadalupe River below the Canyon Dam tailrace since 1976.

Greg grew up in San Antonio. After college he spent 25+ year's in corporate IT. He brings a strong sense of customer service to the fly fishing Industry. He was the fly fishing manager for seven of the nine years while employed at an Austin outdoors specialty store. Greg is currently working as a manufacturing sales rep for several companies in the fly fishing and outdoor businesses. The companies include but not limited to are Thomas & Thomas Fly Rods, Seigler Reels, Renzetti Vises & Materials, Dagon Apparel, Frog Hair, and Reisa Fly Fishing.

Also, Greg guides clients in the Texas Hill Country and Austin-area spring-fed waters since 2012. He resides just outside of Austin with his wife.

You can follow Greg's fly fishing journey through Upstream On The Fly on Facebook, Instagram and his website: ([www.upstreamonthefly.com](http://www.upstreamonthefly.com)).

## Upcoming Speakers

Month	Speaker	Presentation Title
June VIA ZOOM	Greg Welander, Texas	Fly Fishing the Colorado River
July	Summer Learning Series	Education
August	Summer Learning Series	Fly Tying
September	Summer Learning Series	Casting
October	Craig Hayes, Belize	Turneffe Atoll
November	Ed Tamson, Florida	Fly Fishing in the Florida Everglades

## FWFF Member Dutch Baughman Featured in Tarrant County College Magazine

Our own Dutch Baughman was featured in the latest issue of Reach Magazine, a publication of Tarrant County College, which generously allowed us to reprint the article here. A link to the online version is [here](#).

### WHAT A CATCH!

TCC Senior Ed Instructor Shares His Love of Fly Fishing With His Students



By Bill Lace

Dale “Dutch” Baughman likes to paraphrase Henry David Thoreau for his class at TCC Northeast. No, he doesn’t teach English, but a Senior Education course in fly fishing. “Fishermen may go an entire lifetime,” he tells his students, “and never realize that it’s not about the fish.”



Thoreau was an ardent fisherman but wasn’t all that interested in catching fish. It was the totality of the experience at Walden Pond that enraptured him.

And so, while Baughman’s curriculum includes rods and reels, casting techniques and tying “flies” (the hooked lures that give the sport its name), he also teaches how best to approach the sport—deliberately, unhurriedly and with “respect and reverence” for the river and fish.

Like most youngsters in rural Texas, Baughman fished for bass and crappie. Then he saw a photograph in a magazine of a fly fisher holding a rainbow trout. “I saw that there was a whole new element to fishing,” he said, “where people would dress material onto a hook and cast it into a river to imitate aquatic insects.”

He read everything he could find on fly fishing, tied his first fly with hair cut from his dog and thread from his mother’s sewing basket. “No pun intended,” he said, “but I was hooked.”

Baughman is as dedicated to teaching fly fishing as he is to practicing it. He’s vice president of the Fly Fishers International

Board of Directors and chairs the organization’s Education Committee. He wrote the FFI’s Comprehensive Introduction to Fly Fishing, has taught throughout the country and was named by the FFI as 2019 Fly Fisher of the Year.

Much of the modern interest in fly fishing began with the 1992 film, *A River Runs Through It*, based on the book by Norman Maclean. Viewers were entranced at the sight of an angler, standing in a picturesque stream gracefully whipping a rod back and forth before casting the fly so that it lit lightly on the surface—irresistible to a hungry trout or salmon.

The Chicago Tribune wrote that the film “fueled a boom in an esoteric sport.” Baughman’s opinion was that all of the sudden, devotees just wanted to look like Brad Pitt.

But it was natural, having spent most of his professional career in higher education as a coach and athletic director at five universities, that he would eventually teach fly fishing at a college.



“Somebody I’d had in a class somewhere called TCC and said, ‘Here’s a class you ought to have,’” he said. “I contacted them, sent them a syllabus and an information about my background, and they called back and said, ‘Absolutely. We’d love to schedule this.’”

Debra Sykes-West, coordinator of community education at TCC Northeast, remembers that another instructor knew Dutch and his passion for fly fishing and said it would be a great thing for the seniors program. “So, his passion and her advocacy brought it to us as a prize course,” she said.

The course was an instant hit when it debuted in fall 2017. “It has been from the beginning a high demand course and a high-participation course,” Sykes-West said. “Sometimes you have only a handful of people, maybe by word of mouth, who sign up for it. But from the very start we had people from all over the county.”

Like Baughman, many of them have developed an unquenchable thirst for knowledge about fly fishing and have enrolled for all six sessions. “I used to call them slow learners,” Baughman said. “Now, I call them alumni.”

One such student is Hal Sherrieb, a retired aerospace engineer from Arlington. Much like Baughman, he had seen a friend’s pictures of fly fishing in Montana. “I wanted to get in that picture,” he said. “But not only did I not have fly fishing experience, I had no fishing experience at all.”

## FWFF Member Dutch Baughman Featured - CONTD

Sherrieb keeps coming back, first of all, “because the instructor is super interesting, super informative. He makes each class a little different.” Then, too, there’s the camaraderie. He and some classmates meet up for dinner about an hour before the class starts and stay to talk after it’s finished.

Classroom instruction features slide presentations on types of gear and how to use them, types of flies and how to tie them, information on types of fish, tips on catching them and how to “read the anatomy” of a river so as to know the most likely fish hangouts.

The class goes outdoors to practice casting, but not, as one might think, at the pond on the southeast corner of the campus—too much vegetation around the bank. Instead, the casting is done on a tennis court on loan from the Kinesiology Department, which also provides gym space in bad weather.

Other TCC students, watching the rhythmic, graceful casting, have asked if an undergraduate class could be arranged. The faculty seemed willing, but Baughman had doubts. “I so enjoy the appreciation and the passion that the seniors develop for this,” he said, “and I’m not sure that would be the case with the younger folks.

The class starts at 7 p.m. and is supposed to end at 8:30, but Sherrieb and his buddies usually hang around for perhaps another hour. That’s when Baughman is at his passionate best, recounting his travels and adventures, letting some the magic rub off on his students.

“Once Dutch gets going, time just melts,” Sherrieb said, like when he tells the story of his first steelhead trout.

At age 10, Baughman implored his father to take him fishing for steelheads, a variety of salmon that live in the sea—but come upriver to spawn. “Not so fast,” his dad said. First, he had to study everything he could about the fish, its habits and habitats. At last, they headed for the Pacific Northwest.



“The rod I had was my grandfather’s, and it was so big I had to use two hands,” he said. “I was absolutely blessed that first time, and it was such an overwhelming experience.”

Baughman was able to get a strike on his fly from one of the notoriously wary steelheads, and then began to battle to get it to get it to shore. “So, I caught this fish,

and I’m ‘playing’ him, and it took me 40 minutes. One of the techniques is that you back into shallower water, getting the fish

closer, until you can reach out and pull the fish to you. Then you can kneel down, put a hand around the tail and take the hook out and cradle with your hand under their mouth.”

Finally, after the months of studying and dreaming, he held a steelhead in his hands. “I just marveled,” he said. “His color was... I can’t describe it. It was extraordinary. And I looked at this fish, rolled it back and forth, said a prayer for it and released it. And then I had to go sit down. I couldn’t even hold my rod.”

Now, decades later, it’s the same. He catches a steelhead, cradles it, says a prayer and, after watching the fish swim away, has to sit down and treasure the moment.

It is stories like this that have infused Sherrieb and his classmates to get ever deeper into the world of fly fishing, to dream about going to the Northwest and having that kind of epiphany. And that cadre of converts will continue to grow. Fly Fishing I and II will be offered next fall.

“I’m very serious about teaching fly fishing because I know what it’s done for me,” Baughman said. “And any chance I have to share that with someone else, I’ve gotta do it so they can have that same experience in their lifetime.”

For more information about Senior Ed classes available at TCC Northeast, contact the Community Education and Engagement office at 817-515-6500.

## Annual Trip to Colorado Scheduled for July 18-25

FWFF’s annual trip to the South Fork, Colo., area will take place this at a new venue. Host Russell Husted has contacted Cottonwood Cove, located between South Fork and Creede, regarding their cabins. They not only have vacancies now, but anticipate cancellations as well from groups changing their plans in light of the pandemic. There are also RV sites at Cottonwood Cove. So they should have room.

Russell needs to get a head count of people interested in making this trip. He’s at 972-567-4155, and he can help with your plans. “We do need act on this ASAP,” he notes. Russell notes is not only an outstanding fishing experience with lakes, mountain streams and larger rivers but also typically provides a week-long visit for a very affordable price. There are no scheduled guides, but there are plenty of experienced FWFF members who can recommend good spots to fish.

This new location follows Ute Bluff Lodge’s closing for the season due to the pandemic. As a non-club outing, members need to make their own lodging reservations. You can contact Cottonwood Cove at 1-719-658-2242. Ask for Brenda.

“We plan to leave on Saturday the 18th of July and return on the 25th. Usually, we plan to drive to Raton, N.M., on Saturday to spend the night, and finish the drive early Sunday morning, and then fish in the afternoon,” Russell says. The Saturday schedule has not been finalized yet, pending what lodging options in Raton are available.

## Coast Outing to Port O'Connor set for June 18–21

### *Covid-19 – A few precautions to take on our Port O'Connor outing*

*If you are feeling sick before the trip, DO NOT COME. We will refund your deposit and adjust the cost for the other participants to cover your portion. This is the safest thing for both sides, so please be honest in your actions. We have two people on the waiting list, so the cost should be covered if we don't have more than two that have to drop out.*

*If more than four people have to cancel because of Covid-19 precautions, then we will have to drop a condo and the \$250 deposit will be split among the remaining participants. (That would come to \$17/each.) The leasing service may be able to rent that condo, and if so they will refund our deposit.*

We had planned a shrimp boil, but after further discussion that has been dropped. Having everyone eating from the same pile of shrimp just didn't seem like a good idea in the middle of a pandemic. Please plan to either go out to eat on Saturday night or cook your dinner at the condo. There are grills outside and a complete kitchen in each condo.

Finally, please use good judgment and cleanliness when around others. This probably goes without saying, but follow the guidelines of washing hands and sneezing/coughing in o your elbow. There will be four to five people in your condo.

We are planning a coastal outing in June, assuming that we have moved past the Covid-19 problems. This outing will be to Port O'Connor and we will be staying in three condos that will sleep 15 people comfortably. Dr. Paul Bonner, a member of FWFF, owns two of the condos. The cost of the trip is \$170 (all in, taxes and cleaning fee)



for lodging (\$56 a night per person). The condos have full kitchens with cooking and eating utensils. People generally bring their own food or set up sharing menus with others. The club will host a shrimp boil Saturday night. The condos also have boat slips.

Port O'Connor is a small fishing town with great access to some good spots for wade and kayak fishing (see maps). The subdivision where Paul's condos are located also has access to many spots that are within a short paddle. Jetty and pier fishing are also available. We will have a couple of boats that can also be used to take folks to wade spots or that can shuttle a limited number of kayakers.

Fishing is primarily for speckled trout and redfish. You are typically using 7- to 9-weight rods and sight-casting fish, stripping

the fly past them. (The club has some 8-weight rod-reel-line rigs that you can check out for the trip if you need one.) It can be very exciting when you tie on to these big fish.

Here is the important thing: WE NEED TO KNOW EARLY if you are thinking about going so that we have a good count on the number of participations so we can justify reserving the three condos. There is no cancellation policy, but the leasing agent will attempt to rent the condos if we don't fill them. If they can, the club will not have to pay for that weekend. But, that is a big IF. So, we need to know by May 4 if we are not going to need a condo. Please contact Chris Patnode or Bryce Bezant if you plan to go (see contact info below). We would also like to know even if you are considering it!

Here are the details:

- **When:** June 18-21 (Sunday, June 21, is Father's Day. You can possibly be back home for an evening event. But what a great Father's Day gift.)
- **Where:** Pirates Cove, 462, 464, and 456 15th St. (units 1, 2 and 5), Port O'Connor, Texas.
- **What:** Kayak, boat or wade fishing. There is a jetty and surf fishing not too far away. Bring 7- to 9-weight outfits, along with streamers in baitfish, crab and shrimp patterns.
- **How much?:** \$170 a person for three nights. There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit. Please let us know if you are interested as soon as possible. Send a checks to FWFF, P.O. Box 1133, Fort Worth, Texas 76101, or bring payment to the June 2 club meeting (assuming that the Covid-19 is past).
- **Who to contact:** Outings Director Chris Patnode at (817) 819-5519 or [ChrisPatnode@benekeith.com](mailto:ChrisPatnode@benekeith.com); Host Bryce Bezant (817) 360-6672 or [rbbzant@outlook.com](mailto:rbbzant@outlook.com)

The club is not arranging guides. If you want one, here are several possibilities:

### **FWF4 Donors:**

Capt. Jeff Johnson's Guide Service  
361-420-3262, [preyingmantis5@gmail.com](mailto:preyingmantis5@gmail.com)

Capt. Mason Matejcek – 830-857-0405,  
[masonmatejcek@yahoo.com](mailto:masonmatejcek@yahoo.com)

### **Local guides recommended by Paul Bonner**

Capt. Tom Horbey – 361-983-2263, [saltlures@aol.com](mailto:saltlures@aol.com) - fly fishing guide

Capt. Ed Stracos – 361-935-9901 Conventional Fishing -

Capt. Thomas William – 970-708-7240, [redfishfly187@gmail.com](mailto:redfishfly187@gmail.com) - fly fishing guide

More information on fishing guides and fishing spots and access logistics will be provided to outing attendees via email.

Access to Barroom Bay- ½ mile across Intracoastal Waterway

## It's All About the Fishing

This is where we feature members' fishing experiences. If you had a great outing or just want to share your latest venture on the water, send it to Jim Fuquay at [jimfuquay@gmail.com](mailto:jimfuquay@gmail.com).

In early March, FWFF members Brett Morehead and Magell Candelaria traveled to the White River in Arkansas for some trout fishing. Here is Brett's report.

### A trip down the White River

In the days before Covid there was Fly Fishing and it was GOOD - VERY GOOD!

Magell Candelaria had a desire to go catch some browns on the White River. So he twisted my arm, admittedly not very hard, and the planning began. Next thing I knew we were off to Cotter, Ark., to meet Larry Babin of Hog's On The Fly on the first weekend of March. Great guide, lots of large rainbows, and a few browns. What a beautiful area - I know I'll be headed back!



## *Blasts from the Past!*

ESPN and other sports channels are rerunning memorable competitions from the past in the absence of current events, so we thought we'd do the same. Here are two articles about fishing experiences by club members from 2018. Enjoy!

## Outing to the Paluxy on June 16



**Approaching the Paluxy River on a cloudy June morning.**

The Paluxy River is a place to go that is reasonably close to home and easy to fish. The Paluxy lived up to its billing as a mercurial bit of water == fast to rise, even faster to fall. The hope, inspired by frequent roadside warnings to use caution for high water, did not last past the morning meeting when we gathered in the parking lot of Big Rock Park. There was no water coming over the spillway, just puddles below the dam.

After a filling breakfast at Debbie's Restaurant, our grease levels were high enough to fully comprehend that we needed to go upstream. The Paluxy has a solid limestone rock bottom, and wading is easy. The water is usually clear and not overly swift. Access is easy at numerous points along its course. It is made up of the North Paluxy and the South Paluxy rivers at its confluence near Bluff Dale in Erath County. It then flows 29 miles through Somervell County to ultimately join the Brazos near Glen Rose.

Over a stretch of about six miles there were numerous promising areas to explore. With 20 or so fishers, we needed a lot of space. Jan Bates and friends skipped the Dinosaur State Park spots to try their luck at the first low-water crossing, then headed up to Baker's Crossing. Bill Stewart led the charge at the Cemetery low-water crossing.



**Dave Tatum with an eager bluegill.**

# Outing to the Paluxy on June 16- Contd.



**Joy Summers teaches a young large-mouth what not to eat.**

Greg Ramirez offered assistance in the effort. Congrats!

Jan Bates caught a nice little bass in one of the dinosaur tracks. Not much evidence of the creation of a Share-a-Lunker candidate was readily apparent. Keep your eye on the water flow reports. If they get up a bit, plan another adventure down to Somervell county.

Ken Bowers



**Jan Bates with the twin of Joy Summers' bass.**



**Jeff Mitchell looks for just the right fly to entice a Paluxy fish.**

How many times can you tell your kids or friends that you fished a cemetery? Of course, this was in the daylight.

Next was the Siren Hole, which Al Crise named for a warning siren on a pole across the road from a once-promising spot.

Les and Kay Jackson and other Intrepid anglers went straight up to Baker's Crossing, about five miles upstream, where Les brought in a nice largemouth.

Michael Parteneau, a new member and new to fly fishing, was on his first venture with the long, skinny rod and took a bass and several bluegills.



**Kay Jackson finds a quiet bend in the Paluxy to try.**



**Rookie Michael Parteneau shows that he's learning fast.**



**Les Jackson admires a healthy Paluxy largemouth.**

## First-Person Report: *Adam Tate in British Columbia*



*This is an installment of what we hope will be a regular feature in the newsletter. Member Adam Tate managed to slip in a little fishing along with a business trip in January, and he provided the report and photos presented here. If you've taken a great trip and want to share the experience with FWFF members, get in touch with newsletter editor [Jim Fuquay](#).*

A few months back I was informed I'd be traveling to British Columbia for work training. As a Texas boy, I could only imagine that any water that far north would surely be frozen over in the winter, but if I could I'm going to fish it. After some emails and web searches, I learned there'd be a slim chance fishing the beautiful waters of British Columbia, and 36 hours before my free day, I decided YOFO -- "you only fish once!" I emailed Pemberton Fish Finder and booked a tour. A local resident overheard me making plans and shared that I was heading into the home of the wintering eagles. I was intrigued, but as it turned out I very much underestimated what he was telling me.

The fishing company notified me the night before the tour that my guide would be Rick Mackay. With a little research on the Web I soon learned Rick is the only diehard winter fly fisherman in the region, and I was glad I was set to fish with him.

We headed for the waters that flow into the Squamish River, which ends its journey in Howe Sound. (For all the Texas boys like me, a "Sound" is not just a noise you hear. Up north this is how they identify what we would call a big bay that gets really

deep). Have you ever hiked in waders, while it's freezing, in snow up to your shins, over river rocks, following a Canadian who hikes faster than anyone you've ever met? Me neither, but I'll tell you it's quite an entertaining experience. It is a delicate balance -- wearing enough clothes not to freeze while wading, but not sweating up a storm while hiking.



Rick promised me I would see more bald eagles than people on this river. Heck, what he didn't tell me was that I would see more eagles than people I see on the busiest weekend at Broken Bow. No joke! I fished among the eagles, hundreds of eagles, saw no one, and I caught a new beautiful species, the Bull Trout. It was a magical moment with the mountain slopes filled with fresh snow towering around me, while I took a gentle breath in and breathed out looking as if I was smoking a sultry pipe.

## First-Person Report- *Contd.*



This moment didn't just happen. No, there are many fishing experiences that led me to land this fish. I think back on the deepest nymphing I'd previously done in New Mexico's Rio Grande Gorge with Tim Urtiaga. Without that practice, getting

down to fish 15 feet deep would not have been possible. I think back to fighting and landing my biggest brown trout on 6x tippet on the Little Red River in Arkansas, while using a net that was way too small. I think back on salt water fishing for the first time when I was new to fly fishing with Capt. Jeff Johnson and catching two fish the entire day.

It's about having perspective and keeping expectations in check, not hyping yourself out of the enjoyment. I love fly fishing because I love learning. British Columbia was about everything I've put into the sport – passion, focus and most of all, perseverance. Going hours without a fish can really mess with your brain, but if you let up you could miss the opportunity. I didn't miss my opportunity.

Adam Tate @reeltatetales



## Fly of the Month: *Hackle Pearl Minnow*

This month's featured fly is somewhat of an invention of mine. It's a modification of a fly I learned at Backwoods Fort Worth. I call it the Hackle Pearl Minnow fly, because it uses large cactus hackle pearl. While I haven't yet fished this fly, I am hoping to put it to use this summer and fall for bass. Here's a challenge for you: If you tie this fly and catch a fish, send me a picture of your fish and a short story of how, when and where you caught the fish and we will feature you in a short article on the next FWFF Newsletter.

### Materials

- **Hook:** Size 2 streamer
- **Thread:** any red color thread will do
- **Tail:** strung marabou white
- **Body:** large cactus hackle pearl
- **Eyes:** several options depending on your preference – googly eyes, mono eyes, bead chain eyes, dumbbell eyes, or no eyes at all

### STEPS:



**Step 1:** Start the thread ¼-inch or more behind the eye of the hook and wrap it all the way back to the bend. **Don't crowd the eye!**



**Step 2:** Tie in the white marabou. The length of the marabou can be the shank's length or a bit more if that is your preference.



**Step 3:** Tie in the large cactus hackle pearl as shown in the picture.



**Step 4:** Bring the thread back to where you started. **Don't go past this point.** You need to leave space for the eyes. Now palmer the hackle pearl forward to the thread and secure it in place. Trim the excess in front of the thread.



**Step 5:** Build a nice tapered head using thread. The red thread mimics the gills of the minnow.

**Step 6:** At this point you have several options: 1) you can use no eyes at all and whip finish and you are done with the fly; 2) you can use googly eyes (like I did in this write up); 3) or you can use mono eyes; 4) bead chain eyes; 5) or dumbbell eyes. What eyes you use is up to you depending on your preferences and the depth you are going fish.



Carlos Crespo  
FWFF Fly Tying Director

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

2020 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
June 19-21	Texas Coast, kayaking and wading, near Sargent	Speckled trout, redfish, black drum	Bryce Bezant
July 18-25	South Fork, Colorado	Trout	Russell Husted
August 15, 2020	Loughridge Lake - Fort Worth, Texas	Crappie,Bass, Catfish	
Sept. 19	Hill Country joint club outing - TBD	Carp,catfish,bass,gar	
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Fisheads of the San Juan River in New Mexico	Trout	
Oct. 16-18	Oktoberfisch - Llano River, South Llano River RV Park	Bass and perch	Fredricksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 20-22	Lower Illinois River near Gore, Oklahoma	Trout,bass, catfish,carp	

### 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](#).

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

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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.

Backwoods fly tying nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

Orvis Fort Worth

4601 West Freeway, No. 310

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Second Tuesday of the month

682-703-7675

Stephen Woodcock, fly fishing manager of the Fort Worth Orvis store, leads a monthly fly-tying session that starts Feb. 18 and after that continues on the second Tuesday of the month. Materials are provided, but bring your own vice, tools and thread.

### 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.

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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,  
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