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Message From the President

As you will read in this month's newsletter, March is a very busy time for Fort Worth Fly Fishers. We have a number of activities and upcoming events on the schedule, not to mention the first days of spring fishing and the legendary sand bass run, with our annual outing on March 21.

On Saturday, March 14, Tarrant Regional Water District will host the 5th Annual TRWD Flyfest along the banks of the Trinity River. Fort Worth Fly Fishers is an annual sponsor of the event and provides many of the volunteers needed to support the day's activities. From trout fishing and casting competitions, to educational seminars and fly-tying demonstrations, this yearly festival promises something for the whole family. Kids activities are available in addition to local food and drink vendors to round out the experience. There is no admission charge for this event.

For details, check out the [TRWD Flyfest](#) website, and don't forget to stop by the FWF4 booth and say hello.

Tight lines.
David Hooper

President



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FWF4 Auction
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FWFF Favorite Landon Mayer of Colorado is March Speaker



Landon Mayer returns to FWFF again on March 3, this time for a presentation based on his book *Sight Fishing Secrets 2.0: The Second Edition of Techniques for Fooling Selective Trout*. Landon has addressed the club several times and always offers an information-packed session. Landon's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment. Mayer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques

and on-river knowledge to fellow anglers and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout.

As an ambassador in the fly-fishing industry, Mayer represents several lines including Simms Fly Fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, R.L. Winston, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, and Casio Pro Trek watches.

Mayer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 22 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in Alaska. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colo.

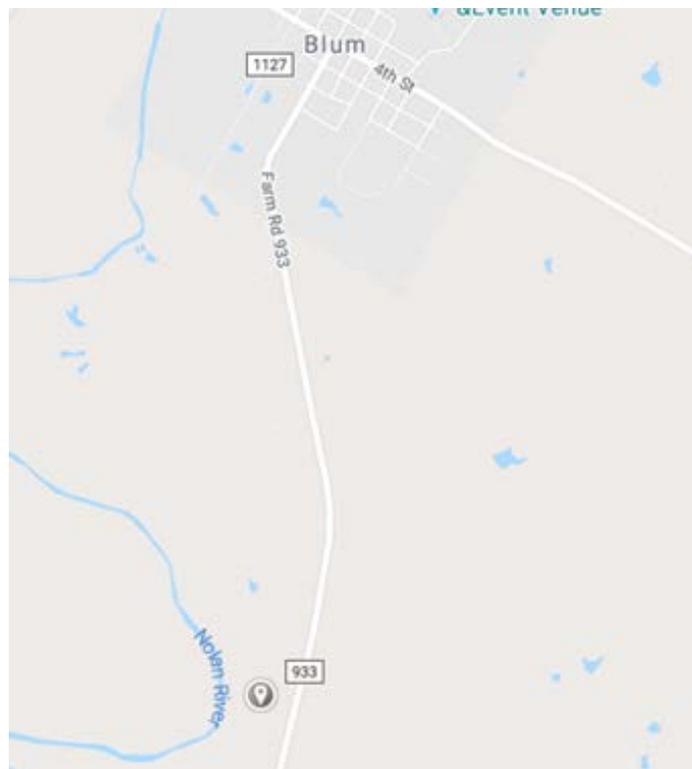
Upcoming Speakers

Month	Speaker	Presentation Title
April	Hilary Hutcheson, Montana	Turning Fly Fishing Passion into Purpose
May	Jeff Currier, Idaho	Fly Fishing Warm Water - Bass, Carp, Pike, and More
June	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

Annual White Bass Outing on the Nolan River set for March 21



FWFF member Kevin Marlow holds a white bass from the March 2019 outing.



Map showing Blum and Rock Creek bridge crossing.

The time is near for my favorite season of the year: Springtime, and white bass fishing.

Every spring, white bass run up creeks and rivers for their annual spawn. Large numbers of white bass can be concentrated in small

Annual White Bass Outing- Contd.

sections of water, exposing themselves to be caught with a variety of flies and tactics. So plan now to join the club's March 21 outing on the Nolan River near Blum.

We will discuss my favorite, simple flies to use, beginning with the jig fly and moving on to the Clouser, bent-back minnow and a few other effective patterns. We will also discuss appropriate rods, lines and methods to locate schools of white bass. A short distance from Cleburne, the Nolan River is one of my favorite white bass locations. With clear water, limestone bluffs and cedar trees, the Nolan is a beautiful place to go.

I will provide a handout at the March 3 membership meeting and also at the outing that lists items to bring, things to be aware of and tips to help you have a great fishing outing. We will meet in Blum for a briefing, then head on down to the parking area to gear up and chase some sandies (as white bass are called in Texas). The outing is a day trip and we will spread out on the river to avoid crowding.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at russellhusted@sbcglobal.net or call me at 972-567-4155.

Thanks, and see you there.
Russell Husted
FWFF Member

2020 Flyfest is Just Around the Corner!

In just a few short years the [Tarrant Regional Water District's annual Flyfest](#) has grown into an event attracting hundreds to the banks of the Trinity River in Fort Worth to enjoy and learn about fly fishing. The 2020 Flyfest promises to continue the success, with contests, speakers and demonstrations. Fort Worth Fly Fishers is one of the sponsors and provides many of the volunteers that are so critical to making Flyfest the hit it has become.

This year Texas Parks and Wildlife will stock 1,800 pounds of rainbow trout in the Trinity River at the Flyfest site near the Acme Brick headquarters complex, providing plenty of targets for the fishing competitions, including the Orvis Big Trout Contest.

Additionally, TRWD Flyfest promises to appeal to the whole family with live music from local band Deric Merrill and a host of children's activities, including a mini stocked tank for fishing. Fort Worth ISD culinary students from Polytechnic High School and North Side High School will be on hand highlighting their talents with cooking demonstrations. Local wineries will be on site this again year with wine tastings and wine by the glass. Food, craft beer and shopping vendors will make it fun for everyone!

"The Trinity River in Fort Worth proves that you can have great fishing in an urban area," professional angler Frank Smethurst told TRWD. "The Trinity has really interesting fishing with clear water and impressive species diversity. The Tarrant Regional Water District throws a great event, and I can't wait to return for TRWD Flyfest 2020 and explore the Trinity further," said Smethurst, a speaker and casting instructor this year.

And check out the list of speakers and presenters below:

Program - Saturday, March 14, 2020		
9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Chris Johnson	Fly Fishing the Republic of Texas
10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Steven Woodcock	Fly Fishing 101
11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Martin Dietz	Competition Tactics for Everyday Fishing
12 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	Frank Smethurst	America's 20 Most Important Flies and How to Fish and Rig Them
1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Russell Husted	Fly Fishing the Trinity
2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	Stacy Lynn	Fly Fishing the Texas Coast
3 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	Steve Hollensed	Texoma on the Fly

Fly Tying Lessons		
9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Matt Bennett	Predator Flies: Tying for Texas and Beyond
10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Mike Morphew	Fly Patterns for Show Cases and English Patterns
11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Chris Johnson	Hill Country Essentials
12 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	Dutch Baughman	Tying a Bream. Reaper
1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Barry Webster	Patterns for Local Fishing
2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	Kyle Hand	Susie's Damsel

Casting Classes		
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Frank Smethurst	How to Catch a Trout on the Trinity and a Quick Intro to Spey Casting
10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Bob Garber and Steve Hollensed	Beginning Casting
11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Bob Garber and Steve Hollensed	Intermediate Casting
12 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	Stacy Lynn	Women's Casting
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3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Frank Smethurst	How to Catch a Trout on the Trinity and a Quick Intro to Spey Casting
4 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.	Stacy Lynn	Women's Casting

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Good weather, good fishing, good times at Beavers Bend State Park

Twenty-two members attended the February 21-23 outing on the Lower Mountain Fork River inside Beavers Bend State Park just north of Broken Bow, Okla. What a great turnout, with a number of new club members along with the usual attendees.

Three members were guided by Donovan Clary on Friday with excellent results. Not only were plenty of fish caught, but techniques were learned and fun experiences shared. Saturday morning found about a dozen members gathered at the Hickory Campground for an informal entomology clinic. We were able to capture and identify a number of aquatic critters. Crawfish, scuds, leeches, annelids (worms), golden stonefly nymphs, midges, baetis (BWO), damselfly nymphs and March Brown nymphs. That produced a comment from the observers that "I need to change what patterns I'm using and reduce the size."

Saturday night we all gathered at the Possum Landing cabin for another great dinner provided by the club. Of course, dessert was served as well, brownies, cookies, cake and cupcakes.

The weather was good, with some cooler temperatures and cloud cover but no rain until late on Sunday afternoon.

Thanks again to all who attended.

Greg Kohn
Outing Host



New FWFF student member Patrick Manning at the Cliffs.



Ken Bowers lands a fish on the Lower Mountain Fork River.



FWFF member Brett Morehead with a nice rainbow.



Christine and Ken Bowers enjoy the Cliffs at Beavers Bend.



Playing a fish in the riffle at Swim Beach on the Lower Mountain Fork River.



Jami Hobgood, FWFF member Jacob Sherwood's mom, cradles her first trout caught on a fly rod.



Alan Phillips with a little rainbow.



Jacob Sherwood releases a brownie.



Mark Hobgood kept up with the rest of the family.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2020 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
March 21, 2020	Nolan River near Blum, Texas	White bass	Russell Husted
April 17-19	Bill Ward Ranch near Mexia, Texas	Bass and perch	Dan Tatum
May 9th	Eagle Mountain Lake kayak outing	Bass	Donna O'Toole
June 19-21	Texas Coast, kayaking and wading, near Sargent	Speckled trout, redfish, black drum	Bryce Bezant
July	South Fork, Colorado	Trout	Russell Husted
August 15, 2020	Loughridge Lake - Fort Worth, Texas	Crappie, Bass, Catfish	
Sept. 19th	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	Oktoberfish - 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	

Outing at Bill Ward's Ranch set for April 17-19

Warmer weather means it's time for Bill Ward's Ranch in Mexia. Bill has graciously allowed us to enjoy his quarries, asking only that all fish caught are kept. Bill's friend, Kent Yelverton, allows us to fish his lake across the highway. There are campsites, a few with electricity, or motels in Mexia a few miles away. Bring your own food, plus a side or dessert to share at Saturday's fish fry, featuring Dan Tatum's Dr Pepper onion rings. A kayak or canoe is highly recommended. Bank fishing is limited. We recommend 4-6-weight rods and sinking line. Sign up with host Dan Tatum @ 682-201-6113 or Outings Director Chris Patnode @ 817-819-5519. Follow these directions, not your GPS

1. Take Interstate 35W south to Hillsboro, go east on Texas 171. Pass through Bynum, Malone and Hubbard to Coolidge, where you turn right on Bell Street/Texas 73.
2. Turn left on FM 2310 just west of Coolidge, then nearly 6 miles south to Highway 84. Turn left and go 1.7 miles to a group of buildings.
3. Turn left at the first building, got 100 yards and take a left. The road then curves right heading north.
4. Go about 3/4 mile, looking for a gate on the right with our sign. [_____](#)
5. Enter gate code 1948 and head to Bill's Ranch house. The quarry is south of the house and the grass road leads to the campsites.

Coast Trip Report from FWF4 2019 Auction Winner



FWFF member Brian Loria with a redfish from a coast trip he won in the 2019 auction.

The date is April 6, 2019. I'm at [Wild Acre Brewing](#) for the Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival and I'm scoping out all the great stuff. The raffles. The silent auction. The live auction. The gear. The trips. Decisions, decisions.

I'm trying to decide how to spend my "vast" fortune. (Now that I've traded paychecks for Social Security, the word vast is a relative term.) Viewing the live auction items I see that Capt. Jeff Johnson with Fly Fish Rockport has donated a trip again this year. The bidding begins and we are quickly at \$200. I'm going to put an end to this - \$300!

Someone bids \$350. Alright then, \$400. Surely that will do it. What! Another bid? And another bid after that. The nerve! It took a little more work, but the hammer finally comes down in my favor.

Fast forward seven months and it's a cool, crisp November morning in Rockport. Well, as cool and crisp as one can expect on the Texas coast. The sun is rising over the bay and there are a few wispy clouds overhead.

Thankfully, they are the kind that burn off quickly and soon it's a postcard morning. Cold fronts moving through are always a potential problem when fishing the coast this time of the year. But a front moved through two days ago, and now the timing looks perfect. This has the potential to be a good day for sight casting

to those wily redfish. This is my favorite type of fishing, so the excitement is building. Probably should have doubled my blood pressure meds this morning.

I'm with Capt. Jeff, who you might remember was our guest speaker last October. I've fished with him several times and he has become my go-to guide in Rockport. I've fished with a number of guides on the Texas coast over the years, and Jeff has been the most consistent at finding fish. He is also the tallest guide I've ever fished with.

After about a 15-minute run we ease up to our first shoreline of the day. We see a couple fish on this drift but don't get any shots. Off we go to our second stop and after a few minutes we see our first target of the day. I missed him and a second fish minutes later, blaming a year's layoff from sight-casting and the eight-weight I'm using. Or maybe just redfish fever. No more excuses when fish No. 3 shows up in clean water over a really nice blend of grass and sand. The cast is a little off but far enough in front that it doesn't spook him. Wait. Wait. Strip. Strip. Fish on! Nice little 22-inch red. After picking up two more fish it's time to move.

Our third stop turns out to be more productive with four really nice reds, but our fourth location turns out to be the best of the day. We picked up another nine fish. Nearly all were photo op quality. This turns out to be the best day I've ever had fly fishing for reds. I was fortunate enough to hook 24 reds and land 22.

Coast Trip Report- Contd

Nearly all were in the 25- to 30-inch range. Better casting would have picked up at least eight to 10 more fish.

When your arm is tired from hauling in fish, you know you've had a great day. The downside to writing about this trip is it might increase the bidding competition, but so be it. It's for a good cause. Our annual auction, also known as FWF4, is our principal source of revenue to cover all the great outings, speakers and causes we support. (And just in case you don't win, remember that Jeff will gladly let you book a trip at www.flyfishrockport.com.)

Brian Loria
FWFF Member

Plan Now to Attend FWFF Auction!

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival, now known as "FWF4" is set for April 4, 2020. This event is a huge success because of devoted support of our club, our generous donors and the community. For the third straight year, it will held at Wild Acre Brewing Co. in Fort Worth, an excellent venue that has attracted many people from outside of our club, providing added excitement and energy to the event.

FWF4 is the club's primary source for funds. Proceeds go toward our educational programs, community service activities, conservation efforts and charitable contributions, as well as assisting in club operations. Among the programs we generously support are not-for-profit organizations, including Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery, which both work with cancer patients, Project Healing Waters North Texas, which helps disabled veterans, and North Texas Patriot Anglers, another organization that supports our veterans.

Last year, FWF4 proceeds went to activities like Fly Fishing 101, which assists new and longtime fly fishers in the basics of fly fishing, and conservation projects that protect and enhance our waterways. Another activity the club supports in a HUGE way is "Flyfest, the Tarrant Regional Water District-sponsored event held on the banks of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. This year's fifth annual Flyfest takes place Saturday, March 14, and promises to be another very successful event. Fort Worth Fly Fishers provides volunteer expertise for the fly-fishing activities of the event, which benefits area residents.

Please make plans to come out March 14 for TRWD's Flyfest and then on April 4 for your club's auction and fundraiser. You will not regret it. Register [HERE!](#)

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2ND PRIZE

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Color: Lime



3RD PRIZE

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Fly of the Month: *Fly Fish Food Stonefly Nymph*



This month's featured fly tyer is Jack Allen. He will show us how to tie his version of the Fly Fish Food Stonefly Nymph. Here's what Jack has to say about this fly:

"This is my interpretation of the Fly Fish Food's stonefly nymph. They tie it on a bent hook to give the fly a more active look in the water and to make it ride hook up to avoid snags. I added a Flymen Fishing Co. nymph-head tungsten bead to add a more realistic element to the fly.

"When I fish this fly, more often than not the fly ends up getting the fish in the top of its mouth, making it harder to spit out. I target mostly trout with this fly. My favorite size and color pattern, where I work in Estes Park, Colo., is a size 10 in coffee/black and purple/black combinations. You can rig this fly like a regular stonefly in a tandem nymph rig, or you can use it as a single fly on a Euro nymph rig. I use it mostly as the middle fly between an emerger and a CDC pheasant tail nymph.

"I have caught many fish on this style of fly, and Fly Fish Food has proven it is a very effective stonefly pattern for trout. This fly is also a variation of the Pat's Rubber leg stone, so you can use this fly wherever you would normally use a Pat's."

Materials

Hook: Umpqua U106 size 10

Bead: Flymen Fishing Co. Nymph Head Evolution Stonefly, black, size medium

Thread: UTC ultra thread 140 black

Tails, Legs, Antenna: Purple Sexi floss

Body: Fly Fish Food stonefly chenille, purple/black

Underbody: .015 lead-free wire



Step 1: Put the bead on the hook. Wrap the lead wire around the hook shank about 20 times.



Step 2: Take a strand of Sexi floss from the pack. Fold it in half and tie it in behind the eye of the hook. Pull it forward and cut to make two antennae about a half-inch long. Trim the excess

and whip finish with enough wraps that the bead slides snugly over the thread. Push the lead wire wraps into the bead head so the head butts up against the antenna. Then firmly seat the bead over the whip-finish wraps of the antenna. Secure the head and the wire with thread wraps and continue toward the bend until the thread is above the hook barb.



Step 3: Take some Sexi floss, fold it in half and tie it in at the start of the bend of the hook to make the back legs. Trim the legs so that when folded forward

they reach just behind the bead. Trim the excess.



Step 4: Take a strand of chenille and strip the fibers from one end about a quarter of an inch. Tie it in just in front of the floss and advance the thread forward

to the partial bend of the shank. Now wrap the chenille forward and secure it with a couple of wraps. Don't trim it yet! Pull the chenille to the rear and keep it out of the way.

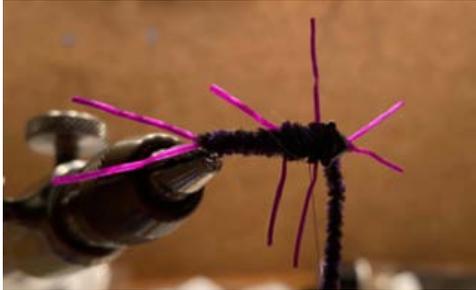


Step 5: Take one piece of floss and tie it in on the near side right before the chenille. Repeat on the far side. (I make the legs long enough to reach the back of the fly, but you

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can make them longer. I like it this way because the back legs of a stonefly are a little bit shorter than the middle legs.)

Take two more pieces of floss and tie them on both sides just behind the head as shown. Pull each piece backward and cut it the length of the fly body. Again, the leg lengths are purely subjective. Just don't make them too long.



Step 6: Retrieve the chenille and, taking care not to capture the legs, wrap it up to the bead and secure it with several wraps. I like the back legs to face backwards and the front two legs to go straight out.

Step 7: Whip finish the thread behind the bead and add some superglue or Loon UV resin on the threads to secure it. I like to use UV resin to connect the body and the head so the head does not rotate



Carlos Crespo
FWFF Fly Tying Director

Fort Worth Fly Fishers head to New Mexico's San Juan River



Photo courtesy of Fisheads of the San Juan

Are you interested in fly fishing for trophy-sized rainbow and brown trout on the San Juan River in New Mexico? If so, participating in a planned trip as a group can mean an excellent price on an outstanding experience at Fisheads of the San Juan in Navajo Dam, N.M.

FWFF Outings Director Chris Patnode has put together a Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 package that needs to sign up 12 people for a four-day/three-night trip. Included are two 8-hour days of guided drift boat fishing on one of the nation's premier large trout waters. Lodging, plus breakfast and a four-course dinner, will be provided daily by the lodge, and lunch will be provided on the river during the guided float trips. The all-inclusive fee is \$742.38 a person, with the only additional cost the gratuity that you choose to pay.

Fisheads of the San Juan is the only Orvis-endorsed outfitter on the San Juan River. It is owned and operated by guide Chris Taylor. A deposit of \$400 is due by July 7, with the remaining \$343.38 due by Sept. 2. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris at 817-819-5519.

Here are the details:

- Participants are responsible for their travel to and from the lodge. It's about an 800-mile drive from Fort Worth. The nearest airport is Durango, Colo., a little over two hours by air from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and then about an hour's drive from the lodge.
- Participants will need a New Mexico fishing license. (A five-day non-resident license is \$24.)
- Cancellations must be made by Sept. 2 by contacting Chris. After that date there are no refunds, but another participant may take your place under mutually agreed terms.

Fisheads of the San Juan River
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Navajo Dam, New Mexico 87419
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If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation contact us at:
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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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