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Message From the President

Reminder: The May monthly membership meet was canceled, as was the Eagle Mountain Lake kayak outing May 9. Watch for updates on June activities.

While the month of May has ushered in spring temperatures and some great fishing, as evidenced through your photos, it unfortunately saw a continuance of the shelter-in-place orders. Cancellation of FWFF events is always a tough call on the part of your board, but we remain committed to the health and safety of our membership and adherence to guidelines provided by the Center of Disease Control and local officials.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members **Brandon Lindberg, the Wingate family, Jim Furgerson, Marc Reid, Christopher McMahon, Lonnie LaPointe and Seth Ballard** to FWFF. We are looking forward to meeting each of you at club events in the in the near future.

We have rescheduled the Fort Worth Fly Fishers annual auction for Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Wild Acre Brewing. This annual event is a great way to show support for your club while picking up some epic guided trips, getaways, and equipment well below market value. In addition to the auction, we are exploring some alternative fund-raising activities prior to the Sept. 12 auction. Stay tuned for more information in coming weeks regarding these and other events, and don't forget to mark your calendars.

We are extending the annual FWFF kayak raffle, which will be awarded at the Sept. 12 auction. As a reminder, this year's raffle includes as a first-place prize, the Jackson Mayfly kayak, in addition to a second-place kayak and third-place inflatable pontoon boat. At only \$20 per ticket, this is an excellent opportunity to take a chance on winning one of three prizes and support your club. For information regarding the raffle or to purchase your tickets, please contact Bill Hodges at bcolhodes@aol.com.

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While we regret any inconvenience these cancellations or postponements may present, your health as safety, is and will always remain our first priority.

Our annual trip to the Texas coast for kayak and wade fishing is still on schedule for June 18-21 as of this writing. This year's event will be held in Sargent, Texas, where accommodations have been coordinated. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required and spaces are filling fast. If you are interested in attending this event or need additional information, please contact Bryce Bezant at rebezant@gmail.com

Be safe and be well,
David Hooper
President, Fort Worth Fly Fishers

Upcoming Speakers

Month	Speaker	Presentation Title
May CANCELLED	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

Hill Country Guide Greg Welander is June speaker

(Check club online info for changes)



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 redbfish of the Lower Laguna Madre. The Texas Hill Country streams and lakes are his local passion

in between trips to the Texas coast for redbfish. 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 Visers & 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).

It's All About the Fishing

This is where we feature photos submitted by members from recent fishing trips. Remember, feel free to send in your photos and stories from your own adventures to share with fellow club members. Email them to Jim Fuquay at jimfuquay@gmail.com or any other FWFF director.

FWFF member Wally Watson's took two grandsons fishing on the Nolan River recently. Looks like those are 1/4-weight rods they're carrying.



The Board of Directors of FWFF have held their last two meetings via Zoom. So that meant while Membership Director Donna O'Toole was occupied with the meeting, Stephen O'Toole was free to wander out to do some fishing at their Eagle Mountain Lake home. He made the most of his time, per this photo of a 12-pound buffalo he landed.



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

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 FWF, 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 kayaks.

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 FWF, 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; Host Bryce Bezant (817) 360-6672 or rbbezant@outlook.com

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

FWF4 Donors:

Capt. Jeff Johnson's Guide Service
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Capt. Thomas William – 970-708-7240, 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



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 2017. Enjoy!

Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales. - "Valle Vidal... or Valle Muerte"



In the summer of 2015, I decided, "I'm taking a trip to New Mexico, and I'm going to catch a trout fly-fishing." Of course, there were a few things missing... ok, a lot of things missing. First off, I needed a fly rod and reel. I also needed to find a place in New Mexico where my brother and I could fish. Much to anyone's surprise, there were a lot of "firsts" going to happen on this trip. After nailing down what I thought would be a good camping spot, I called and talked to the park ranger. He was a very nice young man but broke the news to me that they don't have water flowing in that part of the state, nor did they have trout. What I didn't realize was "bass is to Texas" as "trout is to New Mexico" isn't really the case. I couldn't go just anywhere, and I needed to do more research. The trip was less than a week away, and time was ticking. I had my new fly rod set up from Bass Pro, I had my GoPro, I had all my gear to camp, but I had not a clue where we were going. I decided to do what any good son would do, and I called my dad to pick his brain on advice.

After my brother and I explained separately to dad our plan, he stepped in like any loving father would do to help us succeed in our goal. He told us he had heard of a place that is known to few, and if you're going to go somewhere, then go some place that is worth your while. Dad, over the few previous years, had the opportunity to fly fish the Cimarron River around Ute Park. He remembered his buddy talking about someday wanting to fly fish the waters of the beautiful Valle Vidal, home to the native Rio Grande Cutthroat, "the fastest fish of the west", as Guide Tim Urtega explains it.

Somehow, when we were just three days from leaving my brother and I convinced dad to come along for this trip. That's where it all began. That's how all of you have come to read this. My excitement for fly-fishing was born out of this trip to the Valle Vidal. I'll save you from sharing all my tales accumulated from the past four trips to my favorite waters. I'm not here to talk about landing 67 fish in one day, or the miles of small river to hike, wade, and fish. I will simply share why you should make the Valle Vidal a must-go trip this year.

The Valle Vidal (translated as "Valley of Life") is a mountain basin in the Sangre de Cristo ("Blood of Christ") Mountains within the Carson National Forest in northeast New Mexico. If we were all crow, it'd just be a hop, skip, and a wing flap north and to the east just a bit of Red River. Since we do not have wings to fly, you hike your car west to Questa, then north to Costilla (which is only 1.3 miles from the Colorado border), then follow the river valley road southeast 17 miles into the Valle Vidal. For a lack of better words, you literally stumble into beauty. I have never witnessed such change of scenery as I do when heading into this part of New Mexico. The view alone is worth the drive.

Last year we were all checked for our fishing license by the game warden. He was a friendly fellow and our conversation about the wonderful Valle Vidal was very educational. It was the end of this conversation that caused my brain to halt. You see, after I told him how cool it is to catch 5 species of trout in this water, he let me know the restoration plans for this watershed. The plan is to



Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales. - Contd.



make this stream and all the surroundings only inhabited by the native Rio Grande Cutthroat. By the way, they had already started above the Rio Costilla Reservoir, and this is the final part of the project. This news was broken to us on our trip in July of 2016. Later that year on our trip back in September 2016, we stopped in a fly shop we don't ever go to and asked about this news we had heard earlier in the summer. The shop owner explained the state of New Mexico had rumored and talked about this for years, and he didn't foresee them going through with it. As a matter of fact, he said, why would that be the case if they just stocked Cutthroat fingerling into the river? Our fear and curiosity were somewhat put to bay over this conversation. Fast forward to Spring 2017. I'm working like I typically do throughout the week, but I get a phone call from my dad. He asked if I had seen the photo Tim commented on Facebook and explained there is a new dam in the Valle Vidal. I was very confused, but I asked my dad to tag me so I could see the picture and read the post. What I soon found out is that the restoration plan had moved forward as told to me the year before. Just up from the Rio Costilla Park fence and into the National Forest, they put a fish barrier. My father reached out to the State of New Mexico Game and Fish to try and get a timeline on the sterilization process or, in West Texas, the "fish kill". Here is the information my dad received from the NM Department of Game and Fish's Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Biologist, Bryan Bakevich:

"We plan to remove all fish from Rio Costilla from below the reservoir down to the new fish migration barrier, which is about 1/4 mile upstream of the Rio Costilla Park/Carson National Forest border. The first removal will occur in late September of this year and another will occur in the fall of 2018. Therefore, the upper end of Rio Costilla will be empty from late Sept 2017 to

Oct 2018. Most likely, cutthroat will be stocked in October 2018." For those that have not been to the Valle Vidal this means that this is your last summer to fish it before the change! What does this mean to me? I am personally all for restoring to the native fish, but isn't it ironic we are the ones that have made it the way it is today? I will miss catching 5 species in one day. I will miss the uniqueness of the beautiful Cut-Bow trout, the challenge of finding a Brook trout, and the stories of who was lucky enough to catch a Brown trout in their day. I'm sad to see an empty river throughout all of 2018, and a summer pass with two annual trips that won't happen. This river started a passion for me, and it is full of wonderful memories with family and friends. I'm excited this year to take my girlfriend, Angela. The Valle Vidal is only stories to her, but I can't wait to see her walk and fish the river that brought me along this path in fly fishing. The fishing won't end in the Valle Vidal, but it will forever change from how I know it. Here's to my third summer in the Valle!

If you have questions on how to plan a trip to the Valle, let me know. I'm contemplating giving a rundown in the FWFF July Newsletter. If that sparks your interest, I'd love your feedback. Lastly, check out the fly of the month the "Tim's Special." I made the recipe just for you to tie up for your Valle Vidal trip this summer!

Don't forget to send your fly fishing pictures to fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com

Thanks for the read,
 "He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters"
 Adam Tate - @reeltatetales #onthewaters



Stalking Rio Grande Cichlids



Stalking Rios

June is prime time to hunt Rio Grande Cichlids as they are bedding up and extra aggressive as they guard their babies. These fish are the freshwater fish of the cichlid family and native to Texas. You'll find them throughout the Hill Country and only as far north as Georgetown, primarily because they are susceptible to cold temps.

A couple summers back, Kay and I went with Chris Johnson, owner of Living Waters Fly Shop to fish two locations: San Gabriel River and Brushy Creek near Round Rock, Texas which is north of Austin during the spawning of the Rios.

Our outing began just outside and downstream of the Georgetown, Texas city park where Rio Grande Cichlids were massed up on beds protecting their brood. I have read that there are two species of this little fish, both native to the Texas Hill Country drainage. Some populations have found their way into other waters by way of human transportation- The New Orleans City Park comes to mind.

Kay and Chris spent much of the morning targeting stretches of banks catching everything from Rios, Red breast sunfish, Longears, and Greens. From the beginning Chris first tied on the Rio Getter, a fly developed by Chris and Matt, a buddy who works at the shop. To me, the fly seemed to be a cross between a small cat's whisker and a Briminator tied on a 3X size 16 hook. Size does matter as these small brim and Rios need a small hook to ensure a hook up, fishing the fly is a slow, methodical strip crawling the fly along the bottom. Once contact is made, a simple lifting trout style set is all that's required.

For most of the morning I tossed my TFO glass rod line with SA WF4 and found it worked well with such lightly weighted flies. Kay on the other hand, was armed with a TFO Finesse 7'3"2WT. After many successful catches, Chris changed her to a small black ant pattern. With that fly she got into some serious action throughout the morning. Kay has a Tenkara rod, and was wishing she had brought it because you could site fish and target—perfect for the Tenkara technique.

The San Gabriel is a beautiful small river that run gin clear. You could see fish everywhere. The river bottom changes from limestone flats, to freestone runs, and back to gravel. If you didn't know where you were in Texas, you might think you were in a large spring creek in Montana. Even in mid-July, the water flow was pretty good. The water was cool which was quite welcome on a hot, Texas day.

Many times I have been asked if there are Guadalupe Bass or Rio Grande Cichlids in the Brazos River, and the answer is technically yes and no. No, they won't be found in the Paluxy River or the Brazos near Glen Rose. Those s are too far north



Kay with
a Rio

Stalking Rio Grande Cichlids - *Contd.*

out of these fishes native range, but in the Brushy, a tributary of the San Gabriel and the two main channels of the San Gabriel which empties into the Brazos, there are lots of the fish. Here in the Hill Country there is a theory that the Guads in Brush might be pure A strain native fish.

Later in the day after an amazing lunch of Ahi Tuna and grilled chicken tacos at Torchy's Tacos, we went to Brushy Creek. For me it was time for a gear change. Chris had been toting his Scott F2 6' 2WT fly rod, and there with only a little over an hour left on our day, I asked if I could use it. Chris smile handed me the rod and said, "Man it's UL, it's glass, it's so sweet and you're gonna love it."

This rod is the older version, with a bit heavier scrim than the newer models, it feels light in the hand but can power rolls casts like no other. Too bad my Steffen was on loan or I would have loved to compare the two. With that in mind, I stepped in the creek rolled out a short cast with the Rio Getter and tagged up with a nice red breast. As I unhooked the fish I glanced over to see movement, and as that shadow moved I saw THE FISH of the day. I rolled out the cast, and the fish ate but spit the fly. Just a little late.

Again he started moving away, and this time I rolled a cast on top of his head; he turned and inhaled the fly. I set the hook, and the fight as on. This fish weighed about two pounds, and he tried to take command. The rod responded as I turned hard on him, just carefully enough not to break the 5X tippet. Keep in mind, this two-pound bass ate a size 16 fly. The bass tried to take me into some tree roots sticking out of the bank, but as Chris moved towards the fish and the bass swam away. Making a few last acrobatic moves and jumps, the bass came to hand. Battle over.



Lester's Bass

Following this fish, I tagged a few more. Kay and Chris had gone further upstream in an area that would have been great for Tenkara. She caught a few more there. We ended the day with some great memories and thoughts of coming back about trying some other spots to fish.

For more information on Brushy Creek or other Hill country streams go to:

<http://livingwatersflyfishing.com/>

Les Jackson



Rio Grande Cichlid

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2020 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
May 9th CANCELLED	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	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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Fly of the Month- "Lunch Money"

Blast from the Past! This is May 2017 Fly of the Month which came to us from our guest speaker, Matt Bennett. Here's what Matt has to share with us:

The Lunch Money was created out of need for a bite-sized baitfish streamer for the Texas Hill Country. Most of our baitfish are in the 2-3" range and due to our normally ultra-clear water, our bass can be fairly finicky, which meant it needed to both look realistic and have the right amount of movement. The original iteration was named the "Llano Critter" after the Llano River west of here, where it produced very well. The original variation was based off of Charlie Craven's Gonga streamer and tied hook-down with larger legs, a spun craft fur head, and just a tail (no wrapping for a profile transition) on a TMC 8089. After coming across Laser Dub a few years back thanks to Mike Schmidt's patterns, I incorporated that to give it a nice, translucent profile in the water with just the right amount of sheen. I also flipped the fly to ride hook up at that time, as I'd often get fish following the fly and wanted to be able to retrieve slower without hanging up on the bottom. Originally I trimmed the head to shape but after brushing the Laser Dub back instead, I ended up with a similar shape with more water-pushing bulk. After the TMC 8089 was discontinued in the smaller sizes, I moved to a Gamakatsu B10S, which has allowed me to tie it in a few more sizes.

I continue to refine it a bit as new materials are released, like Hareline's new Double Pupil Eyes, and Senyo's Fusion Dub and Fusion Legs. Many of the available colors listed on my website incorporate special colors of Fusion and Laser dub that I blend myself. Umqua Feather Merchants picked up the rights to this fly early in early 2014, and certain colors are available through them at this time. The full lineup is available through my website, flygeek.net.



Hook: Gamakatsu B10S, Size 2

Eyes: Hareline Double Pupil Lead Eyes, Black/Yellow w/ Black Pupil

Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon, White

Tail: Hareline Black Barred Zonker Strip, Gold Variant

Legs: Hareline Grizzly Flutter Legs, Black Barred Root Beer

Body: Senyo's Laser Dub, Brown, Yellow, Sculpin Olive

Marker: Prismacolor/Copic Red, Black, Back, Yellow

Glue: Loon UV Flow



Step 1: Attach your thread to the hook and create a bump of thread about 2 hook-eye lengths back from the eye of the hook. Figure-eight on your eyes. I used the medium size for a #2, small for a #4, and x-small for a #6.

Step 2: Wrap back on the hook shank until you're above somewhere between the barb and hook point. Measure out your rabbit strip tail – I typically do 1.25 – 1.5 shank lengths. Invert your vise and poke the hook point through the skin-side of the zonker strip at the point you measured out.



Step 3: Remove the hook from the vise. Slide the zonker up the hook shank to where your thread base ends, then flip it 180 degrees back towards the hook bend. Tie in your tail and move your thread in front of the remaining piece of zonker facing towards the hook eye.

Step 4: Wrap your thread to the midpoint between where the tail and lead eyes are tied in. Grab the remaining zonker piece and wrap a collar with 2-3 wraps, depending on the thickness and length of the



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zonker. I did 2 here. Tie down and cut the remainder of the zonker strip off.



Step 5: Tie in two Grizzly Flutter Legs at their midpoint on the side of the hook directly in front of your collar.

Step 6: Pull the two front-facing legs over the top of the fly, stretching them to opposite side of the hook. Wrap backwards with your thread, binding them down securely. Do not stretch them too much as they can break fairly easily.



Step 7: Take two clumps of Yellow Laser Dub. Find the midpoints of each and tie them on the top and bottom of the hook shank.

Step 8: Use your non-bobbin hand to hold these clumps back towards the tail and build a small thread dam in front to keep them laid back.



Step 9: Repeat steps 7 & 8 with a clump of Brown on top, and Yellow on bottom. Remember that the fly rides hook-up.

Step 10: Move your thread in front of the eyes. Repeat steps 7 & 8 with Sculpin Olive on top, and Yellow on bottom. Whip finish.



Step 11: Brush the fly very well with a dubbing brush. I am partial to Hareline's Ultimate Dubbing Brush for this. I'll brush it forward over the hook eye and then back towards the tail.

Step 12: Finish the fly. I add marker spots and color the thread to match the top and bottom of the fly before coating with Loon Flow and curing.





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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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"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."
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