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Message From the President

Don't forget to join us **in person** for our summer fly-tying event. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, **in our old location** at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in the Research and Education building located on Camp Bowie Boulevard between Montgomery and Clifton streets. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature club member and FFI Board Member Dutch Baughman as our guest instructor.

If you have not had the opportunity to purchase your kayak raffle tickets, you will want to do so soon! The raffle will be held Sept. 18, the night of the annual auction, and offers three chances to win with one ticket. Back by popular demand, this year's kayak raffle will offer the chance at one of two kayaks or a pontoon boat. For just \$20 a ticket (3/\$50 or 6/\$100), you have a chance at any of the three items for raffle. For tickets, contact Bill Hodges at bcolhodges@aol.com.

Our annual auction (did I mention it's Sept. 18?) is beginning to develop volunteer teams who will support donor solicitations, logistics, cataloging items for the can raffle, collecting the revenue the night of the auction and, of course, managing the actual event. The auction is a critical piece of our club's success since it is a primary source of revenue that allows us to provide monthly programming, outings, and events. The pandemic derailed the auction, so the September event will provide us an important boost. If you have time or donations you would like to contribute, please reach out to me at president@fortworthflyfishers.org or Auction Director Rick Hanes at rohdevelopment@aol.com.

As we look forward to 2022, the Fort Worth Fly Fishers Board of Directors is seeking interested volunteers for several roles. Opportunities are available to serve on the board or to become an engaged volunteer in areas ranging from education and conservation to outings and finance. Interested in special events such as Flyfest 2022 or the annual auction? We have some great opportunities to be a part of making the club activities and goals

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come to life. If you would like to discuss time requirements or opportunities, I will be happy to spend some no obligation time with you and explore ways your talents and skills can contribute to our continued success.

Stay well,
David Hooper, President
Fort Worth Fly Fishers

Summer Learning Series Continues in August with Fly Tying Demonstration

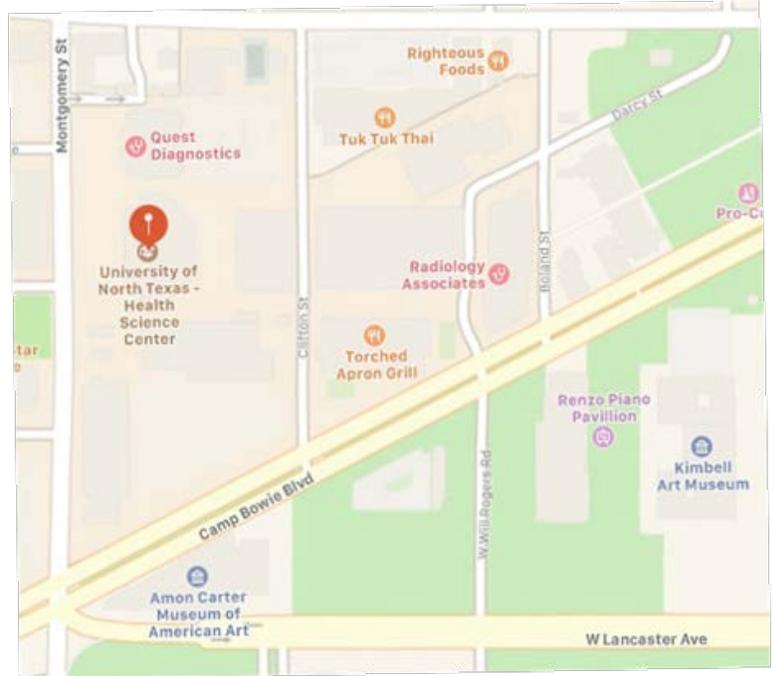
The second session of our Summer Learning Series, a fly-tying demonstration on Tuesday, Aug. 3, returns to our old stomping grounds at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in the Research and Education building located along Camp Bowie Blvd. between Montgomery and Clifton Streets. As usual, it begins at 7 p.m. and features club member and FFI Board Member Dutch Baughman as our guest instructor.



To most of us, Dutch Baughman requires no introduction. An avid and experienced fly fisherman, steelheader and fly tyer for over 60 years, fly fishing is a sport he truly loves. Dutch is heavily involved with Fly Fishers International, where he is a vice president of the board member and executive committee, as well as chair of the Education Committee and Learning Center. He was the 2019 Fly Fisher of the Year, awarded the 2019 President's Medal, and the 2020 Darwin Atkins Fly Tying Award.

Dutch is also on the board of the Texas Council FFI, a member of both the Dallas and Fort Worth Fly Fishers clubs, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Certified Angler Education Instructor and Area Chief, as well as instructor for fly fishing, two-hand casting, and fly tying. Dutch is a demonstration fly tyer for the FFI National Expo, Roadkill Roundtable, Northwest Fly Tyers Expo, Sow Bug Rendezvous, Fly Fest, Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Fest, and too many others to list.

A more talented instructor and fly tyer does not exist. Dutch will be demonstrating how to tie a Lady Caroline fly, as well as demonstrating thread control techniques for fly tying. **You do not want to miss this demonstration.**



Fly Fishing Skills Classes begin Sept. 16 via Zoom

The next Fly Fishing Skills classes begin on Thursday, Sept. 16. Once again, we will conduct classes via Zoom. Here's the line-up.

- Fly Fishing Skills I -- begins at 5:30 p.m. and adjourns by 6:45
- Fly Fishing Skills II -- begins at 7 p.m. and adjourns around 8:30
- Both classes last 10 weeks, concluding on Nov. 18

Fly Fishing Skills classes are offered through the Fort Worth Fly Fishers education program and are available to paid members of Fort Worth Fly Fishers and Dallas Fly Fishers. If you attended the classes last semester, you are approved for attendance this semester. New members to either club are welcome, but please contact David Hooper at Fort Worth Fly Fishers or Jack Gillis at Dallas Fly Fishers.

Both classes have been enhanced since last semester. Students for each class will receive an updated version of the entire slide presentation prior to the first class. Slide decks now have a complete Table of Contents so you can find specific topics by using the slide number as a reference. The entire curriculum from last semester has been critiqued and updated. We are also planning to have in-person casting sessions during the semester.

Fly Fishing Skills - Contd.

If possible, we might also have in-person lab sessions for fly fishing knots.

The curriculum will include a complete array of the comprehensive topics presented last semester, but with some additional enhancements.

Fly Fishing Skills I:

- More fly fishing video
- Expanded sections on fly fishing history, fly fishing equipment, rigging, reading the water and water column, stream anatomy, entomology and fly fishing trips
- NEW topics on "Search Image" and feeding behavior
- Slide decks for Fly Fishing History, Reading Water and the Water Column, Fly Fishing History, Entomology, Fly Fishing Safety, and Fly Fishing Etiquette

Fly Fishing Skills II:

- More fly fishing video
- Identify This Fish
- Identify This Fly
- Identify This Knot
- Expanded sections on casting, fly fishing trips, fish species, knots, stream anatomy, safety and etiquette
- More emphasis on the catching (set the hook, play the fish, handle the fish, revive the fish, release the fish)
- Revised sections on fly selection, fish behavior and fish habitat
- NEW topic on "Search Image"
- Slide decks for Line Management, Reading Water and the Water Column, Fly Fishing History, Entomology, Fly Fishing Safety, and Fly Fishing Etiquette

If you attended the Fly Fishing Skills classes last semester and want to attend the classes again this semester, just send me an email at dutch.baughman@gmail.com so I can build the class email list for the weekly Zoom access link. In your email to me, be sure to indicate which class you want to attend. If you did not attend the classes last semester, please contact David Hooper if you are a member of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers or contact Jack Gillis if you are a member of the Dallas Fly Fishers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dutch Baughman
FWFF Member
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Mid-Year Financial Report

In the interest of transparency for its members, Fort Worth Fly Fishers presents the club's financial status as of June 30, 2021. Despite the lack of its annual auction, canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic, FWFF has maintained adequate money to fulfill its responsibilities and services to more than 200 paid members.

FWFF thanks Financial Director Liz Davis for preparing the data for this report.

In the first six months of 2021, FWFF had revenues of \$11,606.21 and expenses of \$17,263.13, including \$2,240 in costs related to its auction, which is set for Sept. 18. The club's bank balance stood at \$15,920.89 as of June 30, compared to \$21,577.81 on Jan. 1.



FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS

KAYAK/PONTOON RAFFLE 2021

***3 Chances to Win**

CONTACT BILL HODGES FOR TICKETS: bcolhodes@aol.com

1ST PRIZE

JACKSON "MAYFLY" 2019

Color: Color to Be Determined



The 2021 Mayfly is a fly fishing oriented sit-on-top, loaded with features to make kayak fly fishing more fun and user friendly. The MayFly has a versatile hull optimized for tracking, stability, and speed in popular fly fishing conditions and destinations, including tropical flats, slow-moving rivers, lakes and ponds. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by fly fisherman, particularly fly line management, the MayFly includes a myriad of design aspects to address the needs of fly fisherman creating the ultimate kayak fly fishing platform. Snag-free footrests and features, protected fly box storage, unique fly rod storage options, rod butt props for dealing with tangles, integrated and protected fly patches, and more cater to the high-performance features expert fly fisherman need while being versatile and stable enough to bring new anglers to the sport.



SEE SAMPLE
AT
"FLYFEST"
MARCH 13

- NEW Elite Seating System
- Snag free wide open standing area
- Snag free one-piece foot brace system with line anchor to secure fly line while paddling
- Large stern well designed for JKooler or Orion 25 Cooler
- Snag free bungee flip down fly box holders lined with foam
- Storage for fly gear like nippers, forceps and tippet
- Bow hatch storage bin for fly vests, hip packs, or others items for easy access when wade fishing
- Hi-Lo, trimmable seating
- Aluminum accessory tracks
- Raymarine transducer scupper
- Standing pad
- Specialized fly rod storage with molded in reel pockets
- Rod butt props to help with line tangles

2nd PRIZE

KI LAGOON 10XL

Color: To Be Determined



FEATURES OF LAGOON 10XL

Deck Pad, Skid Pad, Drain Plug, Cup Holder, Paddle Holder
Three Hatches, Perimeter Rope, Handles and Tracks,
Scuppers and Scupper Plugs, 2 Flush Mount Rod Holders
High/Low Metal Frame Seat, Removable Center Rod Holder

Length 10' Capacity 300 Lbs Width 33" Weight 55 Lbs

3RD PRIZE

CLASSIC ACCESSORIES -ROANOKE

8' Inflatable Pontoon

Color: Blue

features 2 armrest pockets,
this boat has room for all your gear.
With oars and a padded swivel seat, this
boat includes everything you need to get
out to the lake in comfort.

- Supports up to 350 lbs. (person and gear)
- Suitable for Class 1 river use
- 96 in. Long x 55 in. Wide x 27.5 in. High (to top of seat)
- Weight 39 Lbs



1 TICKET \$ 20

6 TICKETS \$ 100

Drawing WILL occur at Sept. 18, 2021, Wild Acre Brewery Company

Attendance not required to WIN.

www.jacksonkayak.com

www.kayakinstruction.com

www.fortworthflyfishers.org

In November, FWFF Returns to Blue Door Cabins at Lake Tenkiller in Gore, Okla.

On Nov. 19-21, Fort Worth Fly Fishers will travel again to beautiful Gore, Okla., along the banks of the Lower Illinois River where striper, trout, catfish, gar, common carp, buffalo carp, crappie, drum and multiple bass species are plentiful. It's not that far away – just think of the cool temperatures by then! – and you need to move now if you want a spot.

Details, links and contacts:

- An Oklahoma fishing license is required. Check for other regulations as well, before arriving.
- Blue Door at Ten Killer - 98413 Hwy. 100, Gore, Oklahoma 74435; <http://www.bluedoorsattenkiller.com/>
- Coordinates • [35.5884616051, -95.0701864112](#)
- [Town of Gore](#) | “THE TROUT CAPITAL OF OKLAHOMA”

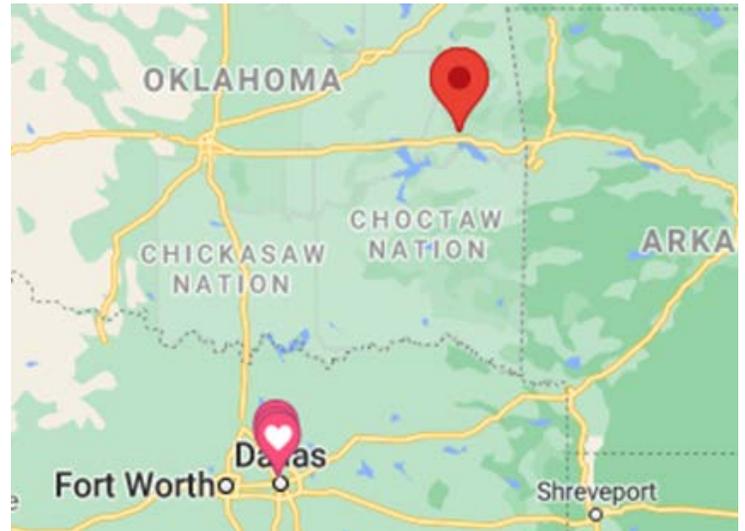


Daniel Tatum with an Oklahoma drum

FWFF has rented the entire 12-cabin facility, which is approximately four hours northeast of Dallas/Fort Worth and sports an outdoor courtyard, fire pit, refrigerator, BBQ smoker and pizza oven for our enjoyment. Cost is \$105 per member for two nights of lodging in clean, comfortable and well-equipped cabins.

Members will have the opportunity to fish the Lower Illinois River, Upper Illinois River, Tenkiller Lake or venture into nearby Arkansas for a day trip. The opportunities for adventure are endless, much like the species in the water. Kayaks are available from the lodge for \$25 a day. The club will provide dinner for members in the courtyard Saturday night, when fish tales over a warm fire will be shared.

Contact Outings Director Chris Patnode at 817-819-5519 if you have questions. You can register and make a payment online using the FWFF online event calendar (www.fortworthflyfishers.org) to reserve your cabin now. Mark your calendar and book your cabin now before they are gone!!



-- Chris Patnode
FWFF Outings Director

It's All About the Fishing

This is where we feature photos and stories from members. If you have a fish tale to tell, email it to newsletter editor Jim Fuquay at jimfuquay@gmail.com.

Club members Frank Huneycutt and John Jarzabski made a trip to western Wyoming in July for a float trip followed by a wading trip.



Frank with a rainbow caught on the Hams Fork near Kemmerer, Wyo.



John with a rainbow on the Hams Fork.



Bugs from the stomach of a Wyoming trout.

Fly of the Month: Spinning vs. Dubbing Loop By Al & Gretchen Beatty

If you find some of the dubbing loop techniques we reviewed in the last chapter a little daunting, then possibly the items in the next few paragraphs may offer an easier if not different approach. The following sentence is a little “tease” on what we’ll cover next, “You don’t have to anchor fur in a dubbing loop to accomplish a similar result.” How so? Read on!

We should probably call this the “fur collar chapter” because we are going to show several different ways to apply fur to a Muddler Nymph similar to the one reviewed in the last chapter. We’ll start with the same body for all of our illustrations, then share with you three different ways to apply the fur collar. We’ll finish this chapter by communicating a couple of ideas on adding more motion-in-the-water to this type of fly. Even though they don’t involve dubbing you may find the options valuable additions to your fly-tying bag of tricks.

Free Spinning a Fur Collar

Yup! You read the title right. We are going to “spin” fur around the hook shank similar to the way many of you spin deer, elk, antelope or caribou body hair. It really is easy to do as long as you use looser thread wraps over a bare part of the hook shank. In the illustration, Al has mounted a hook in the vise then tied a tail and body on the back two-thirds of the shank. Notice (this is important!) he left the bobbin hanging two thread turns forward from the body on the BARE part of the hook shank.



Next, he has pulled about three inches of thread out of the bobbin so he has enough length make a loose loop around a clump of fur. Now Al clips a clump of fur from a Hare’s Ear mask; holds it on top and around the hook shank; and uses that three-inch section of thread to take a loose loop around the fur bundle. He makes certain to end up holding the bobbin above the hook shank as illustrated.



Now things get a bit tricky. LET GO of the bundle of fur and at the SAME TIME pull UP gently on the thread to keep the bundle from

falling off the hook. Gently snug up the thread loop as illustrated below.



Before applying any tight wraps, check all sides of the hook to be sure the fur was evenly distributed around the shank. You can twist the “applied bundle” like Al is doing in the photograph below to “squiggle” the fibers in place on all sides of the hook.



Now add two or three very tight thread wraps then use a hair packer (or thumbnail) to push the fur collar back tight against the dubbed body.



For now let’s whip-finish and trim the thread then set this partly completed fly aside.

Dubbing Wax Collar

If you found the previous technique a bit of a problem, then this suggestion may prove easier. Let’s start by putting another hook and body combination in the vise. Be sure to leave the thread hanging on the bare part of the hook like we suggested in the previous demonstration. Apply dubbing wax to the strand as close to the shank as possible without “gumming” up the hook with the sticky stuff.



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In the illustration below, Al has clipped a clump of Hare's Ear mask fur and used the dubbing wax to "hold" the bundle in place. Notice he has spread the clump out a small amount so the wax can get a better grasp on the loose fibers.



Now he wraps the fur bundle around the hook making sure each fur-covered turn of thread is slightly forward of the previous turn Palmer style (below).



Last, Al is using a hair packer (or thumbnail) to push the wrapped fibers back against the dubbed body.



If for some reason you don't get an even distribution of fur around the hook, you can easily add small clumps wherever you might need them like Al is doing in the illustration below.



When you are finished adding fur (only if needed), apply a whip-finish and set this partly completed fly aside for future reference.



Split-Thread Collar

We'll bet by now you are getting the idea and already have figured out how to use a split-thread dubbing loop to apply this fur collar. In the illustration below, Al has slipped a clump of Hare's Ear mask fur into an unwaxed split-thread loop.

After spreading the clump out he wrapped the fur and thread combination around the hook Palmer style (no illustration); used a hair packer or thumbnail to push the fur back against the body; and applied a whip-finish. Set the partly completed fly aside for now.

Collapsing Collar

One of the problems with a fur collar as compared to a spun-hair collar is a tendency to collapse during the pull part of a retrieve OR when it is under pressure from flowing water. The following two pictures are just a couple of ideas we'd like to share with you that have worked for us in helping control the tendency of the softer fur collar to collapse.

Here we have added a bead between the body and the collar. The bead adds support to the collar to keep it from totally collapsing. If you use a brass or tungsten bead, then you are also adding weight to help sink the fly.



In the illustration we've added undersized dry-fly hackle wraps between the body and the fur collar to provide support without adding any additional weight. The illustration below shows how well the dry-fly hackle supports the fur collar.



We hope what we offer here gives you some ideas. Expand on them and share them with us via our website. We are always pleased to learn new techniques we in turn can share with our readers AND we'll give you full credit for your suggestions.

Reprinted from *A Dozen Dubbing Techniques: How to Tie!!* with permission of the authors.

For more information and further techniques, I recommend purchasing a copy of Gretchen & Al's book.

Jack Gillis, Fly Tying Director

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2021 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
August	Way too Hot!!		
Sept. 24-26	Bill Ward Ranch near Mexia, Texas	Bass and panfish	Bill Hodges
Oct. 15-17	Oktoberfisch - Edgewater Resort Complex on the Pedernales River	Bass	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 19-21	Lower Illinois River near Gore, Oklahoma	Trout, bass, catfish, drum	Chris Patnode

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.

PENDING

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!

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS Board of Directors

<u>Position</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
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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*