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Fly Fishers

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Message From the President

I hope each of you has taken the opportunity to get out and fish our regional waters during the recent respite from the hot summer temps. Many reports are coming in from across the area indicating the bite is on!

Nov. 19-21, Fort Worth Fly Fishers Outings Director Chris Patnode is hosting an overnight outing in beautiful Gore, Okla., along the banks of the Lower Illinois River where striped, trout, catfish, gar, common carp, buffalo carp, crappie, drum, and multiple bass species are plentiful. Fort Worth Fly Fishers has rented the entire 12 cabin facility approximately four hours northeast of DFW with an outdoor courtyard, large stone fire pit, communal refrigerator, barbeque smoker and brick pizza oven for your enjoyment.

Cost is \$105 per member for two nights of lodging in a clean, comfortable and well-equipped standalone cabin. Saturday night the club will provide dinner for attending members free of charge in the courtyard.

At last count there was only one spot available. Please contact Chris Patnode @ 817-819-5519 if you're interested. Or you can register and pay online using the event Calendar on the club website -- www.fortworthflyfishers.org. Cancellations for full refund will be accepted until Nov. 4.

It's not too late to register for the Fly Fishers International inaugural FFI Virtual Expo 2021 taking place from Nov. 5-7. Fly fishing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors, presenters and fly-fishing personalities in the sport during this one-of-a-kind event focused on education and fun. The Virtual Expo can be enjoyed right from home and will feature over 150 interactive, hands-on workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel and much more. There are offerings for every skill level and all things fly fishing. Similar to fly-fishing

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shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, social gatherings and entertaining activities. To learn more, visit FFI.

Please join us Nov. 2 for our monthly meeting at University of North Texas Health Science Center. Our speaker this month will be Garrison Doctor of Rep your Water. Garrison will share information on his education and artistic pursuits as well as some of his experiences fishing all around the globe. Garrison will come to us via Zoom broadcast on the screens in our usual meeting room.

Wishing each of you a healthy, happy and safe Thanksgiving.

David Hooper, President
Fort Worth Fly Fishers

Garrison Doctor of Rep Your Water is November Speaker



Please join us at our longtime meeting venue, the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, for a combination in-person/Zoom presentation. Our speaker, who will make his presentation drawn from his world travels via Zoom, is Garrison Doctor, founder of Rep Your Water, an apparel brand aimed and fishers and hunters. As usual, the meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Garrison was born in Boulder, Colo., “where I spent as much time as I could outside.” While there was no fishing tradition in his immediate family, “for some reason I have always been captivated by fishing and catching fish. After I got my first fly rod at about age 10, my love affair with fly fishing was sealed.”

He has also “been drawing and painting since before I can remember;” and pursued an education in fine art. In 2011 Garrison and his wife, Corinne, started [RepYourWater apparel](#),

which he calls “the perfect mix of my passions, a place where I can combine, art, design, fly fishing, hunting and conservation.”

Today, when not traveling the world in search of fish, or floating on a Western river, you will probably find me at our office/warehouse with the music turned up too loud or in my fine art studio making a mess with pastels.” He and Corinne now live in a small town outside of Boulder.



UNT Health Science Center meeting place, parking and entrance locations.

New FWFF Board up for Election

Every year brave FWFF members step up to the plate as directors of our club. We ask that members vote on these volunteers as they prepare for their upcoming terms. At the Nov. 2 membership meeting, we will ask that members approve the 2022-2023 board by acclamation. Here are the nominees:

Position	Nominee	Term
President	Jack Gillis*	2022-23
Vice president	David Hooper*	2022-23
Secretary	Joy Summers	2021-22
Treasurer	Liz Davis	2021-22
Membership	Brett Morehead	2021-22
Outings	Chris Patnode	2021-22
Speakers	Reid Winger	2021-22
Fly Tying	Frank Huneycutt*	2022-23
Education	Brad Dodson	2021-22
Social Media	Cody Weaver*	2021-22
Communications	Jim Fuquay	2022-23
Conservation	Greg Ramirez*	2022-23
Legal	Mike Nelson	2022-23
At-Large	Bryce Bezzant*	2022-23

*new director or position

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. **At press time there was only one cabin with two beds remaining.**



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.

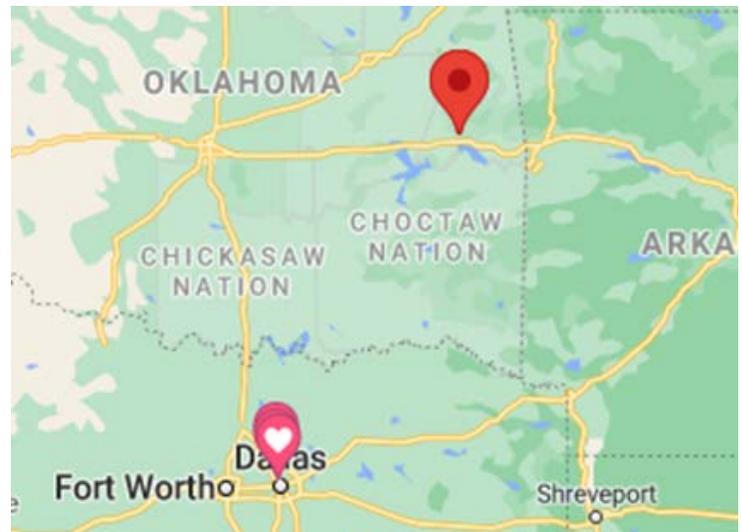
Members will have the opportunity to fish the Lower Illinois River, Upper Illinois River, Tenkiller Lake or venture into nearby Arkansas for a day trip. The opportunities for adventure are endless, much like the species in the water. Kayaks are available from the lodge for \$25 a day. The club will provide 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!!

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/35.5884616051,-95.0701864112)
- [Town of Gore](#) | "THE TROUT CAPITAL OF OKLAHOMA"



Chris Patnode with an Oklahoma catfish

Chris Patnode
FWFF Outings Director

Winners All Around at Kayak Auction

The winners of the 2021 Kayak Auction were determined at the Oct. 5 drawing during our club meeting. Joy Summers' friend, Hanna, was selected to grab each of the three winning coupon stubs.

The lucky club supporters and their prize watercraft were as follows:

- **For the Roanoke Classic Pontoon boat, 3rd prize: Rick Haness** -- Rick provided the home-built hopper from which the winning ticket was drawn, thus casting doubt on the outcome. However, as new member Hanna was considered to be honest, the audit was canceled.
- **For the KI Lagoon 10XL Kayak, 2nd prize: Rick Haider** -- Rick is the store manager of the Orvis store in Southlake. He purchased two tickets from me at the last minute, a few days from the drawing. Often, those who buy last tend to win. The next and final winner was no exception.
- **The red 2021 Jackson Mayfly, Grand Prize: Michael Parenteau** -- On Sunday, Sept. 26 as I was leaving the Ward Ranch Outing, Michael stopped my car to purchase two tickets. Again, a last-minute thought. He had borrowed my kayak twice to fish the quarry. It was then he dreamed of owning his own watercraft. The perfect winner!

I look forward to helping again with next year's drawing. We raised over \$3700 to benefit the club, so all us losers are winners in the eyes of the club!

Michael Parenteau, our grand prize winner in the Kayak Auction, is looking for a trailer for his Jackson Mayfly yak. If you have one you'd like to sell or have a suggestion for Michael, please let him know at 972-896-8895.

By Bill Hodges
FWFF Member

Calling All Volunteer River Guides!

Casting For Recovery is looking for River Helpers for our November retreat in the Cleburne/Glen Rose area.

As a River Helper, you will help guide one of our lady participants on a morning of fishing at Big Rocks Park on the Paluxy River in Glen Rose. The fishing date is Sunday, Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. to noon, and then we will feed you lunch.

Because of COVID-19, the national office has new retreat guidelines requiring all participants and volunteers to be vaccinated. It's also important for all River Helpers to be confident waders since they are escorting a brand new fly fisher into the river.

It's super fun and very rewarding. If you're interested and able to join us, please contact [Debbie Bush Williams](mailto:Debbie.Bush.Williams) or me at kayjacks@sbcglobal.net and fill out a volunteer application [here](#).

Kay Jackson
FWFF member

Test Your Fly Tying Skills with Help from FFI

Fly Fishing International sponsors a Fly Tying Skills Awards Program to FFI members – which includes you as a member of Fort Worth Fly Fishers. This program offers the opportunity to develop or reinforce your fly tying skills and test your progress against a consistent standard at three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

You can participate at your own pace through a structured learning plan with progressive goals. The program is meant to be informative, enjoyable and encourage camaraderie and cooperation among those taking part. It can also assist clubs and instructors plan and deliver fly tying courses.

Last month we began with the first fly in the Bronze Award level, the Grey Goose midge emerger. This month is the classic Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph.

Fly of the Month: Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph



Hook:	#10 1X Long Nymph hook, 1xL
Thread:	8/0 Black Uni-Thread or equivalent
Weight	10-15 turns of non-lead wire
Tail	Guard hairs from hare's mask
Rib:	<i>Gold oval tinsel over abdomen</i>
Abdomen	Blended lighter tan hair from the hare's mask (or Hairline)
Wingcase:	Mottled turkey tail feather over thorax
Thorax:	<i>Blended darker brown hairs from the hare's mask (or Hairline Dubbing #5, Dark Hare's Ear or equivalent)</i>

Fly of the Month: *Contd.*



De-barb the hook, mount hook in vise, and wrap 10 to 15 turns of non-lead wire around the hook shank. You want the center of gravity to be slightly forward of the center of the hook shank. Diameter of the wire should be equal to or slightly smaller than the hook shank diameter



Attach the tying thread about 1 to ½ eye length to the left of the hook eye.



Make several wraps in front of the wire to build up a slight taper.

Wrap the thread along the shank to the back of the wire and build up a ramp that slopes down to the rear



Take the thread to the position on the shank directly over where the barb would be. Select a small bunch of guard hairs from the cheek or from between the ears of a hare's mask. Clean out, but leave some of the underfur. Tie on the hair bunch on top of the hook shank at the tail tie in spot. After making one or two turns of thread over the hair bunch, make one tight wrap under the tail between the hair and the hook shank. Bind the tail waste down up to the rear edge of the wire weight loops. Trim away the excess waste.



Position the ribbing along the shank so when you tie in the rib; you will just catch the metal rib with 2 or 3 turns of thread when you are over the tail tie in spot. Tie down the rib along the shank. The tying thread should end up at the tail tie in position



Either select lighter colored hairs from the hare's mask, or use a commercial lighter colored hare's ear dubbing. Blend the hairs as needed. Spin the dubbing on the thread. Taper the dubbing rope so it will thicken as you wrap the Dubbing forward to form a slightly tapered abdomen.

Fly of the Month: *Contd.*



Wrap the dubbing forward to a position just past the midpoint of the hook shank



Wrap the ribbing forward to the front of the abdomen using 4 to 6 evenly spaced turns. Tie off the rib with 2 turns of thread. Keep tension on the bobbin and cut the ribbing leaving a short waste. While maintaining tension on the thread, use tweezers or your finger nails to remove the metal coating from the silk core of the oval tinsel. Cut off the metal and then bind down the silk core with several wraps of thread. Cut off any waste.



Select a section of a dark mottled turkey tail feather. The section should be about $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch wide. Tie in the feather on top of the shank with the shiny side (good side) down and the thicker end of the fibers extending over the shank towards the hook bend. Be sure to make thread wraps forcing the wing case against the end of the abdomen. This keeps a gap from forming when the wing case is pulled up and forward over the thorax.



Select darker bunches of hair from the hare's mask. Be sure to include guard hairs. Blend the dubbing together, or use an appropriate commercial dark Hare's ear blend. Form a short but thick section of dubbing on your thread.



Dub the thorax forward. Start with tight wraps over the threads holding the wing case material. Wrap the dubbing forward to a point one eye length behind the hook eye.



Fold the turkey tail fibers up and over the thorax. Pull the fibers tight and keep them centered over the thorax as you tie them down behind the eye of the hook. Care should be taken to avoid splitting the fibers in the wing case.



Trim off the wing case waste. Form a head, whip finish the head, and apply head cement. You can tease out thorax fibers to make the fly more 'buggy' looking

2022 Membership Renewals Start Nov. 1

Our Fort Worth Fly Fishing memberships run for a calendar year. November marks the beginning of our renewal season. This year our goal is to have all members renewed by Jan. 1, 2022. This will assure members continue, without delay, to receive all the benefits of our local club plus the many educational benefits we earn from being a charter club to Fly Fishers International.

Remember! When you join FWFF the automatically receive membership in FFI. If you go through FFI, you do NOT get a new membership in FWFF. So always go through FWFF for your annual membership renewal.

The easiest way to sign up or renew membership is online . A step-by-step guide to using our website is on Page 8 of this newsletter. A printable form is also in this newsletter.

How to renew online:

1. Go to the website at www.fortworthflyfishers.org, and click on Member Login.



2. Log in with the email address you used when you last renewed. If you haven't logged in to the new website, click "Request Password." Your email address will receive a randomly generated password, which you can later change.



Sign In with your email and password.

Sign In

Request Password We will email you a new password so you can access your account.

3. Click on "My Account" button on the Membership Welcome! page.

Newsletter Archives

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Club Business



My Account

4. First, this is a good time to update your personal information, such as address and contact number listed under the "About" tab. You can also add as much or as little as you wish under the "Profile" tab. Now click on the "Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing" button.

Password [Change](#)

Single Member

Membership expires on Jan 01 2020

Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing

Save & Continue

Skip

5. Click on the type of membership you want: Family, Single or Student. The Yearly Fee will be automatically displayed to match your selection. Then fill in your name, home address and credit card data. Click the "Save & Continue" button.

Single Member

Student Membership

Yearly Fee

\$35 / year

\$70 payment due today for period through Jan 01 2020

Name on card

Billing address

Credit/debit card number

Save & Continue

Skip

That's it! You're good for another year of membership in Fort Worth Fly Fishers.

Printable membership form



FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS
Membership Form

Name:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Alternate): _____

Email Address: _____

Membership type (circle one): Current member New member

DUES: Individual \$35; Family \$40; Student \$25

Total Paid: _____ Received By: _____ Date: _____

ALL MEMBERS NEW AND OLD!

Please fill out this form and mail or bring it to the next membership meeting. Be sure to fill it in completely

In order to be enrolled for membership. Please provide all information to allow us to keep our records up to date.

Questions? Email us at president@fortworthflyfishers.org

Mail address: Fort Worth Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 1133, Fort Worth, TX 76101

Visit our website for more info: www.fortworthflyfishers.org

Volunteer Incentive Program deadline extended to June 31, 2021

Another Great Trip to the “Improved” Bill Ward Ranch

The Ward Ranch has always been a favorite for the club. We usually hold a spring or fall outing to blend with the Mexia weather -- not too cold and not too hot.

Bill Ward loves these adventures probably more than us, and we enjoy his visits along with his neighbor and friend, Kent Yelverton. The club outing and campout Sept. 24-26 was further blessed with some of Bill's family who showed up for the Saturday night fish fry, our first since Covid restrictions were prohibitive.

We were so happy to see two new developments since the April outing, when we dedicated the memorial plaque to our late member and friend James Parker. First, lo and behold, the famous dock at the quarry lake was above water for the first time in years. I asked Bill how it happened and why he did it. Simple, he said: “ I wanted to see the dock again!” He used a backhoe to make a channel to the small lake just west of the main quarry lake. That water eventually drains into Lake Mexia.

Secondly, Bill had a 20x20-foot covered shed made for this and future outings at the quarry, to replace the shredded one which had been under water for years before. Brilliant!

Fishing and sitting around lying have always been the best parts of this outing. All the fish we cleaned for the Saturday night fish fry were true evidence for the usually great bass catches. Nolan and Dan Tatum again killed it with their Dr Pepper onion rings and Louisiana seasoning. Bill Ward said it was the best-tasting fish we have ever cooked. But then, I'm pretty sure Bill says that each time.

Fishing was good all over. The most productive water was west of the ranch road, but the main quarry lake also yielded lots of big bass. Anything over four pounds had to be thrown back. The fly fishing worked, but spin casting a Wacky Worm proved too hard to ignore for nice strikes. Some of us (like me) went to the dark side and caught plenty. Stingers of nice bass were quite numerous.

I have enjoyed hosting these Ward Ranch outings for all the above reasons. My friendship with Bill Ward, a great contributor to our club, is uppermost. We look forward to another outing in the Spring of 2022.

By Bill Hodges
FWFF Member



Watercraft come in handy at the quarry lakes.



Brett Morehead with a nice string of bass.



Food, glorious food at the outing.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2021 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Nov. 19-21,2021	Lower Illinois River near Gore, Oklahoma	Trout,bass,catfish,drum	Chris Patnode

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASS ON THE FLY

TWO DIVISIONS

- *Boaters Division
- *Kayak Division



Catch & Release

\$70 per person

Saturday, May 7, 2022
6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Jerry Walker (214) 864-9443

www.bassonthefly.org

Bass Fishing Tournament

Lake Fork Marina
275 Co Rd 1558,
Alba, TX 75410
(903) 765-2764

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:
ONLINE at www.langlertournament.com

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 #310
Fort Worth 76107
682-703-7675

Orvis Fort Worth will resume its free, open fly-tying class starting Nov. 9. Class runs Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The store will supply materials and hooks. Guests are free to bring their own tools, vice and thread, although Orvis does have a limited number of fly tying kits to use for the night if needed.

Orvis also is offering a Fly Tying 101 weekend class. The same fly is repeated for three consecutive Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. You must reserve a place as each session is limited to eight people. All equipment is provided, and we will be tying the Woolly Bugger.

Classes are: Saturday Nov. 6, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20.

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 FFFF 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!

ZOOM

The Roadkill Roundtable continues its online fly tying demonstrations this fall. The ZOOM calls are hosted by Jack Gillis, our fly tying chairman, and include experienced and well-known fly tyers, including Dutch Baughman, Fred DuPre', Dave Boyer, Eric Austin, Al and Gretchen Beatty. If you are an experienced tyer or just beginning your fly tying journey, don't miss these excellent demonstrations. All meetings are on ZOOM at 7 p.m.

The schedule is:

Sept. 28	Eric Austin	Blue Bottle (Bergman style)
Oct. 20	Fred DuPre'	Jack Gartside Sparrow
Oct. 26	Dave Boyer	Hackle Stacker
Nov. 9	Al Beatty	Rotating Stimulator
Nov. 23	Matt Bennett	TBD
Dec. 14	Gretchen Beatty	Royal Trude

Contact Jack at jackgillis@outlook.com to register without cost.

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS Board of Directors

<u>Position</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
President	David Hooper	2020-21
Vice President	Bryce Bezant	2020-21
Treasurer	Liz Davis	2020-21
Secretary	Joy Summers	2020-21
Membership	Brett Morehead	2021-22
Speaker Director	Reid Winger	2021-22
Outings Director	Chris Patnode	2021-22
Tying Director	Jack Gillis	2021-22
Communications	Jim Fuquay	2020-21
Conservation	Emily Craig	2020-21
Social Relations	Vacant	2021-22
Education	Brad Dodson	2021-22
Legal	Mike Nelson	2020-21
Auction/Raffles	Vacant	2021-22
Director at Large	Jim Bass	2020-21



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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