

Fort Worth

Fly Fishers

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Message From the President

We have a lot of fun and exciting opportunities coming this fall. For starters, **our Oct. 5 meeting will be held at UNTHSC in our previous classroom.** This month's speaker will be Jonathan Trieu Nguyen, an "ambassador" of Fort Worth Camera, who will be talking about best practices of photography in and around the outdoors, but primarily around water. His presentation will also include what to pack, how to be prepared & what to look for when on location to get the very best "trophy shot". There will be plenty of discussion and real-life examples of shooting in the wild & what NOT to do.

During the October meeting, we will also be drawing for the long anticipated kayak raffle featuring three prize winners. This promises to be a great meeting – one you won't want to miss.

Oktoberfisch, hosted by the Hill Country Fly Fishers, will be held Oct. 15-17 at the Edgewater Resort Complex on the Pedernales River near Kerrville. Top regional fly casting and fly tying instructors, professional guides, and outfitters come together in a weekend learning event that celebrates the sport of fly fishing. Included is a Saturday evening social event where you can make new friends and win premium prizes. Event-goers of all levels, beginner or expert, attend hands-on learning from pro-level fly fishing experts and authors.

Fly Fishers International has opened registration for the 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.

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Similar to fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, social gatherings, and entertaining activities. To learn more, visit [FFI](#)

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. 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 (<http://www.fortworthflyfishers.org>) to reserve your cabin now.** Mark your calendar and book your cabin now before they are gone!!

See you soon!
David Hooper, President

October Speaker

NOTE: We're excited to announce that in October we return to our longtime venue at the UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth for our monthly membership meeting. In case you're a new member or have just forgotten, the address is 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Turn on Clifton Street and park in the big surface lot bordering Camp Bowie. Enter the building to your north via the sidewalk and look for the noisy group at the end of the hall. End note

It's been a gorgeous fall morning beside northern New Mexico's Rio Grande when a family of big horn sheep start descending a broken rock face of the opposite bank. How do they do that, hooves perched on cracks until they're all down safely to browse the grass? Be nice to have a photo of that, or even a video. Instead, all you have is a disappointing cell phone picture (shown) that barely discerns between a sheep and a rock.



On Oct. 5, Jonathan Trieu Nguyen, an “ambassador” for Fort Worth Camera, will offer his considerable experience, as well as his enthusiasm for fishing, to help more of us come back with photos of the memories we want to keep. Jonathan's photographs have appeared in National Geographic, Vogue and other publications.

The Fort Worth native also hosts photography workshops around the planet and, conveniently, manages to get in some fishing everywhere he goes, as his photo attests!

Jonathan describes himself as a medical school dropout turned day trader and a big Dallas Cowboys fan for life. He likes to network, so bring your questions to Tuesday's meeting.



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

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.



- 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

**SEE SAMPLE
AT
"FLYFEST"
MARCH 13**

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 take place at FWFF's Oct..5. membership meeting at UNTHSC

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.

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Daniel Tatum with an Oklahoma drum

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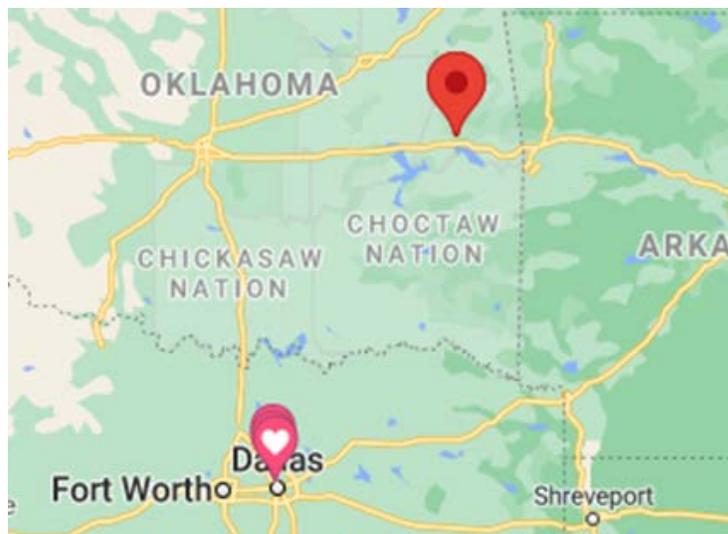
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Details, links and contacts:

- 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

Oktoberfisch is Coming!



Since FWFF has no October outing scheduled, members are encouraged to participate in Oktoberfisch, Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers' annual fall festival. This year Oktoberfisch is set for Oct. 15-17 at The Edge Resort, 3567 US 290 East, in Fredericksburg. One ticket (\$45 adult, \$25 youth age 12-17) covers all exhibits, classes and river access. Click [here](#) for more information.

Celebrate the Change of Seasons at Grapevine Fly Fishing

Join us at Grapevine Fly Fishing as we celebrate the end of the summer fly fishing season and usher in the fall season. Activities will get started at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 122 N. Main St. in Grapevine.

There will be casting challenges, giveaways and servings of burgers and hot dogs from an old cowboy chuck wagon. Come and meet the owner of Mystic Rods and cast their new lineup of fly rods. Meet reps from Thomas and Thomas and cast their rods as well.

Hop and Sting Brewing Co. of Grapevine will be supplying brews! This is a great opportunity to stop by the shop and let us show you around, take a chance at winning guided trips - lots of fun and giveaways.

Contact:

Michael Tulowitzki
Grapevine Fly Fishing
122 North Main Street
Grapevine, TX 76051
(720) 453-6878

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](#) 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.

We are beginning with the first fly in the Bronze Award level, the Grey Goose midge emerger.

Fly of the Month:

Bronze Award Handbook Evaluation Flies

Grey Goose Midge Emerger



GREY GOOSE MIDGE EMERGER

HOOK:	#10 Scud hook
THREAD:	8/0 Black Uni-Thread or equivalent
RIB:	Fine silver wire
BODY:	Goose wing fibers, Natural or Grey
WING CASE:	Goose wing fibers, Natural or Grey
THORAX:	Peacock herl
HEAD:	Whip-finish and head cement

TIERS TAKE NOTE: For those tiers who do not have goose wing fibers, substitute turkey tail fibers per the below recipe and use the Grey Goose video for your tying instructions.

HOOK:	#10 Scud hook
THREAD:	8/0 Black Uni-Thread or equivalent
RIB:	Fine silver wire
BODY:	Turkey Tail, Natural or Grey
WING CASE:	Turkey Tail, Natural or Grey
THORAX:	Peacock herl
HEAD:	Whip-finish and head cement

Fly of the Month: *Contd.*

STEP-BY-STEP TYING INSTRUCTIONS



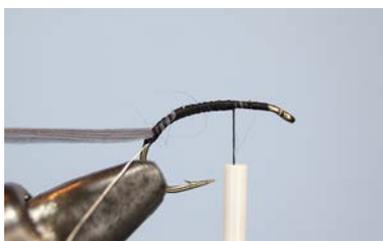
1. Insert the hook into the vise which is a size 10 scud hook.



2. Attach the thread just behind the eye of the hook and form a neat underbody of tying thread extending to half way around the bend of the hook (*the thread was moved to the half shank position to keep thread from sliding*).



3. Tie in the rib at the end of the underbody.



4. Tie in 4 fibers of Goose (or Turkey) by the tips, on top of the rib. Take the thread to the thorax tie in position. *Note: more fibers may be needed for larger hooks.*



5. Wrap the Goose (or Turkey) fibers forward to form an even body, stopping half way along the hook shank and remove waste.



6. Reverse wrap the rib forward in even turns to provide segmentation and strength. Break or “worry off” the excess wire (*this technique is also referred to as a helicopter twisting maneuver*).

Fly of the Month: *Contd.*



7. Tie in 6 strands of Goose (or Turkey) fibers.



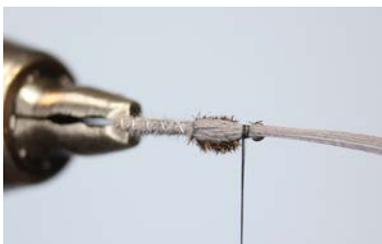
8. Tie in two strands of peacock herl. Wrap the thread forward to a position right behind the eye of the hook.



9. Wrap the peacock herls forward in touching turns and tie off just short of the eye. Trim off the excess.



10. Carefully bring the Goose (or Turkey) fibers up and over the top of the peacock herl to form a Wingcase and tie down the fibers.



11. Be sure the fibers stay together on top of the hook and then trim the Goose (or Turkey) fibers.



12. Form a neat head, whip-finish and apply head cement.

Fly of the Month: *Contd.*

TYING TIPS

- » When choosing the Goose (or Turkey) feathers, look for the longest possible herls. Cut off a short amount of the tips and tie in tightly at the end of the thread underbody. Avoid letting any thread show. Use enough fibers to reach the head. If you find that 4 strands comes up short, redo with 5 or 6 strands.
- » Take care with the ribbing: ensure that the turns are evenly spaced and parallel to each other, on both sides of the fly.
- » The peacock herls may be twisted together after tying in for extra strength if desired or a thread loop can be used to reinforce the herls by twisting them into chenille like rope
- » When trimming the excess off the wing case, ensure sharp scissors are used. A neater head can be obtained by cutting the fibers individually and at slightly different lengths to avoid a sharp, bulky edge.

Notes: This pattern represents a large midge but is often taken by fish feeding on UN pupae and small fry.



GREY GOOSE MIDGE EMERGER

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.



Brett Morehead stalks trout on the Cimarron River's Holy Waters stretch.



A rainbow from the Cimarron.

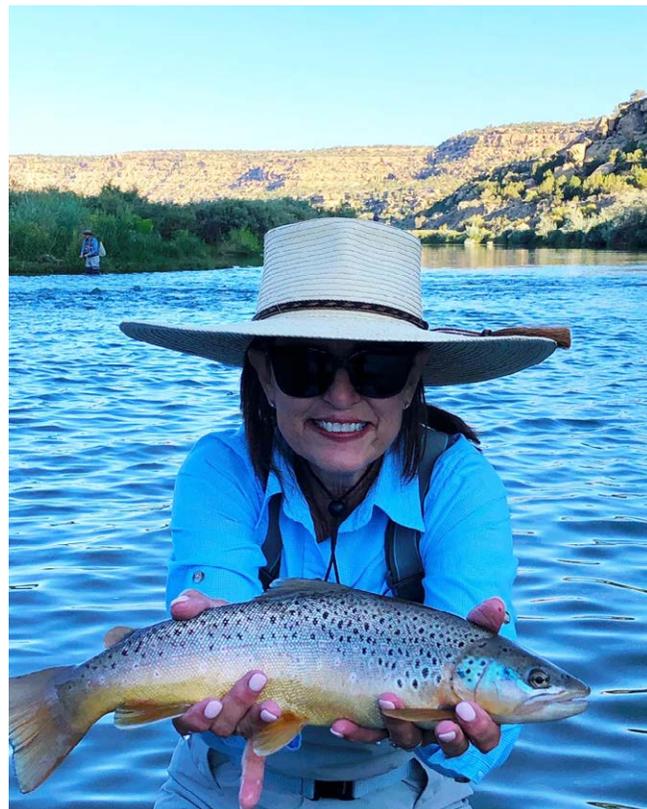
FWFF members Magell Candelaria and Brett Morehead enjoyed a late summer trip to northern New Mexico and the Cimarron River, including a visit to the private Holy Waters tailwater beneath the dam at Eagle Nest Lake. "We fished the pond behind a former beaver dam. It was loaded with fat trout averaging 12-14 inches with many in 16-inch range and some larger. Brett, using dries, mostly had more success than I as there were plentiful flying insects," Magell humbly reports. "I had best success using nymphs under an indicator. We caught over 30 fish one day between the two of us."



Magell and Kate, his sister-in-law on the North St. Vrain River in Colorado.

Magell in September also found time during a family reunion in Estes Park, Colo., to fish the North St. Vrain River with his sister-in-law Kate, who had a new Tenkara rig she just had to baptize. "She outfished me (six brookies to my four) as I used a 4-weight, 9-foot rod

while we both used identical dropper and nymphs," he says. "I failed to get a hook set on many more strikes, so while landing fish was not common, it was a fine day on the water. As author Zane Grey once said, "If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago". Magell and Kate were guided by Matt Sandor of with Rocky Mountain Anglers, based in Boulder, Colo.



FWFF Member Joy Summers hoists a gorgeous brown trout pulled from New Mexico's San Juan River during an August trip.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2021 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Oct. 15-17,2021	Oktoberfisch - Edgewater Resort Complex on the Pedernales River	Bass	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
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.

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.

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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Tying Director	Jack Gillis	2021-22
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Conservation	Emily Craig	2020-21
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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*