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## Message From the President

As you will read in this month's newsletter, this is a busy time for Fort Worth Fly Fishers and the fly fishing community. We have a number of activities and upcoming events on the schedule, including the Blue River at Tishomingo, Okla., on Feb. 19.

On Feb. 5, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the Red River Rendezvous annual fly tying extravaganza ([rrff.org](http://rrff.org)). Feb. 18-20 is the GRTU Troutfest in New Braunfels. Then on Feb. 26-27 is the Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Fest in Mesquite.

On Saturday, March 12, Tarrant Regional Water District will host the 7th Annual TRWD Flyfest along the banks of the Trinity River. Fort Worth Fly Fishers is an annual sponsor of this popular event and provides many of the volunteers needed to support the day's activities, from trout fishing and casting competitions to educational seminars and fly-tying demonstrations.

Flyfest promises something for the whole family. Kids' activities are available, with local food and drink vendors rounding out the experience. There is no admission charge for this event. For details, check out the [TRWD Flyfest website](http://TRWD Flyfest website), and don't forget to stop by the FWFF booth and say hello.

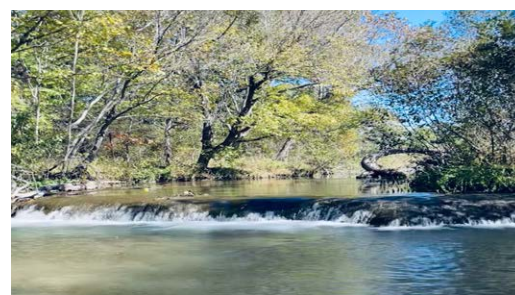
Jack Gillis  
FWFF President

## Call for Fly Fest 2022 Volunteers

Fly Fest 2022 is coming March 12 on the banks of the Trinity River in Fort Worth. FWFF provides many of the volunteers to help run this popular event. Please contact FWFF Secretary Joy Summers at [msummers123@aol.com](mailto:msummers123@aol.com) to arrange a time slot of just a couple of hours and receive VIP hours. Thanks!



**February Speaker: Landon Mayer**  
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**Blue River Outing- Feb 19**  
*Read more on page 6.*



## Landon Mayer returns as FWFF February speaker



Landon Mayer with a fat rainbow from the “Dream Stream” stretch of the South Platte River.

Club favorite Landon Mayer joins us again as our February speaker, although it will be a Zoom presentation. Watch your email for the link as the Feb. 8 date approaches.

Landon’s angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment. Mayer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge to fellow anglers and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. He shares these tips and secrets in his books, including his latest, *Landon Mayer’s Guide Flies: East-to-Tie Patterns for Tough Trout*.

Landon is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Field and Stream*, and *Fish and Fly* magazines.

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

Landon has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 23 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in Alaska. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colo. For additional information on his services and presentations, contact him at: 719-210-0619, or check out his online resources: [www.landonmayer.com](http://www.landonmayer.com); Landon Mayer Fly Fishing on Facebook; Landon Mayer Fly Fishing You Tube; and @landonmayerflyfishing on Instagram.

## Sign up now for fly-tying with Landon Mayer via Zoom

February speaker Landon Mayer will host a Fly Tying Workshop via Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$60 a person, with a limit of 12 individuals. You can register online by signing in on our [website](#) and clicking on the Calendar.

## Robert McConnell talks about fly fishing in East Texas on March 1

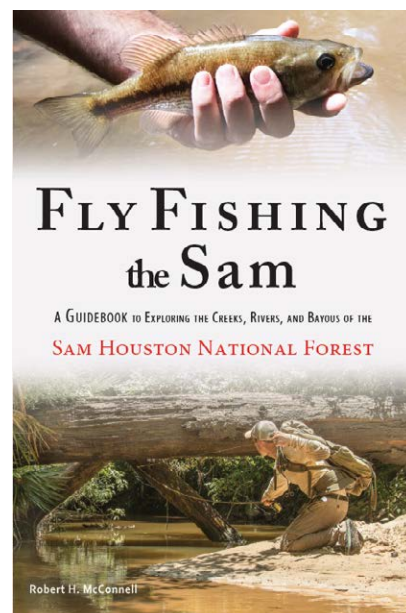


Join us March 1 to hear our speaker, Houston resident Robert H. McConnell, share his experiences fishing East Texas. Robert was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania. It was in the woods of the Appalachian foothills where he developed an affinity for fishing and the outdoors.

Robert pursued a degree in geology, mainly because it was the only class that offered frequent field trips to the great outdoors. In 2014, Rob and his wife, Ellen, moved to Houston,

where they currently reside. He continues his passion for fishing and can often be found exploring the waterways of East Texas.

Robert is the author of *Fly Fishing the Sam: A Guidebook to Exploring the Creeks, Rivers, and Bayous of Sam Houston National Forest*. His forthcoming book, *The Local Angler Fly Fishing Houston and Southeastern Texas* is expected to hit the shelves in February 2023.



## Don't miss our outstanding trip to the San Juan River!



*Julie Wooten with rainbows from a 2018 trip on the San Juan River.*

Are you interested in fly fishing for trophy sized rainbow and brown trout on the San Juan River in New Mexico? After our September 2020 outing's five-star reviews I am again hosting 12 Fort Worth Fly Fishers members at Fisheads of the San Juan in Navajo Dam, N.M. We are set for Aug. 7 - Aug. 10, 2022.

Our 2022 outing is an all-inclusive three-nights with two full days of guided fishing adventure with Fisheads, the only Orvis-endorsed outfitter on the San Juan River. Fisheads of the San Juan is owned and operated by guide Chris Taylor, who was our May 2021 guest speaker via Zoom. Breakfast and dinner are provided daily by the lodge and lunch is provided on the river during your guided float trip.

Fisheads has raised their rates for 2022 and this trip lists on their website at \$938.50 per person. However, Fisheads is offering our club a discounted rate, saving each member approximately \$150 off the new rate because our rate includes a gratuity for staff (but not the guides) that's not included in the list price. We need at least 12 people to attend for the club to receive this discounted price. As of now, 10 spots are available for members.

A deposit of \$400 is due by May 3, with the remaining \$500 balance due July 5. If you are interested in attending, please contact Outings Director Chris Patnode at 817-819-5519. Payment will be accepted through [www.fortworthflyfishers.org](http://www.fortworthflyfishers.org) website for convenience. Sign in, go to the Calendar and click on the event.

Here are some other pertinent things to know:

- Attendees are responsible for their travel to and from the lodge, about 800 miles from Fort Worth. Travel time is estimated at 11 ½ hours.
- Attendees need to purchase a New Mexico fishing license. Restrictions do apply – a five day non-resident license is \$24.
- Cancellations must be made by July 1 by contacting Chris Patnode at 817-819-5519. Otherwise, those signed up must pay in full or find someone to take their place.
- Guide gratuities are the responsibility of the attendee.



*Chris Patnode and a big brown on the 2020 trip.*

**For more information:**  
Fisheads of the San Juan River, 1796 NM-173, Navajo Dam, New Mexico 87419; (505) – 634-0463; [www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com](http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com)

## Membership Signups: Pay Dues to FWFF Rather Than FFI

Each year the Board faces the dilemma of club members receiving a reminder from FFI to pay their dues directly to FFI. **THIS DOES NOT GIVE YOU MEMBERSHIP IN FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS.**

FWFF collects your membership dues for FWFF and then, as a Charter FFI Club, pays your membership dues to FFI, thus giving you membership in both organizations. Unfortunately, this is not a two-way street: If you pay membership dues directly to FFI there is no reciprocity giving you membership in FWFF.

We have members, probably not fully understanding this, who attend FWFF meetings and activities believing they are a member in good-standing with FWFF. This is not the case. In order to minimize the liability of FWFF, the Board was required to implement a new policy.

Starting in January 2022, a Membership Desk will be at the front entrance to our meetings, and we ask that you stop by and sign in. There will be a list at the Membership Desk for your ease and convenience of signing in. This will take place at FWFF activities and events as well. In addition, those with unpaid dues on March 31 of each year will be removed from our membership list.

The Board regrets the need to make this new policy but in fairness to those that pay their FWFF membership dues it is the correct thing to do.



## 2022 Membership Renewals

Our Fort Worth Fly Fishing memberships run for a calendar year. November marks the beginning of our renewal season. 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.

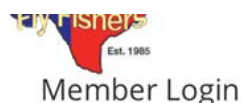
The easiest way to sign up or renew membership is online . A step-by-step guide to using our website is below. A printable form is also in this newsletter.

How to renew online:

1. Go to the website at [www.fortworthflyfishers.org](http://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.

Email

Password

☐ 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

Fly of the  
Month Archives

Casting  
Archives



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](#)

[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

[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](mailto: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](http://www.fortworthflyfishers.org)

# Blue River in Tishomingo, Okla., set for Feb. 19 outing



A section of the waterfalls on the Blue River.

and catfish, plus it is stocked bi-weekly during the winter with rainbow and golden trout.

On Feb. 19, Fort Worth Fly Fishers will meet for a head count and instructions at 10 a.m. at Scotty's Blue River One Stop, located just outside the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area. Scotty's serves breakfast, lunch and has an assortment of recommended flies on hand for sale that are tied by FWFF member Donovan Clary, who has also been our guide at our South Illinois River outings. If you are interested in hosting this outing or attending this outing, please contact FWFF Outings Director Chris Patnode at [Christopher\\_patnode@yahoo.com](mailto:Christopher_patnode@yahoo.com) or (817) 819-5519. Additionally any FWFF member who has not previously signed a club waiver will be asked to complete the new FFI waiver (printed in this issue) before participating in club events.

Here is some handy information for this outing:

## Addresses:

Scotty's Blue River One Stop  
4501 S. Bullard Chapel Road  
Tishomingo, OK 73460  
(580) 371-9288

Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area  
3400 S. Hutchins Lane  
Tishomingo, OK 73460  
Coordinates: 34.3328709°N, -96.5844456°W



A Blue River rainbow.

## Gear:

Chest waders and wading stick, polarized sunglasses

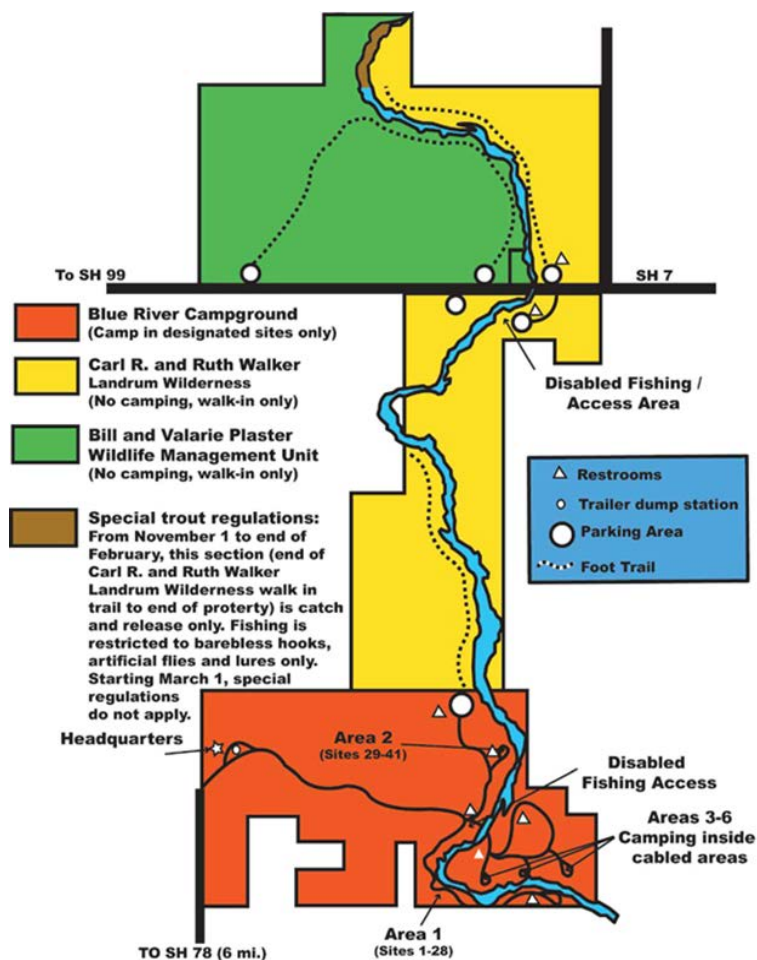
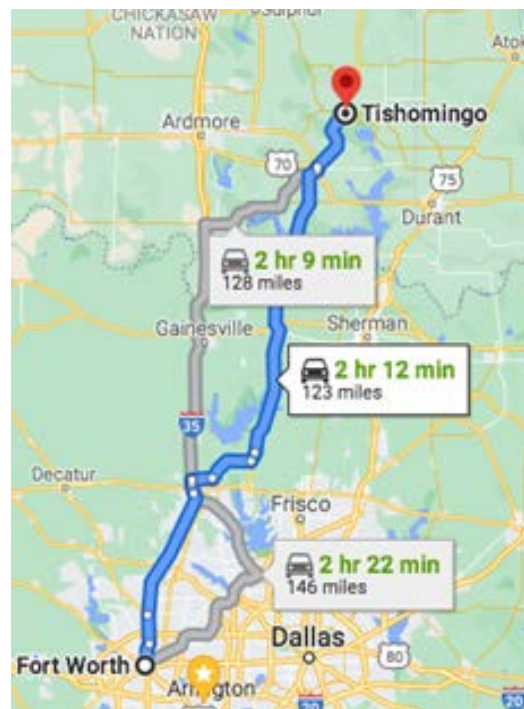
3-weight to 5-weight rod with floating line

9-foot leader in 4x to 6x; 4x to 6x tippet, strike indicator, split shot

Assortment of trout flies – zebra midge, caddis imitations, San Juan worm, bead head nymphs, wooly buggers

Oklahoma Fishing License – [license.gooutdoorsoklahoma.com](http://license.gooutdoorsoklahoma.com)

Nonresident license: 1 day, \$15; 6-day, \$35; calendar year, \$55  
Texas residents age 65 and older are **exempt** from having a license (valid Texas ID required)





## Online fly-tying classes for FFI program start in January

Jack Gillis, holder of the FFI Gold Level Fly Tying Award, is offering an online class teaching how to tie the flies needed to achieve the FFI Bronze Level Fly Tying Award, starting in January 2022.

Online classes will occur every two weeks. The first week is guided tying of a Bronze Level Fly. Each participant will tie the fly along with the instructor, then practice two weeks until the next class.

During the second class, participants will tie the same fly to assess their improvement, ask questions and address challenges

with the whole class. Classes continue until all flies in the Bronze Level are tied.

If you're interested in this free online class, please email [JackGillis@outlook.com](mailto:JackGillis@outlook.com) as soon as possible to enroll and join the email list.

**Jack Gillis**  
**FWFF President**

# 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](http://www.bassonthefly.org)

## Bass Fishing Tournament

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

Benefits Reel Recovery &  
Patriot Anglers of N. Texas

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:**  
ONLINE at [www.langlertournament.com](http://www.langlertournament.com)



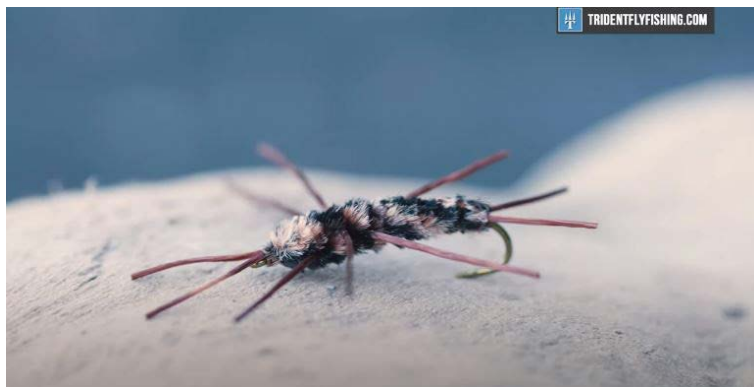
# Casting for Recovery

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connecting them to each other and nature through  
the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.



## Fly of the Month: Pat's Rubber Legs Fly



February's Fly of the Month comes from [Trident Fly Fishing](#), which shared step-by-step instructions as well as a video to the popular Pat's Rubber Legs fly. Trident has a shop in Portland, Maine, and also operates an online store.

If you've spent any time fishing the western US, chances are you've heard of/fished a rubber legs. These unassuming, simple stonefly patterns feature a body and legs -- that's it -- which means they're incredibly easy to tie. Even though they're really simple, trout in the western U.S. feed on large stoneflies under the surface all the time, so they're always looking for one of these. This is also a great guide pattern, searching pattern, and dropper.

### Materials:

[Tiemco TMC 200R Nymph Hook](#) - Size 8

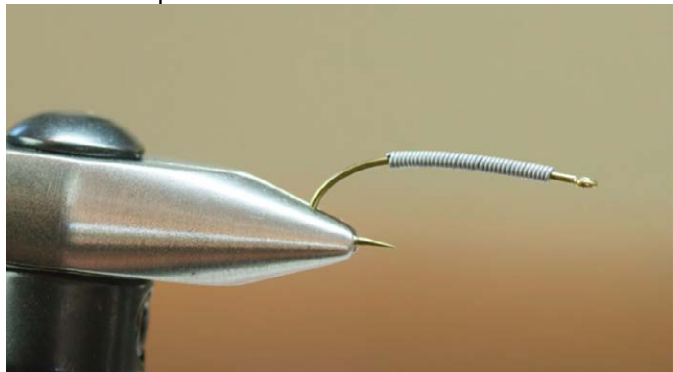
[Hareline Spooled Lead Wire](#)

[UTC Ultra Thread 140 Denier](#) - Brown

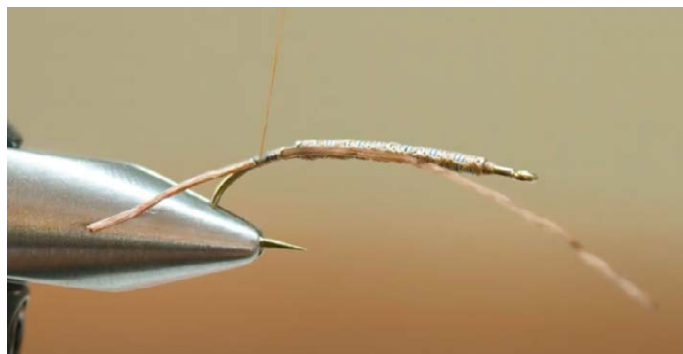
[Spirit River Flex-Floss](#) - Brown

[Hareline Variegated Chenille](#) - Black/Coffee

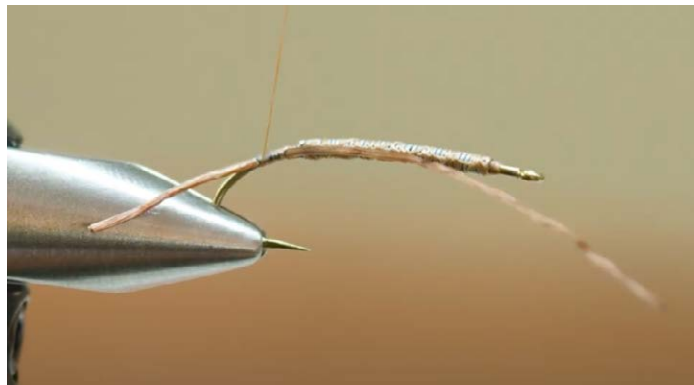
A video of the pattern can be viewed [here](#). Tune in as Jared Robbins, general manager of Trident, provides step-by-step instructions to tie this widely-used pattern and be sure to watch until the end when he gives some lesser-known advice about how to make this pattern even more realistic.



**Step One:** Start the fly by wrapping the lead wire up the hook shank. Cover most of the hook shank with wire and finish wrapping just behind the eye of the hook. Break off the wire and tuck in the tag end.



**Step Two:** Start your thread and anchor the wire to the hook shank. Take open wraps over the top of the wire down and back up the hook shank several times until the wire is anchored in place.



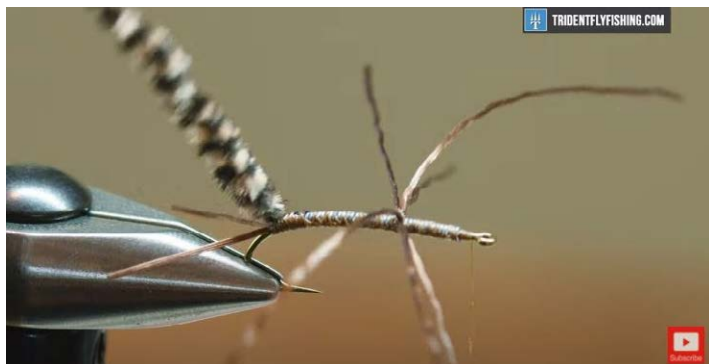
**Step Three:** Next, tie in the tail of the fly. Start by tying one long strand of Flex-Floss in on the near side of the hook shank then wrapping it over top of the hook and tying it in on the other side. Trim the excess so the two sides are equal in length.



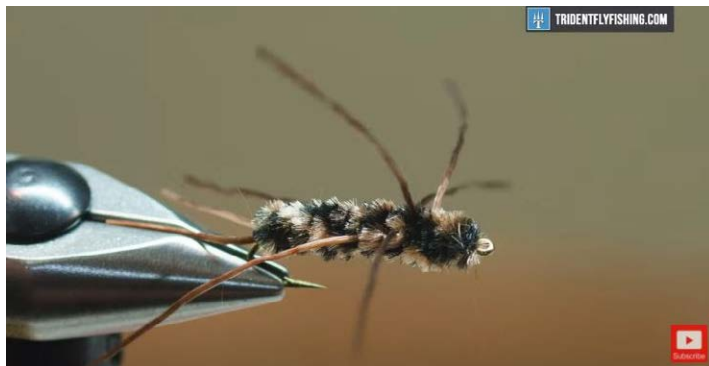
**Step Four:** Strip some of the fibers off the core of a piece of variegated chenille and tie it in just in front of the tail. Wrap rearward to anchor the chenille in place then wrap your thread 3/4 of the way up the hook shank.



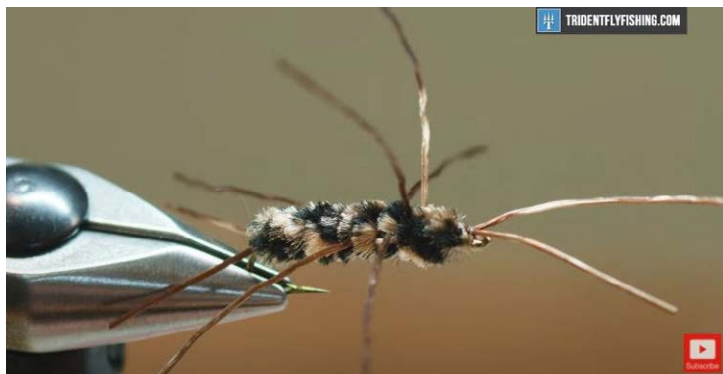
## Fly of the Month: Pat's Rubber Legs Fly- Contd.



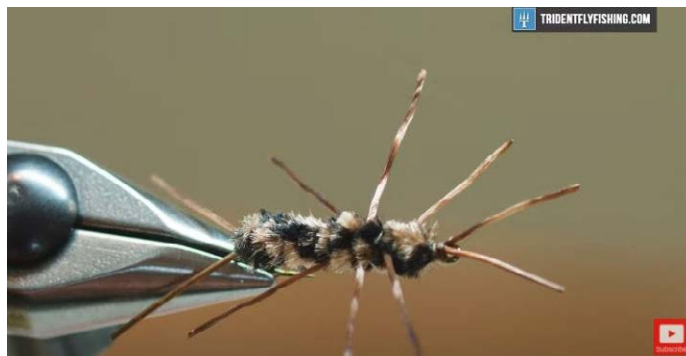
**Step Five:** Tie in the legs of the fly. Choose three strands of Flex-Floss and tie them in right on top of the hook shank. After securing them to the hook shank, position the legs so there are three on either side of the shank and keep them in place with figure-8 wraps. Once the legs are attached, return your thread to just behind the eye of the hook.



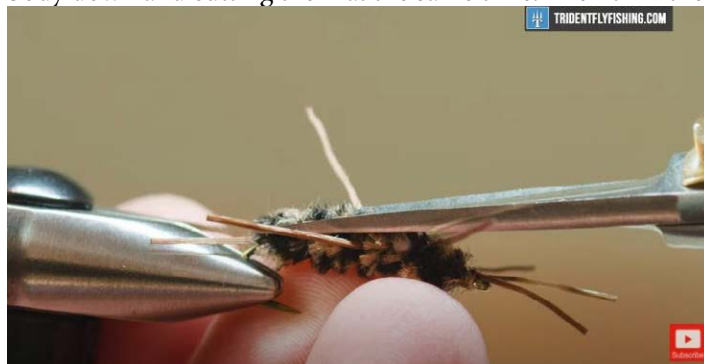
**Step Six:** Wrap the chenille forward taking touching turns. When you get to the legs, pull back one set of legs and take a wrap in front of them. Then pull back another set and wrap forward. Do the same with the third set so the legs are separated by a wrap of chenille each. Tie off the chenille right behind the eye of the hook and cut off any excess material.



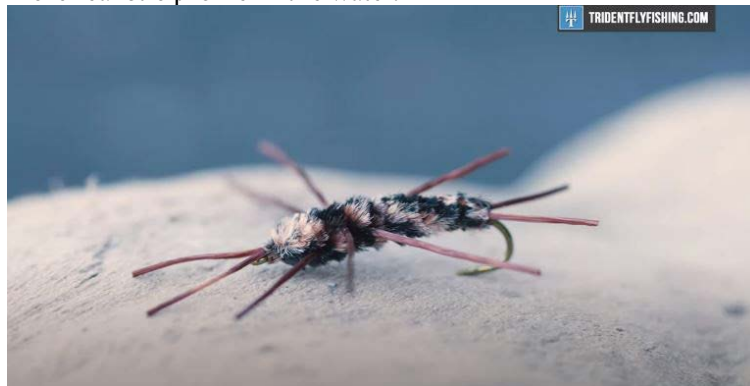
**Step Seven:** Next, tie in the final set of Flex-Floss for the antenna of the fly. Use the same tactic you used to tie in the tail; choose one long strand of Flex-Floss and tie it in on one side of the hook shank. Double it over and tie the other side in on the other side of the hook shank. Throw a whip finish and cut off your thread.



**Step Eight:** Trim the legs to length. The easiest way to trim the legs is by trimming the antenna first then pulling all of the legs on the body down and cutting them at the same time. Then trim the tail.



**Step Nine:** Use your scissors to trim the body to create a small taper. Trim only the back end of the fly to make it thinner than the head. This isn't a necessary step but it's one that gives the fly a more realistic profile in the water.



**Step Ten:** And that's the Pat's Rubber Legs! It's a really easy pattern to tie and you can tie several in one sitting. It's a really productive stonefly nymph in the western US during the spring and summer months.

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Frank Huneycutt  
Fly Tying Director



## CLUB ACTIVITIES

2022 Outings Calendar			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Feb. 19,2022	Blue River Tishomingo, Oklahoma	trout, smallmouth	
March 19,2022	Nolan River Blum, Texas	White bass	
April TBD	Bill Ward Ranch Mexia, Texas	Bass and panfish	
May 21,2022	Brazos River near Glen Rose, Texas	Bass, Drum, Striper	
June 17-19,2022	Texas Coast on the Fly	Speckled trout, redfish,	
July	South Fork, Colorado	Trout	Russell Husted
Aug. 7-10,2022	San Juan River Navajo Dam, New Mexico		Chris Patnode
Sept. 17,2022	TBD		
Oct. 2022	Oktoberfish - Edgewater Resort Complex on the Pedernales River	Bass	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 11-13,2022	Broken Bow, Oklahoma	Trout	

## See You on The River in 2022

As you hang up a new 2022 fly fishing-themed calendar and schedule your trips for the coming year, Fort Worth Fly Fishers has a full slate of outings for members to enjoy. From our popular Fly Fishing 101 event set for Saturday, Jan. 15 below Possum Kingdom Dam for rainbow trout to a November return to Hochatown and the beautiful wild trout of the Lower Mountain Fork near Broken Bow, Okla., your 2022 will be filled with smiles, tight lines, memories and tons of adventure.

If you are interested in hosting one or more of these outings, please contact Outings Director Chris Patnode at [Christopher\\_patnode@yahoo.com](mailto:Christopher_patnode@yahoo.com) or 817-819-5519.

Please note that the club is using FFI's new waivers for official events. Please print and complete a waiver before participating. Two forms are below, one for adults and one for minors.





## **ADULT HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the right granted me to participate in the below described event that is promoted and/or produced by Fly Fishers International Inc:

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Location(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Described Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, in acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge Fly Fishers International Inc. and \_\_\_\_\_ (COUNCIL/CLUB NAME), all their officers and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury or illness, including, but not limited to Covid-19, that I may suffer, or damage to my property which may occur arising from or as a result of any cause whatsoever while participating in the above named program. I fully understand the risks and dangers involved in fly fishing particularly when wading or boating in rivers and lakes. I acknowledge by my signature below that I will comply with any and all directions and instructions from any staff or volunteers associated the above described event regarding masking, sanitizing and social distancing as may be prescribed or required by Federal, State or Local Guidelines, Laws, Regulations or Ordinances in connection with Covid-19. I further acknowledge that participating in the above-described event may increase my risk of exposure to Covid-19 or persons exposed to or infected by Covid-19 and I expressly assume that risk.

In the event of injury by accident while participating in the above named program and/or event, I hereby authorize Fly Fishers International Inc, and/or \_\_\_\_\_ (COUNCIL/CLUB NAME) its employees, officers, members and agents to seek the appropriate medical attention as deemed necessary.

I have read this Agreement and fully understand the release I am giving. I further attest that I am an adult capable of consenting to this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## YOUTH/MINOR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the right granted me to participate in the below described event that is promoted and/or produced by Fly Fishers International Inc:

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Location(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Described Activities \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, in acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge Fly Fishers International Inc. and \_\_\_\_\_ (COUNCIL/CLUB NAME), all their officers and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury or illness, including, but not limited to Covid-19, that I may suffer, or damage to my property which may occur arising from or as a result of any cause whatsoever while participating in the above named program. I fully understand the risks and dangers involved in fly fishing particularly when wading or boating in rivers and lakes. I acknowledge by my signature below that I will comply with any and all directions and instructions from any staff or volunteers associated the above described event regarding masking, sanitizing and social distancing as may be prescribed or required by Federal, State or Local Guidelines, Laws, Regulations or Ordinances in connection with Covid-19. I further acknowledge that participating in the above-described event may increase my risk of exposure to Covid-19 or persons exposed to or infected by Covid-19 and I expressly assume that risk.

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I have read this Agreement and fully understand the release I am giving. I further attest that I am an adult, either a parent or a guardian, capable of consenting to this Agreement on behalf of the youth/minor listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Youth/Minor Participant (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant's Parent/Guardian (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_





Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men living with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

*“This was the best time of my life! It’s by far the best thing out there for men with cancer.”*

Retreat Participant

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a comfortable facility with onsite or nearby fishing access.

**All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at**

**no cost to the participants.** Retreats are led by professional facilitators, trained retreat coordinators and fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful, small-group dynamic.



*“I discovered that while fly-fishing, I was in another place. In this place there was no cancer, no pain and no fear.”*

Retreat Participant

*“This retreat was so much more than fishing; this was a life-changing experience.”*

Retreat Participant

*“Reel Recovery is a gift. Being here has given me the strength and courage to move forward with my life.”*

Retreat Participant

## GOALS

- **Provide a safe, reflective environment** for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- **Provide introductory fly-fishing instruction** that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- **Provide participants information about cancer-related resources**, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

***If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.***

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## **SCHEDULED TEXAS 2022 RETREATS :**

**Spring 2022: Waring (Apr 1-3), Glen Rose (Apr 29-May1), Navasota (May 16-18)**

**Fall 2022: Waring (Sept 16-18), Glen Rose (Oct 7-9), Navasota (Oct 14-16)**

## 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 St. in the Montgomery Plaza development; 817-332-2423**

Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Call ahead for details and information. Backwoods' free fly tying nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share. Materials and tools provided.

**Orvis Fort Worth, 4601 West Freeway #310; 682-703-7675**

Free, open fly-tying class on the second Tuesday of the month 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.

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.

**Grapevine Fly Fishing, 122 N. Main St., Grapevine; 720-453-6878**

The second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. owner Michael Tulowitski leads a fly-tying class. All materials will be supplied. A class aimed at beginners is planned for fourth Wednesday of the month.

### Arlington

**El Fenix Mexican Restaurant, 4608 S. Cooper St. Arlington; 817-557-4309**

Thursday nights, with dinner and drinks starting at about 5:30 p.m. and tying about 6:30 p.m. This event is usually led by a rotating cast of FWFF members who provide materials, but require participants to provide their own vise and tools. It meets in a space in the rear of the restaurant.

### Online

**The Roadkill Roundtable via Zoom**

Free ZOOM demonstrations are hosted by Jack Gillis, FWFF president, and include experienced and well-known fly tyers, including Dutch Baughman, Fred DuPre', Dave Boyer, Eric Austin, Al and Gretchen Beatty. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Contact Jack at [jackgillis@outlook.com](mailto:jackgillis@outlook.com) to register without cost.



## FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS

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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*