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Message From the President



Howdy FWFFs,

I hope all is well. If you are like me, you really enjoyed the cooler weather. I hope it is allowing for more fishing and giving our members a bit extra energy.

The November meeting was a great time. The speaker David found for us, Steve Daly, was delightful. He shared a wonderful story about coming to the U.S. and fishing the gorgeous waters of Arkansas. I haven't fished the White River yet, but it is definitely on my list now!

By the time you read this, several of our activities will have already taken place: fishing at the Bill Ward Ranch and the Wichita Mountains in Oklahoma, a casting clinic, fish camp activities, a conservation project on the Trinity, and the election of our new club officers.

Behind the scenes, our committees are hard at work following up on our long-term planning meeting. Everything they do aims to make the club an even more engaging experience, provide great value for your membership, and offer opportunities to build lifelong fishing friendships. Additionally, club member Stephen Woodcock from Orvis recently presented a program on Peacock Bass fishing, several members supported a great charity event for Fish for Change at Conundrum Farms in Cleburne, and we checked out a new potential venue for our upcoming auction.

Please join us for the Christmas party at the Levitt Pavilion. Spots fill up fast, so please send your RSVP to Zane Moore as soon as possible.

Finally, our January meeting is going to be fantastic. Dave Schwartz has put together an agenda that offers everyone a chance to participate, foster friendships, and learn more about our affiliation with Fly Fishers International.

It is great to be part of the best club in America!

Best regards,

George

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December Club Meeting is the Club Holiday Party – Levitt Pavilion Party Room, Downton Arlington

We will have our annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 1 instead of our usual club meeting. This is going to be a fun event with live music from The Driftwood Dreamers, a local group from Dallas, featuring Diane Blair. Three musicians from diverse backgrounds, The Driftwood Dreamers, united around a shared love of music and performance. Playing primarily Americana plus originals and with three vocalists lots of harmony.

Some of you may recognize Diane, as she's a well-known fly fisher and tyer in North Texas. She's also an FFI Certified Casting Instruction.

We will also have games and finger foods. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift (value up to $25), preferably fishing related. The gift exchange is totally optional.

There is no cost to members and their guest, but please limit one guest per member due to limited space. **RSVP to Dan at tatum.daniel@yahoo.com by November 30** so we will have an accurate head count for food and seating.

The festivities are from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. The location is the same as it has been for the past couple of years. It will be the Levitt Pavilion in Arlington on the second floor. Just take the elevator up. Home - Levitt Pavilion. Parking is at First Baptist Church's lot on the corner of Center and E. South Street. Then cross Center to the side of the Levitt Pavillion's building and take the elevator upstairs.



REMINDER: CLUB MEETING LOCATION ROOM CHANGE

Our usual monthly meeting lecture hall in the UNT Health Research & Education Building will be closed for use from June 1 – Fall 2027 due to construction.

Our new lecture hall is 108 Luibel which is located on the first floor in the (EAD) Carl E. Everett Education & Administration Building. This building is adjacent to the Research and Education Building where we have typically met. Park in the same lot, but when you enter through the door, turn left and go to the Atrium. Luibel is on the right.







Speaker Line Up

Jan 5, 2027
Get to Know Your Club and FFI Member Benefits

Feb 2, 2027
Dan Soltau – Tips for North Texas Bass on the Fly

Mar 2, 2027
Captain William Townsend – Practical Tips for South Texas Coast Redfish and other Species

Apr 6, 2027
Chris Johnson – Insights to Fishing the Western Hill Country Rivers

We also have several additional speakers and topics in development, making for what promises to be another outstanding year of learning and fellowship for the club.

Want To Improve Your Casting? Attend A Casting Clinic

The FWFF sponsors monthly casting clinics to help our members progress their skills. While the last clinic of the year was November 21, make a 2027 goal to attend one of these valuable events.

There will be exciting news coming for a NEW location possibly in 2027!! It's great to get together and see the improvements that the group is and have made!! Remember PRACTICING is the key to become a better caster, and angler!!

If you are considering participating in a casting journey, now is a good time to start!! Please take some time and visit the Fly Fishers International site and review the Casting Programs that are available. The entire library of materials makes up a great resource for any question you may have about casting, tying, or almost anything about fly fishing.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Fly-Casting-Education/Casting-Education#CastingSkillsPrograms

If you have not checked out the site, please do so. You can also create your own profile and have access to even more materials for your review. Simply click on the log in link, and enter in your information, and create a new password. There is also a support team in place if you have any issues in doing this. Don't hesitate to reach out, and start accessing ALL of the supporting materials, which include videos, tutorials, fly tying library, and so much more. Scroll away!!!

Trout Season in Texas

It is finally trout season in Texas!

As fall gives way to winter, many fly anglers shift their focus to one of the most anticipated fishing opportunities of the year: stocked rainbow trout. Our friends at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will be busy through March stocking ponds, lakes, and rivers across the state, including one of our favorite destinations, the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Lake.

The complete TPWD trout stocking schedule can be found here:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/stocking/trout_stocking.phtml

The Brazos River receives a substantial number of trout every two weeks throughout the season, with stockings traditionally taking place on Thursdays. The first stocking is scheduled for **December 3, 2026**, marking the beginning of another exciting winter of trout fishing. Many of our members eagerly await this annual tradition, as it signals the start of countless trips to Brazos in pursuit of hard-fighting rainbow trout.

We are also excited to announce our first club outing of 2027, scheduled for **January 23, 2027**. This outing will feature a "Trout 101" format designed specifically for newer fly fishers. Participants will be paired with experienced club members who can provide instruction, advice, and hands-on assistance with equipment, techniques, and streamside skills. Our goal is to help every angler gain confidence and enjoy a successful day on the water.

In addition to fishing, the event will include a tour of the TPWD hatchery and a picnic lunch provided by the club. Whether you are an experienced trout angler or planning your very first outing, this is a great opportunity to learn, connect with fellow members, and enjoy a day on the river.

Be sure to save the stocking schedule link and mark **January 23rd** on your calendar.

We look forward to seeing you on the water this trout season!

Ward Ranch Outing Recap – October 23-25

We had another great outing to the Ward Ranch in Mexia. About 20 FWFF members were in attendance. The weather was perfect. The nights were cool and the days were warm. The bite was slow, but everyone caught fish. As always, we had enough fish for the fish fry. The world-famous Dr. Pepper onion rings were a big hit as usual. If you missed out, we will be going back there in 2027 on April 16, 17, and 18.

The FWFF always appreciates Bill Ward for welcoming us.









SAVE the Date!!!

Dallas Fly Fishers will be hosting a fly-tying event called the Dallas Fly Fishers Rendezvous at Cedar Hill State Park, located at 1570 FM 1382, Cedar Hill, TX 75104 on January 16, 2027. Doors open at 8 am and close at 4 pm. The event will be held at the Recreation Hall. All persons will be required to pay park entrance fees (Adult 13 years and older) $7.00, Child 12 years and under are free. We will provide coffee and donuts in the morning and a lunch consisting of lunch meat sandwich, chips, and a drink.

We do need a headcount to properly plan for the food, so reach out and let us know if you will be in attendance and how many in your party.

Stay tuned for more information.

Paul Locklear
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DALLAS FLY FISHERS TEXAS RENDEZVOUS 2027

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Conservation
Education
Fellowship
Stewardship
For Tomorrow

Fly Fishing Brings People Together

★ ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME ★
From Beginners to Experienced Fly Tiers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2027
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CEDAR HILL STATE PARK
RECREATION HALL
1570 FM 1382, Cedar Hill, TX 75104



Featuring
Texas' State Fish
The Guadalupe Bass



Good Flies
Good Friends
Great Days

WHERE TEXAS FLY FISHERS GATHER

Join fly fishers and fly tiers from across Texas for a day dedicated to learning, fellowship, and the art of fly tying. Whether you're an experienced tier or just getting started, come sharpen your skills, discover new techniques, exchange ideas, and connect with fellow anglers who share your passion for fly fishing.

IRON FLY CONTEST

TEST YOUR SKILLS & CREATIVITY!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Certified Casting Instructors Available Throughout the Day
- Fly Tying Demonstrations
- Learn Techniques from Experienced Fly Tiers
- Fellowship with Fellow Fly Fishers
- Assorted Door Prizes

TEXAS HOSPITALITY INCLUDED

Morning Refreshments



Coffee & Donuts

Lunch Included



Meat Sandwiches
Chips • Cookies • Cake

ADMISSION

$7 Park Entrance Fee
(Ages 13 & Up)

KIDS 12 & UNDER ★ FREE ★

REGISTER TODAY

Paul Locklear
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318-518-8945

CELEBRATE THE TRADITION

Spend the day enjoying the beauty of Cedar Hill State Park while celebrating the craftsmanship, conservation, education, and camaraderie that make fly fishing special.

Bring a friend. Share a story. Learn a new technique. Celebrate the traditions that connect generations of fly fishers across Texas.

★ Tie • Learn • Share • Fish

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IN COOPERATION WITH THE TEXAS COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

PRESERVING THE TRADITION FOR TOMORROW

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WHERE THE FISH AND THE BUFFALO ROAM – Outing Recap from Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

By Les Jackson, Outing Host

You could call us The Frozen Chosen or you could call us The Three Amigos, but that's who showed up at the November outing at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Lawton, OK. It was Liz Davis, Anthony Ruiz and me that braved the cold weather front followed by rain. But we got it done.

Anthony brought up his Bona Fide 11.5-foot kayak and paddled to fish up near the dam on Lake Jed Johnson. He was kind enough to let me go try this out, and I caught a bass in some slots near the dam and got to enjoy how this boat worked felt in maneuvered. It was easy to stand up in it and is really one of the better ones out there in my opinion for stand-up versions. In fact, I demonstrated how well you can pull up and stand and rock that boat without falling in.

Liz was also using her rod effectively. She had a few hook ups, although no one brought the hand. She had one good bass that started running away into the weed line. Those Bass are hard to beat us when they get near a weed line.

Anthony took off around lunchtime and headed back home. He's a newly married guy so I got it! Liz and I went to grab a quick Mexican food lunch in the town of Medicine Park, which is a really kind of cool hippie hollow/artist village. Then we went back out and braved the cold in the rain that had begun at another lake inside the refuge. After fishing the a few hours, we thought we'd head to the park's information center. We've both been there before. It's a great center that explains the history of the Refuge which was started by President Teddy Roosevelt. It was about to close so it was off to an early dinner back in Medicine Park at The River House. After dinner we parted ways. I went back to my hotel in Lawton to watch football. Liz headed to West Texas as she was taking a little extended time away from work. She was checking out the Cadillac ranch and other parts West.

For those that didn't get together this time there will be another one up here when it's warmer weather and more water in the lakes. The drought hit this area hard this year. We'll probably have a campsite site reserved for the club. I can promise you it can be a lot of fun and definitely a beautiful place to go.











Events Calender and Club Activities

Date	Activity/Contact Information
December 1	Club Christmas Holiday Party – Levitt Pavilion, Arlington
January 5	Club Meeting – Get to Know Your Club and FFI
February 2	Club Meeting – Dan Saltau – Tips for NTX Bass Fishing
February 19-21	Troutfest – GRTU – On the Guadalupe River
March 2	Club Meeting – Captain William Townsend – Texas Coastal Fishing
March 13	Trinity River Fly Fest
April 6	Club Meeting – Chris Johnson – Fishing Western Part of Hill Country
July 10-17	"Non-Outing" Outing to Southfork, CO
July TBD	FFI Fly Fest – Livingston, Montana

CONSERVATION CORNER - Brazos River Cleanup Project

On Saturday, November the 14th, the Fort Worth Fly Fishers headed out West for the 7th Annual Brazos Clean Up Project. Our club has been participating in this event since its inaugural get together. What makes this event even more special is that it is scheduled right before the upcoming Trout Season, ensuring the river is in beautiful shape for all of us to enjoy!! Some of the group tried their skills by fishing before the start of the cleanup, with good success!!

The day was cloudy, with periods of light rain showers, but that did not dampen the spirit of the group or keep the fall colors from beginning to show off their brilliance. A drive through the fire damage also reminded us that things can change drastically in this country, in a very bad way!! The group was eager to get started, and the large group went right to work. As the day progressed, the trash that was collected around the river and surrounding areas began to pile up!! After a solid effort from the group began to wind down, the shift changed from collecting trash to consuming some amazing BBQ, enjoying a few cold beverages, and waiting for the BIG raffle announcements.

And to our surprise, we had some WINNERS from the BIG Raffle!! Cynthia Casados won a Duck Camp Duffle bag full of accessories, and a really nice hand-crafted wooden tying desk, from member Max Web!! I was fortunate to come home with a guided trip with Fatties on the Fly!! What a wonderful way to end the day!! Proud to say it was a very productive, and rewarding day. With the Trout Stocking schedule released, it is now time to tool up and enjoy the season.

Thank you to the club members that joined in for the cleanup.

Michael and Dawn Matthews
Ashtyn and Max Web
Michelle Lola Winder
Linda Frazier
Paul Coffey
Dale Hayward
Jim Smith
Greg Welander
Cynthia Casados
Russell Husted

Special Thanks go out to Grant Ingram for putting this all together. To Steve for being a great partner. To all of the sponsors who donated to the event. Thank you. To TPWD for being such a great conservation partner!!

Hope to see you on the river soon and help us keep the area clean for all to enjoy!!!







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.

Grapevine

Hop & Stink Brewery
906 Jean Street, Grapvine, TX 76051
The second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Michael Tulowitski leads a fly tying class for all levels. All materials will be supplied.

Arlington

Arlington Vise Squad, Mixed Up Burgers
510 East Avenue K, Grand Prairie
972-606-6700
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 participants should bring their own vise and tools. It meets in a semi-private room.



FWFF Board of Directors

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact VP Kay Jackson.

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Welcome our newest members!

New here? Stay connected! We're always excited to have our members—especially new ones—join our events and outings.

Here's what to keep in mind: safety is our top priority, and everyone plays a part in it.

As the event or outing gets closer, watch your email for last-minute updates (and don't forget to check your spam folder just in case). Follow us on social media for news and reminders, and be sure to know who the host is and how to reach them.

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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