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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and its members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS founded in 1984

This Past Month

Well April has come and gone (almost) and that means another Caddo Conclave is past us. This year was another fine time as usual. We owe Erik, Frank, and Tom a big thank you for their presentations. They were as good as any we have had in the past. Thank you, guys. Fine Job. The food this year was also outstanding, I personally represented the overeaters of the area, and did a great job of overeating if I may say so.

We have a special workshop for new fly tiers on the 1st of May (see the article on page 2). Please be there to help or tie if you can. This is a way to fulfil our mission of promoting our sport and may help us to attract new members.

May is going to be a busy month, just look at the upcoming events page. Tight Lines.

Next Meeting:

May 12th at 7:PM at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Guest speaker will be Kyle Moppet, President of the GCC. Come early and bring your rod for casting practice.

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Special Workshop for New Tiers

This coming Thursday, May 1st, the NLFF will conduct a workshop for anyone who is just learning to tie flies or who is completely new to tying. If you are interested (or know someone who might be) then this class is designed just for you. The discussion and demonstrations will start with the hook and include fly recipe, proportions of a fly, basic materials and tools. We will also tie a couple of very basic flies, and discuss where to go from there in your future tying program. If you already tie and want to help bring your vise and be ready to pitch in. If you want to be a participant but don't have a vise, never fear. We will have vises and tools to work with. This class is open to all, young or old, skilled or unskilled. Make your plans to be at the Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City Thursday, May 1st at 6 PM. We will be in The White River Fly Shop area. Talk to your friends and neighbors and let them know about it. Who knows, they might know some who would like to attend.



Caney Lakes Club outing May 17

It's time to go fishing!

This will be a fun and easy fishing trip. The NLFF is sponsoring a club outing at Caney Lakes. The lakes are located about 10 miles north of Minden. There is a small lake and a large lake. The small lake is perfect for jon boats and kayaks and gas motors are not allowed. The larger lake, separated by a large earthen dam allows larger boats with gas motors. I think most of us will gather at the smaller lake a little after the sun rises. A few folks may start out at the larger lake. We will fish until noon. Then we will take a break and meet at the pavilion for a hamburger and sausage lunch provided by our club. The facilities are A+. Bring the whole family. There is a sand beach, a place for volley ball and to swim, plus great fishing. The pavilion is covered and full restroom facilities are on site.

It's time to wet a line, and get some fresh air. Join us for a good time at Caney Lakes.

Scott Irwin

For more information, contact Scott Irwin 742-2190

Flies, Food, and Fun....

Another incredible Caddo Conclave is in the books. This year's event had a crisp balance of dining, fly tying, and soaking up information at seminars that were short but packed with information. Even if your passion for fly fishing isn't on par with some of the dedicated fly fishers in the area, you were sure to enjoy yourself at this conclave. Buddy Bethea does not have to work out at a gym. He gets the privilege of hauling around his wife Linda's few hundred pounds of iron pots. Linda's tantalizing tasty treats that emerged from those pots were worth the investment of time to attend the Conclave. Beef tips, cobbler, scrumptious potatoes... I'm getting hungry just writing about it. Anyway, it was simply dog-gone-delicious. Combine that with the other 30 or so items brought in by others that attended the conclave and you had a feast fit for kings.

Jerome and Dena Hebert brought an amazing display of outdoor paintings as well as a vast array of custom flies that they have perfected at the vice. Other impressive fly tiers occupied the spacious tables erected to provide an enjoyable environment. Sit back, visit and watch amazing fish attracting critters appear on the end of a hook secured to a vise.

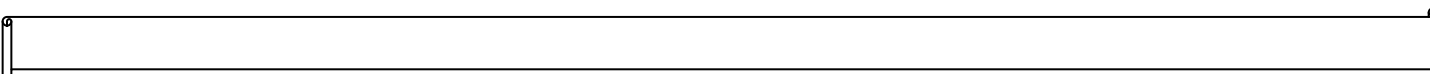
Our own club provided most of the seminar material. Frank Harmon's review of the 50 best places to fish within 60 miles the Ark-La-Tex make you appreciate the place we all live. A highlight was Frank exposing the location of secret under water reefs recently constructed at an area lake. Erik Dilts inspired us to take an overnight flat boat trout fishing trip. Tom Bullock opened the window into the unseen world of Ultraviolet light. Tom even share with us materials that appear to not reflect ultraviolet light, but still attract fish like it does have UV qualities. Amazing! You had to be there to gain this special knowledge.

Representatives from TFO were on hand for you to cast a broad selection of finely crafted fly rods. Dale Hively brought some Kayaks for all to inspect.

When the Conclave ended, I took Jerome and Dena out to dinner. Not knowing the area well, we got a little turned around and couldn't find a restaurant. Rounding a curve, we came upon a shack in the woods with about 50 pick up trucks parked in front. On the front porch of the shack was a Cajun band that was absolutely "cutting a rug". These guys were gettin down. One band member playing a washboard was out dancing among the crowd while the music blared from giant speakers. We walked inside the little shack and were greeted warmly by Bubba. Bubba's shirt had printed on it "The Annual Testicles & Bug Boil Festival". Someone immediately brought us a platter of little fried nuggets. What happened next was like a scene out of a movie. A group of encouraging party goers surrounded Dena, Jerome's wife, and started chanting "Eat it! eat it! Eat it!". I have not laughed so hard in years. I had never had mountain oysters before and neither had Jerome or Dena. I'm not going to tell you what happened next, but Dena had a "ball" at her first trip to the Caddo Lake area.

Mark your calendars now for the next Caddo Conclave to be held in April of 2015.

Scott Irwin



WE NEED FLIES

Any one interested in tying some simple bream flies, we need to donate as many as we can to the GCC to give to the Boy Scouts for their summer retreat. Nothing fancy, just a good fly that will catch bream. Tie them as soon as possible so we can get them in. Tie a couple dozen and get a raffle ticket to win a TFO rod. The more you tie the more chances to win. Thank you.

Grand Isle fish fry and fly fishing event

The annual Grand Isle fly fishing event, hosted by the Red Stick Fly Fishers is just around the corner. This event is open to anyone that is a member of an IFFF club. The general outline is that people gather at an open patio at the Blue Dolphin Inn Friday night to visit. Saturday morning everyone goes fishing. Saturday night everyone re-groups for a fine fish fry of everything caught, plus the sharing of some funny fishing stories. It's a laid back time for all that attend.

One of the nice things about being involved with the NLFF is that you have options for varied fishing outings are never ending. We get to fish the cold water of the north, the warm water in our back yard, and the salt water to our south. If you have never been, Grand Isle is a unique place. It is one of the only oceanfront towns in Louisiana. It is quickly washing away, so you should visit before it disappears. There are no McDonalds or chain restaurants on the island. There are numerous hotels and beach front lodging opportunities. There are plenty of restaurants. I will stay at the State Park. The park is outstanding for anyone that enjoys camping (make reservations early if you want to camp. The park fills up fast). There is a massive pier that juts out into the gulf that allows enjoyable fishing no matter what the weather.

If you are looking for a different fishing experience, join us in Grand Isle on June 27 & 28.



Time to earn our keep....

The NLFF has been blessed by the Red River Wildlife Refuge. They allow us to use their 3 million dollar facility at absolutely no cost. All they ask is that we help out with a few programs they put on a few times a year. One of those events is coming up soon... the Red River Wildlife Refuge outdoor recreation camp. This camp is for children 9 to 15 years old. There is all sorts of activities at this weeklong camp. All they are asking us is for 3 hours of our time spread over two days. They want us to teach kids to tie flies (you don't have to know how to tie flies to help). There will be 3 sixty minute workshops. Each workshop will have about 10 children in it. The workshops are:

June 9th. (one workshop at 10:00 a.m.; one workshop at 11:00 a.m.)

June 10th (one workshop at 10:00 a.m.)

If you do not know how to tie flies, don't despair...The NLFF is having a beginning fly tying workshop for it's members on Thursday May 1 st at Bass Pro Shop at 6:00 p.m.. All equipment and materials are provided. This is perfect for anyone that knows absolutely nothing about tying flies, but would like to learn.

So please sign up to help at the Wildlife Refuge summer camps for children on June 9th and 10th. Contact Scott Irwin at 742-2190 and let him know if you can help with the summer camp.

Scott Irwin



Natchitoches Fishing Expo

Warm Water, Cold Water, and Salt Water

Hosted by

Cane Country Fly Casters

May 3, 2014

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NSU Prather Coliseum and Chaplin Lake, Natchitoches, LA

9am-10am**Crappie Fishing with Dennis North

(NSU Club Room)

10:15am-11:15am****Salt water Kayaking** by *Catch Cormier*

(NSU Club Room)

11:30am-12:30pm****Bassin Techniques** with BrettHortman

(NSU Club Room)

11:30am-12:30pm ****Bought, caught, & released** by Kathryn Arnold (North end of Prather Coliseum)

1pm - 2:00pm****Fishing Small Creeks** with Pete Cooper

NSU Club Room)

2:15pm - 3:15pm****Fish Senses**by *Bill Heugel*

(NSU Club Room)

2:15pm -3:15pm **Crappie (LA Crappie Assassinsby Brandon Jennings(West concourse of Prather Coliseum)

Beginner Fly Casting Instruction conducted by Certified Casting Instructors.9:00am-10:00am/2:00pm-3:00pm

for men and women. Equipment provided. \$10 per session.

Held on the West side of Prather Coliseum on the empty lot between the Phi Mu and Kappa Sig houses.

Food concessions

Located in the West concourse

Casting Games for Kids

Kat Arnold's Booth

*******Lagniappe*******

Fly Fishing 101 by Peter Allen

Friday May 2nd, 1:00 pm in the N Room, Prather Coliseum

Free to the public, a prerequisite to Hands-On Casting Instruction given by Mike Hawkins and his team on Saturday May 3rd

*******For the Ladies*******

Melrose Arts and Crafts Show will be Saturday and Sunday at Melrose Plantation. It is about a 30 minute drive south of Natchitoches.

<http://www.natchitoches.net/events-and-festivals/melrose-arts-crafts-festival>

Sale on the Trail (miles and miles of garage sales)

<http://www.natchitoches.com/press-release/natchitoches-participates-sale-trail>

The Cane River Green Market, downtown Natchitoches on the banks of Cane River and great downtown shopping and touring.

5th ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

BASS ON THE FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

LAKE FORK, TEXAS, USA at Lake Fork Marina

SATURDAY MAY 31, 2014 6:00AM- 2:00PM

RODS, REELS AND FLIES MUST BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR FLY FISHING.

THIS IS A CATCH-PHOTO-RELEASE TOURNAMENT.

CATEGORIES: BOATERS: 1-2 PERSON TEAM, 5-FISH PHOTOS, TOTAL LENGTH; BIG BASS. NON-BOATERS*: INDIVIDUAL, 5-FISH PHOTOS, TOTAL LENGTH; BIG BASS. (*kayak, float tube, pontoon, or bank fishermen.) CLUB TROPHY: 3 BIG FISH, total length for CLUB/ORGANIZATION.

COST: \$60/PERSON, includes \$5 big bass pot. Optional \$5 big sunfish pot.

PAYOUT: 1-\$1200, 2nd-\$800, 3-\$500, 4-\$300, 5-\$200, 6-10 \$100. Big Bass - \$300, \$200. (Based on 100 entries.)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

FRIDAY - 10am-4pm FREE CASTING CLINICS HOURLY, PRODUCT BOOTHS, KAYAK DEMOS, CASTING CONTESTS FOR PRIZES;

SATURDAY - 9am-NOON FREE CASTING CLINICS HOURLY, KAYAK DEMOS, DRAWING FOR PRIZES AFTER WEIGH-IN.

REGISTRATION: By MAIL To: Bass on the Fly, P.O.Box 173, Yantis, TX 75497. If received by MAY 16 get *FREE BASS FLY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWING FOR SAGE LARGEMOUTH ROD*. ON SITE registration Noon-9:00PM Friday or 5-6:00AM Saturday, cash only.

CHECK-IN: ALL CONTESTANTS MUST CHECK-IN AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE FRIDAY or BEFORE 6:00am SATURDAY.

Check the website, www.bassonthefly.org, for more info. or Contact tedwarren@peoplescom.net. ENDORSED BY THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS - TEXAS COUNCIL.

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North Louisiana Fly Fishers

2nd Annual Masters Series Event



A Day with Dave Whitlock

Fly Fishing for Bass

Learn about fly fishing for bass from the man who wrote the book (literally)...the *L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass Handbook*.

Date

Saturday, July 26, 2014
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location

Red River National Wildlife Refuge
Headquarters Unit
150 Eagle Bend Point
Bossier City, LA 71112



Agenda

- Fly fishing techniques and tackle for largemouth and smallmouth bass
- Tying, casting, and fishing bass flies
- When and where to catch bass on the fly
- The life, art, and wisdom of Dave Whitlock

About Dave

Forty years ago Dave pooled his talents in painting, illustrating, writing, photography, fly fishing and lecturing, resigned his position as a research chemist, and embarked on a new career as a full-time professional in the arts of fly fishing. Dave's art and writing



appear regularly in many fly fishing and sporting publications. He has written, co-authored, and/or illustrated over 30 books, and demonstrated his fly fishing, fly tying and teaching skills in numerous videos. Dave is also known internationally for his innovative fly tying designs, including the popular *Dave's Hopper*. Dave has taught fly fishing around the world, and he and his wife Emily have shared the magic of fly fishing at their Whitlock Fly Fishing School for over 15 years. Dave's experience and creative outlook on the whole spectrum of fly fishing have earned him the reputation of being one of the top professional fly fishers in the sport. Learn more at www.davewhitlock.com.

Cost: \$35 per person

(includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.)

*Space is limited to 75 participants;
pre-registration required (see reverse).*

Visit the NLFF website or Facebook page for additional information.

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Registration Form

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Cost is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.). Note: As space is limited to 75 participants, this fee is non-refundable.

Send payment (check or cash) to: NLFF, P. O. Box 8542, Shreveport, LA 71148-8542

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

_____ Please reserve a position for me in this program. I understand that my \$35.00 must be received by June 30, 2014 or my position will be forfeited to others on the waiting list.

_____ Please place my name on the waiting list if all of the 75 slots have been taken.

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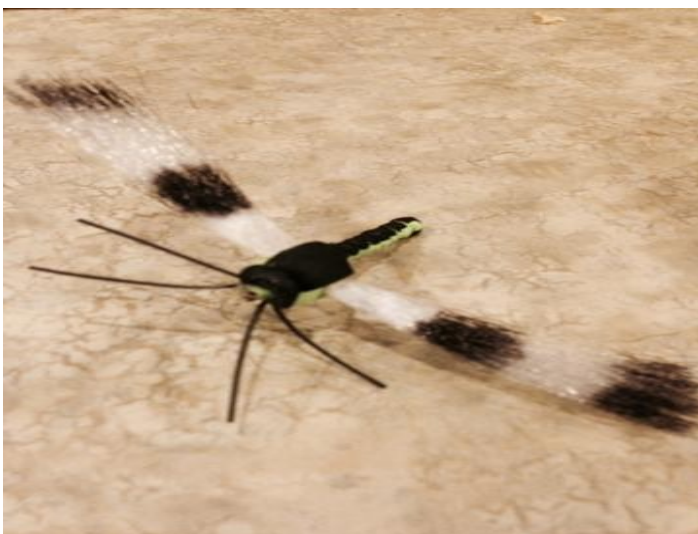
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Couple from pictures from the Caddo Conclave



UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 3rd: 2nd Annual Natchitoches Fishing Expo. 8:30 AM to 5: PM , Prather Coliseum, Northwestern St. University, Natchitoches, LA. See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

May 15th: CCA Shreveport Banquet. 5:30 PM, dinner at 7 PM. \$60/person, table for 10 \$600. Includes 1 yr. CCA membership, admission, dinner and open bar.

May 16th-17th: RSFF Spring Catch and Eat annual spring marsh fishing trip. Go to www.rsff.com for details.

May 17th: NLFF Spring Outing at Caney Lake. See the article on page 2 for details.

May 31st: Bass On The Fly 5. Fifth annual fly fishing tournament at Lake Fork. See page 6 for details.

June 12th—14th: Texas Council IFFF Expo. New Braunfels Civic Center, New Braunfels, TX. Go to www.texasCouncil.com for details.

June 27th—29th: Grand Isle Weekend. A tradition since 1990. See www.rsff.org for details.

July 26th: A Day With Dave Whitlock. 2nd Annual Master Series. 9 AM till 5 PM. Limited to 75 participants. Pre-registration required. Go to www.northlaflyfishers.org for details. Also see pages 7 & 8 in this newsletter.



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