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**Two New FFF Charter
Clubs in the Making**

**Northwest Fly Tyers
& Fly Fishing Expo
2009 Results**

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Looking for April Issue?



Well.... we didn't publish an April issue of The Oregon Fly Fisher. Why??? Your Editor and VP Communications (Sherry) did not get started on the newsletter in time to go to print. So, instead of giving you all a limited quick issue, we decided to skip the April (Spring) issue and double up and combine the newsletter into one, so you are looking at the Spring/Summer issue.

I sincerely apologize for the skipped issue and hope you enjoy this one.

Thanks for waiting,
Sherry

The cover photo is an "oldie but goody". Brian took this photo in 1978, about a half mile below the Warm Springs Bridge on the Deschutes River. It was a cover shot on the old Amato magazine – Fly Fishing the West in 1981. This reidside was the most heavily spotted of any Deschutes trout he has ever seen.

Thank You Brian O'Keefe for the cover Photo

Check out Brian's website www.brianokeefephotos.com

Also look at his new on line magazine <http://www.catchmagazine.net/> for more great photos.



Thanks to Everyone

Thank you Earl Rettig and Central Oregon Fly Fishers for organizing the Auction and Raffle for the 2009 Expo

Thank you Oregon Council Clubs and Everyone who made this Expo a success.

Clubs and Number of Volunteers

Cascade Family Fly Fishers - 14
Linn-Benton Family Fly Fishers - 13
Mckenzie Fly Fishers - 13
Mid-Willamette Fly Fishers - 17
Santiam Flycasters - 20
Southern Oregon Fly Fishers - 10
Stonefly Maidens - 12
Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers - 15
Central Oregon Fly Fishers - 10

What a super deal for fly fishing enthusiasts that took advantage of the FFF Membership Drive at the Expo. The outstanding effort made by our volunteers at the expo signed up 72 new members during the 2 days.

TILDA RUNNER – THANK YOU

Tilda Runner, thank you for your dedicated and professional service to the Oregon Council and the Federation of Fly Fisher's. We (all the FFF members in Oregon) appreciate it greatly. Tilda has served on the Oregon Council over the past several years – 2 years as Secretary, 2 years as President and 1 ½ years on the FFF Board of Directors representing Oregon. In her spare time she served on the Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo – 2 years as volunteer coordinator and 1 year as Co-Chair. Previously she served as the President of the Stonefly Maidens in Portland.

For those that aren't aware, Tilda is heading to Colorado to start a new life – getting married and settling down in Grand Junction. This is definitely a gain for Colorado and a huge loss for Oregon. All the Oregon FFF membership wishes you all the greatest and a happy life. Please stop back and see us once in a while. – Jim Fisher



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Events Calendar

July 19 - Council Meeting

Eugene, Red Lion Inn 10am

July 28-Aug 1

The FFF National Conclave -
Loveland, Colorado

September 19

Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers is holding the N. Umpqua Fall Fly Tying Festival in Glide, OR. The event will be September 19, 2009 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. The schedule will include fly tying, casting, presentations and displays. Please join us on the beautiful North Umpqua River for a day of recreation and fun! For information contact: clabranche@uvff.org

November 6

Fly Tying Rendezvous,
Mount Hood Community College,
Gresham, Oregon

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



2008-2009 ORCFFF President
Tilda Runner

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The Oregon Fly Fisher

Another Expo is over. Thank you everyone who participated—the committee, tiers, vendors and volunteers. We cannot have a successful Expo without the assistance of everyone involved. While the amount raised was not as much as we had hoped, I still believe that this was the most successful Expo ever. We had about 1200 people come through the door. The vendors and the tiers were happy, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. See the report in this newsletter to get the final figures about the Expo. Again thank you everyone who attended.

The next Oregon Council meeting is election of officers. All FFF members in the state are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and have a say in who will run the Council and be the voice of fly fishers in Oregon. I am stepping down as President. Dwight Klemm has agreed to run for President. I know that he will do a great job.

I am getting ready to get married and move to Colorado. I have enjoyed the time I have spent serving on the Oregon Council board. I have made a lot of new friends and seen some great things happen in the Council. I think the clubs are stronger than ever. I am so impressed with the conservation and education efforts done by the clubs. I hope that you have seen support from the Council and the Federation in your endeavors. Keep working hard with your projects and continue to be an active voice in the Federation and in Oregon.

I'm looking forward to doing some fishing now. In this economy, fishing close to home (soon to be Colorado) is going to be my main form of entertainment and relaxation. It is something that I can do without spending a lot of money since I have more than enough equipment and all the materials I need to tie whatever fly I need. A tank of gas will take me just about anywhere I want.

Now is a great time to get the kids in your life involved in fishing, especially fly fishing. Fly fishing gives kids a chance to learn about nature through learning about aquatic bugs and fish. It helps to teach them about conservation by getting them interested in what they are trying to protect. Fishing teaches patience and perseverance since it takes time to learn how to catch fish, to learn where the fish hangout, even to learn how to tie a fly.

I am taking this opportunity to teach my nephews and my nieces how to fly fish. I want to get them outdoors away from the TV, computer and video games. Last summer at Conclave, I took the Anglers' Legacy pledge sponsored by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Anglers' Legacy is simply about giving back what you've been given, and making a promise to introduce somebody new to fishing – a family member, co-worker, neighbor, acquaintance at church or perhaps, the mechanic who works on your car. I am keeping my promise by introducing the young people in my family to fly fishing. Become part of Anglers' Legacy and Take the Pledge today – joining folks from all across the country who, like you, are giving back. There's no membership fee and no obligation. You can get more information at www.takemefishing.org. Only by introducing new young people to our sport can we continue to conserve, restore and educate.

Happy fishing, everyone. Thanks for all the support that you have given me while I was President. Remember to take time to come to the next Council meeting, Sunday, July 19 in Eugene at the Red Lion Inn. The meeting starts at 10:00 am.



The Copper-Salmon Regions Get the Protection They Deserve

By Tony Brauner

The Federation of Fly Fishers of Oregon, down thru the years, has been diligent about not delving into the political arena and just focusing on issues, and stances that inform the citizenry of the Council's position. A few short years ago, the Oregon Council was approached to sign on with a number of other sport fishing groups to show support for the preservation of a wilderness area on the headwaters of the Elk River on the central coast of our State of Oregon. Your Council President, at the time, was invited by Trout Unlimited Oregon and Washington representative Mike Beagle to visit the Elk River in January and be lead on a tour of the Copper Salmon region by two local citizens, Jim Rogers and Jerry Becker. These men were trying to have the United States Congress designate a number of acres of timberland in the Elk River headwaters as a Wilderness designation. On this January visit, the Oregon Coast had seen constant rainfall each day consecutively for thirty-four days so each and every river in Oregon was unfishable for weeks. While on this two day tour of the Copper Salmon with Becker and Rogers, Beagle and I were able to fish the Elk River because the River had cleared of turbidity enough to be steelhead green in color and fishable. According to Jim Rogers, "here is the best example as to why

this upper watershed needs to be set aside to protect this pristine fishery for salmon and steelhead."

Jim Rogers and Jerry Becker have spent the better part of twenty years in working to have Congress protect two areas on the Elk River, the Grassy Knob and the Copper-Salmon regions. On March 30th, 2009, President elect Barack Obama signed into law a bill that designates 9.3 miles of the headwaters of the north fork of the Elk River as wild and scenic and adds some 13,700 acres of new wilderness adjacent to the exiting Grassy Knob wilderness. The passage of this Copper-Salmon bill will protect the Elk River in perpetuity and help maintain one of the healthiest salmon fisheries on the west coast. The Oregon Council FFF wishes to thank the entire Oregon Delegation of Senators and Representatives who unanimously supported this bill, as well as Jim Rogers and Jerry Becker who have invested so much of their lives into preserving and protecting this fishery. The officers and members of the Board of Directors who served on the Oregon Council at the time of this deliberation didn't have much indecision on this matter; because it surely was the right thing to do to maintain one of the jewels of fishing in Oregon, the Elk River.

Two New FFF Charter Clubs in the Making

Grande Ronde Fly Fishers

We put it to a vote, and as a group decided to become a FFF Charter Club. The club name is the Grande Ronde Fly Fishers, and we now have four officers. I guess the next thing to do is fill out the paperwork, and send in to the main office. I have handed out a bunch of applications, and they should start showing up soon.

For information about this new charter club contact Michael Eckhart at troutbum@oregonwireless.net.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild

A new tying club has been formed in Central Oregon. The Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild. We (the organizers) have put the word out and the response has been very exciting. Contact: Sherry Steele steelefly@msn.com 541-420-5532 or Rocky & Deanna Maley maleyyqh@ortelco.net

This club will be organized as a nonprofit FFF Charter club. This means that all members must be a member in good standing of the Federation of Fly Fishers. This will fall under the umbrella of the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (ORCFFF).

Our paperwork is complete and has been sent into the FFF. The meetings are being held in Sisters, OR.

The membership application and details will be posted on our web site <http://coflytyersguild.com/>.

To join our Facebook Group (currently 40 members) email Rocky Maley maleyyqh@ortelco.net

Here is a list of meeting dates and the fly's that were tied plus the future dates and plans.

2009 Meeting Dates

Feb 7 - Carrie Stevens Style fly

Feb 28 - De Gem

Mar 13 - Casual Meet and Greetings at Expo

April 25 - Durham Ranger

May 30 - Balmoral (Classic Spey Fly)

June 27 - Classic Dee Flies

July 18 - Bamboo Rod Fair, Camp Sherman

August 22- Framing Class - Jerry Chris

Sept 19 - Bud Goodridge - Guest Instructor



Expo 2009 – Summary

By Tilda Runner and Jim Fisher Expo, 2009 Co Chairs

Thank you to all that attended the expo this year. It was a great time for all. We haven't finished all the paper work but here are the closing numbers to date:

Tyers – 196 attended

Volunteers – 129 individuals representing over 15 clubs

Students in classes – 339 student seats sold

Instructors – 75 different individuals volunteered their services

Exhibitors – 50 different vendors exhibited their products & services

Banquet & Auction – 175 tickets sold

Registration – 1190 people paid or used their FFF cards to attend

Show attendance estimate – 1800 to 2000 (The largest attendance so far, and if you were there Saturday you know the exhibit hall was really bustling.)

Financially, we were approximately 70% of last year – not unexpected due to the economy.

These numbers will change a little by the time final revenue and bills are received:

Revenue: \$56,392.91

Expenses: \$40,523.41

Profit: \$15,869.50

There are a lot of people who need to be thanked for an event like this, which is put on by 100% volunteers. Everyone should know that no one is paid for all the efforts. But there are four volunteers we would like to thank this year who volunteer their time and talent for mounting, matting and framing the large fly plates:

Larry Nichols – Spey Plate

Jim Ferguson – Legends Plate and State Fair Winners Plate

Keith Burkhart – Poster Plate

Rich Youngers – Salmon Fly Saturday Plate

Thank you gentlemen, for a great job.

Hope everyone enjoyed yourself and will return next year to Albany March 12 & 13, 2010.



Building a drift boat at Expo



The finished drift boat after Expo

Tatum Drift Boat

This drift boat was constructed during the 2009 Expo March 13th and 14th 2009. It was then auctioned off on a closed bid during the

show and finalized at the Banquet Auction. The lucky high bidder took this beauty home to Colorado.



*Governor visits the Expo
Pictured left to right
Oregon Council President
Tilda Runner, Expo Co-Chair
Jim Fisher, State of Oregon
Governor Ted Kulongoski*



Jerry Criss receives 2009 ORCFFF Fly Tyer of the Year Award

Tilda Runner is pictured here presenting Jerry Criss the 2009 Stan Walters Memorial Fly Tyer of the Year Award at the Expo banquet. Jerry has spent countless hours volunteering his time and talents to new fly tyers and seasoned tyers. His

teaching style and patience is to be commended. Jerry has a nothing held back attitude toward sharing his knowledge and ideas of fly tying and fly fishing.



Dwight Klemin Receives FFF Council Award of Excellence.



Alan Canfield receiving Central Coast Fly Fishers ORCFFF Club of the year Award. Alan also received the 2009 Federator of the Year Award.



Big Expo Turnout



Tyer Dave Roberts has quite the audience



Flies displayed at Expo



Flies displayed at Expo



Tilda Runner – Tying at the Expo

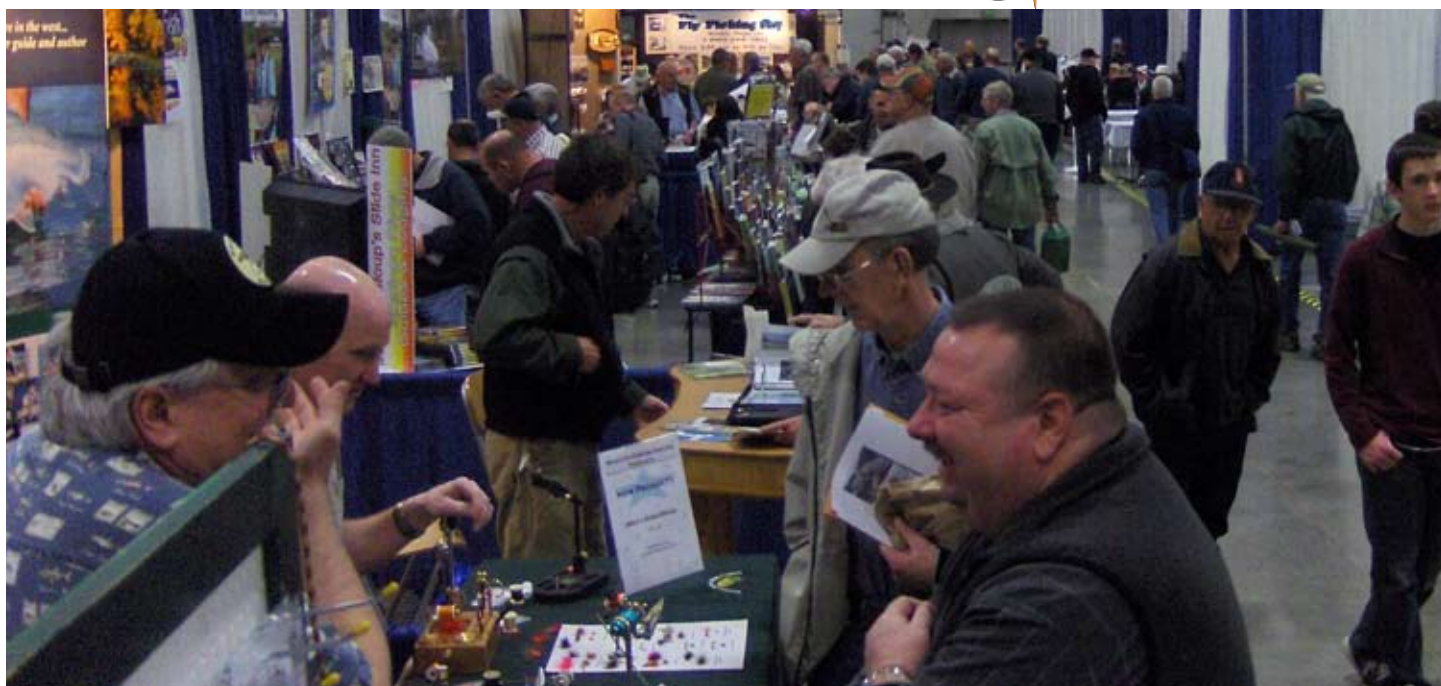


Art at the Expo was a Big Hit

Thanks to all our vendors that brought their art to the Expo. We had so many talented artists that were very generous with their donations and put on quite a showing for everyone that attended.

Artist Vendors:

Clearwater Gallery	Dan Rickards
Allred Authentics	David Allred
Northpole Products	Perk Perkins
Artist	Dean Krouser
Fly Tying & Woodworking	Jeff Scott



Vendors put on quite a show for everyone

Thank You Vendors

3 Lakes Fly Fishing	Mike Matney	Norlander Company	Norm Norlander
3M Scientific Anglers	Jon Covich	North Fork Outdoors	Dave Scadden
5 Rivers Guide Service		Northpole Products	Perk Perkins
and North Umpqua fly Fishing Adventures	Dean Finnerty	Northwest Flyfishing Outfitters	Jack Hagan
A. E. Nelson Leather Company	Gary Struckmeier	NW Steelheaders	Art Israelson
Allred Authentics	Terry & Dave Allred	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife	Karen Hans
Anglers Workshop	Jon Britt	Oregon Fishing Club	Brian Ketsdever
Bamboo Pursuits	Dave Dozer	Oregon State Police	Mari Chambers, sgt.
Big K Ranch	Iona Phillips-Scott Wolf	Pacific Meadows Alpacas	Pam Bell
Cascade Crest Tools	Patrick Dunlap	Project Healing Waters	Jerry Lorang
Clearwater Gallery	Dan Rickards	River City Fly Shop	Don Nelson
Cortland and Hook and Tackle	Greg Snider	Rogue Fly Shop	Josh White
Dean Krouser	Dean Krouser	Siskiyou Aviary	Kate Davidson
Del Sol Racks	Carlos Pena	Snake River Outfitters	Nancy & Lee Davidson
Dennison Specialty Fly Reels	Bob & Sue Dennison	Spirit River	Ken Menard
FFP Compound Rods	Phil Hager	Stonefly Vineyards	Nick Papadopoulos
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Fly and Field Outfitters	Scott Cook	Tatum Wooden Drift Boats	Garsham
Fly Tying & Woodworking	Jeff Scott	TFO Fly Rods	Dick Sagara
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Kauffmans	Randy Stetzer	Wier Outdoors & More	Jimmie & Shelley Wier
Merco Products (Rite Bobbin)	Lyle Graff		
N&N Machine (Vices)	Lyle Graff		



The Central Coast Fly Fishers Complete a Riparian Project

The Central Coast Fly Fishers (CCFF) recently teamed up with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), with assistance from members of the Longview Hills Fishing Club (LHFC), to restore a small riparian area in Seal Rock. The target property included a tributary of a native Cutthroat trout stream also inhabited by beavers and laced with fallen trees and a variety of native alder and conifer trees. A significant portion of the site had also been taken over by blackberry bushes and other brush, and the beavers had been actively falling trees and building dams.

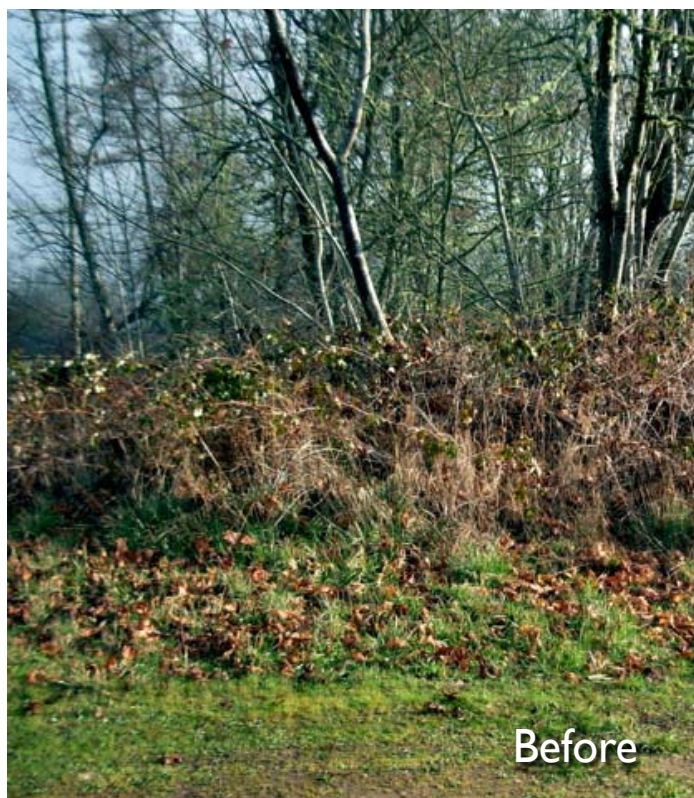
The objective of the project was to improve the stream habitat by cutting or transferring alders that were near conifers and seedlings, to construct cages and place them around some alders and seedlings and to plant new seedlings, some four feet tall. A number of uncaged alders were left for the beavers as their presence on the property is, in part, beneficial.

The club members, warmed by coffee and doughnuts, were instructed by Jason Kirchner, ODFW Stream Habitat Restoration Biologist, before heading into the frost covered

stream area with gas powered weed eaters, chain saws, machetes, shovels, posts and sledges, determined to leave the area in much better condition than they found it. A part of the crew, armed with wire cutters, set up a cage construction site in a pick-up where a 330 foot roll of fencing was turned into 55 tree cages.

Four hours later, the landscape was cleared of unwanted berry bushes and brush, and staked cages were in place around new seedlings, transplanted shore pines and many existing alders. The Central Coast Fly Fishers, with members from throughout Lincoln County, is dedicated to fly fishing education, conservation and restoration. The CCFF is a Charter Club of the 13,000 member Federation of Fly Fishers, an international organization headquartered in Montana. Together, these clubs are working to ensure that future generations will have the same fly fishing opportunities that we enjoy today.

For further information, contact
Alan Canfield at 541-563-6976



Before

03.12
After

Youth Clean Up Cedar Creek

Well now, some adults may look at the youth today as being lazy and not concerned about the quality of our streams, creeks, or rivers. They may think sixth graders would rather play on their x-boxes, text their friends, talk on their cell phones, sleep or do just about anything else besides getting dirty and fixing the riparian area of Cedar Creek. But, that is not quite true. One hundred twenty-three sixth grade students at Thurston Middle School in Springfield, Oregon really care about their creek. Cedar Creek borders the school grounds and has been abused and neglected for many years. Farm irrigation, invasive plants, and garbage has destroyed the waterway to the point of stagnation. It had become a real eye sore as well as a non-usable resource for any fish or aquatic animal.

So, they decided to do something about it. One day a month, they clean out invasive vegetation and replace it with native trees they have obtained from the McKenzie River Watershed Council. At present they have cleared about 2000 square feet of river frontage of blackberries, English Ivy,

garbage and planted 145 native trees. Their goal is to clear another 8000 square feet and plant 400 more trees over the next two years. They are also trying to increase the flow by having less water taken out for irrigation. Their hope is that the down river spring chinook salmon smolt could then use it as a safe resting area.

One would think, if our youth can see the problem we have created and are trying to fix it, one would have to ask the question "Why aren't we adults trying?" They asked me to challenge you to volunteer some time and clean-up your favorite stream, creek, river, or lake. With that they may enjoy some of the good times the outdoors can provide.

Sincerely yours,

TMS sixth grade students

David Prindell/ Teacher



Boys & Girls Club Kids Release Tiny Trout

Duncan Carrigan might someday catch one of the 600 rainbow trout fry he helped plant Wednesday afternoon at the E.E. Wilson pond.

Carrigan and nine other Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis members released nearly 600 of the one-inch fry that they had reared over the past few weeks. Club members reared nearly 100 of Wednesday's batch and Corvallis High School students nurtured the other 500.

"It's awesome," said Carrigan, 10, a student at Jefferson Elementary School. "I love fish, and I like to go fishing. I go with my dad, or my mom and step dad. We even come here sometimes."

Karen Hans, a biologist with the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), provided the rainbow trout eggs from the Roaring River Fish Hatchery on Jan. 28. Fish are also being reared at the Osborn Aquatic Center and Franklin Elementary School and will be released at a later date.

The eggs hatched in 10 days, volunteer Mike Crickmer said. The water temperature was closely monitored and recorded. A display board detailing the life cycle of trout was placed by the aquarium in the club's front lobby.

Staff member Mary Ann Dozer said the project is part of a long-term goal of teaching youngsters about the environment and how to enjoy fishing as a hobby or career.

"Two summers ago we actually set up a program to teach the kids how to fish," Dozer said. "We have since had projects to teach them how to tie flies, to dissect fish and to make fish prints. Now, they are learning how it all starts."

As biologist Hans gently netted the tiny fish, she talked to the youngsters, who would soon be on a bus headed for the outdoors.

"Birds, other fish and frogs want to eat the baby fish," Hans said. "So, they have to hide. They have stripes and are brown, so they can hide out until they are bigger."

The fry have good eyesight, she said, which comes in handy because they feed on tiny insects.

"Why do they run from the net?" Hans asked. "To a fish, capture means death. Their instinct tells them I want to eat them. Although their parents aren't there to take care of the baby fish, they leave their offspring with something called instinct, which tells them what to do."



At the pond, Hans explained the baby fish need to acclimate to the temperature of their new home, so she allowed some of the pond water to pour into the bucket before dumping it.

Each of the club members got to plant a bucket of the fish and watch them dart quickly away from the shoreline.

Jonathan Lopez, 12, a seventh-grader at Linus Pauling Middle School, enjoyed the outing.

"I learned about a lot of this in the sixth grade at school," Lopez said. "It's fun though. My whole family likes to fish or go crabbing. It's cool."

Hans said each year students throughout her district help rear about 15,000 Chinook salmon that come from the South Santiam Hatchery at Foster. They are released into rivers. Ten thousand rainbow trout come from the Roaring River Hatchery and are released into ponds. The fry that survive will grow to between 6 and 8 inches in about one year, Hans said.

"I would be delighted to have this program in every classroom in my district," Hans said. "There's no better way to reach students and for them to learn to respect what fish need to survive."

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NEW FFF CHARTER CLUB
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Club Rep: Sherry Steele

NOTE:

100% membership clubs can appoint a club rep to the Board of Directors. Affiliate clubs can nominate a rep and ask for Board approval of that rep. All club reps must be members of the FFF. For more information contact Tilda Runner at tilda.runner@gmail.com

*Denotes FFF Charter Club





FFF National

To benefit the Federation of Fly Fishers

March was a busy month for the FFF. Not only did they move their office, they developed some great opportunities for FFF members to connect with fellow fly fishers through online forums and social networking sites like Facebook. Conclave is right around the corner and online registration is now closed. You can still attend Conclave and register there. For more information, go to www.fedflyfishers.org.

The new mailing address for National is PO Box 1688, Livingston, MT 59047. The physical address is 5237 US Hwy 89 S, Ste 11, Livingston, MT 59047.



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