



The 17 Year Cicada is Back - See How to Tie This Inside

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**Join us** before each meeting at 6:30pm for a tying demonstration. Meetings begin at 7:30pm, the third Monday of each month (except Banquet month, July and August), at the Albany Ramada located on Watervliet Avenue Extension off Exit 5 of I-90 (Everett Road).

**Upcoming Events**

April 18 Chapter General Meeting – 6:30pm guest tier and 7:30 featured speaker  
April 27 Geyser Creek Fish Stocking – see inside for details

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## Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

At press time there was no information provided about the Clearwater Meeting scheduled for Monday April 18, 2016. Meeting starts at 6:30pm with a guest fly tier and the featured speaker starts at 7pm. At the Ramada Inn off exit 5 of I-90 Albany. Free of charge and all are welcome.

## 2016 Clearwater Chapter Ausable River Trip

Please let me know if you will be joining us on the Ausable trip this year. June 3,4,5, Two night stay, 2 breakfasts and an order from the menu dinner Saturday evening. \$219 per person this year and as the last 3 years, pay your own tips. I've got 5 rooms plus a 3 or 4 person suite left so let me know ASAP. Thanks.  
As ever, Bob Mead – 518-399-9000.

## Fish of the Month 2016 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin, Brad Mohr** and for 2014, **Jim Boyle**, as winners in its first seven years.

The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at [mrbrownie6@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrownie6@gmail.com) or contact me via email for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies or something else really nice as a prize.

Couldn't make the Banquet this year so the winner is announce here and now! The winner of the 2015 Fish of the Month Contest is **Paul Kalac** with his 22" brown from the Kayaderosseras caught and released. Nice job Paul and congratulations!

## 2016 Hendrickson Hatch Tournament June 4th & 5th

Registration is now available for the 2016 Hendrickson Hatch tournament. Please visit [www.hendricksonhatch.org](http://www.hendricksonhatch.org) for a printable registration. Complete the registration and return to MRF, PO Box 211, Malone, NY 12953.

For those that will need accommodations for the tournament Holiday Inn Express has reserved a block of rooms at a special event price. When you call to make a reservation please mention the Hendrickson Hatch tournament. Also go to [www.visitmalone.com](http://www.visitmalone.com) for additional accommodations and other Malone information.

As usual Brookfield Renewable will be providing a cash donation again this year. Thanks to Brookfield

Renewable we are scheduled to stock \$2000 worth of trout a couple days before the tournament. This year we have a few new sponsors as well. JP Ross Fly Rods <http://www.jprossflyrods.com/> has offered to donate a custom fly rod for a raffle. Attached is a promotion from JP Ross for a fly fishing event to be held Father's Day weekend in the Adirondacks.

## **Ausable Two Fly Challenge**

This year's Ausable Two Fly Challenge is May 20 – 21. For more information please see the following site: <http://www.whitefaceregion.com/do/events/two-fly-challenge>

## **Kids' Geyser Creek Fish Stocking**

### **Wednesday April 27th, 11AM**

Moving day is approaching for approximately 700 trout. On Wednesday, April 27th, at 11:00 A.M. children and their families are invited to help release the trout into Geyser Creek, located in the Geyser Picnic Area of Saratoga Spa State Park.

Technicians from the Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery, operated by the Department of Environmental Conservation, stock the area streams each year with the help of volunteers. Please bring a bucket and join us in introducing the trout to their new home! This year's activities include demonstrations, environmental displays and food. This event is free. No registration is required for this event. For more information, please call 584-2000.

## **Passing of Art Neumann**

Ron Urban

Art Neumann, the last of the original founders of Trout Unlimited, passed away March 22A.

Those of us who answered the call of conservation, can quote Leopold, Pinchot, Carson, and any other number of other conservation visionaries. Lesser known is the legacy of Art Neumann.

Art wasn't much for the catchy quote, though his adage, *"take care of the fish and the fishing will take care of itself,"* guides Trout Unlimited a half century later. What Art did was to build an institution--an institution that began with him and a handful of other people along the banks of the Au Sable River, who were tired of the state's masking habitat degradation through stocking.

Today, the "house that Art built" includes 400 chapters, over 155,000 members, and 240 scientists, biologists, and other professional staff who serve to make fishing, and the places that fish live, better.

A month or so ago, I saw Art in Michigan with, Chris Radke and Howard Johnson. Chris and Howard represent the thousands of people in Michigan and around the country who will tirelessly carry on Art's legacy in service to the rivers, fish, anglers, kids, veterans, and communities that define our great nation.

Thanks and rest in peace, Art.





## **Catskill Fly Fishing Museum Tree Planting**

Roy Lamberton

To the Chapter, below is a note from Tracy Brown, TU National Northeast Restoration Coordinator. As you may know, our chapter volunteers were involved in a project at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, to restore the Museum casting pond and return the Willowemoc Creek to its original channel. The project was completed last year, and now needs to be planted.

A date has been set as Sunday, May 1, at 11 am. I plan on being there. There will be activists from the Museum and other chapters - Beamoc, Upper Delaware, NY City, Dave Brandt, and possibly others. This a good opportunity to meet, and hopefully fish with, members of other chapters. It is anticipated the planting will be finished 2-3 pm, and we should be able to fish after. There may be other chapter members who might be interested.

### **Fly of the Month:** 17 Year Cicada by Jim Misiura

Although there are several broods of Cicada's which means you may see them every few years instead of once every 17 this year's hatch is expected to be quite large. The last time this brood hatched it provided some excellent action for those who were prepared. Once soil temperature hits 64 degrees hatching begins. As of this writing my garden soil sits in the low 50's so we have a bit of wait. Plenty of time to gather the materials and some extra heavy tippet to battle the big ones during this hatch. Great bass and panfish action can be had as well. Although there are a lot of patterns out there we'll showcase a beginners pattern on youtube.com at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84O0oZgXnoA> – Hook: 2x – 3x long size 1 – 6; Thread: orange; Body: brown chenille; Rib: red cactus chenille; Back: dark tan foam; Eyes: black plastic eyes; Wings: yellow bucktail or light elk; Legs: orange crazy legs. Take a look at the video and follow along there as trying to explain it here is a bit confusing. Give it a good plop and hang on!

