



Clearwater Currents

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*America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization
Promoting Habitat for Wild Trout and Salmon Trout Unlimited Has Been
Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries Conservation for 57 Years*

Upcoming Events

- February 13 Clearwater Chapter Meeting - 6:30pm Guest Fly Tier and at 7:30pm Featured Speaker - Albany Ramada I-90 Exit 5 - all are welcome - free of charge
- March 11 Clearwater Chapter Annual Conservation Banquet - Details and Reservation Forms Inside this Newsletter
- April 8 Fly Fishing Film Tour - Details Inside this Newsletter
- April 8 Chapter Flea Market - Albany Ramada I-90 Exit 5 9am - 1pm - Details Inside this Newsletter
- April 22 First Battenkill Roadside Cleanup for 2017 - Details Inside

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FLY FISHING FILM TOUR AT REAMER AUDITORIUM AT UNION COLLEGE

Hosted by Clearwater Trout Unlimited and its 5 River Chapters

The original and preeminent exhibition of fly-fishing cinema, The Fly Fishing Film Tour (<http://www.flyfilmtour.com/>) is a one of a kind experience. This prime event helps support educational and environmental efforts around the New York Capital region.

This event will be on Saturday, April 8th at Reamer Auditorium located at Union College. With two showings at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM; with doors opening at 1:30 PM and 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 and will be available online at [link_tba](#) and at the door. Guests will have an opportunity to win door prizes and raffles, as well as meet representatives to learn more about local efforts and how to get involved.

Great Article on Restoring Salmon Stocks on Lake Champlain

<https://usfwsnortheast.wordpress.com/2017/01/25/hatching-a-plan-to-save-salmon/>

Chapter General Meeting

The Clearwater Chapter will hold its monthly meeting at the Albany Ramada off Exit 5 of I-90 on Monday February 13, 2017 starting at 6:30pm. A featured speaker, not yet known at press time, will begin at 7:30pm.

At the Ramada Inn off exit 5 of I-90 Albany. Free of charge and all are welcome.

Fish of the Month 2017 Contest in Full Gear

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its ninth year having crowned Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin, Brad Mohr, Jim Boyle and for 2015, Paul Kalacs winners in its first eight 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 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.

Fish of the Month for 2016 has ended – careful evaluation is underway by the entire 'Currents staff to determine the winner at the March Banquet

There were no entries for February, 2017

2017 FISHERMAN'S FLEA MARKET

The Clearwater Chapter of TU Fisherman's Flea Market will be held Saturday, April 8th at Ramada Plaza Hotel from 9am - 1:00 pm.

To purchase a table contact Bob Mead at 399-9000 or by email at rmead1@nycap.rr.com .

Tables cost is just \$20 plus we ask a 10 percent of sales donation. If you need a second or third table they are available at only \$15 each. Set up time is 7 to 9 a.m. Table purchase is not limited to Chapter members, so if you have a friend or neighbor who you might think would like to participate please refer them to me.

The flea market is a great place to find deals on rods, reels, lines, fly tying material and tools, books, old catalogs and magazines, vintage lures and about anything you can think of fishing-related. Hopefully Mary will be there again with her fantastic maple syrup in various size jugs.

It is also an opportunity to sell any extra items you have listed above. If you don't have enough to warrant buying a table why not team up with another member or friend and share a table. Or, if you only have a couple items you'd like to sell you can bring them to the Chapter tables to be sold for you at 10 percent of sales. Please tag with a price and your initials and sign in with your name and phone number.

Public entrance is just \$3. Children under 16 are free. We will have a couple urns of coffee on hand for sellers and their helpers.

Route 313 Roadside Clean-Up Schedule for 2017

April 22, 2017

June 24, 2017

August 26, 2017

October 07, 2017

Meet at the DOT Parking area, Route 313 at 09:00AM. Coffee and donuts provided prior to the start of clean-up. Soda will be provided at completion of clean-up.

This is a good time to socialize with other members of the Clearwater Chapter of Trout

Unlimited and also to meet and socialize with members of the Battenkill Conservancy.

Also, this can be an excellent opportunity to get some fishing in on the Battenkill River.



**The Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Proudly invites you and your guests to attend the
45th Annual Conservation Banquet**

March 11, 2017

at

The Century House

997 New Loudon Rd (Rt. 9) Latham NY 12110

Doors open at 4pm. Dinner served at 6pm.

Tablesides menu choices to include Filet Mignon or Salmon or Vegetarian Option.

Live Auction-Silent Auction-Bucket Raffles-Card Raffles-Door Prizes

Artwork- Fishing Gear-tying Materials-Jewelry-Fly Rods and Reels-Gift Certificates

Reservations only available in advance

\$48 per person

Please complete this form and mail it by March 1, 2017 with your payment to

Mike and Kim Walchko, 244 Quarry St., Cobleskill NY 12043

Make checks payable to **Clearwater Trout Unlimited**

(Reservations will not be confirmed prior to the Banquet)

Grand Prize Drawing at the banquet

Classic Matrix Carbon Fiber/ Kevlar Hybrid 12ft Canoe by Hornbeck Boats with Rowing Package (valued at \$2000)

Canoe raffle tickets are available: One for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

You need not be present to win.

All proceeds from this event to benefit local conservation of our cold water resources

Contact: **Mike and Kim Walchko 518.275.1243** or email them at mwalchko@nycap.rr.com

www.clearwatertu.org

All are welcome

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ X \$48 EACH = \$ _____

I CAN NOT ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONSERVATION DONATION

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ OTHER \$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE CANOE RAFFLE TICKETS:

OF INDIVIDUAL CANOE TICKETS: _____ X \$5 EACH = \$ _____

BEST DEAL.....BOOKS OF 5 CANOE TICKETS: _____ X \$20 EACH = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____



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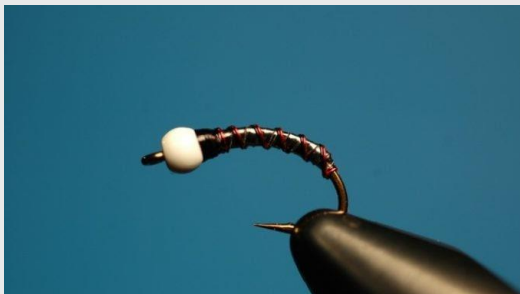
January 9, 2017 – Trout Unlimited Clearwater Chapter Banquet Chair Scott Parker announced that The Century House, Latham, NY, will be the site of the chapter's 45th annual Conservation Banquet on March 11, 2017. Tickets for the Conservation Banquet are on sale now on the Clearwater Chapter's website www.clearwatertu.org. The Conservation Banquet is open to everyone.

Dinner, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and award recognition are planned for the Conservation Banquet, along with a live auction, silent auction, bucket raffles, card raffles and door prizes. A Grand Prize Drawing of a 12 ft. Kevlar Hybrid Canoe by Hornbeck Boats, with rowing package, will be drawn at the Conservation Banquet. All proceeds from this event benefit local "on the ground" conservation projects that support cold water resources.

Reservations can be made up to March 1st by contacting TU members Mike and Kim Walchko at mwalchko@nycap.rr.com

TU is actively seeking donations of goods and services, as well as fishing gear and fly tying materials from the public for their Conservation Banquet. If you are interested in donating, please contact Chair Scott Parker at 518.894.4661 or sgparker149@gmail.com

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Fly of the Month - Ice Cream Cone

I came across this article on winter fly fishing, <http://www.gameandfishmag.com/fishing/the-best-winter-trout-flies/> and upon reading it noticed a this month's fly of the month mentioned. Not familiar with

it I did a bit of research and came up with this link, <http://flyrodreel.com/ice-cream-cone-chironomid-2/> which explains how to tie it. Winter fishing isn't for everyone and as I write this the snow is coming down hard, but a couple of hours on a mild winter day makes the long dark days go by a bit faster. Hook: 10-16 curved shank hook; Thread: 6/0 black; Body: 6/0 thread, Super Floss, Stretch Flex, Scud Back to match pupal color; Rib: red, silver, gold, dull copper; Head: white bead. Add the bead and then mount the hook. Tie in the thread and add the wire. Then form the body to a point just behind bead. Wrap the rib and tie off with enough thread to keep the bead in place. Fish deep and slow and pay attention to the subtle strikes.



Professor Ted Skaar has a boat for sale and asked me to share this. If you or know of anyone interested, I can forward to him any interest.

Trophy 1802 2003 with trailer

A must-see boat in excellent condition! Great for fishing, touring, and overnight! Two downriggers, 110 quart live well, and vertical rod rack. 125 Mercury outboard with very few hours. Boat/motor only used in Hudson River – never in salt water. Cabin with two-person V-berth. Surround canvas for all-weather protection for the helm station, Bimini top, and additional canvas for boat when moored at dock. Single-person tow-able with lines. Only one owner. Many other features included – the complete package. Asking \$9500.



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