

# Alpine Fly Fishers

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### **President's Line**

*By Larry Gibbs*

Summer marches on but we are getting close to my favorite time of the year to fish, the fall. All those hot summer days that cause the water temperature to go way to high for the fish are soon in the past. No more Hoot-Owl fishing (very early or really late, just not during the daytime).

When I fish I always try to get the fish in as soon as possible so I don't wear it out and I can release the fish back into the water still full of life and vigor. For me, the take and the initial set of the hook and first couple of seconds of the fight have always been my most exciting time. Another time is when casting to a rising fish, be it one or a small pod that are slurping the surface. That visual take of the fly is also really exciting.

There have been some fish I could not get in quickly. A couple Carp come to mind. While I do not 'target' Carp, I have to admire them for their strength. There have been a few smallmouth bass that I can remember that really resisted a quick retrieve. But, I always held them in the water until they 'told me' that they were ready to take off. Over the years, there have been some really nice trout and also some salmon that have insisted on putting up a long fight. Like I said, I prefer to get them in quickly but if that is not what they want, I will spend the time after they are caught to make sure they recover properly.

This is especially true during these hot water days of summer. Use barbless hooks, keep the fish in the water as much as possible and make sure it is ready to be released and not go belly up.

Hey, don't forget the below challenge. I promise there will be a really nice item for the drawing, so please join in on the FFI Summer Sweepstakes.

### **Alpine Fly Fishing club members, here is a challenge:**

Tell you what. If you belong to the Alpine Fly Fishing club and you buy a package deal in the FFI Summer Sweepstakes, just show me your printed receipt for making the purchase and you will be entered into our club's very own sweepstakes, with a chance to win a really nice prize. The number of entries you get in our sweepstakes, is based on the number of entries you purchase in the FFI Summer Sweepstakes. More on the prize later but you know me, it will be a nice prize.

*"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau*

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry

## Fly Fishing International

### Fly of the Month

September 2009

## PEACOCK SPIDER

By John Newbury and Bob Bates



John Newbury tied this great steelhead pattern at the 2009 Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Loveland, Colorado. He wrote the following history and tying instructions. John said: "The Peacock Spider was first tied during the winter of 1985 or 1986 after receiving a complete India blue peacock skin. I really liked the blue neck feathers, and when I saw the peacock blue embroidery tinsel in a fabric store, I knew the two were made for each other. My steelhead flies fairly simple, quick, and easy to tie. This is because I am always losing them or giving them away!!! I believe steelhead flies are all about color, size, and sometimes silhouette. The Peacock Spider, Tangerine and Plum Crazy have been my most productive steelhead flies now for several seasons. In the steelhead rivers of British Columbia, I use a 2/0 hook and in the rivers of Washington, Idaho, Oregon; I use a #2 and sometimes a #4."

John is not alone in praising the Peacock Spider. Fenton Roskelly, outdoor writer, tried the fly and wrote about it for The Spokesman Review, November 8, 2000. His headline was: "Peacock Spider was winning ticket to catch steelhead." "... The next time I visited the Ronde, the water was low and clear. However, there were few steelhead that day. I fished the Shadow drift, one of the best producers, but didn't touch a fish. Then I fished the first bend. As the Peacock Spider started to straighten out below me, a steelhead took the fly. A few minutes later, after the 6-pound fish had jumped a couple of times, I eased the fly out of its mouth and watched the steelhead vanish into the deeper water.

The Clearwater River was clear and low when I arrived at one of my favorite drifts a few days later. I pulled on my chest waders, rigged up my 9 1/2-foot graphite rod and tied on a Peacock Spider. Two men carrying 15- or 16-foot Spey rods were working their way down the drift. They seemed to be experts and I figured they wouldn't miss any steelhead as they worked the water. However, a few minutes after starting down the drift, a steelhead took the Peacock Spider, jumped three or four times, took out all my line and some backing. I was trembling a little as I released the 10-pound fish. The two men walked back upstream about half an hour later. One of them told me they had fished the drift for three hours and hadn't hooked a fish. ..." Most steelheaders use a floating line and a quartering downstream cast. However, some use a sink tip or full sinking line to fish a little deeper.

### Materials list:

- Hook: Tiemco TMC 7999 2 & 2/0
- Thread: Monocord, red 6/0
- Body: Embroidery tinsel, Plastic Canvas 10, color PM 62 (peacock blue)
- Hackles: Peacock breast feathers

### Tying steps:

1. Put on a thread base on hook and leave thread near front of hook.
2. Attach embroidery tinsel and wrap thread over it to the rear and then forward again to about two eye widths behind the eye.
3. Wrap embroidery tinsel forward, secure and trim. If one likes, some loon hard head product can be applied to the tinsel, and set aside to dry, before attaching hackle. This makes the tinsel indestructible, and also adds weight throughout the shank.
4. Tie on peacock feathers. I use 3 large peacock breast feathers on the # 2/0 hooks, and on the #2 and slightly smaller hooks only 2 feathers,. I tie these in by the base, as you only get about two and a half turns out of each feather.
5. Begin winding the feathers. When winding, stroke fibers back, and while winding, slightly twist the stem to keep the fibers perpendicular to the hook shank. It is important to stroke the feather back with each wrap forward and twist the stem as needed. Basically, you are folding the feather as you wind it. Tie off feather, and ends will become part of the collar.

### Closing Comments:

These great steelhead patterns are easy to tie. The bodies of the Peacock Spider and the ones below are all tied using embroidery tinsel or metallic needlepoint yarn or ribbon, available in most yarn shops. However, you might have to look around for the blue peacock feathers. Most fly shops do not stock the blue body feathers. However, usually you can have the owner to order them for you. Sometimes it will take a little time because most suppliers require a minimum order size, and your fly shop owner might not be ready to reorder. If you have a friend with a peacock or two ask to be permitted to pick up the drops. My daughter sent me a bunch of dropped peacock feathers from birds wandering around her apartment building. Sometime you luck out. (Bob)

# Back of Beyond

*Stephen Neal*

*In Wildness is the Preservation of the World - "Henry David Thoreau"*

## Star Light Star Bright

It was cold, high dessert cold, the large animal radiating heat beside me, did little to offset the cold outside. The roughhewn calving shed was little proof against the freezing temperature. It was calving time on the ranch, and I had a first-year heifer pushing a calf that was a long time in coming. The heifer and I were both tired. I at least got a few breaks as the labor progressed. On those brief respites I would step outside into the frozen corral and gaze up at a clear winter heaven, filled with stars. Around me the hoarfrost on the corral reflected the star light. The stars seemed so close that it was easy to believe that I could just reach up and pluck one out of the sky. A clear sky full of twinkling stars seems to always bring a peaceful feeling to my soul. Too soon, my charge and the cold pulled me back into the shed, to watch over the new expectant mother.

One of the utmost gifts given to mankind is the night sky, a stary night sky to be precise. My first contact with stars was a tune played on a wind-up music box attached to a mobile suspended over my crib. The words soon followed, sung to me by my mother as I drifted off to sleep. *"Twinkle, Twinkle, little star how I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky"*. Another childhood limerick learned as I grew *"Star light, star bright, First star I see tonight; I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish I wish tonight"*. These nursery rhymes came out in the late nineteenth century, but their human history dates back to ancient civilizations. Our ancestors were intimately connected to the night sky. It is no wonder that many people from all cultures looked to the heavens for signs, symbols, and answers to life's mysteries for eons. One of the most prevalent star myths was that it was good luck to wish upon a star, particularly upon a falling star.

One explanation for this belief is attributed to Greek astronomer/mathematician Ptolemy, in the second century. He theorized that falling stars resulted when the Gods accidently dislodged a star loose when they open the portals between heaven and earth to gaze down upon us earthlings. A wish upon a shooting or falling stars held an advantage over garden variety twinkling stars, as a falling star marked the moment that the Gods were paying attention to us mere mortals. A singing cricket re-enforced this in popular culture myth with the release of Pinocchio in 1940.


At our current Stardate, most urban and city citizens never see a stary sky, due to air pollutants and light pollution. If they are extremely lucky, they might catch a glimpse of a bright falling star. The nursery rhymes of my youth hold little meaning in our present circumstances, even less their origins. This is sad, as it demonstrates how far mankind has separated itself from earth and the cosmos. Whether or not the Gods or God is looking down upon us we may never know, but given the chance, I personally will be looking up at the heavens. One of the many pleasures fishing brings to me is close encounters with the night sky. I look not for portents in the heavens, it is its beauty and wonder that draw me. A night sky full of stars keep me humble; our significance is less than the dust in the milky way, and yet our impact upon this planet is outsized.

If you grew up in California's San Joaquin Valley in the fifties and sixties, clear skies were the norm. On the vast majority of summer days from the valley floor, the Sierra Nevada's and the Coastal Mountain ranges were visible. The only interference was the heat waves radiating from the valley floor. At night the sky above was filled with stars, one could layout on the grass and fall into the heavens. How naive I was, I never even thought about the mountains or stars disappearing from view. In the late sixties that all changed, the era of only being able to see the stars or the mountains was in the clearing of the air after a heavy rain. One wonders how we could let such a precious gift as clean air and clear night skies disappear with little thought or concern. Fool's gold somehow eclipses true wealth. After High School, I was drawn to other climes that still held fresh air and night skies that featured stars. Luckily for me trout and steelhead are found in those same areas.

In mid-July an Auroa Borealis was forecast to be visible from the Northern States along the Canadian border. Every news source carried the same prediction. I was stoked, seeing the Northern Lights is high on my to-do list. Previous predicted viewings have been obscured by storms, so I checked multiple weather forecasts and they all called for clear skies. I was going for it, in my excitement at the possibility, I roped a fishing and photographer buddy (Steve), my daughter (Nicole) and three grandsons (Colin, Darren and Dalton) into an Aurora viewing adventure.

Steve and I chose Artist Point on Mount Baker as our viewing location and Steve invited us up to his place for our base camp. Steve accessed his PhotoPills app, and I continued to peruse news articles to stay on top of the predictions. We drove up to Whidbey Island the day before so my grandsons could enjoy some sand and water fun. The morning of the event, I checked the news again and Steve his PhotoPills, to our disappointment, the Aurora Borealis event had been downgraded to unlikely. We did an internal poll and decided to go for it anyway, even if the Northern Lights did not make an appearance, we figured that we would at least get a view of the Milky Way.

After a sumptuous breakfast and a day at the beach, we headed for Artist Point. The plan was that we would leave at 8pm and arrive at 11pm at the optimum viewing time for a brilliant night sky. Little did we know

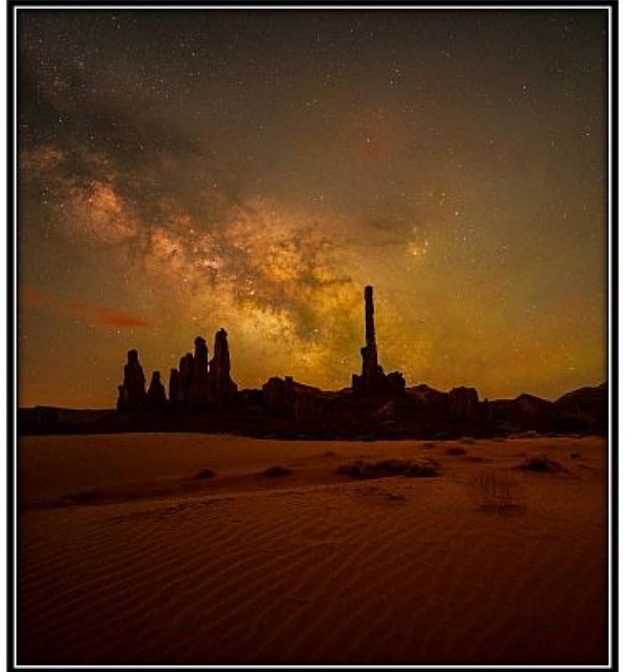
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what we were getting ourselves into. A piece of advice, no amount of internet research will adequately prepare one for a visit at night to an unexplored location. The first hour of our three-hour journey was during sunset and twilight, the next two hours in darkness, the view consisted of the dark asphalt road and brief glimpses of headlight illuminated tree trunks and reflective road warning signs and the glow of our instrument panel. The last hour was a steep climb up a serpentine road with enumerable switchbacks. At our destination we were greeted by hundreds of Aurora enthusiasts in a party mood and towering snow drifts. They, like us, were not deterred, even the small possibility of seeing one of nature's spectacular light shows was enough to pull them out into viewing a night sky.

Too get away from the crowds and all their light pollution we donned head lamps and hiked over a mountain trail covered in snow. That was an adventure all of its own, as we slipped and stumbled, in a land we could not see, to a point we did not know. For the next two hours we took pictures of the night sky until tiredness and cold told us it was time to leave. Colin called an end to our night sky viewing by stating that he was burnt, cold, and tired. Back at the parking lot the crowd had diminished, we quickly loaded our gear, stripped off extra clothing and made the three-hour nighttime drive home, to crash at dawn. Just a month later, Colin, Darren and my Daughter, Nicole, were laid back on lounge chairs in our backyard to witness the Perseid meteor shower.

We witnessed falling stars, just not in great numbers, even out here in our rural location, neighbor's porch lights and the nighttime city glow from Puyallup and Auburn, decrease the clarity of the night, masking the lighter flash of vaporizing rocks in our upper atmosphere. While not spectacular the meteor shower gave us a reason to gather under a night sky and appreciate the heaven above. We gleefully pointed out meteor sightings, that were gone before the others could shift their view.

I just returned from a camping trip with two of my grandsons on the Olympic coast, guests of the Makah Indian Tribe. (The name Makah was given to them by the neighboring tribes it means "people generous with food". They have inhabited their home (Cape Flattery and Neah Bay) for over 3,800 years. Their maritime knowledge has allowed them to survive and flourish long before encounters with European cultures. The Makah museum is eye opening and amazing; I have now been through it twice.) During the day we hiked and explored Cape Flattery, Hobuck and Shi Shi beaches. At night we listened to the booming sound of Pacific Ocean surf, while sitting around our campfire. Each evening we watched the emergence of stars. On one evening we discussed the earth's rotation speed, which is close to 1000 miles-per-hour as it turns in its twenty-four-hour day cycle.



Picture by Steve Egge – Totem Rock and the Milky Way

In its yearly rotation around the sun, our earth travels 584 million miles at a speed of 66,616 miles-per-hour. Because both of these speeds are constant, we have no sensation of movement. Our only sensory measure of movement is by sight, and for us, that is the stars, moon, and sun movement in our heaven. And from our position on earth and within our planet's atmosphere it appears as if we are still, and everything else is revolving around us. It took humans a while to discover that our misinterpretation of our observations led us down a false path. Is it any wonder that we have an outsized opinion of our place in the universe. By putting ourselves above nature, we have put ourselves in danger of destroying ourselves.

In my time upon this Earth, I have been fortunate to have viewed our night sky from places of beauty and wonder. From the slopes of the San Francisco Peaks and the Sonoran Deserts of Arizona, the High Desert of Nevada. The High Sierra Nevada Mountains of California and Nevada. The Pacific Coast, from Canada to Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands, Hong Kong and China. In the Cascades and the Rockies, the great plains, the eastern seaboard, Okefenokee swamp and the Yucatan Peninsula. Each viewing always leaves me wishing for more. As a mote of dust in this wonderful magical world I feel blessed to have grasped even a small part of the beauty in this vast Universe, where our tiny earth floats amongst the stars.

My wish upon a falling star: "May we as a people take our rightful place, and again become one with the earth and not put ourselves above it".

Thank you for joining me on a journey to the stars. May you find yourself often gazing up and out into the richness of the cosmos.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com

"The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live." – S. Neal

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

"Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after" - Henry David Thoreau

*~ In The Past ~*

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers  
'The Fly Line' -

March of 1980

Editor: Ed Monger



This *~ In The Past ~* article was published in 1980. The information it contains is **43** years out of date and is not accurate.

*This is a historical document only.*

**Program:** Bruce Jones, March Program Chairman, will present Neal Daniel from Neal's Fly and Tackle in Tacoma. Neal will discuss new fly fishing tackle and techniques. This will be an excellent program for both veteran and novice fly fishers.

**Door Prizes:** Walton's Thumb  
Orvis retractable chain

**March Meeting:** A concerted effort is being made to get members and guests out for this meeting, particularly after the dismal showing last month (six members). The meeting is to be high-lighted with a "Swap Night", so bring any equipment which you would like to sell, trade (or unload). There should be some great deals in the making. Also, to make the meeting even more enjoyable, \$25 of free beer will be served!!!!

**New Vice President:** Jim Higgins was unanimously elected for the Vice President position vacated by Russ Grim. Jim has held every selective position in the club, but after a short vacation from these responsibilities has generously agreed to get his feet wet again and fill this position for us. Congratulations, Jim!!

**April Meeting:** The program chairman for April is Pat Trotter.

**April Fishout:** The April fishout will be at Prices Lake. Details will be worked out at this month's meeting.

**Fly of the Month:** No Name Given

Pat trotter sent us this fly in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We will give it to you just as Pat sent it to us.

Hook: #8 Atlantic Salmon style

Tail: Short piece of fluorescent flame colored yarn (like the steelhead drift fishermen use)

Body: Fluorescent white yarn (ditto drift fishermen)

Hackle: Fluorescent green

Wing: Two layers of bucktail, bottom half fluorescent

To the eye the breen and orange clash garishly - just like the Irish! But according to certain friends in the Longview area, this tiny fly combines the fluorescent colors very effectively for summer steelhead in the S.W. Washington streams. It is attributed to Jay Gaines of Longview. "A Fittin" pattern for the wearin' O' the green.

Bring yourself and a friend to the March meeting!!!!

# Alpine Fly Fishers



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**September 26**

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October 6, 2023

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Check out the FFI Donate page on line: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Donate/Presidents-Club>

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Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
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### Editors Note:

I am a proud member of Fly Fishers International and have been for over two decades. I really believe in what the FFI is doing and their goals. We are truly an "All Fish, All Waters" organization with strong beliefs in conservation and education. I belong to the President's Club as well as the Thousand Stewards program and the Legacy Circle. I would really like it if you, the reader, would join me in helping to support Fly Fishers International.



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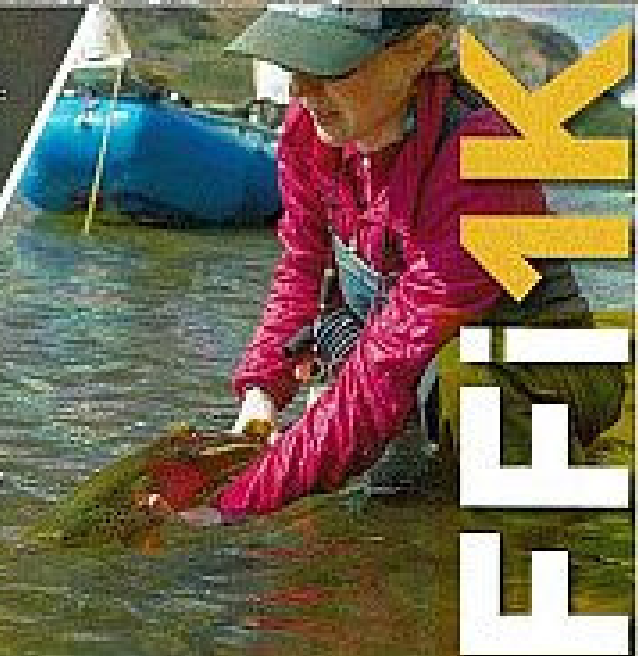
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FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

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## WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:

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We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!

**Membership application on the next page**



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Please fill out this form carefully and legibly, the form will be the basis from which your FFI Membership will be built.

### FFI Membership Form

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State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club(s) Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: Check  Cash  Card  Square  Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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### Membership Levels

Each FFI Membership level includes full access to the FFI Learning Center, Online access to both spring and fall issues of the Flyfisher Magazine, and discounts and benefits from a huge variety of FFI partners.

\*First time joining the FFI? Mark this box  \*Renewing your FFI Membership? Mark this box

Standard - \$35 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Advocate - \$75 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Steward - \$125 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainer - \$250 / Yr <input type="checkbox"/>
Includes full access to FFI Learning Center, Online	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*	*Includes all Benefits of Standard Membership!*
Access to Fly Fisher Magazine Discounts and Benefits from FFI's Partners	Choice of FFI Hat, or 1 year subscription to Flyfisher Magazine  Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Subscription <input type="checkbox"/>	Also Includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FFI Hat</li> <li>• Magazine Subscription</li> <li>• 1-year Subscription to OnWater App</li> </ul>	Also Includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airflo Fly Line</li> <li>• FFI Hat</li> <li>• Magazine Subscription</li> </ul>

I am 65 or Older  I am a Veteran  Youth Membership  Age 22 or younger  
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## Join the Legacy Circle



### What is the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle?

FFI established the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle in 2019 as a way to honor the tremendous imprint Lee and Joan have left on the world of fly fishing and the contributions they have made to Fly Fishers International. Planned giving through your estate can be one of the most transformative gifts to FFI.

#### Why Join?

There is perhaps no more profound way to establish your legacy withing the sport of fly fishing than by naming Fly Fishers International as a beneficiary in your estate plan.

#### How Your Bequest Will be Used

Your gift to the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle will be used to fund the Education and Conservation programs of Fly Fishers International.

#### What You Need to Include

Legal Name: Fly Fishers International, Inc.

Designation: Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 23-7037444

Address: Fly Fishers International, 1201 US Highway 10 West, Suite E, Livingston, MT 59047

#### Sample Language in Estate Document

Residual Gift: "All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

A Percentage of the Estate: "I give \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana.",

A Fixed Amount of Money or a Designated Property: "I give \$\_\_\_\_\_, (or describe the real or personal property, including legal description or exact location) to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana.

#### Please Let FFI Know

Maybe you have already included FFI in your estate plans or you are going to do that now. Please let us know. We would like to honor your legacy and acknowledge your generosity that directly impacts the future of fly fishing.

#### Need More Information?

Please contact Patrick Berry, the President and CEO of Fly Fishers International at [pberry@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:pberry@flyfishersinternational.org).

# September / October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn. The cricket chirps in the noontide, making the most of what remains of his brief life. The bumblebee is busy among the clover blossoms of the aftermath, and their shrill and dreamy hum hold the outdoor world above the voices of the song birds, now silent or departed." - September Days By Rowland E. Robinson, Vermont.

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	<b>26 Club Meeting</b>	27	28	29	30

<b>1 October</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	<b>24 Club Meeting</b>	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p><i>"Once more their weird laughter of the loons comes to my ear, the distance lends it a musical, melancholy sound. For a dangerous ledge off the lighthouse island floats in on the still air the gentle tolling of a warning bell as it swings on the rocking buoy; it might be tolling for the passing of summer and sweet weather with that persistent, pensive chime." - Celia Thaxter</i></p>			

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