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Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

October 24

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1000 Stewards member



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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Well, at the time I am writing this, we have only had two club members who sent me the information about the FFI Summer Sweepstakes tickets that they purchased. Enough said.

The fall weather has finally arrived, and do we ever need the rain. This past summer, I have watched our trees and brush as they slowly displayed signs of the stress they were undergoing, no rain, or at least any that made a difference, for so long really put the hurt on the plants. That same lack of rain also caused many of our streams and rivers to be far too low, not good for any of the aquatic life living in it.

I know we all like the sun, but there are times when it is just too much. Yes, after we have had weeks of rain, we will start grouching about the rain as well, but just remember that the ground water levels need to be resupplied with fresh water as do our rivers and lakes.

We had an enjoyable meeting this past week. Twelve of us showed up and I know of four who had to stay home for medical reasons. That would have made sixteen people. I know there are more of you out there, please start coming back to our meetings.

Some of the members had a great summer of fishing and many stories were told. We also filled out the Raffle Board. We will pluck a winner out of a container and also start a new raffle board. I have some really great prizes that the winner will be able to pick from, and the only way they get to do that is by buying squares on the raffle board.

On page 5 our Washington State Council president, Steve Jones, writes about the busy year the council is going to have in 2024. Make sure you read that. Also, on page 7 Don Simonson, our Washington State Council, Board of Director member writes a quick word about improving your casting and what the FFI is doing to try to help you in that endeavor.

Matt Klaiber, new owner of the Puget Sound Fly Shop in Tacoma, will be our guest speaker on October 24th. Come to the meeting and see what he has to say.

I can't stress enough the need to be really safe out there when fishing during the fall and winter, it is really easy to succumb to hypothermia so dress properly and be safe.

"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

October 2009

TAK'S CRYSTAL MIDGE

By Bob Bates



There are thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of midge (chironomid) patterns. Every time I turn around my friends have a new chironomid pattern that is a better fish catcher than the old one. At the 2009 Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Loveland, Colorado I stopped at Rich Takahashi's table to see what he was demonstrating. Guess what, it was another midge pattern. However, this one is a little different. It is different by the way the body and rib are put on and how it is finished with a body coating that is cured with ultra-violet light.

Fishing a chironomid can take many paths. One is to use a sink-tip or full sinking line, let the line and fly sink to where you think the fish are. Sometimes, but not always, a fish finder can help locate these fish. If you don't have one you can start out with usual rule: "At or one foot off the bottom." The retrieve can be a slow hand twist or a variety of strip pause retrieves.

Many anglers do as some say "go bobber fishin" which is another name for using a strike indicator. The length of leader and tippet between the fly and strike indicator puts the fly just above the bottom. All you have to do is watch the bobber, and hope that it does something other than just sit there. If the strike indicator sinks give the rod a long sweeping strike to straighten out the 90 degree bend between the fly line and leader. If you are fishing in 10 to 20 feet of water a quick short strike will not do the job.

A few years ago I was fishing in 5 feet of water and using a slow retrieve. My fly was at 4 feet, and no fish were interested. Then the WIND made me throw a bow tie in the leader, which left the fly at 2 feet below the surface. Fish started hitting the fly on almost every cast. So it was good that I didn't stay near the bottom as the rule dictated.

Also remember with bobber fishing a fish will usually hit as you are pouring a cup of coffee or watching an eagle fly by.

Materials list:

- ◇ Hook: Tiemco TMC 2302 – size 10 to 22
- ◇ Thread: Uni 8/0, white
- ◇ Abdomen and rib: Stretch Magic, 0.5 mm, Olive or Clear
- ◇ Top Wingcase: Mirage tinsel, large
- ◇ Side Wingcase: Biots, brown or color to match the natural
- ◇ Gills: Oral-B ultra floss, white
- ◇ Protective Coating: Loon Fly Finish Clear

Tying steps:

1. Attach thread about three eye widths behind eye.
2. Secure Stretch Magic with about two eye widths of thread, and return thread to original tie in point.
3. Put some tension on the Stretch Magic and wind it rearward to a point beyond the barb.
4. Hold up the Stretch Magic and color it with a dark color marker. On this fly Rick used a red marker.
5. Spiral the rib forward, secure and trim.
6. Attach clear tinsel on top of hook and wind thread forward. Attach a brown biot on each side of hook. Have the concave curve on the biots to the outside
7. Wind thread forward to one eye width from the eye. Then use a dark permanent marker, and color all the way around the thorax.
8. Bring the tinsel forward, secure, then move biots forward and secure. The biots represent the developing wingcase.
9. Trim off excess tinsel and biots.
10. Attach breathing gills with a figure eight wind at the front of the wingcase. Rick used poly yarn until a friend told him about Oral-B ultra floss.
11. Whip finish behind the gills, trim thread and trim gills short.
12. Coat abdomen and wingcases with Loon Fly Finish. Expose to ultra violet light for a few seconds until the plastic sets. Several uv-cure products indicate that the plastic will cure in direct sunlight. However, it will not cure if the sunlight is filtered by glass.

This mimics the chironomids that are more transparent than the solid black, olive, etc. species we frequently see. The acrylic plastic sets much quicker than any of the solvent evaporation cements. If the Stretch Magic is not in your fly shop; look for it in craft or scrapbook supply stores. I guess the message here is to explore a little for material that can be used for fly tying. The fish don't know that you didn't find it in a fly shop.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

"Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude, Nothing Remains the Same"– Jimmy Buffett

Saturday morning, opened with fair skies and fair seas. The liquid luminance of Flathead's water was mirror calm, the Swan Mountain Range's reflection barely revealed a ripple in its mirrored beauty. We were five days into our family gathering in Somers Montana, Terry and I were visiting two of my three sisters when I received a disquieting text from our daughter. She was sharing with me her sorrow at learning of the passing of Jimmy Buffett. Our children grew up listening to Jimmy Buffett with us. At home his albums played on our Stereo and in the car on cassette tapes. Many times, in the years of their raising, family journeys began and ended with Jimmy's musical stories brightening our travels. As the four of us prepared a picnic breakfast, for a planned trip into the Swan Mountain Range and Jewel Basin, I perused news feeds for more information. As we drove around Flathead Lake and then up into the Swan Mountains, I played A1A and other albums as the road wound higher towards Jewel Basin. Over the next two weeks of our stay, Jimmy's music was part of our playlist on our auto excursions.

Each song that played took me back through the years on a journey of remembrances. At an early age I fell in love with music, I had a collection of 78 rpm records that I'm sure I played over and over again much to the chagrin of my parents. I tried various musical instruments but never got past the handshake phase. The one instrument that I could play was the phonograph. These grew in sophistication as I inched taller. I somehow always managed to have a stereo phonograph player.



When I got my first job after I moved away from home, each Saturday after payday would find me in Tower Records. For 20 bucks I could take home four new album releases to spin on the turntable, these would satisfy my music thirst for two weeks until my next payday. After living in Arizona, Terry and I moved to Nevada Ranch country. After getting settled on the ranch, Terry and my first big purchase was a new turntable, amplifier, receiver, and speakers. When the delivery truck pulled up to deliver our order, all our fellow buckaroos, wives, and miniature adults, gathered to witness the delivery. They walked away mystified and confused when it was discovered that it was a stereo system and not a TV. Terry and I heard them mutter as they dispersed, why'd they get a stereo and not a TV. As soon as it was set up and the turntable spun up, music filled our trailer home. Between TV and Music, Music always wins.

In the early 70's I heard two singer songwriters that have remained a part of my play list ever since. Jimmy Buffett and Jerry Jeff Walker. "Mr. Bojangles" soon followed by "Getting By" were my entrance pieces into Jerry Jeff's rowdy Texas western genre with Caribbean under tones. A couple years latter Jimmy Buffett entered my listening sphere with "Come Monday". Jimmy's self-claimed writing style was that he had a Caribbean Soul with a little Texas hidden away in his heart. My record collection of these two artists continued to grow as they released new music. The pace of acquired music fluctuated contingent upon my income, acquisition of music collapsed during my college years, but resumed with graduation and a new career.

We lost Jerry Jeff in October of 2020 and now Jimmy this September. As my music collection increased so did my knowledge of each artist. My listening experience grew deeper when I learned that they were friends who met while busking on the street to start their music careers. Jerry Jeff introduced Jimmy to Key West, Florida at a low point in Jimmy's career ark, Jimmy was almost ready to quit. Jimmy's introduction to Key West by Jerry Jeff brought him to his new home and reignited his musical spirit. Tough times still followed but the release of "Come Monday" placed his feet firmly on the path of making a living writing and playing music. Jimmy Buffet claimed that he was an entertainer, that was his strong suit. His singing and guitar mastery was not up to the level of his admired contemporaries. He always remained humble and amazed that his music career took off while others that he felt were better than him did not. And yet his fellow artists hold him in very high regard. Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney, Alan Jackson, and Clint Black are a small example of fellow musicians who admire and praise his body of work. Jimmy freely helped new artists enter the music business and introduced more to a wider audience by including their works in his recordings and performances. Jimmy's effervescence and joy of living shone through his music and his interaction with all he met. The ultimate short story is a song, one must tell a complete and compelling story in three minutes and thirty seconds. The next hurdle is your audience, once you release a song it is no longer yours, every listener has their own interpretation of your story. We all need to find something in a song that pulls us in and gives us something to identify with. Jimmy managed to do that with his fans for over five decades. He has parrot head fans from my parents' generation to young kids of today.

For me, it was his stories and his ability to cover deep subjects with an up-tempo and lighthearted presentation.

Joyful noise is a great descriptor of his and Jerry Jeff's music. Jimmy's songs come from his own everyday experiences and those of friends and acquaintances. Lines found on bathroom walls, stories gleaned from the coconut telegraph, Mr. Buffett's stories, came from ordinary happenings. "Blew out my flip-flop and stepped on a pop top", "Trying to reason with hurricane season", "Mother, mother ocean I have heard you call, wanted to sail on your waters since I was three feet tall", "Come Monday it will all be alright". His songs took me to places I have been and dreamed of going to, and shared experiences I have lived through. I too have fallen in love with a fictional character read in a library book. Sat upon my grandfather's knee and listened to stories of bygone days. Surfed the Pacific, fished its waters, explored beneath its waves, played on its shores, and imagined buccaneers and treasure. Mother, mother ocean, calls to me as strongly today as it did in my childhood. His music has been classified as tropical escapism, for me it is his ability to celebrate our trip around the sun, we are not in charge, life is out of our control, good or bad it is far better to enjoy the ride.

Jimmy and Jerry Jeff wrote about everyday events, the silly, the sad, the tragic, the joyful, the problematic, the puzzling, the sorrow, and the successes. These are the moments in which we live our lives. Their stories and music were my stories, "...Through 86 years of perpetual motion If he likes you, he'll smile then he'll say Jimmy, some of its magic and some of its tragic but I had a good life all the way..." – He went to Paris - Jimmy Buffett.

Life has a way of bringing us back to the present, we cannot live in the past, and we cannot live in the future. The present is our only time of living. What we get, is what we get. The best we can expect is a draw, each moment makes us what we are.

Jimmy and Jerry Jeff lived their lives from dead ends to open roads, some of it magic some of it tragic and they learned early to approach it with a let it go attitude. "According to my watch, the time is now. Past is dead and gone, Don't try to shake it, just nod your head. Breath in, breath out, move on." – Breath in, Breath out Move on - Jimmy Buffett. "Gettin' by on gettin' by is my stock and trade, living it day by day, letting the high times carry the load." – Gitten' By-Jerry Jeff Walker.



One of the many things I picked up in following Jimmy's joyful noise over the years was that he was an avid fly fisherman, which elevated him in my personal book. Fly Fishing tales are featured and pop up in all five of his books. One of his favorite pass times was bone fishing on the island flats on a stand-up-paddleboard, his friends tell stories of him disappearing for hours before showing back up with a big smile on his face. He had a close group of friends that he regularly fished with and who shared his love of fly fishing. My fishing buddies share a love of music and fly fishing and the joy it brings to us in our trip around the sun.

Jimmy and Jerry Jeff's music brings a smile to my face and leaves me feeling upbeat about life. As does fly fishing, focusing on the simple things that bring us pleasure, allows us to keep life in perspective. Joyful noise, a beach, salt flats or a river all hold the promise of helping us slow down and grasp the here and now. Pick up a fly rod, listen to Jimmy or Jerry Jeff, or whomever brings joyful noise to your life. Both will be good for you and your soul.

Thank you, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Jimmy Buffett, for your joyful noise that helped us celebrate life.

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



FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

Washington State Council

Busy Year Ahead

By Steve Jones



For members of FFI in Washington, 2024 will be a busy year. The Washington State Council will be leading or participating in three events in different parts of the state between spring and fall in an effort to reach as many FFI members as possible and recruit new members.

FFI will lead events in Seattle and Vancouver and participate in a Bellevue show in an effort to take FFI's message on the road to as many people as possible. Since the Covid pandemic fly fishing has enjoyed a surge of popularity in Washington and nationwide. Fly fishing was a logical pursuit during pandemic because social distancing is built into the sport. And it continues to appeal to people because of its simplicity and the artful in-water casting that connects the angler with fish, and nature. With its focus on teaching skills and techniques now is the time for FFI to grow with the sport.

Our 2024 outreach will kickoff in February at The Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue where the Washington State Council will host the "Learning Center" at the show where participants can learn fly tying techniques, knots, casting skills and more. The **Feb. 17-18** event at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue is one of seven Fly Fishing Shows nationwide next year. Fly Fishers International struck a deal with the show promoters to host the Learning Center at each of the shows. In return, FFI is receiving booth space and front-page billing in online promotional materials across the country. Bellevue, WA | The Fly Fishing Show That means FFI councils in Massachusetts, Colorado, New Jersey, Georgia, California and Pennsylvania are pitching in just like the Washington Council to put FFI's best foot forward at the shows.

Then on **May 4**, the Washington State Council will host its third Fly Casting Fair at Ballinger Park in the Mountlake Terrace neighborhood of Seattle. Like past year's fair, the May event will feature a rotating series of the best fly tiers in the Northwest, introductory fly tying classes and a full day of casting classes for beginners and advanced fishers.

Finally, in **September** the Washington State Council will host a Fly Casting Fair in Vancouver to reach the large fly fishing community –and many FFI members—in Southwest Washington. The one-day event will be similar to events at Ballinger Park and include both tying and casting instruction. The exact date and location of that event will be announced in our winter newsletter.

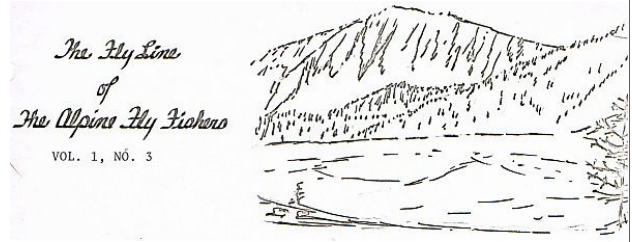
FFI is in a good position to become a friend and guide to all the new people coming to our sport. We've got the knowledge, the skilled instructors and with these events we are taking a helpful approach that can win friends. On top of that, we have the benefit of the fact that trout and salmon live in beautiful places. For newcomers seeking a bond with the outdoors fly fishing is attractive. FFI has the know how to turn that curiosity into a solid connection.

~ In The Past ~

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

April 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: Pat Trotter, April program chairman, will present Frank Amato, editor of "Salmon, Trout, Steelheader" magazine. Frank will give a slide show entitled "The Four Seasons of Steelheading".

Door Prizes: The book "Tying and Fishing The Thunder Creek Series" by Keith Flusher. One roll of 35mm slide film with processing envelope.

Dues Are Overdue! There are quite a few members who have not paid their dues of \$7.50, which were due the first of January. This will be the last newsletter to those who have not paid their dues.

April Fishout: Chris Jones is the coordinator for the Price Lake Fishout to be held on April 26th. As there is no campground or even parking space with much room, each person will be responsible for their own food and beverages. Two Wheatley Fly boxes filled with flies will be raffled off at the fishout, at \$1.00 per chance.

Deschutes River Fishout: This will again be headed up by Phil White. Phil will hike in on Tuesday, May 27th and come back on Sunday, June 1st. Phil is negotiating to make some arrangement so we will not have to pack our gear in the full 8 miles.

May Meeting: Jim Higgins is the program chairman for the May meeting.

Fly of the Month

Hook: Ring eye 4-6x long, size 8 - 10

Thread: Red

Body: Red yarn

Rib: Silver tinsel

Top wing: Green deer hair

Bottom wing: White deer hair

Eyes: Can paint it if desired

The Wings are tied with the tips forward - bend the hair back both on top and bottom. Tie in with red thread at the throat leaving a red collar, this leaves a line of green on top and red on bottom.

Alpine Fly Fishers

For The Year 2023

October 24

November 28 / December 19

No meetings in July or August

All meetings will be at the Puerto Vallarta

How to enhance your enjoyment in fly fishing by casting better.

By Don Simonson



The FFI established the Certified Instructor Casting Program. (CICP), in 1992. Since then, we have contributed over 1000 certified qualified casting instructors to the fly fishing community. FFI has also established a casting education program with several different options.

The CICP is now in the process of expanding its scope to include under its umbrella the Casting Skills Development Program, (CSDP).

Through the FFI learning center we will provide the CSDP. This is a fun casting event allowing one to improve their casting skills. FFI also conducts periodic regional fly fishing expos/clinics which allow certified instructors to conduct workshops at all levels of casting expertise from beginning to advanced.

We at the Washington State Council FFI are here to assist you if you are interested in conducting a casting outing at your fly club, casting group, or individual event. Whether it is a CSDP or an instruction workshop we can provide the Certified Casting Instructors and the necessary equipment to help you present it.

Please contact us with questions or comments.

Don Simonson
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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
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, and FFI hat

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- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
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- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.

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- 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
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI embroidered shirt, and an FFI Yeti mug
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.
- Unique, customized FFI Special edition fly rod when member reaches the \$100,000 level

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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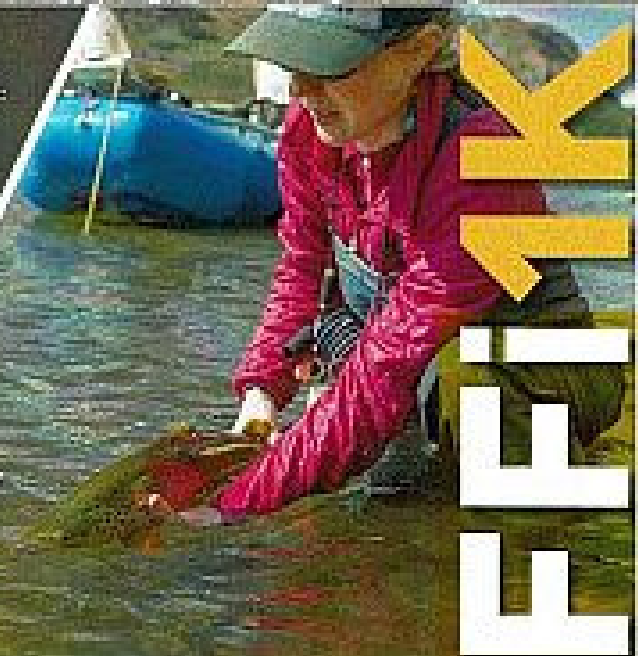
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- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- **CAMARADERIE AMONG ANGLERS** built at our annual fair and other events

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- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

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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.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:

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- ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES and initiatives for conservation issues.
- STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY by sharing knowledge and experiences.
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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.",

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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.

October / November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 October	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Club Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<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>			

"Pleasures lie thickest where no pleasures seem: There's not a leaf that falls upon the ground But holds some joy of silence or of sound, Some spirits begotten of a summer dream."
- Laman Blanchard

			1 November	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Club Meeting	29	30	<i>"I saw the lovely arch Of rainbow span the sky, The gold sun burning As the rain swept by." - Elizabeth Coatsworth, November</i>	

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