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A Message from the President

As we look forward to another year, let's not forget that this year is not yet over and we still have the Holiday Party to look forward to in December. The Holiday Party is organized by the tireless efforts of Cheryl Findlay and her husband Bruce. If you missed this fantastic event in the past, you should make a resolution to put it on your calendar for 2013, you will not be disappointed!

I look forward to another year of continued success and anticipate nothing but opportunities for our members to participate in the interesting and informative meeting programs led by Denis LaCroix as well as a variety of club outings that take members to a wide range of places to share in our fly fishing sport. Rich Batiuk has served as our outings coordinator for the past two years and it is time to pass on this responsibility to another club member. He will work a new coordinator and already has most of the set up in place for someone to step in and take over.

You can read more about these programs and outings in this issue of the newsletter.

I would like to see our membership continue to grow and retain the wonderful members that we already have thanks to the efforts of Frank Bowne. A membership renewal form is attached to this newsletter. As you may remember during this past year we reduced the membership fee for seniors age 55 and over to \$10, a real bargain in today's economy where we see prices continue to rise.

The first Saturday in January begins the Saturday morning fly tying sessions at the club house which will continue through February. This is in addition to the monthly tying sessions on the first Saturday of each month.

So spread the word and enjoy your membership in FSFF. 🍀

Monthly meetings are held in the FSFF Clubhouse

The **Free State Fly Fishers** meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM except December, June, July and August. The meeting site is located in Davidsonville, MD at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC) in the Clubhouse behind Ford Hall, on Queen Anne Bridge Road off of MD Route 214.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DAVIDSONVILLE FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

From Rt 50/301: Take Davidsonville Rd (Rt 424) south 3.2 miles to Rt 214. Go right 0.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.

From Rt 2: Take Rt 214 west 3.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.



2013 Holiday Party - Cheryl Findlay

Mark your calendar now for the FFF Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at Mike's Restaurant in Edgewater. The cost this year will be \$38 per person which includes an open bar (beer and wine) from 6pm – 8pm, and a selection of dinner entrees including (subject to change) Crab Cakes, Stuffed Flounder, Rack of Ribs, Orange Roughy, Fried Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna.

Pre-paid reservations are required no later than 28 November, 2013.

A Reservation form is attached to this newsletter.

I will be at the November meeting to collect your reservation or you can mail your reservation to the address on the form.

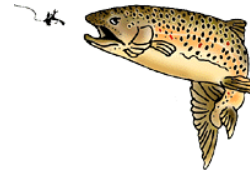
To make this an even better Holiday Party, we are asking member for assistance in locating items for the raffle. Now is a good time to find stores that need to make room for new inventory, so if you have a contact with local merchants, please contact them asking for donations. Gently used fishing equipment as well as non-fishing items is also welcome. Donations will be acknowledged with a letter that can be used for tax purposes. Please let Cheryl Findlay know of any donations that you receive for the Holiday Party raffle and auction.

Hope to see you at the Party! 🌸

Monthly Programs - Denis LaCroix

Once again Denis has lined up an interesting list of speakers to provide informative and interesting programs for our monthly meetings that include John Scarborough in November as he speaks about "Spring Creek Canyon, PA," the most popular "Catch & Release" stocked trout stream in Center County, PA. In the New Year will hear Luis Santiago talk about "Fly Fishing Puerto Rico & Michigan Carp Fly Fishing" and Getty Browning, from St. Croix Rods will present a discussion of what's new in Fly Fishing. 🌸

Be sure to mark your calendars and check your email to watch for monthly meeting reminders.



Club Outings

The job of outings coordinator is really quite simple. The outing leader just lets the coordinator know which outing they will lead, write up a one page flyer for the outing, show up at the meeting place the day of the outing, and then catch more fish than your fellow members! It's just that easy.

If you have an alternative idea for where we can go fishing, just suggest it and we will add it to the outing calendar. During fishing season, our goal is to host at least one if not more outings each month. We want to provide opportunities to catch a variety of fish across the mid-Atlantic region. 🌸



2014 Fly Tying Update - George Vincent

Our class size continues to grow as we continue to tie new patterns that we have never tied before in order to improve our skills and expand our fly boxes. Thanks to the efforts of Wayne Blake-Hedges we will continue to encourage the use of a variety of materials and be innovative in their application.

So set aside Saturday mornings and join us for fellowship and innovative tying throughout January and February at the clubhouse where tyers of all levels can tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone their skills. 🌸





Winter 2012 Treasurer's Report - Tom Gooding

The balance in the club treasury is stable with expenditures to the Federation of Fly Fishers for membership dues, for insurance, for the Post Office Box and the purchase of a new projector.

FSFF coffee mugs and patches are available at the monthly meetings for \$3.00 each and hats are available for \$15.00 each. 🌸

2014 Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your membership for 2013. Membership fees are \$15 or \$10 for members over 65. To renew your membership, please print the membership form in the newsletter and send it along with a check payable to the Free State Fly Fishers to:

Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436

Each month you will receive and email notification when a new on-line newsletter is available on the FSFF Listserve and you will receive an email reminding you of the monthly meeting.

If you address, phone number or email address have changed, please be sure to highlight that on the form.

A membership application appears at the end of this newsletter. 🌸



FSFF Listserve Online

The FSFF Listserve is gathering place for the members of Free State Fly Fishers. Our membership is drawn mostly from Annapolis, Bowie, Davidsonville, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.

As an added benefit of membership in the Free State Fly Fishers (FSFF), this Listserve is set up to help members stay in touch with each other. It is also a means of distributing meeting information to members. 🌸

Members must subscribe to the club Listserve (Mailing List) by sending an email to:

fs-ff-subscribe@yahoo.com

For more information check out:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/fs-ff/info>



Help To Stop Poachers

Reminder - If you spot poaching please place a call to

Catch a Poacher Hotline at 1-800-635-6124

A cash reward is available for information leading to an arrest and conviction of a violator.

REPORT POACHERS!!

An Invitation From

Free State Fly Fishers

to join us at our

Holiday Dinner on December 4th, 2013

at

**Mike's Crab House on the South River
at the Riva Road Bridge**

Beer/Wine at 6:00 pm

Dinner service to begin at 7:00 pm

For more information contact Cheryl Findlay at cf21403@gmail.com

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Includes dinner with beer, wine, soda

Make checks payable to Free State Fly Fishers and mail with the following information to:

Cheryl Findlay
PO Box 3203
Annapolis, MD 21403

Checks *must* be received by 28 November, 2013

Name: _____ *entrée choice:* _____

Total number of tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email address: _____

Names of other guests in your party *and entrée choice:* _____



FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

2014 Membership Application

Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

If renewal → Is this a new address, phone number or email address?
 Yes or No

Type of Membership:

- Senior (55 or older) \$10.00
 Junior (16 or younger) \$10.00
 Regular \$15.00

Payment Method: Cash Check

Make checks payable to: FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC

Renewal _____ **or New Member** _____

May we share your contact information with other club members? Yes No

Send Application and Payment to:
Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436



Federation of Fly Fishers

News and Items of Interest

**Federation of Fly Fishers –
PO Box 1688, Livingston MT 59047
406-222-9369**

Conservation News

Conservation is one of the founding principles of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Contributing over 40 years of conservation work, the Federation of Fly Fishers is proud to continue protecting our fisheries and angling opportunities for the future.

The grassroots activities done by the work of our many Clubs and Councils are the heart of our conservation efforts. River trash pick-up, stream habitat restoration or letter drives to local government officials are all examples of conservation work.

FFF Announcements

The Federation of Fly Fishers supports the rights of anglers to recreationally pursue fishing in the waters of the United States.

The U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972 establishes a policy of maintaining fishable waters. The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members wholeheartedly accept this provision and adopt the following pro-active policy in support of the Clean Water Act.

The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members shall...

- Support the Federal and State environmental agencies in their implementation and enforcement of water quality standards applicable to fish.
- Coordinate our volunteer activities and financial resources with other conservation and environmental organizations seeking to protect water quality;
- Participate in clean-up and restoration projects to build or improve fisheries;
- Encourage our members to monitor our favorite fishing streams and lakes by utilizing the appropriate tests from the FFF or other sources to measure temperatures, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and other state and federal water quality measures to assure compliance with established standards;
- Report pollution events (oil and chemical spills, suspected polluting outfalls, violations of water quality standards, etc.) to emergency and enforcement officials.
- In appreciation of the quality resources gifted us by our forbearers; we shall leave these resources no less diminished to our children.