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An Important 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 on December 3rd. 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 2014, you will not be disappointed!

It is rather disappointing and discouraging to have a guest speaker and a poor attendance of the membership. Therefore, I ask that you please try to attend if possible. Meetings are generally over by 9PM and do not require a large commitment of your time.

We are fortunate to have a terrific membership with many members devoting a great deal of effort to make FSFF an enjoyable club worthy of your attention and I look forward to many continued opportunities for everyone to participate in the informative meetings presented by Denis LaCroix, the variety of outings organized by John Donnelly and Jeff Bahr, fly tying classes presented by Wayne Blake-Hedges and Luis Santiago and those by many others that make it possible for you to be able to share in our fly fishing sport.

As our membership continues to grow and we retain our wonderful members, we also need an increase in attendance in club events that we already have thanks to these efforts. Membership is a real bargain in today's economy where we see prices continue to rise and a renewal form is attached to this newsletter and can be mailed to Frank Bowne.

Club meetings always begin at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month and fly tying is always on the first Saturday of the month from 10AM til Noon. Notices are sent out 7 days and 2 days prior to all club events (Meetings, Outings, Fly Tying, etc.).

The first Saturday in January once again 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.

I look forward to seeing **everyone** at the November meeting. 🍁

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, 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.



2014 Holiday Party - Cheryl Findlay

Mark your calendar now for the FFF Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at Mike's Restaurant in Edgewater. The cost will be \$40 per person which includes a selection of dinner entrees including Crab Cakes, Stuffed Flounder, Rack of Ribs, Fried Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna. There will be a cash bar this year. Dessert is included.

Pre-paid reservations are required no later than 26 November. If you haven't received an invitation/reservation form via email, send a note to me at cf21403@gmail.com and I will send one out.

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. And, not just fishing items as we have spouses and guests that like to take chances on the raffles. Or, perhaps you have items that you would like to donate to the raffle. Donations will be acknowledged with a letter that can be used for tax purposes. Please let me know (cf21403@gmail.com) of any donations for the Holiday Party raffle and auction. 🌟

A Reservation form is attached to this newsletter.

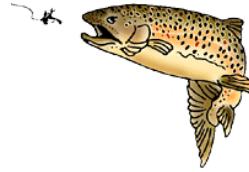
Monthly Programs - Denis LaCroix



Once again Denis has lined up an interesting list of speakers to provide informative and interesting programs for our monthly meetings that include in November Dick Richard Friis who will tell us about his "*Fishing in the Russia Kamshinska Peninsula.*" **Be sure to mark your calendars and check your email to watch for monthly meeting reminders.** 🌟

Club Outings - John Donnelly and Jeff Bahr

Check out the Outings schedule to see what is planned to date, from trout in the Upper Delaware in New York to Pennsylvania limestone trout to Shenandoah smallmouth bass.



- Got an idea for an outing? Please contact John Donnelly or Jeff Bahr, FSFF Outing Coordinators. You can reach John at 410-570-

1493 or john.w.d60@gmail.com. You can reach Jeff by phone at Home: 301-805-6985, or Work: 410-854-0771, bahrjt@hotmail.com or

jeffrey.t.bahr2@usace.army.mil. 🌟

2014 Fly Tying Update - George Vincent

Fly tyers continue to gather each month on the first Saturday from 10AM til Noon to tie a variety of patterns that coincide with the particular season where Wayne Blake-Hedges and Luis Santiago continue to offer an interesting array of patterns which encourage the use of a variety of materials.



Our class size continues to grow as we continue to tie these new patterns that we have never tied before in order to improve our skills and expand our fly boxes.

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



An Invitation From

Free State Fly Fishers

to join us at our

Holiday Dinner on December 3rd, 2014

at

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

Cash Bar begins at 6:00 pm

Dinner service to begin at 7:00 pm

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

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Dinner entrees including Crab Cakes, Stuffed Flounder, Rack of Ribs, Fried Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna. There will be a cash bar this year. Dessert is included.

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 **26 November, 2014**

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 Club Outings for 2014

Date	Location	Target Species	Outing Coordinator(s)
TBD	West Branch Delaware River/Susquehanna River, New York	Trout/Walleye	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 John.w.d60@gmail.com
January	Bahamas	Bonefish	
February	Severn River, MD	Pickereel	
March	South Central PA	Trout	
May	Unicorn Pond, MD	Bluegills	
November	Lake Erie, PA	Steelhead	
December	Chesapeake Bay Tunnel	Striped Bass	
All Year	Farm Ponds	Bass, Bluegill, Crappie	
	Local Water Bowie, MD	Bass, Bluegill, Crappie	George Vincent 301-249-6399 K3gv@verizon.net Mike Mattia



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!!



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>

FSFF Is On Facebook

Club member Luis Santiago has created a club Facebook page to share pictures and outing information. Feel free to join, comment and post. If you do not have a Facebook page or choose not to participate but have a photo you want share please feel free to email me directly lsantiag@arinc.com Also page feedback is welcomed. Thank you, Luis.

<https://www.facebook.com/FSFFMD> 🌸



FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

2015 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.