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### *A Message From the President*

*Constance Whiston*

Texas Women Fly Fishers welcomed the new year with a beautiful weekend of fly fishing on the Guadalupe River.

Our Vice President and Coordinator for the event, Sheila Hood arranged for our accommodations at The Summit, a private retreat on the river. We were pampered with little yellow bags of chocolate chip/oatmeal cookies in each room baked with love by Sheila. Sparkling, sunshiny days and low flows gave each of us a chance to fish. Our brother club, The Austin Fly Fishers, was camped at Upper Beans Campground, where many of our members fished all day Saturday. Alan Bray and Erik Baitalle helped several of our beginners in the fine art of nymph fishing for trout. Casting lessons up bank and knot tying help at the picnic table were taught by some of our more experienced TWFF members. Our evening meal was a barbecue banquet, thanks again to Sheila Hood. After the meal we voted on and congratulated our new officers and chairs: Sherri Ray (Vice President in charge of Fund Raising), Sarah Valentine (Secretary), Annette Blythe (Treasurer), Mary Cole (Greeting/Welcoming Chair) and Joy Emshoff (Conservation Chair). The night was topped off with a talk by Al Wilkie, our guest of honor. Al is Senior Advisor to the Federation of Fly Fishers and has an encyclopedia's worth of fly fishing credentials. Al spoke of the history of FFF, his years with Dallas Fly Fishers and "Womens Issues" - in his opinion, there are none, since we are all equal and FFF is concerned with conservation, education, instruction and sharing the joys of fly fishing with all.

Kudos to Rudi Donaldson for creating our new Texas Women Fly Fishers web site. Go to <http://www.twff.net> and check out her masterful design. You will find information on our next outing March 8, 9 & 10 at Tres Rios Campground, outside Glen Rose, Texas and the outings schedule for the remainder of the year.

There are plenty of photos, a bulletin board and much, much more. More thanks to Debi Prather our new Newsletter Editor who fired off our first edition of the year in January. Great job Debi — we appreciate your hard work!

Come join us for all of our 2002 outings and enjoy the food, friendship and fly fishing with Texas Women Fly Fishers.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Beverly (Bev ) Clegg, Wimberley**  
**Betty Rollings, Fredericksburg**  
**Jeanne S. Collins, Austin**  
**Mary Rohrer, Fredericksburg**  
**Larry Baker, Austin**  
**Kerri Stephenson, Austin**  
**Judith Phillips, Austin**

## TEXAS WOMEN FLY FISHERS

### Current Officers

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<http://www.twff.net>

Please visit our sponsor!



<http://www.fishgame.com>

## TRES RIOS OUTING UPDATE

*Constance Whiston*

The latest news on our **March Outing, March 8-10**

- River Trip - Canoe guide Ed Low, will bring 4 canoes and 4 friends to paddle fly fishing women who do not have canoes or kayaks or did not rent. This will be on a first come/first serve basis. Please plan to **bring your own canoe or kayak if possible** or rent from Rhodes Canoe Rental (254/ 897-4214). The trip will put in/start Saturday at 9 am and take out at 4 pm. (Direct river trip questions to Ed Low on Saturday.)
- Wade Fishing - Bring your boots/waders and wade fish
- Flies - Woolly Buggers, Poppers, Clousers, Nymphs recommended
- Fly Casting Class - Friday evening - some fly rods provided
- Fly Tying Classes - Martin Pursch will offer fly tying classes on Friday evening and Saturday at 10 am and 2 pm; he has about 8 vices/ tools so please bring your own if possible.
- Dinner will be served at 7 pm Saturday night by your river guide and restaurantheer, Ed Low. Fly Fishing Ed will serve Lasagna, Green Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Green Salad, Peach Cobbler, Ice Tea and Water. The cost is \$10. **You must preregister for the Saturday night dinner** by sending an email to the outing coordinator, Constance Whiston, cwhiston@io.com. Please pay Ed Low for your meal on Saturday night.
- All tying classes, dinner, group gathering, and late night visiting will take place in the dining hall. With two fireplaces, you will be warm and cozy.
- TWFF Business Mtg. - Everyone is invited to attend a short business meeting on Saturday night after the dinner/dessert.

For full details on the outing, see the TWFF Outings page, <http://www.twff.net/outings>. Send all your Tres Rios questions to: cwhiston@io.com.

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

	<u>One issue</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Swap/sell items — members	Free	
Text Ads (non-members)	\$5/ inch	--
Business Cards, Members	\$5	\$50
Business Cards, Others	\$7.50	\$75
1/4 Page Display	\$20	\$200
1/3 Page Display	\$30	\$300
1/2 Page Display	\$35	\$350
Full Page Display	\$50	--

All ads must be prepaid. Ads with graphics should be submitted as low resolution GIF or JPG files. Send to Newsletter Editor Debi Prather, dprather1@austin.rr.com

## BUD PRIDDY MEMORIAL ONE FLY CONTEST / TWFF LOST CANYON OUTING

May 17, 18 & 19, 2002

Camp Wood, TX

Coordinator: Rudi Donaldson rdonaldson@houston.rr.com

Join us for a great weekend of fly fishing a fun contest in a wonderful river among beautiful countryside. For the article 'Bud Priddy Memorial' written by David Sikes for the Corpus Christi News about Dr. Bud Priddy (author of 'Fly-fishing the Texas Hill Country') and last years event, see our TWFF website [www.twff.net/outings.html](http://www.twff.net/outings.html).

Please make your reservations by April 1 to Rudi Donaldson [rdonaldson@houston.rr.com](mailto:rdonaldson@houston.rr.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

**What to Bring: Gear** - hat, sunscreen, wading shoes, sandals or booties, rain suit, lightweight waders (if desired - it will be hot), nylon or quick dry clothes, sun gloves, warm clothes (for possible chilly nights), camera and film, binoculars (for great birding and wildlife), swimsuits and water bottles. If selecting self service for lodging (see below), you will need to bring linens and towels.

**Suggested flies and lines:** Bring your 5, 6 or 7 weight rod and tie on some heavy fluorocarbon or monofilament leader and tippet. Constance suggests a 0X or 1X leader and tippet to be on the safe side. Flies such as clousers, jig head nymphs, wooly buggers and poppers can be used but remember only "one fly" all day. You won't need a sinking line, just use your regular weight forward floating fly line.

**Food:** Dinner for Friday night, breakfast/lunch for Saturday, and breakfast/lunch for Sunday. Restaurants are also available in Camp Wood. Saturday night's dinner is provided as part of the entry fee for the contest.

**Check In** is available after 1 p.m. on Friday. Check Out is by 6 p.m. on Sunday.

**Facilities:** Each kitchen is fully equipped with pots, pans, utensils, coffee maker and microwave. Ice is not available on premises. Smoking is not permitted in buildings. This facility covers 200 acres, including a crystal clear creek and two large ponds, one for boating and fishing, the other for swimming, beyond which are hills, draws, pastures for hiking amidst abundant wildlife and great birding. A barn has been converted into a well-lit and comfortable library that holds over 2,000 books and current periodicals. In addition, there is a tennis court, basketball court, volleyball net and a canoe. A new dining hall has recently been constructed conveniently located in the center of the cabin area. Log onto Lost Canyon's website for additional info [www.lostcanyon.org](http://www.lostcanyon.org)

### Schedule of Events:

Friday 7 p.m. Welcome Gathering at the dining hall with refreshments.  
Saturday: 7 a.m. Registration in Camp Wood at the City Park (\$10.00 entry fee includes dinner at Casa Falcone at 6 p.m., a map, measuring tape, pencil & zip lock bag).  
Sunday: You are on your own for fishing or enjoying the resort.

**Directions from San Antonio:** (2.5 hours) Take Hwy. 90 to Uvalde. Go north from there on Hwy 55 (this involves a right turn at the town square, then a left turn at the north edge of town just after the railroad overpass). Take Hwy 55 through Camp Wood to Barksdale, where the only right turn you can make is County Road 211. Take the County Road 211 (also known as Dry Creek Road) 4 miles to resort gate on the left and has a sign for resort. **From Austin:** Lost Canyon is 3.5 hours from Austin. Check [www.lostcanyon.org/directions.htm](http://www.lostcanyon.org/directions.htm) for map and directions.

**Lodging:** Make your reservations with Rudi Donaldson @ [rdonaldson@houston.rr.com](mailto:rdonaldson@houston.rr.com) and specify which cabin, roommates, and whether you want full service or self service (all cabin mates need to agree on pricing choice). Please send payments plus 6% tax in by April 1, 2002 to: Rudi Donaldson; 12419 Rocky Knoll; Houston, TX 77077.

There are six cabins each with a fully equipped kitchen and all but Lago Vista are air-conditioned. There

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are two rates listed for each unit for per night rates: full service (FS) includes linens and cleaning after your departure; self-service (SS), which is significantly less expensive, means that you provide sheets, towels and clean the cabin before leaving. Cleaning supplies are available in each cabin. Tax is additional 6%. Cabin descriptions available @ [www.lostcanyon.org/lodging.htm](http://www.lostcanyon.org/lodging.htm)

Chama: (1 KB, 5 Twin Beds) (\$105.00 FS or \$85.00 SS) Nice swing on porch, 3 bedrooms: one with king bed; one with 2 twins; one with 3 twins (website doesn't list additional bed).

Tree Tops: (1 QB, 2 Twin Beds) (\$85.00 FS or \$65.00 SS) This cabin is on stilts and has an outside deck.

Lago Vista: (1 QB, 3 Twin Beds, & Daybed Couch) (\$95.00 FS or \$70.00 SS) This cabin is cantilevered over the upper pond and is on three levels and is not air-conditioned but does have ceiling fans and is screened for good air flow.

Escondido: (1QB, 3 Twin Beds, Add. Rollaway bed can be added) (\$90.00 FS or \$70.00 SS) 2 bedrooms: one with queen bed on main level one with 3 twins on upper level. Also has an oak-shaded front patio.

(Manana and Los Jefes are already booked.)

**Additional Accommodations Available:** (Please make your own arrangements for these)

Nueces River Motel	830-234-3648 (Closest to Lost Canyon Resort)
Woodbine Inn	830-597-2310
Hill Country Motel	830-597-3278
Lost Canyon Retreat	830-234-3250
Ledge Water Camp	830-234-4178

### OUTING REPORT: GUADALUPE TROUT OUTING AT THE SUMMIT RESORT

*Sheila Hood*

The first outing of TWFF for 2002 was a great success. Thirty four fly fishers attended this year. What can be said? The weather was great, the accommodations cozy, the flows were down and many fish were landed. Friday evening members & guest joined at the Summit Clubhouse for a little socializing, catching up on news from old friends and making new ones. Constance Whiston gave a very informative presentation on trout fishing. Afterwards, there was hands on assistance on knot tying and advice about what flies could be used.

Saturday was a good day for fishing. Most of the fishing was going on at Upper Beans Campground and Hueco Springs Campground. The weather was agreeable; many built campfires for an occasional warm-up. Fishing was good and there was a lot of mentoring going on with beginners to the group. The Saturday evening meal was catered by J's Bar-B-Que in Sattler. We were fortunate to have Al Wilkie and his wife Ouida join TWFF for this outing. Al is Senior Advisor of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He shared information concerning FFF, entertained us with a few good tales and answered questions from attendees concerning trout fishing.

Many enjoyed a Sunday brunch prepared by the Summit. This day also proved to be exceptional weather for travel home and, for many, another day of good fishing.

*An added note from Rudi Donaldson*

*I'd like to add a note about the great job Sheila did in organizing our Guadalupe outing. When we arrived at the Summit, a list was pinned to the door of each cabin showing the cabin assignments for all the members so we would know who was in each cabin. The heaters were turned on so we didn't walk into a cold place. On the table was a small paper bag with the TWFF logo tied on with colored ribbon - inside were several of the best cookies you have ever put into your mouth - made by Shelia as a welcome gift. The Friday night social had quite a spread of delicious food and Saturday night's barbeque was wonderful. Sheila really went the extra mile in organizing our outing and in making everybody feel welcome.*

Want to thank all of you who have given such sweet compliments on our site, glad you like it. Many special thanks to all of you who have helped with your great articles, photos, links and Shelia Hood's good recipe for the site. A very special thanks goes out to our great historian, Coco Davenport for all her help and support.

The main goals for the TWFF Club Website are:

First and foremost, to be an online, instant source of information and communication for our members.

- Provide an overview of our club to recruit new members.
- Provide valuable **resources and information** to the fishing public.
- Allow members to **communicate** their desires and ideas for making TWFF an even better club.
- Encourage member participation and interaction. We want your input and we want to hear from you. Recycle your gear or go shopping on our **Swap or Sale** page. Use the **Bulletin Board** to ask questions or find fishing trip partners. Send articles, good book listings, great recipes, etc. to share with other members. Volunteer through the **Club News** page or send any suggestions you have for the club.
- Provide income opportunities for the club through our Sponsor page with paid advertising space. Send me lists of fly shops, guides, fishing resorts, etc. in your area for website ad space solicitation. Please provide all pertinent contact information of any sponsor prospect to rdonaldson@houston.rr.com

TWFF has had an incredible first year and has accomplished unbelievable goals in such a short time. Armed with the experience, lessons learned and a great staff of officers, this year promises to be an even better one. Any and all comments, recommendations, suggestions, articles, etc. are always welcome. The success of any organization depends on the participation of its members, so please, let us hear from you.

### CONSERVATION NEWS: SAN MARCOS RIVER CLEANUP

Texas Rivers Protection Association and the San Marcos River Foundation will hold a river cleanup covering the San Marcos River from San Marcos City Park to Luling on Saturday, March 2. Ground crews will cover City Park to Thompson's Island, while the rest of the river will be covered by groups in canoes and kayaks. For full details, see the TWFF Conservation page or visit TRPA's home page <http://www.down-river.com/trpa/>.

TWFF members who are interested in participating, please contact Sherri Ray, [rsray@cvtv.net](mailto:rsray@cvtv.net).

#### Comments received from Lefty Kreh

"Thanks for e-mailing me the newsletter. I regularly receive maybe 20 or more from fly fishing clubs around the country. I have to say that this is either the best or certainly among the very best--ever. It is a first class job. I wish you and the club have a great 2002."

*Thanks, Lefty! Considering the source, we're honored to take this as a real compliment. Edr.*

The array of kayaks available today is dizzying. Short and long, wide and narrow, round- and flat-bottomed, sit-on-top and sit-inside. How do you choose? To find your ideal kayak – like most things in life – you must first identify your goals and make some tradeoffs. Before you shop, consider how you will most often use the kayak. Will you primarily fish in rivers (moving water) or lakes and bays (still water with wind and waves)? How much weight are you comfortable lifting and loading? Do you prefer to sit inside or on top? How much gear do you want to carry along?

See our Great Tips page (<http://www.twff.net/greattips.html>) article **Choosing a Kayak** for some background information about kayak design and some things to consider in choosing your kayak. Once you've determined that basic type of kayak that interests you most, some research on the internet using search tools such as the one provided by [paddle.net](http://www.paddling.net/buyersguide/Kayaks.html) (<http://www.paddling.net/buyersguide/Kayaks.html>) can help you find the available models that fit your criteria. Manufacturer's web sites provide important information on weight, payload, and list pricing. (The online article provides links to major manufacturers.)

Doing a little research will help you narrow your search to a limited number of models to "test drive." Boat "demo-days" offer a great opportunity to try out different models and compare their handling. Two of the largest in Texas are the annual spring Austin Paddlefest (<http://www.austinpaddling.org/>) and fall Rendezvous ([www.houstoncanooclub.org](http://www.houstoncanooclub.org)). Many kayak dealers hold local demo days, and a few are even sited on the water, making it easier to try out a variety of kayaks to see which one is best for you. Although it's often difficult to arrange, it is ideal to try out boats in the same kind of water in which you intend to paddle them. A day or weekend rental is the best way to accomplish this.

By doing your homework and trying before you buy, you will make a well-informed choice that will provide many days of enjoyment on the water.

## **MEGAN BOYD, WHO MADE TYING FLIES AN ART, DIES AT 86**

Megan Boyd, whose fabled expertise at tying enchantingly delicate fishing flies put her work in museums and the hands of collectors around the world and prompted Queen Elizabeth II to award her the British Empire Medal, died Nov. 15 in Golspie, Scotland. She was 86.

"A Megan Boyd fly is a \$1,000 fly," said Gary Tanner, director of the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT.

She would teach fly-tying to anyone who asked, but she said she was unable to find a suitable heir.

"There is just one man I taught that could tie a decent fly," she said. "He is dead now. The modern ones just want to tie something quick and scrappy and sell it."

Miss Boyd, who never married and has no survivors, never caught a fish. She never even went fishing.

"I wouldn't kill a salmon if I got one," she said.

Read the full article by Douglas Martin at  
<http://college3.nytimes.com/guests/articles/2001/12/09/887610.xml>

More about Megan Boyd's Flies: <http://www.flyangleronline.com/features/oldflies/part160.html>

## UPCOMING FLY FISHING EVENTS

**Shallow Water Fishing Expo** returns to Houston March 16-17. An all-star panel of fly fishing pros and guides will present seminars and demos, including Bill Gammel on "A Complete Look at the Essentials of Fly Casting," Eric Glass on "South Texas Fly Fishing Tactics," casting instruction from Lefty Kreh, Chuck Scates on "Sight Casting to Speckled Trout," Phil Shook on "Walk-in, Self Guided Flats Options on the Texas Coast," and Constance Whiston, "Fly Fishing Texas Rivers." Visit the Shallow Water website, <http://www.castlow.com/txswfe.html> or request a program by emailing [mavcast@aol.com](mailto:mavcast@aol.com).

TPWD's **Fly Fish 2002** will be held March 23 at the Fresh Water Fisheries Center in Athens, with seminars, demonstrations, classes and hand-on activities. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is a unique facility which includes 300,000 gallons of aquaria and a state-of-the-art hatchery with 45 rearing ponds covering 38 surface acres and is home to the ShareLunker program. Just completed is a new half mile long fly fishing stream that meanders through and around several wetlands ponds before it meets the one-acre Wetland Pavilion pond at the rear of the Center's property. Other shorter bass streams join the main stream and all will be stocked with bream, bass and trout for this event. The seminar roster includes Johnny Walker on "Fly Fishing in Texas-There Ain't No Trout in There !," Chuck Scates on "Fly Fishing the Texas Flats," Al Wilke on "Beginning Fly Fishing," Constance Whiston on "Women's Fly Fishing Intro" and Paul Canada, "Fly Fishing Strategies for Largemouth Bass." Free casting instruction will be offered all day.

A unique demonstration "Fly Action/Fish Pursuit" features a Dallas Fly Fisher on a pier casting an actual fly to fish viewed by the public through the clear plexiglas walls holding fish in ponds. As the viewer will see, fish will suck the fly in their mouths just long enough to detect that it is not real, then spit it right back out without the caster even knowing. This is what makes fly fishing an art and skill learned through many hours of casting, watching and feeling the slightest touch of the fly. For directions and more information, visit their website, <http://flyfishtexas.org/> or contact the organizers by phone 903-670-2227, fax 903-677-2694 or email [jknight@tyler.net](mailto:jknight@tyler.net).

The North Arkansas Fly Fishers will hold the **5th Annual Sowbug Roundup** on March 15 & 16. This year's celebration of fly fishing will feature demonstrations by 100 expert tyers as well as presentations on everything from tying knots to building bamboo rods. See their web site <http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/> or call Show Chairman Chet Smith at (870) 425-1755 (Email [cpshm@centurytel.net](mailto:cpshm@centurytel.net)).

**BassTime** is a freeware program that, given the temperature of water, foresees the best moments of the day for fishing. The calculated peaks can be also validated by inserting the moon phase.

You can find more information and download at :

[http://www.blackbassfishing.it/basstime/basstime\\_eng.htm](http://www.blackbassfishing.it/basstime/basstime_eng.htm)