



Photo by Glenna Noret

"Our mission is to create opportunities and encourage, educate, and mentor women's responsible participation in the recreational sport of fly fishing. We support the policies/goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers, are open to women, men, and children from beginner to experienced through programs sponsored by women from the Texas Women Fly Fishers."

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TWFF Business Update

Submitted by Cindi Sudds

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Glenna Noret. Financial statement from Feb. 1st given out. Currently \$5500 to \$6000 in bank (account is in the black). Outing fund good due to rainouts. Silent auction conducted Friday night brought in \$600. Thanks to Lavene for organizing auction event.

CFR: We need river helpers and instructors for the 2008 retreat (about 14-15). There will be a meeting for all new instructors and helpers at Karen Gephardt's at 8:30 A.M. on Friday at the Johnson City outing. E-mail [Karen](#) or [Mary](#) if you are interested.

FUTURE OUTINGS: Linda Love has suggested working on a longer outing to the White River in Arkansas. If you have a suggestion, please contact Mary at info@twff.net

NEW MEMBER OUTINGS: There was discussion about having an outing for new members who need instruction on fly fishing. Experienced members can come out and help instruct new members.

Welcome New Members!

Cheryl Bodenhamer, San Antonio, TX

Julie Hogan Quinn, Houston, TX

Mary Janco, McKinney, TX

Debbie Kistler, Junction, TX

Essie Williamson, San Angelo, TX

Membership Report: Current membership sits at 91 members. Some active members still have not updated their dues.

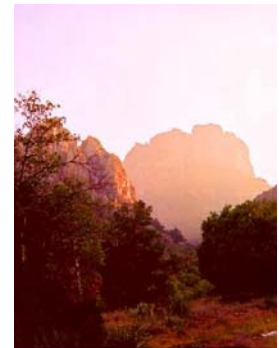


Photo by Sheila Setter



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From the President

By Mary Rohrer

To the Members of TWFF,

At the Junction Outing Mullet Mixer on Friday night, we introduced ourselves and talked about our favorite fishing spot. The majority of us mentioned the Llano River, which is my favorite river to fish as well. I love living in the Hill Country and the rainy weather this year has certainly changed the attributes of the whole region, healing many types of scars left by the previous years of drought.

On my way home on Sunday, I poked around from Junction to London to Mason; crossing the Llano in as many places as I could find. Some crossings were new to me, like a beautiful one south of Teacup Community, Yates Crossing and Whites Crossing just upstream of where we put in by Homer Martin's place. Others were familiar, but, different since the influx of water, like the US 87 crossing south of Mason. It is great to see the river with stream flows, healing some of the damage to the riparian environment from the drought. In some of the crossings, it was a babbling stream pristine with riffles, other places, smooth and placid. It was easy to see why we love the Llano River so and why fly fishing in the Hill Country is so special to all of us.

My joy of fly fishing comes from not just fishing, but, the many other intangibles that make it fulfilling and rewarding. Some of those intangibles are: fish live in really beautiful places, which we get to periodically visit; the sense of place of being outdoors and at peace is good for the soul; and really neat people are involved in fly fishing. I've enjoyed getting to know really special members of TWFF and those involved with Casting for Recovery.

Yesterday, some of us from TWFF and CFR got together informally for a lunchin' and fishin' afternoon in Fredericksburg. We started fishing at Karen's place on the Pedernales where our next outing will be on August 24 and 25th. This Hill Country river is WONDERFUL. The flow is great and lots of clear water, full of pockets and riffles, such a different environment than the "rock hopping" that I was used to on this stretch of the Pedernales. The fishing, though, is challenging....the water is big, so the fish have plenty of places to hide and wait. Next, we headed for lunch in Fredericksburg and spent the next two (maybe it was three...) hours laughing, telling stories, getting caught up with each other and generally having a great afternoon. In my book, yesterday was one of the best days I had this summer. It combined all of the things that I love; fly fishing on a Hill Country river, being outdoors in a beautiful place, and sharing friendship, experience and love with other really special people.

Please plan to come to our next outing in a few weeks in Johnson City. We have a great educational outing planned. Come enjoy sharing a babbling Hill Country river with the fish, learn something new about fishing for yourself, and enjoy the company of really neat people involved with the sport. Share your knowledge and experiences, help others learn to fish, and have fun! See you this weekend....

Great Fishing,

Mary Rohrer



Upcoming TWFF Events

August 24-26

Pedernales River Outing, Johnson City

Coordinator: Karen Gebhardt
(ktgeb@satx.rr.com)

September 14-16

Salt Water Outing, Galveston

Coordinator: Cynthia Leigh-Nussenblatt
(cnussenb@utmb.edu)

November 2-4

Beaver Bend State Park, Broken Bow, OK.

Coordinators: Sheila Anderson
(brokenbowcoordinator1@twff.net)
and Linda Love
(brokenbowcoordinator2@twff.net)

January 2008 (Tentative)

Guadalupe River

Coordinators: Sheila Hood, Audrey Ambrose, and Sarah Valentine



Photo by Janice Togal
Frances Estes with a fish.

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Trip Report: South Llano River Outing Trip Report

Submitted by Glenna Noret



Photo property of Janice Togal
Janice and Maria



Photo by Janice Togal
Mary Cole kayaking



Photo by Glenna Noret
Kayaking and Swimming



Photo by Janice Togal

The Texas weather held true to form this year, and we had rain off and on Saturday, but it didn't stop the dedicated ladies of the TWFF from hitting the river.

The Best Western Dos Rios was a great place to start the weekend. The staff really displayed true West Texas hospitality at its best! The evening mullet mixer began with a welcome from Judge Delbert Roberts who handed out "goodies bags" from the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce and gave us a little history on the city and about the county's efforts to attract groups such as ours. Not only did we have great food, but we ended the evening with a silent auction that netted over \$400 for our club and more than \$150 for Casting for Recovery. Way to go Lavene Jones and Francis Hamm for all their hard work on the silent auction! We also added two new members and had one family renewal.

Mary Rohrer brought a new shipment of TWFF t-shirts, and the light blue color seemed to be a success— t-shirt sales alone raised over \$200. (As the treasurer, I really appreciate this income as we get closer and closer to our budget each month!)

On Saturday, we met mid-morning at the Kimble County Park. Kayaks were shuttled to the Texas Tech crossing and several fished the morning with moderate success. Those who didn't fish on the river, stayed at the park and became Mary Rohrer's students. A couple of volunteer instructors from Fredericksburg weren't able to join us because of the flash flood warnings in their area, so Mary had her hands full! Our outstanding president really came through for us! Mary provided not only casting instructions but gave talks on fly selections and equipment as well.

Thanks to Debbie Kistler, a new TWFF member from Junction, we had access to some private land right on the river. It was a great place for casting lessons or just enjoying the river. We had some excitement with our river experiences during the weekend, but they're better left being told by those who experienced them first-hand. They may be helping with beginning kayaking instructions and safety procedures at our next outing, so just ask around! It's a story worth hearing!

Everyone cleaned up and we wrapped up the day with a dinner buffet dinner at Isaak's. All went home safe and sound and much wiser than they arrived!



Photo by Glenna Noret
Group picture ...with smiles all around. Thanks Glenna and Kelley for organizing such a fun outing!

Members present for the South Llano outing:

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Cindy Bentfield | Kathy Goodett | Rozlynn Orr |
| Maria Chandler | Frances Hamm | Mary Rohrer |
| Mary Cole | Lavene Jones | Kristen Runde |
| Sandy Collier | Kelley Kazura | Carl and Penney Skelley |
| Coco Davenport | Debbie Kistler | Cindi and Will Sudds |
| Frances Estes | Karen Mitchell | Janice Togonal |
| Debbie Galloway | Glenna Noret | Essie Williamson |



Photo by Glenna Noret
Dinner at Isaak's



Photo by Glenna Noret



Photo by Glenna Noret



Photo by Glenna Noret
T-shirt sales alone raised over \$200.
Thanks, Ladies!



Rescheduled Pedernales River Outing

Johnson City, TX
August 24 – 26, 2007



Photo by Karen Gebhardt.

By Outing Coordinator, Karen Gebhardt

Please e-mail Karen at ktgeb@satx.rr.com if you are planning to attend this weekend's events!

WEATHER ALERT: With Hurricane Dean looming, plans for this weekend's outing may change. Please use your judgment regarding attending the outing. The schedule and fishing may change or be cancelled due to rain or river levels.

Parking

Parking is limited at Karen's house.

We've arranged to use the Blanco County Fairgrounds property, which can be accessed from Old River Road for our participants (see [Location J on the map below](#)).

Please come to Karen's place and drop off your fishing gear, and we'll shuttle you between Karen's house and the offsite parking lot.

Please join us for an educational weekend of fishing, aquatics, and casting instruction on the Pedernales River in Johnson City. Karen Gebhardt has invited us to fish the river from her beautiful waterfront property just minutes north of town. Bring a friend who has expressed interest in fly fishing and share your knowledge. This is a great outing for all experience levels.

Federation of Fly Fishers Master Casting Instructor, Al Crise, Certified Casting Instructor Stacy Trimble, Texas Master Naturalist, Gene Smith, and others, will join TWFF for the weekend and provide all levels of instruction to our members and guests. (We are hoping to add kayak instructions too, more to come!)

This is a great outing for beginning fly fishers as well as those who want to improve their casting technique and knowledge of entomology. Al Crise is a great instructor; he will help all of us understand the mechanics of casting, tightening up our casting loops so that we can improve our accuracy and distance, and troubleshooting. Stacy will help us all begin to "think like a fish". Gene will be streamside to help us identify various invertebrates so that we can match the flies in our fly boxes with the naturals that fish find in the local streams. We'll have volunteers assisting the instructors and all sorts of equipment will be available for those who need it.

Of course, there is fishing, too. The Pedernales by Karen's home is an easy stream to wade and fish for bass and perch. The Hill Country has been blessed with plenty of water (sometimes too much!) this summer and the stream flows are up at 400 to 500cfs, so we all need to be careful wet wading. The river has large boulders, limestone cuts and the streambed can be slippery; wading boots and a wading staff are recommended.

Downstream from Karen's, the river widens and is deeper. Depending on the river water levels, consider bringing a float tube or kayak to fish the deeper pools and down towards the dam at the US 281 crossing.

TWFF members in the Austin and San Antonio areas should consider coming up for the day on Saturday if a long weekend doesn't fit into your schedule. Karen's home is an easy one-hour drive from either Austin or San Antonio.

SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

Karen is hosting this outing along the banks of the Pedernales River in front of her newly completed home.

5:00 P.M. til dusk—Sign up for Saturday classes and Dinner selection for Saturday night

6:00 P.M.—Mullet Mixer- Bring an appetizer to share, chairs, lanterns, and your favorite drink and enjoy the evening streamside. For our Casting for Recovery fundraiser, we'll do a CFR grab bag. Bring a \$10 dollar item to place in the grab bag and \$10 cash to participate in the fun!

Saturday

7:30 to 9:00 A.M.—Breakfast Tacos and Juice (by donation), streamside, Sign up for classes and Dinner selection for Saturday night.

9:00 to 9:15 A.M.—Overview of the day, introduction of the instructors, review of class schedule and "Insider Information" on fishing the Pedernales from Karen.

With the higher river level, you can now launch your kayak at Karen's and fish downstream towards US 281. Consider some kayak fishing with weighted flies in the larger, deeper water downstream of Karen's. We can arrange kayak shuttle, or drop-off of your vehicles downstream at the US 281 bridge.

Education Sessions—See course descriptions and schedule below (subject to change based on number of participants and signups). Bring a chair, water bottle and rod/reel and wading boots. (We have extra equipment for use.)

5:00 P.M.—Informal TWFF Board Meeting, streamside at the Tent Area.

6:00 P.M.—Dinner at Buddy's Feed Mill (Please make your dining selection at Mullet Mixer or Breakfast). Prizes awarded to the largest Perch and Largest Bass! (See the [map](#) below for location.)

Motels and Cabins

Best Western Hotel
107 Hwy. 281 S.
Johnson City, TX 78636
(830) 868-4044

Hill Kuntry Kabins
1712 Highway 3232
Johnson City, Texas 78636
Phone: (830) 868-2096
E-mail: pserur@intergate.com

Camping and RV Parks

Roadrunner RV Park
Carol and Chuck Birmingham
501 Hwy 281-290 South
Johnson City, TX 78636
Phone: (830) 868-7449
Fax: (830) 868-2882
E-mail: rvpark@moment.net

Miller Creek RV Park
Mark Baize
5618 Hwy 281 S
Johnson City, TX 78636
(About 7 miles south of Johnson City)
Phone: (830) 868-2655
E-mail: millercrk@aol.com

Pedernales Falls State Park
2585 Park Road 6026
Johnson City TX 78636
(830) 868-7304

B & B's

The Pickett House Bed & Breakfast
103 Live Oak
Johnson City, TX 78636
(281) 344-9646 home,
(281) 250-2151 cell, or
(832) 660-2208 cell
E-mail:
barbillpickett@sbcglobal.net

**Chantilly Lace Country Inn
Bed & Breakfast &
Restaurant**
Porter and Sylvia Dunnaway
625 Nugent Avenue
Johnson City, Texas 78636
(830) 868-7450
E-mail: clsoaps@tstar.net

Saturday Class Schedule:

(Note these classes are subject to change...8 to 10 participants per class, preferred)

Casting For Texas Rivers Learn and improve your fishing techniques on the water, including line management for casting poppers to weighted fly lines. Al Crise will demonstrate mending and drift techniques for nymph fishing. Bring rod, reel and wading equipment; participants will be on the water.

Streamside Aquatics Mayfly, caddis, stone fly-learn how to recognize these important food sources for fish. Gene Smith will be streamside to help us identify larvae, nymphs, emergers, and dun of our local insect population. Learn what to look for along the streambed to “match the hatch” and be a more successful angler through better fly selection. Bring your wading boots, and reading glasses. This class will be held streamside.

Fly Fishing 101 From the tip top of your fly rod, to the felt soles of your wading boots, Stacy Trimble will present an overall primer on fly fishing. She’ll review equipment, do casting demonstrations provide basic casting, and explain the basic tenants of fly fishing. She’ll finish up with on-the-water time.

Fishing, Fighting and Releasing Al Crise will help us learn techniques on fishing, such as, where to look for fish, the best places to cast to for success., what to do when a fish strikes, how to set the hook, play the fish, and safely releasing the fish back in to the wild.

Basic Kayak Skills for Fly Fishing Robert Anderson has many years experience paddling canoes and kayaks and has studied white water kayaking, Intermediate Level, at Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) in North Carolina. He will discuss reading the water, back paddling, avoiding strainers (or getting through them), basic safety, and rod and equipment management on the kayak.

Extreme Fishing Join Al and Mary Rohrer in a fun interactive class of adding power and line speed to your cast. Techniques such as shooting line, double hauling, rod loading will be discussed. These will help improve casts when fishing from kayaks or in windy conditions and will help improve length and accuracy of your cast. Rods with slow and fast actions will be available to use.

Nametags: Reusable soft nametags were used for the Junction outing. We plan to use them again in Johnson City and for future outings.

Please be sure to pick up your nametag when you arrive!

9:15 to 10:15 A.M.	Streamside Aquatics
9:15 to 10:15 A.M.	Casting for Texas Rivers
9:15 to 11:30 A.M.	Fly Fishing 101
10:30 to 11:30 A.M.	Fishing, Fighting and Releasing
10:30 to 11:30 A.M.	Basic Kayak Skills for Fly Fishing
10:30 to 11:30 A.M.	Streamside Aquatics
Noon to 1:30 P.M.	Lunch-Bring your lunch and picnic along the river.
1:30 to 2:30 P.M.	Casting for Texas Rivers
1:30 to 2:30 P.M.	Basic Kayak Skills for Fly Fishing
1:30 to 2:30 P.M.	Streamside Aquatics
2:30 to 3:30 P.M.	Extreme Fishing

Saturday Dinner Menu Selections

Homemade Lasagna—Includes trip to salad bar and breadsticks \$7.99

Homemade Spaghetti and Meatballs—Includes trip to salad bar and breadsticks, \$6.99

Chicken Fried Chicken—Includes mashed potatoes, gravy, roll and salad bar \$9.99

Chicken Fried Steak—Includes mashed potatoes, gravy, roll and salad bar \$9.99

Dinner prices do not include drink or gratuity. The Feed Mill serves beer and wine.

How to get there...

(Karen's house, lodging, and the restaurant are keyed on the [map](#).)

NOTE: US 281 (running north and south) and US 290 (running east and west) intersect in Johnson City. Karen's place is just north of Johnson City. **The following directions are from the intersection of US 281 and US 290 in Johnson City.** If you need additional assistance with directions, you can reach Karen on her cell phone at **(210) 414-7301**.

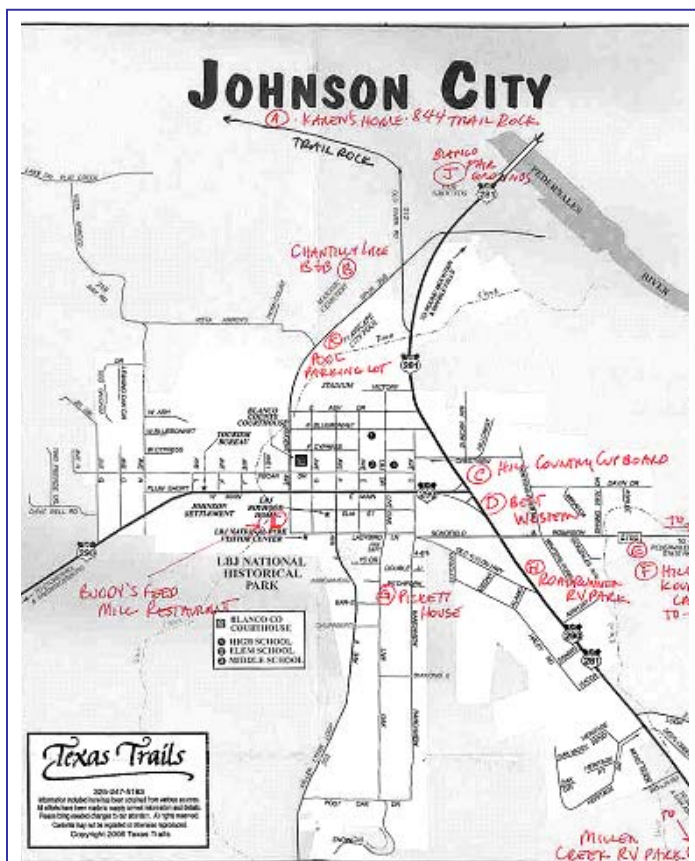
Head north on US 281.

Turn left on Spur 365. The Odiorne Feed & Supply is on the right, just before you cross the bridge over the Pedernales River.

Turn right on the first paved road, Old River Access Road, immediately after the row of mailboxes.

Follow north across a low-water crossing; then the road turns west and becomes Trail Rock Road.

Continue to the end of the road. Karen's home is on the right; the address is 844 Trail Rock Road.



Index to Johnson City Map:

- A. Karen Gebhardt's Home – 844 Trail Rock
- B. Chantilly Lace Country Inn – 625 Nugent Street
- C. Hill Country Cupboard – Intersection US 281 and US 290
- D. Best Western – Intersection US 281 and US 290
- E. Pedernales Falls State Park – 2585 Park Road
- F. Hill Kountry Cabins – 1712 FM 3232
- G. Pickett House 103 Live Oak
- H. Roadrunner RV Park 501 US 281 South
- I. Miller Creek RV Park
- J. Blanco County Fairgrounds
- K. Community Pool Parking Lot
- L. Buddy's Feed Mill Restaurant

What to bring...

✓	Community dish or appetizer and CFR grab bag item for Mullet Mixer on Friday night
✓	Food and cooler with ice for breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday
✓	3 to 4 wt. fly rod (or 5 to 6 wt. rod if you don't have smaller) The Guadalupe bass are small in size.
✓	4x or 5x tippets
✓	Flies: woolly buggers, poppers, Clouser's minnows, streamers, micro jigs, etc.
✓	Sunscreen and hat
✓	River shoes or wading boots (Waders are not necessary, but bring them if you wish.)
✓	Wading staff
✓	Camera and binoculars (There are many birds on the river!)
✓	Sense of humor and desire to learn new skills
✓	Canoe or kayak, paddle, pfd, dry bags for storage on your kayak or canoe
✓	Insulated food bags/small cooler to carry lunch and snacks on river, water/beverage containers
✓	Quick-dry or water-resistant clothing
✓	Current fishing license

TWFF Saltwater Outing

Galveston, TX

September 14 – 16, 2007

Come fish West Galveston and Christmas Bay backcountry for speckled trout, redfish and flounder. **THE BIG FISH!**

Submitted by Cynthia Leigh-Nussenblatt

Trip coordinator: [Cynthia Leigh-Nussenblatt](#)

Please send an e-mail to cynthia.leigh.nussenblatt@gmail.com or cnussenb@utmb.edu (if you are planning to attend so we can get an accurate count for dinner. This is going to be a fun trip!

Schedule

Friday September 14th

On Friday night, the Mullet Mixer will be held at Kimberly Gaido's house on Galveston Island off of Sportsman's Road. There will be grilled shrimp and chicken strips. Other appetizers are always welcome. Feel free to arrive anytime after 6:00 P.M. There will be a 30-minute program at 7:00 P.M. Directions to the Mullet Mixer will be sent when you sign up for the trip.

Saturday September 15th

Saturday morning you should make plans to be out on the water by 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM. to beat the heat. A half dozen Local Guides' contact information are listed below. If you don't plan on using a guide, please use the buddy system, and let other members of the club know where you are planning to fish. Maps and suggested fishing areas will be available at the Mullet Mixer.

Fishing Contest

There will be prizes for: Biggest Trout, Redfish, and Flounder caught on Saturday.

Saturday Night

Group dinner at Gaido's Restaurant 7:30 P.M. The fishing contest prizes will be given out then, and the second half of the Silent Auction will take place.

Sunday September 16th

- TWFF Board meeting TBA
- Fishing on your own



Photo by Sheila Anderson

For more information on fly fishing in Galveston, visit:

<http://flyfisherman.com/south/pstexasred/>

http://gorp.away.com/gorp/publishers/pruett/txcoast/chpt4_1.htm

<http://www.gslis.utexas.edu/~rpollock/fishing.html>

<http://www.worldwidefishing.com/texas/fly.htm>

Guides: Fly Fishing Specialist

Capt. Scott Null
www.letsgofishing.net

Capt. Chris Phillips
 (409) 935-0208

Capt. Steve Soule
 Home: (281) 334-1553
 Cell: (218) 352-6289

Guides: Shallow Water and Wade fishing

Capt. C.R. Maher
www.FishGalvestonBay.com

Capt. Tom Brown
www.FishGalveston.com

Capt. Chris Howard
www.bayfishingadventures.com

What you should bring:

✓	Sunscreen, hat, and polarized glasses
✓	Water, water, and water! Other beverages too.
✓	Lunch, snacks, and power bars
✓	Fly rod 6-8 weight. Leaders 6-12#. Tippet 0X-1X
✓	Flies: Clouser's, spoons, crab and shrimp imitations
✓	Wading boot—Oyster reefs are a great place to fish and can be rough on your feet without proper boots. Stingray boots—The water is still very warm in September. Stingrays and jellyfish are also back in the bay system during the summer months. If you have stingray boots wear them. Wading pants—will protect you from jellyfish.
✓	Meat tenderizer—it is a temporary remedy to a jellyfish sting, should you need it.
✓	Clothing—Check the weather before coming to Galveston and adjust your wardrobe to the elements.
Bring bait-casting equipment if you have some, just in case it's too windy to fly fish.	

Lodging Information	Campers/RV Park
<p>Gaido's Seaside Inn 39th & Seawall Blvd. Galveston, TX (800) 525-0064 or (409) 762-9625 <i>Mention TWFF and the dates in September for a discount.</i></p> <p>Hawthorn Suites at the Victorian Resort 6300 Seawall Blvd. (409) 740-3555</p> <p>Sand N Sea Beach House Rentals (409) 737-2556</p>	<p>These are both on the beach</p> <p>Galveston Island State Park 14920 FM 3005 (409) 737-1222</p> <p>Dellanera Park 10901 FM 3005 (409) 744-2952</p>





Artist's Series—A Visit with...

Check back in the next issue. The newsletter coordinator had been away from her TWFF desk.

TWFF 2007 Silent Auction Part Deux—At the Galveston Outing in September

Submitted by **Lavene Jones**

Vice President—in charge of Silent Auction

Last chance to bid on wonderful items at our auction and raise money for our club as well as Casting for Recovery. Also, everyone is encouraged to wear your TWFF t-shirts (or your Casting for Recovery or club hats), print out a copy of our donor solicitation letter and approach the manager or owner of any store related to fishing about a donation. Also, if you know a fishing guide who might be willing, ask him or her if they could donate a trip. You will probably be surprised at how willing they are to help and you will really be contributing to your club's efforts. A copy of the donor letter is attached to the newsletter. Let me know about items you obtained so that I can prepare a bid sheet. Also, get the full address of the donor so we can send them a letter as a thank-you and as a receipt for the IRS tax deduction.

Items we have up for bids include a **FIRST EDITION, AUTOGRAPHED COPY** of Joan Wulff's **FLY FISHING: EXPERT ADVICE FROM A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE**. Joan is **THE** pioneer in women's fly fishing, so don't miss this opportunity. Thanks to Sheila Setter for her work in getting this donation directly from Ms. Wulff. Also, we have a **TiCr series Temple Fork Outfitters #6, 9', 4 pc. rod**, as well as a **beautiful framed salmon fly from famous fly tier Kyle Hand in Casting for Recovery colors**. **Dave Whitlock**, famous fly-fishing leader, fly tier, artist, and author **donated a spectacular 12" X 18" limited edition print of a bluegill**. **Lefty Kreh**, also a long time and highly famed fly fishing teacher **autographed a TWFF hat** for us. A fishing backpack was donated to us today by Academy in South Austin.

Be thinking Christmas presents or collectors' items for yourself! Be ready to bid aggressively and often. Be brave enough to approach people about donations--they don't bite (or at least none have yet).



Print the request for donations letter on the next page and use it when you collect donations!

TWFF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Funds raised by TWFF assist Casting for Recovery.



July 28, 2007

Dear Friend,

Texas Women Fly Fishers (TWFF) was founded in 2001 to establish a learning environment for members to go fly fishing, learn from each other and then talk about it around the evening meal. TWFF has tax-exempt status at the 501(c)(3) level and solicits donations to further our purposes around education and service.

Key services include maintaining rods, reels, and tackle for newcomers to allow them to try fly fishing without investing large sums of money. We also exhibit annually at the Texas Parks and Wildlife EXPO demonstrating fly tying techniques, as well as other classes designed to teach the general public and promote their future participation in fly fishing. In addition, we raise money for Casting for Recovery, an organization that benefits women with breast cancer, and raise money to support the Guadalupe Bass project.

In order to continue the work of TWFF, fundraising becomes an ever more important part of our program. We are asking for your support for the upcoming Silent Auction on September 16, 2007. We look forward to promoting your business as much as possible and hope to earn your trust and appreciation.

Texas Women Fly Fishers has over 90 members and their families who bring strong economic resources to the marketplace. We appreciate our donors and hope to forge long and enduring relationships with those who help with our fundraising efforts.

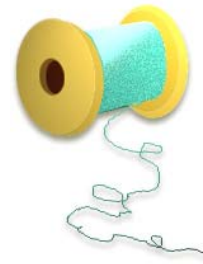
Sincerely,

Lavene Jones, Vice President in charge of fundraising
Texas Women Fly Fishers
13200 Overland Pass
Austin, TX 78738
(512)263-9957
lavenejones@SBCglobal.net

Tight Threads

By Kyle Hand

Look for Kyle's columns in the next edition. He's been a little tied up lately.



Spotlight on Pam Vestal

Following is an e-mail from Pam Vestal. She has been a really busy gal these past few months and hasn't had a chance to fly fish....Here is an update from her. Enjoy!



Photo from Sheila Anderson
Pam Vestal casting.

I wanted to touch bases with you and let the TWFF group know that I have been on assignment for the past ten months in Washington DC working on a Master's in Strategic Intelligence at the National Defense Intelligence College. I am pleased to say I successfully completed the coursework and thesis and will be graduating on August 3rd. The coursework was definitely challenging and I have described the thesis process as somewhere between childbirth and a nervous breakdown!

I am certainly proud to have had the opportunity to represent the Department of Homeland Security in this program. I have been in Houston six years, which is the longest that I have ever been in one place. Most of my assignments last less than three years. So, it is time for me to move on. To that end, I have accepted an assignment with DHS/ICE HQ Office of Intelligence Operations Division effective September 2, 2007 in Washington, DC and will be moving to Germantown, MD in the next few weeks.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of such a great group of fly fisher's. I was blessed to have become such good friends with so many of the great men and women of TWFF.

Please pass on my e-mail pgvestal@aol.com (mailto:pgvestal@aol.com) and let the group know that I would be happy to take them for a fly fishing day trip on the Little Patuxent River in Savage, MD if they visit the Washington, DC area.

I have returned to the Chesapeake Women Angler's here in the MD, DC, VA area and hope to continue experiencing the joys of fly fishing.

Thanks again for so many meaningful memories,

Pamela Vestal



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More to Come!!!

TWFF—Upcoming Events

Trout Fishing on the Lower Mountain Fork River Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma November 2-4, 2007

Outing Coordinators: Linda Love and Sheila Anderson
E-mail: BrokenBowCoordinator1@twff.net

TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 2–4 to fish for brown and rainbow trout in the stocked waters of the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort, near Broken Bow, OK. Broken Bow is approximately 200 miles northeast of Dallas.

The Lower Mountain Fork flows south out of Broken Bow Reservoir. This tailwater is the most noted year-round trout fishery in the state. Brown and rainbow trout are stocked regularly and may be found throughout the stream and its tributaries. The designated trout area includes a 12-mile reach of the Lower Mountain Fork River extending from Broken Bow Dam downstream to U.S. Highway 70 bridge. About 5 miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beavers Bend State Park, which offers excellent fishing access.

TWFF Outing Headquarters will be at Whip-Poor-Will Resort (<http://www.texhillcntry.com/whippoorwill/>), located 6 miles from Beavers Bend State Park (<http://www.beaversbend.com>) adjacent to the Ouachita National Forest.

Numerous other cabins and tent/RV campgrounds are located in the vicinity. For a listing of these and additional information about the area, including other activities, see the [Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort](http://www.beaversbend.com) web site.

Make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly.

Whip-Poor-Will Resort has 18 rental cabins. Make certain you tell Cathy you are reserving for the TWFF. All cabins are air conditioned, and have fully equipped kitchenettes, charcoal grills, country decor, and cable TV. Reservations can be made by phone (580-494-6476) using Master Card/Visa, American Express, or Discover cards. (Whip-poor-will cabin reservations can be cancelled without penalty up until 7 days before your reservation date.)

Please make your reservations directly with Whip-poor-will or the resort/campground of your choice.

Send an e-mail to BrokenBowCoordinator1@twff.net when your reservations are confirmed; we need a head count of persons attending.

RV/Tent Camping is available at Beavers Bend State Park—(the park will fill up quickly and there are no guarantees that sites will be available for a Friday arrival during a busy time of year) —as well as the nearby Lake Pines (\$17/night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 5 miles from Whip-poor-will, and is located approximately 1-2 miles outside of the park, just past the turn on the park road. Tel. (580) 494-6464 (no website).



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Note about Guides: The question of guides came up again at the meeting in Junction. There is an interest to have guides at new places. The classes, slide shows and information given by some are really good. Many guides are very willing to help and make themselves known to the group, but many do not want to deal with 20+ women at once. Guides will be considered at new places. Individuals may want to hire a guide (and possibly split the cost with someone else) when they go out. Guide lists will be provided by each event coordinator.

TWFF Outreach



TWFF Outreach Dallas Fly Fishers



The Dallas Fly Fishers welcomed Sheila Anderson to their June 18th meeting for a presentation on fishing the Nueces River, and our Casting for Recovery support efforts. The meeting was well attended with close to a hundred people in the audience.

The Dallas Fly Fishers make an annual trip the Llano River, but most have not ever fished the Nueces. Our presentation contained photos from our most recent float trip at the Bud Priddy Memorial contest hosted by the Alamo Fly Fishers. Topics discussed included casting and fishing techniques, a description of put in and take out spots, and a selection of flies used on the Nueces.

The members remarked on what a beautifully, clear river the Nueces is, and how it seems like a perfect place to fish for people new to the sport. They were also impressed with the challenge of finding and landing those big bass, ones such as the 14 ½" fish caught by Linda Love on our most recent trip there.

Sheila donated a box of fresh water flies to their members for a raffle held after the presentation.



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Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events!

IWFF Fishdezvous

When:	Thursday through Sunday September 13-16, 2007
Where:	Keystone, CO

International Women Fly Fishers "Fishdezvous"—scheduled for Thursday, September 13 through Sunday, September 16 in Keystone, CO. For more information, contact: www.intlwomenflyfishers.org

Hill Country Fly Fishers

When:	September 20, 2007
Where:	Kerrville, TX

Mary Rohrer will present information on TWFF and the CFR program to the Hill Country Fly Fishers. Their meeting is held at the Upper Guadalupe River Building in Kerrville starting at 7:00 pm, go to www.hcff.net for additional information

Annual IWFF Fly Fishing Festival in Utah

When:	Thursday through Sunday October 4-7, 2007
Where:	Homestead Resort Midway, UT

The International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) will hold their 12th annual Fly Fishing Festival in Midway, UT at the beautiful Homestead Resort. Situated on the eastern slope of the Wasatch Mountains on the Provo River, activities will include trout fishing, fly fishing classes, an auction and banquet.

Women fly fishers from around the world will be attending this event. For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org/Festivals/2007festival.htm>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo 2007

When:	October 6-7, 2007
Where:	Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters Austin, TX

Come, volunteer, and represent TWFF at the Fly Fishing Booth!

Sheila Anderson is the volunteer coordinator for the club; contact her at sanderson2000@austin.rr.com, if you'd like to help.

For more information, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web site at: www.tpwd.state.tx.us

“Babes on Baffin and Blue”

When:	October 12-13, 2007
Where:	Corpus Christi, TX

CCA of Corpus Christi is sponsoring their third annual “Babes on Baffin and Blue” all-women fishing tournament, and this year they have added a fly-fishing class!

Please go to www.babesonbaffin.com for more information or contact John Holmgreen at (361) 884-1961.

Oktoberfisch

When:	October 19-21, 2007
Where:	Junction, TX

Oktoberfisch, a fly-fishing festival sponsored by the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers, will be held at Morgan Shady Park, in Junction this year.

The festival will include casting clinics, exhibitors, kayak games, and shuttles. Go to www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org for more information.

The Camp—Fly Fishing School

When:	October 20-21, 2007
Where:	The Camp Beaux Bridge, LA

Fishing School and Casting Clinic held at “The Camp” in Beaux Bridge, LA. Casting instructors include Keith Richard. For more information, see the attached registration form at the end of the newsletter or call: (337) 344-0908.

Red River Fly Fishers

When:	November 6, 2007
Where:	Sherman/Dennison, TX

Sheila Anderson will give a presentation on TWFF and fishing in the Hill Country to the Red River Fly Fishers. Go to their website www.rfff.org for more information and directions to their meeting location.

Help Needed!

Bass Pro Shop: Lorraine Lawrence at Bass Pro Shop in San Antonio is considering a “pink fly” competition or display. Anyone interested should please contact her at: (210) 253-8800. All help is welcomed.

What:	Ongoing opportunities to volunteer!
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FFF: is also looking for volunteers to help on committees, Conclave assessment, or the Web site. If you are interested, contact Mary Rohrer at info@TWFF.net



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Calling all writers, photographers, and artists!

We are looking for stories, articles, photographs, and illustrations. If you'd like to submit something for the newsletter, please send it at least three (3) weeks prior to the upcoming publishing date.

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TWFF Publishing Dates

Following are the 2007 TWFF Newsletter publication dates.

- October 4, 2007 (Deadline for submission is September 13, 2007.)
- December 13, 2007 (Deadline for submission is November 22, 2007.)



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Linda's catch in Colorado—2007

TWFF Advertising Rates

	One issue	Annual (6 issues)	All ads must be prepaid. Ads with graphics should be submitted electronically as high-resolution JPG files. Please send your ad requests to Sheila Setter at newsletter@twff.net Thank-you!
Swap/sell items—(members):	Free		
Text Ads (nonmembers):	\$5/inch		
Business Cards (members):	\$5.00	\$25	
Business Cards (others):	\$7.50	\$40	
1/4 Page Display:	\$20	\$100	
1/3 Page Display:	\$30	\$150	
1/2 Page Display:	\$35	\$200	
Full Page Display:	\$50		



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