



Streamline

March 2017

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

March 9 - General TU/TFF meeting with fly tying skills instruction by Phil Curtis and Team: "Popular Patterns, Materials and How-tos"

March 24 - Reserve this date for the FFFT (Fly Fishing Film Tour) at Montereau !

March 25 - Jenks Community Education - Phil Curtis - "Intro to Fly Tying"

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

A Message from Your President



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
THIS MONTH!**

**THE 2017 FLY FISHING FILM
TOUR**



Make sure you have reserved the evening of March 24th to enjoy the 11th annual F3T adventure brought to you by TU420. The 2017 lineup of films

Hello,

Well, as usual, we have a lot going on and some exciting announcements!

First of all, the new TU420 caps are in and boy do they look great! I will have them at our monthly Chapter meeting on March 9th at the Hardesty Library at 6:00pm. You can purchase one for \$20.00. It is on a first come first serve basis because I only have 50 of them. If we sell out, I will place another order which will take about 2 to 3 weeks to fill. These will go fast, so be sure to get there early.

Second, we have a new website that is being worked on and can be found at www.tu420.com Frank Kohn has been working diligently on updating the content for this new website. Of course, he has to take a break every now and then to catch 120, plus or minus, trout on the LIR. As you look through the website, keep in mind that it is still under construction and we ask for your patience as we go along. The new website is "mobile ready" and can be easily viewed on your cell phone and other mobile devices.

Thirdly, our Trout in the Classroom trout releases are underway. Look to the Facebook page for announcements. Please consider volunteering to help out on the days that we do the releases. You can help in various ways either by helping students learn to cast a fly rod, fly tying demonstration, seining for underwater bugs or general supervision. When you volunteer your time to come out and assist with these programs, you will be rewarded with the laughter and smiles of the kids as they learn to cast, look on in amazement at the insect life in the river and experience the outdoors.

Lastly, the LIR is fishing fantastic! Ask Frank Kohn about his last trip. Hot flies have been micro jigs in black or olive, zebra midges in Copper/Grey and Silver/Black and various March Brown patterns. I, recently, had a so-so day turn fantastic when I switched to a #14 weighted Pheasant Tail Nymph. There are a lot of rainbows and some feisty baby browns in the river so go have some fun with them.

Tight Lines!

Phil Curtis

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

March 9th General Meeting

March's general meeting will be our "Skills Meeting". There will be demonstrations in fly tying, knot tying, custom leader building and furred leader building. Our fly tyers will be tying their favorite flies that are working on the Lower Illinois River, now. The knot tyers will be demonstrating the most useful knots and knots that you need to know to make custom leaders. Rick Pike and Brian Durland will be demonstrating how to make furred leaders using a jig and they've agreed to bring a jig to raffle off.

This will be a very informative meeting and you won't want to miss out on the discussions taking place during the demonstrations. Each of the sessions will be going on, simultaneously, around the room. This is where you want to come to get answers to your fly fishing questions.

The raffle prize for this meeting will be the fly tying bench seen below.

is their finest yet with vignettes in Siberia, Idaho, Mexico, Florida, Kamchatka, Alaska, Montana and more.

A portion of the ticket sales go directly to support TU420 as well as fishing and habitat-related conservation groups. In 2015 they raised over \$300,000 for TU and other conservation partners.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at The Gadget Company, at the door or online at: [Tickets](#). Raffle prize tickets will be available at the McNellies Pre-party, the TU420 General Meeting and at the door. Cash and checks are preferred but credit cards will be accepted. The raffle will be held during the intermission of the film. This year we have some outstanding donations of Brodin fish nets, a Winston 5wt fly rod, guide trips, assorted warm water and cold water flies and a Fishpond Summit Sling Pack.

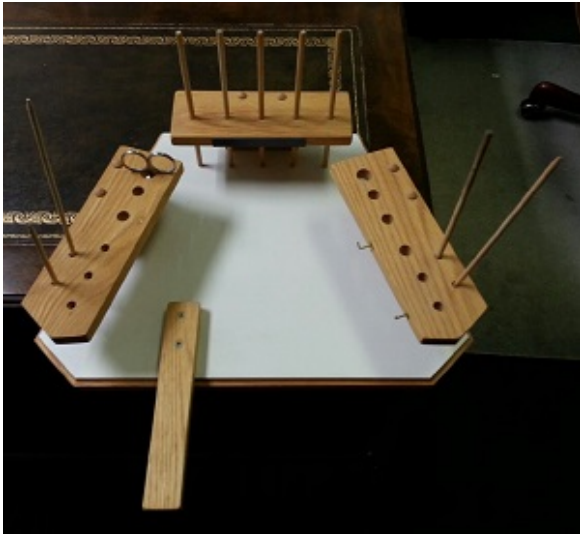


The film will start at 6:30 at the Montereau Coterie Theater located at 6800 S. Granite Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Doors open at 6:00 so that you can view prizes and purchase tickets.

You can watch trailers of the films at:
<http://flyfilmtour.com/watch-trailers/>

New Member Discounts !

If you are planning to apply for membership to Trout Unlimited (TU) or International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) you should be aware that there are



We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive. Doors open a little after 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public and free. Raffle tickets available for prizes.

2017 Conservation Issues

It's been a busy month and we have had some big wins while also keeping eyes on many state bills that could impact our fisheries and conservation efforts.



- Ryan Zinke, a long time fly fisherman, hunter, hiker and horseman has been elected Secretary of the Interior. Good to have someone who understands our passion.
- Grand River Dam Authority sale bill dropped in Committee due to huge voter outcry, including OK TU members. Thanks TU members for all your calls to the state capitol, it made a difference.
- OKTU moving to get action from new AG and Governor on final report

discounts that are available to new members. These discounts are not obvious on their respective websites. TU offers a 50% discount (\$17.50) to new individual members of which our chapter will receive a \$15 rebate. If you pay the full price, we do not get a rebate. Follow the link to submit your application and receive the 50% discount and support our chapter. [New TU Member Discount](#) Please remember to select the 420 - Oklahoma chapter designation under 90K - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma) or make note of the 420 Chapter on your checks.

IFFF offers a \$20 first year subscription fee and \$30 second year membership fee for new members. Applications for the discounted membership fee are available at the General Meetings. For every 12 new members, TFF earns a TFO Lefty Kreh fly rod which is used for fly fishing classes, demonstrations, TIC and various other chapter events.

If you have questions, please see a Board member or pick up an application at the monthly General Meeting.

Follow us on Facebook

There are now **866** members on Facebook and growing. **469** are paid Trout Unlimited Members. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on. [Here's a quick link.](#)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma

Veteran's Services Partnership (VSP) / PHWFFOK



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma outing at Roaring River State Park 2017!

Join us on June 2, 2017 at Dale Fulton's Lodge on the White River for the 3rd Annual Lloyd Wicker Memorial 2-Fly Tournament and fund raiser! See link for Lodge information: [Fulton's](#)

from the Arkansas/Oklahoma joint study commission, aka keep your chicken and hog poop out of our Scenic Rivers. New and existing sewage plants, poultry and hog farms need to come into compliance.

- Opposing Oklahoma bill allowing unlimited application of water soluble poison pellets. Poison can also be ingested into the meat of game species and fish if it does not kill them.
- Opposing bill that would allow unlimited expansion of existing hog farms and eliminate any permits, including waste water disposal.
- Tracking several Legislative proposals to sell and/or transfer water from our Eastern Oklahoma streams to Texas and Western Oklahoma.

TU National

- TU opposes transfer and sale of our National Forests and public lands. State of Oregon and Idaho county commissioners just put over 600,000 acres of long time prime fishing, hunting and hiking land up for sale to private interests. Some treasured land fire sold by counties for 40 cents of value causing outcry. Less than 1% of US lands remain public and 70% of all our trout fisheries are within public (your) lands. Half of all drinking water originates on public lands.
- TU continues to fight the ill proposed and unprofitable Pebble Mine at Bristol Bay, AK, the largest salmon and steelhead fishery in the nation.

Pat Daly

Conservation Chair

Trout in the Classroom

Trout growth progress have been posted on the TIC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tulsaareatroutintheclassroom/>



Spring fingerling release

The spring release of TIC Kamloop fingerlings by Tulsa and area schools

VSP / PHWFFOK.

Note: Want to help with a contribution? ... please send a check to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420 ... SUBJECT: VSP / PHWFFOK ...and mail it to PO

BOX 54108 TULSA, OK 74155 . Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

If you are interested in volunteering or you are a veteran wanting to participate, please email phwffok@gmail.com for more information or you can check out Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma on facebook for events, class times, and locations.

2017 General Meeting Schedule

All of these dates are the second Thursday of the month.

- April 13 - Guest Speaker: Joel Kantor - 'Smallmouth Adventures on the Fly'
- May 11 - Rob Woodruff - Entomology
- June 8 - TU/TFF Picnic

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Outings

There are still several outings before the break in June. The next outing will be the Fly Fishing Film Tour on March 24. See the details above.

- April 22 - LIR clean-up and fishing event
- May 29th - Lake Pawhuska fishing
- June 3 - Wicker 2-fly Trouney - Fulton's Lodge
- June 8 - Chapter Picnic - Location TBD

Come join us and get to know the TU420 members. Details of these events will be in futue issues of *Streamline*.

has been set for the following:

- March 2 - Catoosa - Released



- March 9 - East Central
- April 7 - Jenks
- April 19 - Broken Arrow
- April 27 - Okmulgee
- ???? - Union - TBD

Volunteers are needed to help with the release as well as casting, fly tying and stream studies. Please let Scott know if your are available to help on any of those days.

Adult Education

Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma - This class, taught by Scott Hood, was held on February 25, and filled to capacity with 40 participants who learned the best methods to catch a variety of game fish. The class included hands on demonstrations of fly tying, knot tying and casting. A big thanks go out to all the participants and especially Scott Hood and the TU420 members that volunteered their time to help.

Jenks Community Education is offering a class for those wanting to learn more about fly tying. This will be a one day class (~6 hrs) at the Jenks aquatic center.

Introduction to Fly Tying - March 25, 8:30 to 2:00. Phil Curtis will be demonstrating the basic building blocks of fly tying. All equipment and materials will be provided but you may bring your own tools if you feel more comfortable with them. The fee is \$20 for early enrollment.

Enrollment for this class can be by accessing the Community Education website at jenkscommunityed.com, calling the JCE office at 918-298-0340 or enrolling in person at 951 West Main Street, Jenks.

Scott Hood

Youth and Adult Education Chair

Note: Want to help with a donation? ... please send a check to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420 ... SUBJECT: TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM ...and mail it to PO BOX 54108 TULSA, OK 74155. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

Contact Heath for information: **Heath Tiefenauer** at outings.tff@gmail.com See you there!

Women's Initiative



Terrie Blackburn

Watch our Facebook page for postings on future women focused events. Questions or want to initiate an event? Send me a text 918-704-0908.

They Are Here !



Bring \$20 to the next TU420 general meeting and you will be able to pick up our Chapter ball caps. The \$20 will get you this good looking cap along with the knowledge that proceeds go to

Members interested in helping should contact Scott Hood
Adult/Youth Education Coordinator for details ... shood91849@aol.com

Trout Stocking at LaFortune to Continue

Due to recent, generous donations, the trout pond at The Gardens Park Pond (LaFortune Park) will have one last trout stocking on March 9th in time for the "Kids Only" day on March 13th.



The contribution by NatureWorks is a "match" donation; they contribute \$1.00 for \$1.00. So if you would like to help on this project, please send a contribution to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420...SUBJECT: TROUT POND... and mail it to P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74156. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

Scott Hood
Adult and Youth Education Coordinator

TU420 conservation projects, outings, TIC and other worthwhile TU420 sponsored projects.

This Month's Definitions

'A Dictionary For Constant Anglers, Weekend Waders, And Artful Bobbers'

by Henry Beard & Roy McKie

Unsporting: Any fishing technique that has as its chief objective the capture of fish rather than the accumulation of fishing equipment.

Wading: The most common means through which a dry-fly fisherman is transformed into a wet-fly fisherman.

Tulsa Fly Tyers

Tulsa Fly Tyers meet the first Thursday of every month. Meetings include presentations by guest fly tyers and general discussions on flies, materials and techniques.

The next meeting will be on April 6.

Meetings are held in the Ash Meeting Room at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 # 93rd St., Tulsa, OK 74133

View us on FaceBook: [IFT](#)

IFFF's Position on Public Lands

"It therefore is IFFF Policy to advocate for the essential protection of public lands and waters of the United States for their ecological, recreational and economic function and value and to endorse as public policy the administration of these lands to include applicable law, finance, policy and management responsibility, as necessary to assure enjoyment, health and other public benefits. It is our position that any proposal to change, transfer or liquidate ownership and or management responsibility of public lands has a significant likelihood to adversely affect the biological health, function and well-being of natural systems and the wildlife species they support. It further is our position that any such proposed action should receive full evaluation for public review and comment in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement under provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. It is through such Policy and position that opportunities to enjoy fly fishing

will endure."

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June 10 - Target date for trout egg planting with Arkansas TU chapter

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