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The President's Fly Box

We just concluded one of our big three events for the year. Our banquet was a tremendous success this year with more members and more prizes than in past years. If you won an auction for one of the nineteen guide trips, please consider sending pictures and a paragraph of your experience to our BUFFER newsletter director, Ken Mandel.

As you plan your fishing for the year, remember to clean your lines, replace your tippets, and organize your flies. It is also that time of year to practice casting and learn more about how to fish. BUFF has several learning opportunities and fishing trips lined up for the year.

I'm excited by our line-up of fishing opportunities. Our member volunteers have trips for steelhead, white bass, and Smoky Mountain trout scheduled for this spring. Our "after work" trips, opportunities to fish local, safely, and meet other club members, are also scheduled. And for the ladies in the club, our women's fishing outings are likely some of the best in the region. So, please check our calendar for the activities and dates, and spread the word about BUFF.

Do you have kids or grandkids? Well, BUFF has an event to get them into fishing. On April 23rd, BUFF is holding a kid's fishing event to continue introducing kids to fishing. This is a great family event and I encourage you to grab a kid and come.

Do you like clean water and healthy fish? Do you still have the child-like interest in bugs? Please help by joining in one of the many stream monitoring events. We jump into the stream, skein bugs from the bottom of the river, and count the numbers and types of bugs. There is always something to learn and experience about nature on these outings. The bug count gets reported to the state with other state data to form a composite scorecard of our river's health. This is one step in ensuring good fishing in our state.

Finally, let this be the year that you get involved more with BUFF and its members. It is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, meet new friends, continue learning, and help others. Come to a meeting and let's talk about involvement.

Hugh O'Donnell,
BUFF President

BUFF April Meeting – Wednesday April 12th

Our April meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, the business meeting and announcements starts at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation will start at 7:45 PM. This month's speaker, Robert DeMott, will be in-person, so the presentation will not be streamed on Zoom.

April Speaker – Robert DeMott, “Fly Fishing Spring Creeks”

Bob DeMott is the Edwin and Ruth Kennedy Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. This endowed faculty position was awarded to Dr. DeMott in 1998. He is a teacher, writer, critic, and the world expert on the writings of John Steinbeck.

Bob started fly fishing in 1956 in Connecticut and has been at ever since. For the past 33 years, Bob has spent much of each summer fly fishing in Montana. He is a FFI-certified Casting Instructor, former fly fishing guide, life member of Trout Unlimited and Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, and a long standing member of the Blennerhassett (WV) chapter of TU



for which he has taught many fly fishing courses. Bob is editor of *Astream: American Writers on Fly Fishing* (2012) and *Conversations with Jim Harrison: Revised and Updated* (2019), In addition, he is the author of *Angling Days: A Fly Fisher's Journals* (2019), plus many other books, and is a frequent contributor to *The American Fly Fisher*, *MidCurrent*, *Gray's*, and *Bulletin of the New York Anglers' Club*.

We look forward to an interesting and enlightening presentation at our April meeting!

April Dinner Menu

- Chef's Choice Salad & Dressing
- Rolls & Butter
- Chicken with Sun Dried Tomato Sauce
- Fresh Herb Orzo
- Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower
- Coffee & Tea
- Chef's Choice Dessert

April 10-Minute Tech Talk

This month's 'tech talk' will be presented by Cari Vota. Her topic will be 'nets'. The tech talks are brief, 10-minute, presentations held during the social hour from 6:00 – 6:30. We encourage members to stop

by the table to learn more about various types of nets and to join in the conversation with fellow BUFFers.

Miami Valley Fly Fishers – Kelly Galloup – Monday April 10th

April offers a ‘double header’ for fly fishing presentations!

Kelly Galloup will be the presenter at MVFF’s April meeting. Their meeting starts at 5:30 PM. Location is Kohler Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering, OH. Directions and registration for the meeting and dinner are on the MVFF website - <https://mvff.us/>

New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we’ve added 6 New memberships!

Mark Schlembach, Hamilton, OH

Joseph Kitching, Liberty Township, OH

Jessie Buran, Loveland, OH

Matthew Arnovitz, Loveland, OH

Mark Davis, Cincinnati, OH

Angel Crowell, Cincinnati, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon!

Check out our activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some! For those who are new to fly fishing, or may have in the past, but not for a while, the club’s Fly Fishing 101 course, which starts this month, is a great introduction to the sport, equipment, and other basic information. It will also have a session on basic casting techniques, which can help get you out and fishing. Sign-up! Later in the spring, the club offers a casting course held over a few Sundays in June at a local park where we teach and practice on the grass. Learn from our certified casting instructors! Another great program for those who are new to the sport, or anyone who wants to refresh or improve their casting.

Finally, you can use the Forum page in the BUFF website to reach out to club members for information, or even if you are just looking for someone to get out with and go fishing!

A Record Setting Banquet!!!

Our club had a record-breaking Fly Fishing Show in February, and now had a record-breaking Banquet this last month. The Banquet raised over \$10,000 for the club! That was fantastic. We had 22 silent

auction items and so many raffle items that team members had to go out to purchase some additional 'buckets' for the raffle tickets. ***Congratulations to everyone who won raffle and grand raffle prizes, and silent auction prizes.***

The Banquet is also the occasion where we recognize our club members with annual awards. This years awardees are:



Fly Fisher of the Year – Tom Bachey



Board of Directors Award & Bob Goldsberry Conservation Award – Dolph Greenberg



President's Award – Bob Creege



President's Award & Ken Dixon Fly Tying Award– Don Kail

Tim Williamson, who unfortunately could not attend, received the Lou Haynes Education Award.

A few photos from the Banquet –



Thanking our volunteers



Swearing in the 2023 Board



Some of the many raffle items



Bidding for silent auction items



Our Grand Raffle Winners!

Thank You for the Silent Auction Donations!

The club wants to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those guides, individuals, and services who so generously donated items for our silent auctions. We encourage our club member who may be planning a trip or outing to these areas to reach out and consider working with these individuals. They support our club, and we should support them.

- Cumberland Bottom Ticklers <https://www.cumberlandbottomticklers.com/>
Greg Williams; guide trips on the Cumberland River
- Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing <https://cumberlandvalleyflyfishing.com/>
Jim Sauerhaber; guide trips on the Cumberland River
- Davidson River Outfitters <https://www.davidsonflyfishing.com/>
Kevin Howell, owner. Fly shop and guided fishing for trout, small mouth & musky in Western NC & Eastern TN
- Delamere & Hopkins <https://www.dhoutfitters.com/>
Cincinnati Fly Shop (on Hyde Park Square). Local guide trips on Little Miami and other area rivers.
- Fish Ohio Outfitters <https://www.fishohiooutfitters.com/>
Capt. Josh McQueen; guide trips on waters in Northern OH
- Fightmaster Fly Fishing, Smokey Mountains <https://fightmasterflyfishing.com/>
Rob Fightmaster guides fly fishing trips in Smokey Mountains Nat'l Park for native trout

- Gates Au Sable Lodge <https://gateslodge.com/>
Lodging, fly shop and guided fly fishing on Michigan's Au Sable River near Grayling, MI
- Great Lakes Fly Fishing <https://www.greatlakesflyfishing.com/>
Owned by Jeff Liskay. Primarily fishing on Lake Erie & Lake St. Clair
- Kentucky Wild Outdoors <https://www.kentuckywildoutdoors.com/>
Guide is Bill Carman. Wading trips on KY streams for trout, bass, and other species.
- Maggie Valley Fly Shop <https://www.maggievalleyflyshop.com/>
Owners Kristin & Shannon Young have a premier fly shop and offer guided fly fishing trips for trout in Western NC and surrounding area
- Mountain Troutfitters <https://mountaintroutfitters.com/>
Flyshop and guide service based in Linville, NC. Access to private water for trout fishing. Float trips on NC and TN tailwaters.
- Ripple Guide Service <http://www.rippleguides.com/>
This is Dustin Harley's guide service fly fishing rivers in Northern IN and Southern MI for a variety of game fish.
- Rocky Top Anglers <https://www.rockytopanglers.com/>
Owned by Rocky Cox, this guide service is near Knoxville TN, and guides on the Cumberland, Caney Fork, Clinch, and other area rivers.
- Southeastern Anglers <https://www.southeasternanglers.com/>
Located in SE TN they offer drift-boat guided trips on the Clinch, Cumberland, and other regional rivers.
- Stream Team Anglers <https://streamteamanglers.com/>
Jerry Yates, who invented Frog's Fanny floatant is the owner. He is guiding on rivers and streams in the Blue Ridge and eastern Smokey Mountains Nat'l Park.
- Sunnybrook Trout Club <https://sunnybrooktroutclub.com/>
Private fishing club on Cold Creek south of Sandusky. Stocked trout fly fishing.
- Tuckaseegee Fly Shop <https://www.tuckflyshop.com/>
Premier fly shop with 3 locations in Western NC. Guide trips on the Tuckaseegee, Oconoluftee, Nantahala Rivers and in Smokey Mountains Nat'l Park.

We also thank Lee McClellan of Kentucky, BUFF member Patrick Goddard, the Mill Creek Alliance and the Little Miami Conservancy who provided unique, one-off fishing opportunities through silent raffles at the Banquet.

BUFF Library Reminder –

From: Dave Smith

BUFFERS – While we are not regularly bringing the library boxes to our meetings, ***the library remains AVAILABLE***. Finding and checking out a book or video is really easy and is done through the BUFF website.

Open the BUFF web page and click on the “Member Services” icon. This area is limited to BUFF members, so you will be asked to login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, you have a series of function icons. Click on “Browse the Library”. This brings up the list of our library books and holdings. There is a GREEN “Reserve It” box on the right of each item. Click that to reserve the book/video. It will be delivered to you at the next club meeting.

Returning books is just as easy – just bring them to the next meeting.

This is an easy to use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

Save the Date – BUFF Picnic – Wednesday July 12th

Once again, we’ll replace our regular July meeting with a picnic. It will be at Miami Meadows Park, and we have the lakeside shelter reserved. Plan to join us for a pleasant evening of good food, comradeship, and some fishing at the lake.

The planning team will be working on the menu and planning some activities. This year we plan to have an auction for a fly rod and outfit as well. Watch for details in upcoming BUFFERS and on the Website.



Spring Casting Tune-Up – Tuesday April 18th

By Jim Vota

Come one, come all, Tuesday April 18th at the Springdale Recreation Center at 6:00 PM to the BUFF annual casting tune-up workshop. Bring your rod, your cast, and any questions you may have. BUFF casting instructors will be there to help you get ready for the new fishing season.

This year we're adding something new! We're adding a session on casting weighted flies, like Clouser Minnows. These are the flies of choice for white bass and knowing how to cast these will be useful for anyone going on the white bass trips in April/May.

The fun begins at 6:00 PM, and will take place in old gymnasium, or outside if weather permits. **Please register on the Trip/Activity page on the website so we know how many to expect.** See you there.



Take a Kid Fishing – Sunday April 23rd

By Cari Vota

Taking your child/grandchild fishing for the first time can result in great memories for both kids and parents or grandparents alike. The excitement of getting out on the water and catching fish along with spending time outdoors with your loved ones can be an extremely enjoyable experience.

Bring your child or grandchild out Sunday April 23rd, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at Miami Meadows Park in Milford. This is where we had our BUFF picnic last summer, and the club has reserved the shelter next to the lake. Every child is required to have at least one adult with them. Waivers are required for both adults and children. After all, we are around water. **Registration and waivers are on the Trips & Activities page on the BUFF website.**



The lake has bluegill, crappie, and some bass, so don't overthink gear, it all works. We'll have club gear for use as well, including fly rods, Crappie poles and plenty of hot dogs to feed the fish.

We'll also have snacks and something to drink for the kids.

Some other thought and tips for the day:

- *Make It About Them.* The entirety of your focus has to be on their enjoyment. A big part of your day is going to be small achievements. Praise them when they make a good cast or catch a fish.
- *Keep your cool.* Expect to re-bait hooks and take out line tangles and knots all day. This is their day, not yours. The quickest way to turn children off to fishing is to get frustrated with them.
- *Keep it short.* Plan only a couple hours, not a daylight-to-dark marathon session (unless that's what the child wants).

- *Keep it easy.* Choose simple tackle, bait, and techniques. Fish for a species that is plentiful (bluegills) and easy to catch. At the very least, make sure that your child has size-appropriate tackle and fresh line. Not only will that make casting more efficient, but it will help them bring in more fish. On the flip side, don't go too far to the other extreme. If they're not ready for a fly rod, don't put one in their hand, no matter how much you want them to. They're going to fight it all day and it will limit their effectiveness and enjoyment.
- *Keep them covered.* Think about the Three Little Bears – if they're too hot or too cold they won't be having fun, and while "just right" might be a moving target think layers to ensure that they can quickly adjust. Use plenty of sunscreen and protective clothing as needed.
- *Keep them happy.* Think Snacks. And it's not necessarily a time to eat healthy. This is about bonding between a parent or grandparent and child, and you want them to want to go again.
- *Teach them what you know*—tell them about birds, plants, or fish. Kids remember these things and find it interesting. Teach them about conservation, and respect for the environment. Try to pick up a little bit of trash that others left behind each time out.



Sign-up and come out with your kids. It will be a great time for all.

ONDR Area Spring Trout Stocking – Changes Will Increase Our Local Fishing Options

March thru May is the time when the Ohio DNR stocks local lakes and ponds with rainbow trout. Stocked trout are raised at state fish hatcheries and are 10 – 13 inches when stocked. There are about 100,000 fish stocked in lakes and ponds across the state. These are harvest stockings, as the water temperatures will rise as the weather gets warmer, and the fish will not survive. There is a limit of 5 fish per day per angler.

For 2023, the ODNR has put changes in place to provide greater fishing access in areas with higher and more diverse populations. In 2023, stocking focuses on smaller lakes and ponds (< 25 acres) and those with 75% or more shoreline access. In addition, stocking has been increased in those counties with larger populations to serve more people who want to go out and fish. This directly affects our area, as we have several area lakes which are new to this program, including several in SW Ohio and 2 in Hamilton County.

Here is the list for our area (Southwest Ohio), with their stocking dates. Those highlighted are the ones new to the ODNR stocking program.

<u>Location Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Trout Release Date</u>
Adams Lake	Adams	16 March, 2023
Rush Run Lake	Preble	23 March, 2023
Cowen Lake Youth Pond	Clinton	25 March, 2023
Clark Lake	Clark	30 March, 2023
Darke WA Pond W4F3	Darke	30 March, 2023
Rocky Fork State Park, South Beach Pond	Highland	30 March, 2023
Crystal Lake	Preble	8 April 2023
Davis Lake	Auglaize	12 April 2023
Tawawa Lake	Shelby	12 April 2023
Sycamore State Park Pond	Montgomery	13 April 2023
Caesar Creek Youth Pond	Warren	15 April 2023
Mounts Park Pond	Warren	15 April 2023
Englewood North Park Pond	Montgomery	19 April 2023
Taylorsville Poplar Creek Park	Montgomery	19 April 2023
Deer Run-Symmes Township Pond	Hamilton	20 April 2023
Home of the Brave Park Pond	Hamilton	20 April 2023

Both the Deer Run-Symmes Township Pond and Home of the Brave Park Pond are in Loveland and Mounts Park Pond is in Mason. A full list of all the lakes in this program, and directions to them can be found on the ODNR website at the following link: <https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/trout-stockings> .

Little Miami River Clean Up & Stream Monitoring



Tom Britton has dates and is scheduling participation in the annual Spring Clean-Up on the Little Miami River, and stream quality monitoring (SQM) outings.

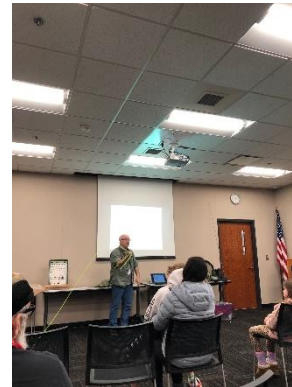
The Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. The team will be floating a section of the river. Canoes and personal floatation devices are provided, but bring waders, as we will be getting into the water. Time for the event is 9 AM – Noon, meeting at 8:30 AM at Sycamore Park (4082 State Rt 132, Batavia, OH 45103). **Registration and the required liability waiver are on the BUFF Website.** For more information contact Tom Britton.

Tom has also posted dates for stream quality monitoring on the website. Dates for our club's SQM at Caesars Creek and Bass Island on the LMR are Saturdays May 13th, July 8th, and September 9th. In addition our club participates with Butler County's SQM on 7-Mile Creek. These are at 4-Mile Park in Hamilton, OH and are on Wednesdays, May 17th, July 19th, and September 20th. **Registration and waivers are on the BUFF Website.**

Fly Fishing 101 at the Fairfield Library

By Ken Mandel

On Saturday, March 18th, Jim Vota, Tom Bachey, Cari Vota and I did a Fly Fishing 101 presentation at the Fairfield branch of the Lane Library. We had a good group, and gained 2 new members to our club! Jim did the '101' presentation from the fly fishing show. It is a good overview; about 1 ½ hours, with stops for questions. The participants were interested and had a lot of good questions which led to interactive discussion. Cari and I did a tying demo after the presentation. The whole event was a bit more than 2-hours.



Local libraries seek programs and presentations as part of their community involvement, and this was the second year we've been invited to do this. The library did the major organization – setting up the room for presentation and publicizing the event (calendar, website and bulletin board posters).

A library presentation is a simple and easy way to expand knowledge of fly fishing, what is available in our area for this sport, and our club. If anyone is interested in pursuing an event like this at your local library, I'd be happy to share what I've been doing, and help. Reach out to me –

kengmandel@gmail.com

A Few Things of Interest

By Ken Mandel

Leaders & Tippet

For those newer to our sport, and perhaps taking the Fly Fishing 101 class, I am sure you have heard about and discussed leaders and tippet. The leader is what is attached to the end of the fly line and is what we tie our flies onto. Tippet is the material at the end of the leader, usually consisting of the last 30" or so of a commercial tapered leader. As one changes out flies, the tippet end of a leader becomes shorter, and needs to be replaced with the same, or smaller thickness tippet. By replacing the tippet, one does not need to put on an entirely new, and more expensive, leader.

This month I found two short YouTube videos discussing leaders and tippet. One was on the MidCurrent discusses leaders and is by Kelly Galloup. By the way, and as mentioned earlier in this BUFFER, Kelly is the presenter at this month's MVFF meeting. This video can be found at -

https://midcurrent.com/videos/how-to-pick-the-right-leader/?goal=0_8efbf3b958-c83c1e8e73-42992413&mc_cid=c83c1e8e73&mc_eid=e2b8fc2655. The other is from Orvis and is by Tom

Rosenbauer who discusses how much tippet to have on a leader. Here is the link –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKI67M1JL9s>. Both are short presentations of < 5 minutes each, and provide great information.



Euro Nymphing YouTube with George Daniel

Another Tom Rosenbauer YouTube that appeared on the Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing site this past month discusses Euro Nymphing. As you can see from the photo, it is a collaboration with George Daniel. The video covers topics that George presented at our show in February. Tom, being Tom, is insightful and entertaining. It's about 45-minutes in length, so sit

back, have a pleasant beverage in hand, and relax and enjoy it! Here is the link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWjCPVA6fmY>

Blue Ridge Snorkel Trail

Tom Bachey shared this. Starting in late-spring, the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission will initiate allowing snorkeling on western NC rivers as a recreation and wildlife education opportunity. Ten sites on different rivers in western NC have been designated, and will be identified by signage as the “Blue Ridge Snorkel Trail”. Snorkeling in rivers has been gaining popularity, and the idea is to allow snorkelers to see and experience the aquatic wildlife through “the eyes of the fish” who live in those stream areas. More information can be found at –

https://www.ncwildlife.org/Connect-With-Us/new-blue-ridge-snorkel-trail-launches-this-spring?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nc-wildlife-update&utm_content=March+2023+NC+Wildlife+Update. A website, www.blueridgesnorkeltrail.com, is

in development, though not yet available.



Looking for a Fishing Pack? – Here’s a New Option

At February meeting, Jeff McElravy’s tech talk covered fishing packs. Here is a new hip pack from Orvis, that was reviewed on the AvidMax blog site. It is waterproof, has a large main compartment, built-in tippet and water bottle holders, and a place to hold a net (across your back).

A feature I especially like is an internal zipper pocket with a clip for attaching your car key - can’t lose it if you accidentally dump the pack when on the stream! I look for this in any hiking/fishing pack I consider buying, but have not found it in most fishing packs that I’ve seen. Here’s a link to the YouTube review - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHeT0I5z-B0>. Orvis has a similar pack that is not waterproof, but a lot less expensive, and has the same features.



Missouri Blue Ribbon Trout Fishing

Missouri has some excellent waters for trout fishing. The streams and lakes are habitats for native and stocked rainbow and brown trout. These include 9 ‘blue ribbon’ streams, which are not stocked, offer wild trout and challenging angling opportunities. Together with Trout Unlimited, the Missouri DNR has a ‘trout slam’ award, which honors anglers who catch a trout in at least 5 of these 9 streams. Participants who choose to, can have their successes listed on the MDC website.

Here is where you can find more information on the program and Missouri’s trout streams - <https://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/trophies-certificates/blue-ribbon-trout-slam>
<https://obtuo.org/fishing/missouri/rivers-streams/>

2024 Fly Fishing Show Team – Looking for New Team Members & Leaders

Planning for the 2024 Fly Fishing Show will start in April. This year will be a transition year. Several of our long-term team members have decided that this will be their last year for involvement and leadership. Many of these folks have served in their roles for over 10 years, and it is time to on-board new team members who will take over the planning and leadership as we go forward.

Positions being transitioned:

Fly Show Co-Chairs. Bob Gustafson & Bob Miller have had these leadership roles for over a decade.

- *Bob Gustafson* is responsible for overall planning, scheduling, execution and budget management, vendor vetting, contracts and booth registrations, volunteer recruitment and scheduling, exposition hall set-up and other general logistics. Having proficiency in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Acrobat (or other pdf program, Zoom and e-mail programs and a good knowledge of the fly fishing industry are desirable for taking this position on.
- *Bob Miller* is responsible for recruiting and coordinating the event for our headliner and other speakers and presenters. He also recruits and manages communications with our vendors and other exhibitors, runs the information desk at the show, makes PA announcements and manages our hourly door prizes and end-of-show raffle awards. For this position, it is desirable to have good communication skills (phone/e-mail) and a good knowledge of the fly fishing industry.

Fly Show Floor Planning (currently *Ken Dixon*)

- Ken has responsibility for developing the floor plan maps for the exhibitor hall, presentations, and workshops. Exhibit hall these include, location and sizes of booths, table requirements, and power drop locations. Ken also manages the on-line exhibitor listing, booth payment tracking, providing information for the website listings and getting our hand-outs for show visitors published. Ken uses a 2D CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) program to produce floor plans. Having proficiency with this type of programming is desirable (BUFF will purchase software if needed). Also desirable to have proficiency in Word, Excel, Acrobat, MS Paint, Publisher, and Photo editing software.

Clubs & Guest Fly Tyers Coordinator (currently *Ken Dixon*)

- Ken has also managed recruiting other regional fly fishing clubs and fly tyers for the show. This primarily involves coordination and communications. Taking on this responsibility is an excellent opportunity to develop working relationships with friends in regional fly fishing clubs and regional expert tyers.

Fly Tying Workshops Coordinator (currently *Jim Neckers & Bob Miller*)

- This position responsible for recruiting and coordinating with workshop leader, workshop content, scheduling, coordinating room layout, power and A/V requirements, materials provision, threads and tools recommendations for attendees, and making leader introduction at the workshops.

A/V Systems (currently *Don Kail*)

- Responsible for managing and coordinating Audio/Visual systems for the show and workshops.

Kids' Corner Coordinator (currently *Wendy Gustafson*)

- Responsible for planning, procuring materials, booth set-up, recruiting & scheduling volunteers, and coordinating kid's activities at the show. Desirable to have skills working with young children.

As this is a 'transition year', those team members who have managed these activities will work to on-board new team members in their processes. In addition, there are other significant roles on the Fly Show team, and we can always use more help and ideas. Our team generally starts to meet monthly in evenings in April. Meetings are about 1 hour, and go in to December, We often have a couple of more frequent meetings as we approach the show date. If you have an interest in working on the show team in the listed roles or any capacity, please let us know. If you are not sure, come to a meeting and check it out or call for more information. We are committed to see the show positioned for success in the coming years.

Please respond Bob Gustafson (513-289-5250 or j.r.gustafson@att.net) if interested so that you can be included when show planning begins in April.

The team also wants to thank, Tom Bachey, Scott Biser, Haruko Mizoguchi, & Kathy Newsom who have already agreed to help with planning and responsibilities for the 2024 show.

Some Recent Member Activities

Not much for last month, as it is still pretty cold and few fishing activities shared. In early March, Jim & Cari Vota and Jeff McElravy did attend the North Coast Fly Fishing show, representing the club and FFI. Here are a couple of photos of Jim and Jeff tying at the show.



Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details, or contact the trip or activity coordinator

In-person activities are Limited to BUFF Members, and require Registration (online on club Website) and signing the Club's Liability Waiver

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Brookville Tailwaters Day Trip Brookville, In	Tuesday, April 11 th all day Register and info on Website	Mike Jones
Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	Wednesday, April 12 th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	
Spring Steelhead Trip NE Ohio	Thursday April 13 th – Sunday April 16 th Register on Website	Hugh O'Donnell
Spring Casting Tune-Up Springdale Community Ctr	Tuesday, April 18 th 6:00 PM Register on Website	Jim Vota
Board of Directors Meeting Springdale Community Ctr	Wednesday, April 19 th 6:30 – 8:00 PM	Hugh O'Donnell
Tie & Lie Virtual Session	Friday, April 21 st 6:30 – 8:30 PM Zoom Link on Website	Gary Begley
Clermont County LMR Spring Clean-Up Batavia, OH	Saturday, April 22 nd 8:30 AM (meet) – Noon Register on Website	Tom Britton
Kids Fishing Event Miami Meadows Park Milford, OH	Sunday, April 23 rd 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Register on Website	Cari Vota
White Bass Fishing Trips Whitewater River Liberty, IN	Tue 4/25, Wed 4/26, Fri 4/28 Mon 5/1, Wed 5/3 <i>Waitlisted - Check Website for Availability</i>	Bob Gustafson Jeff Georgin Kathy Newsom

Directions to Oasis -

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.

