



**Newsletter
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***Chattahoochee/Nantahala Chapter 692
Trout Unlimited
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The next meeting will be:

***Thursday, August 8th
Cadence Bank, Blairsville, GA***

The fly tying session begins at 5:00 pm and the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Guest fly tier this month is Larry Culpepper. There will be no educational program this month.



Last Month's Meeting: We were pleased to have Bill Oyster of Oyster Bamboo Fly Rods in Blue Ridge as our featured speaker. Bill presented a fun, educational show-and-tell about the history of bamboo rods and the way in which present day rods are constructed. He went through a Frequently-Asked Questions format that covered a wide range of questions most people have about bamboo rods including why they cost what they do, how they are made, how durable they are, etc. His presentation included a breakdown of his week-long rod making classes and gave us all a better appreciation of the intensive work that goes into a quality bamboo rod.

Bill also kindly donated several gifts from his fly shop, Blue Ridge Fly Fishing, for our fundraiser next month.

Thanks, Bill, for a great time.

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Misty Mountain Quilters' Guild TU 692 Appreciation Night





For you members lucky enough to have attended our last meeting, we were treated to a fabulous meal of home-cooking by the ladies of the Misty Mountain Quilters' Guild. They donated their food and time to us as a way of showing appreciation for the money we have donated to their Quilts of Valor program. Our members plan to continue their contributions in the future for this very worthy cause that shows our active duty wounded warriors, as well as veterans, how much they are appreciated.



Joan and John Willis get ready for the fair arrivals as Larry contemplates which flies to tie.



Harold teaches a boy the finer points of fly casting.

Members of Chattahoochee/Nantahala Chapter 692 Help at Georgia Mountain Fair

Thanks to Larry Culpepper's efforts, some of our members volunteered to represent our chapter at the Georgia Mountain Fair in Hiawassee last month. The members' participation was voluntary and in association with Noontootla Creek Farms, Oyster Bamboo Rods, the Blue Ridge TU chapter and others. The purpose was to promote fly fishing, fly tying and other outdoor activities in Georgia.



Fundraising News

Harold wants to remind everyone that we will be selling raffle tickets for the bamboo rod donated by Tom Query at the meeting this month. We will only sell 50 tickets at \$20.00 each! Your chances are much better than winning the Powerball lottery, so bring your cash to the meeting.

Everyone needs at least one beautiful bamboo rod in his arsenal!



*Serving Blairsville, Young Harris, Hiawassee,
Hayesville and Murphy*

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Since 1993, our local Chattahoochee/Nantahala Chapter 692 of Trout Unlimited has served the local area by conserving and protecting our precious coldwater fisheries while promoting trout fishing in a sportsmanlike manner. Each year we donate money and volunteer countless hours performing activities which benefit our fellow citizens. These activities include:

- ✦ Cleaning up local rivers and streams
- ✦ Creating and improving fish habitat
- ✦ Assisting the national fish hatchery in Suches with its annual events:
 - Special Kids Fishing Rodeo (for disabled children and adults)*
 - Veterans Appreciation Day*
 - Family Fishing Festival*
 - Seniors Fishing Rodeo*
- ✦ Working with veterans through *Project Healing Waters and Fly Fishing for Vets* at the local VA Clinic in Blairsville.
- ✦ Paying tuition for worthy teenagers to attend a week-long Trout Camp each summer. At the camp, they are taught fly fishing, conservation and sportsmanlike angling.
- ✦ Contributing money to intern programs run by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, as well as the National Park Service.

As a qualified Code Section 501(c)(3) Non-Political Tax Exempt Organization, we hold an annual fundraiser during the Fall in order to sustain the activities above for the following year. This year we would like to ask that you consider donating a gift certificate from your business in whatever denomination you feel is appropriate to help us continue serving our fellow citizens in north Georgia and western North Carolina.

Your contribution is totally tax-deductible and will provide you with potential new customers for your business. Any help you can provide us this year is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joe Duket
President



Don't forget to print out and present this letter signed by President Joe Duket to restaurant and business owners in an effort to get donations for our fundraiser.

The letter in .pdf format was e-mailed to all members last month. If you don't have the e-mail, contact Larry Bundy or Joe Duket to get another copy e-mailed to you.

Once you have received a gift certificate from a business owner, you should post the name of the business on the forum so other members will know not to call on that same company.