



**Newsletter
December, 2012**

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

***Thursday, January 10th
Cadence Bank, Blairsville, GA***

The fly tying session begins at 5:00 pm and the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

December Meeting: Our presentation at December's meeting was by Donna Shearer, founder and chairman of the non-profit organization, Save Georgia's Hemlocks. Donna is the 2012 winner of Atlanta's Cox Conserves Hero for the outstanding work she and her group are doing fighting the woolly adelgid which is destroying our native hemlocks throughout the Appalachian range. Donna gave an update on their efforts, as well as useful information for everyone who either has hemlocks on their property or wish to help in the fight. The good news is that the steps to treat trees, whether minimally, moderately or severely infected, is relatively cheap and easy to do.



If anyone would like to follow up with Donna and her group, the web site is: www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org

Following the presentation, it was approved by the chapter to donate \$250.00 to Save Georgia's Hemlocks.

January Meeting: Damon Hearne is the Southeast Conservation Coordinator for TU, based in Asheville, NC. He will present on TU's conservation work in the Southeast and focus on project updates and new directions in the region on watershed protection and sportsmen's advocacy efforts. He'll also highlight a new initiative on native fish conservation that is being discussed for the Little Tennessee watershed, report on Georgia land protection efforts, and give an update on the new TU National website.

He'll take questions, suggestions and thoughts on conservation issues important to the chapter.

Chapter Work Projects in 2013: At the December meeting of the Georgia Trout Unlimited Council, we firmed up our work schedule for 2013. Below is a summary of the projects that we will be working on. ***Volunteers will be needed, so reserve these dates on your calendar now.***

4/20: River Project: Toccoa Sweep (9:00 - 1:00). *Blue Ridge chapter is Lead.*

4/20: Georgia Fly Fishing for Vets Day (8:00-3:00): *Paces Mill Park, Atlanta*

5/8: Hatchery Event: Special Kids Fishing Rodeo (9:00 - 12:00)

5/10 or 5/11: Hatchery Event*: Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo (9:00 - 12:00)

6/7: Hatchery Event: Seniors Fishing Rodeo (9:00 - 12:00)

6/8: Hatchery Event*: Family Fishing Festival (9:00 - 12:00)

6/15: Stream Project - Pretty Branch (9:00 - 1:00). *Blue Ridge chapter is Lead.*

8/24: Stream Project - Boggs Creek (9:00 - 1:00). *Tailwater chapter is Lead.*

***We will be contacting the Blue Ridge chapter to ask their assistance in two of the hatchery events so that the work load can be shared by both chapters which benefit from the hatchery's stocking.**

Also, Steve Banakas mentioned there will be another work project on Fires Creek to dismantle the illegal dams that are built each year by campers. The date is TBD.



Quilts of Valor:

Our chapter members will be contributing to more quilts during 2013. Last year we donated enough money for three quilts which were made by local ladies in the Misty Mountain Quilters Guild. The quilts have sewn tags which state they are gifts from the members of Chattahoochee/Nantahala Trout Unlimited chapter.

All quilts are shipped to Afghanistan where they are given to wounded warriors



Dream Tickets: We only have a few tickets remaining for the 2013 trip. We are selling the tickets to chapter members for \$5.00 which is a 50% reduction from the \$10 price for a ticket.

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity - owner and host of the 2013 Dream Trip

GRAND PRIZE

"The 2013 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

-Jimmy Harris, owner, Unicoi Outfitters

- **5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 28- August 2, 2013**
- **\$500 total in travel expenses** - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.
*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.
- **Each winner receives:**
 - Choice of Winston Bill-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod
 - A fly reel with Scientific Angler line
 - A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- Custom made Temple Fork fly rod. (9' 4 piece, Professional series or TiCr, 4, 5 or 6 wt). Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Six dozen flies in nice fly box. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Five day trip to Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada for one person. Trip is set up for two people for 5 days. Winner or partner must pay for second person @\$3695 individual rate. Dates are open for selection at www.kasba.com. Donated by the Kasba Lodge, NWT, Canada.
- Certificate to Fly Fishing Class or Fly Casting Class at the Atlanta Fly Fishing School. Donated by Atlanta Fly Fishing School.
- Custom made Temple Fork fly rod of winner's choice. (Professional series, TiCr or TiCrX). Donated by Garland Stewart.
- Full day guided float trip on the Chattahoochee River for 2 people. Includes lunch and soft drinks. Donated by River Through Atlanta Guide Service. Gordon Walker will be the guide.
- Half day guided fishing trip with Henry Cowan on the Chattahoochee for carp, Lake Lanier for stripers or Lake Allatoona. (Anglers' choice.)
- One half-day unguided fishing for two people at Nacoochee Bend. Donated by Jimmy Harris, Unicoi Outfitters.
- Fly Box with 6 dozen flies, donated by the 13 Georgia TU Chapters
- Surprise gift **Must be present to win!**



Jimmy Harris owner of Unicoi Outfitters

For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org



Testiment of a Fisherman

I fish because I love to; because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly; because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties and assorted social posturing I thus escape; because, in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion; because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to quietude and humility and endless patience; because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip; because mercifully there are no telephones on trout waters; because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness; because bourbon out of an old tin cup always tastes better out there; because maybe one day I will catch a mermaid; and, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant---- and not nearly so much fun.

Robert Traver

