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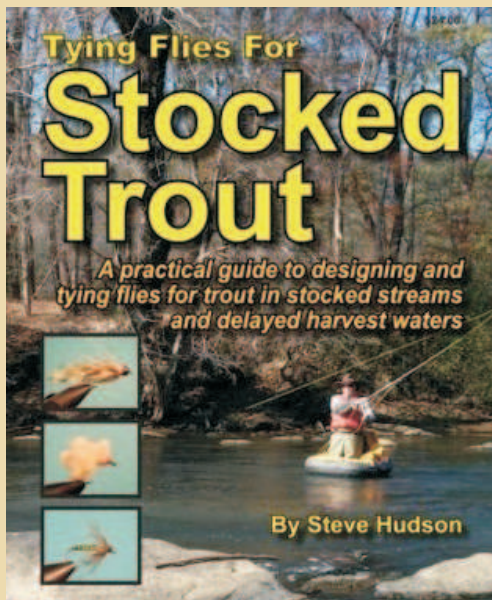
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The next meeting will be:

**Thursday, January 9th
Cadence Bank, Blairsville, GA**

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

"Introduction To Salt Water Fly Fishing"



We are pleased to have Steve Hudson as our speaker and fly tying instructor for this month's meeting. Steve is a long-time fly fisherman and outdoors enthusiast who says that he has the best of all possible jobs - one that allows him to share the excitement of the out-of-doors with others.

Steve is founder and editorial director of Chattahoochee Media Group, a company specializing in publishing quality outdoor books for fly fishers, fly tyers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. He is also the author of several fishing, hiking and outdoor recreation books, including the recently published fly tying coursebook "A Structured Course in Fly Tying" (which is being called an exceptionally practical, understandable and user-friendly fly tying guide) as well as "Flyfishing 101: A Beginner's Guide to the Fascinating World of Flyfishing." His newest book, "Hiking the Hooch," is earning praise as the only complete guide to the many great hiking trails of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

A professional journalist and magazine editor for more than three decades, Steve has written extensively on fishing, hiking, canoeing, travel and other outdoor activities. He has been a member of the journalism faculty at Georgia State University, and he still enjoys working with journalism students every chance he gets.

When not busy writing, Steve especially enjoys sharing his passion for the out-of-doors with others. His courses and workshops in fly fishing and fly tying are very popular. He is a frequent speaker on fly fishing, fly tying, and outdoor recreation, and he has led fly fishing seminars and workshops from Alaska to Florida.

Steve also enjoys music. He does "a pretty good job" on the bass guitar and teaches guitar and bass to young people as well as to adults. He is also the Director of Handbell Choirs at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church, where he also heads up the Fishers of Men fly fishing-based fellowship program.

Steve lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with his wife Ann, Zoe the cat, and Chester the Sheepdog.



Monthly Fly Tying

In conjunction with his presentation on salt water fly fishing, Steve Hudson is planning to tie before the meeting @ 5:00 p.m. The two flies that he's going to tie are the Clouser Minnow and the "Gurgler", a top water fly. He is also going to demonstrate one other fly that we won't be tying. All you need to bring is your tying equipment. He strongly suggest that you bring 3/0 thread (that's like boat rope) in White, or Chartreuse, or Light Gray, or Tan. and some "Sally Hanson Hard as Nails". Steve is a very good and enthusiastic tyer. Hope to see y'all there.

Last Month's Presentation:

The program for the evening, "Progressive Soft Hackle Strategies", was presented by flyfisherman, fly tyer and author Allen McGee. His presentation included many photos of streams and fish, but what was most unusual and very informative were the underwater videos of insects. Seeing the motion of the nymphs and then the flies that incorporate some of those characteristics was very enlightening for all who attended. The flymph was first tied in the 1970's by V.S. Hidy and Jim Leisenring and was designed to imitate insects between the nymph and adult stages. The flies include several techniques to imitate the subsurface transitional stage, and in doing so provide additional motion the fly. One of his favorite flies is a Pheasant Tail Flymph. He was very promotional on the use of Brahma hen, Chickaboo And wooly bugger marabou for tying materials. He also suggested rubbing the dirt from the streambed on your fly and leader to help disguise scents, and use of the slip strike technique. He suggested that tiers put their fly under water right at the tying bench to see what it looks like to the fish.



Allen also signed and sold some of his books, "Tying & Fishing Soft-Hackled Nymphs", as well as his custom-made Lanyards.

For those who would like to keep up with Allen through his web blog, "Allen McGee's Riverfly Angler", the link is:

[Http://allenmcgee.blogspot.com/](http://allenmcgee.blogspot.com/)

Dream Tickets 2014

Again this year as in the past, our chapter will pay the Georgia TU Council the sum of \$1,000 for our allotment of 100 Dream Tickets to be sold for \$10.00 each. Everyone who attended our picnic and fundraiser paid for one (1) Dream Ticket at half price (\$5.00). When we sell all 100 tickets, our chapter receives a \$500.00 rebate from the Georgia TU Council which means that the chapter breaks even financially.

We have sold 67 tickets so far and have an additional 33 tickets to sell (at half price) before the deadline. We now have the actual tickets in hand which will be distributed to those members who have purchased one, either at the picnic or afterwards.

Last year's winner and partner won the following:

July 29 - August 3, 2012 (negotiable)

Five days hosted fishing and six nights food and lodging at a private cabin in Island Park, ID near the west entrance of Yellowstone National Park.

A float trip on the Madison River.

A Winston 9 foot, 5 weight, 4 piece Boron III -x custom made fly rod.

A fly reel with Scientific Angler line.

A fly box and flies (approximately 5 to 7 dozen per box) for the trip.

\$500 in total travel expenses (this is total, not per person).

NOTE: 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.

