

The Creel

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January 2020

Happy New Year



A Message from the President

By Sheila Meyer

There is no doubt that 2020 is going to be an exciting and very busy year for NKFF. Just take a look at the [Calendar of Events](#) and you will see that there is no shortage of educational events, fishing trips, volunteer opportunities and much more. The 2020 Calendar is still in draft form, but 90% of the events are there. So take a look and if you have suggestions, please make them at suggestions@nkff.org.

We are in the process of building the monthly meeting program speakers and we have a great start on the process beginning with the [January 7th meeting](#).

Rich Storm, the new Commission of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources will be our speaker and this is a great opportunity to hear his vision for the future of fishing in Kentucky and for him to hear suggestions and questions from NKFF members. Register for the meeting [HERE](#). Or send an email to reservations@nkff.org. **We moved the date of this meeting to Tuesday, January 7th, because the 1st Thursday was just too close to the holidays and the 2nd Thursday was already booked at the Lions Club.**

I hope you will take advantage of all of the opportunities that the NKFF calendar has to offer this year.

Please remember, I want to hear from you. Make suggestions, provide constructive criticism and don't be a silent member. Contact me by email (sheila@nkff.org), make a suggestion (suggestions@nkff.org) or grab me at one of our monthly meetings. I promise I will listen.

I need your help. Don't be surprised if I tap you on the shoulder one day and say, "What do you think about...?" or "How would you like to...?" I look forward to working with you in the coming years.



The Fly Fishing Community Suffers a Great Loss

Dr. Thomas J. Schrodt, co-author of "Fly Fishing Kentucky" dies

Dr. J. Thomas Schrodt, professor emeritus of Chemical Engineering at The University of Kentucky, avid outdoorsmen, fly fisher and author, died in Lexington, Kentucky on December 16th surrounded by his family. He was 82.

Schrodt was a founding member of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Kentucky and served as both the Director of Graduate Studies and Chairman over the course of his 40 year career.

An avid fly fisher who traveled the world exploring its rivers and streams in search of Trout, he collaborated on a very successful fishing guide titled "Fly Fishing in Kentucky". That endeavor took him on a book tour throughout the southeast sharing his knowledge and expertise and creating a network of friends among fellow fly fishers. Gary Garth from the Courier Journal wrote that, "Fly Fishing Kentucky is well-researched, well-written and nicely illustrated with a hefty dose of nuts-and-bolts information. It's definitely a book that fly fishers should keep handy."



Tom took up fly fishing for cold and salt water fish in 1985. This pursuit carried him into more than a hundred waters, including rivers in New Zealand, Alaska, British Columbia, the lochs of Ireland and the salty flats off the Florida coasts. He said that his most exciting catches included a 22-inch cutthroat out of the Bitterroot in Montana, a 35-inch steelhead out of the Thorne River on the Prince of Wales Isle and a 30-inch rainbow from the Copper River in Alaska. Tom taught fly casting and fishing in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Vaerie Askren, who co-authored "Fly Fish Kentucky" with Tom and was a dear friend of his said, "This is a terrible loss for me personally and for the conservation and fly fishing communities. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed". Valerie spoke at the September 2019 NKFF monthly meeting.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that a donation be made to either of the following. Marianists for Partnering with the Poor: 4435 East Patterson Rd, Dayton, OH 45430. Trout in the Classroom: Bluegrass Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 111 Lakeside Court, Georgetown, KY 40324.

2020 Program Survey Results

By Tim Guilfoile

In mid-June of 2019, we conducted a survey of all members and asked you to make recommendations for 2020 monthly meeting programs. There were 78 responses, an excellent return for a survey. There were 5 questions and here is the summary of the results. It was amazing to me how individual responses to these open ended questions clustered around similar recommendations. Your input will drive our monthly meeting programs for 2020.



1) Are there specific fly fishing destinations you would like to learn more about?

There were 2 primary clusters of answers to this question.

The first was “Places that are closer to home within an hour or two drive.” Over 40 of the respondents mentioned this.

The second was “Pennsylvania”. About 30 people mentioned the Keystone State as a destination they would like to know more about.

There were a lot of other individual recommendations, but it was surprising how clusters formed around these 2 destinations.

2) Are there specific guides you would like to hear at a meeting?

Susan Thrasher was the most frequently mentioned guide to have back as a speaker and we have booked her for May as a result of your responses. By the way, her 1st book will be published in May and NKFF was instrumental in its publication and NKFF is mentioned a couple of times in the book. She will be unveiling it at our May 7th meeting.

As a close second, lots of people wanted to hear from more Kentucky Fish & Wildlife professionals about Kentucky waters.

Lots of requests were made for information from guides or **other experts** about places that NKFF has not fished before as an organized club trip.

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Having Brad Redmon back again was mentioned by a good number of people.

3) Are there fly fishing techniques (nymphing or targeting smallmouth bass, etc.) you would like to learn more about?

Far and away the most frequently mentioned techniques were “Smallmouth Bass” and “warm water species”. About 80% of responses to this question mentioned one or both of these topics. We hear you loud and clear !

Next in the most mentioned category was “more on nymphing”.

Finally, “dry fly fishing” and “matching the hatch” were mentioned quite frequently.



4) How would you feel about a meeting where we had several professionally produced fly fishing short films?

Seventy three percent (73%) of survey respondents were “very to strongly interested” in this suggestion. You don’t get much stronger support than that.

5) Do you have any other thoughts regarding our Monthly Meeting Programs?

Keeping the announcements about calendar events shorter (much shorter) was the most frequently mentioned suggestion. We hear you and will try harder.

Having vendors sell gear was suggested by several people.

There were positives and negatives about the food at the meetings, again demonstrating that food is a tough nut to crack.

Lots of people like the fly tying. Good job Keith and others who tie flies at meetings.

There were also lots of positive comments about the high quality of our speakers.



January Calendar Highlights



January

NKFF's Regular Monthly meeting is being pushed back to not conflict with Holiday plans

2-5 Thu-Sun Signups for 1st Rod-building Class of 2020 – working sessions to be finished by February 29

7 TUE NKFF Meeting @ Florence Lions Clubhouse in Florence, KY - 5:30-9:30 - Speaker: Rich Storm, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

9 Thu NKFF "Beers and Barbs" Fly Tying Copper John, WD40 & Zebra Midge– 6:30-8:30pm – Dutchman's Rod and Gun Club in Hebron, KY - Bring food & snacks to share.

11-12 Sat-Sun NKFF booth space with Whuff Rod Company at Tri-State Fishing & Outdoor Show at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Hamilton, OH (D Huff & volunteers - we need a Fly-Tying & Rod-building Presentation, and fly-tying each day and volunteers to hawk the RBSF/WO raffle tickets)

14 Tue NKFF Monthly Fly Tying at various locations TBD – 6:30pm – 8:30pm (R Arrowood)

18 Sat NKFF Cabin Fever Rod & Reel Maintenance Session – backing & line replacement - prepping for the new year - Dutchman's Rod and Gun Club in Hebron, KY – 11am – 3pm

19 Sun NKFF Winter Fishing at Meldahl Dam at Willow Grove, KY – 8:00am – ? :00pm – (J Lillard_

24-25 Fri-Sat NKFF booth space at DCFF's Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show - Paroquet Conference Center in Shepherdsville, KY – Tying flies and Rod-building table display – drive down Friday (leaving 11am) and help setup stay over at the Sleep Inn & Suites – pizza & drinks hospital-ity Friday night - (M Arnold J Benson & volunteers)

28 Tue 5th District Federation Meeting – Pferrman Gun Club in Cold Spring - 6pm

31-2/02 Fri-Sun Derby City Fly Fishers & NKFF Otter Creek Winter Fishing Weekend – staying in the bunkhouse cabins – (M Norris) Sign up via DCFF's website

February Calendar Highlights



February

- 1 **Sat** NKFF booth at BUFF Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show - Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, OH – 9am-4:30pm – seminars, lots of Fly fishing, kayaking and Fly fishing guides, vendors, Tying & NKFF promotion at our booth
- 6 **Thu** NKFF Meeting @ Florence Lions Clubhouse in Florence, KY - 5:30-9:30
- 8 **Sat** NKFF Trout Day Trip to Brookville Tailwaters – 8:00am - 2:00pm – (J Lillard)
- 9, 16, 23 **Sun** NKFF Beginner's Fly-Tying Classes – Boone Cty Main Library in Burlington - 2:30-4:45pm (A McDaniel)
- 11 **Tue** NKFF Monthly Fly Tying at various locations TBD – 6:30pm – 8:30pm (R Arrowood)
- 19 **Wed** NKFF BOD Meeting - 6:30pm - Emerge ITS at 1895 Airport Exchange Blvd #170 in Erlanger, KY
- 25 **Tue** 5th District Federation Meeting – at a location to be announced soon - 6pm



Zebra Midge



Prince Nymph



Rainbow Warrior



Copper John



Splatter Roller

Free Fly Tying Classes Begin February 9

NKFF's world famous fly tying classes begin Sunday, February 9th, 2020 and continue for 6 consecutive Sundays.

Why are these classes "World Famous"? Because we've been doing them since the beginning of time and because they are taught by Aaron McDaniel and a whole host of extraordinarily talented instructors. When you complete these classes, you will be tying flies that will truly catch fish !



Recommendations will be made for equipment and tools in the first class, so there is no need to bring anything. If you already have tools, bring them.

When: February 9, 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15
from 2:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Where: Boone County Library - Main Library
1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005

You do not have to be a member of NKFF to register for the class, but you must register to attend.

You can register by calling Boone County Parks & Recreation at 859-334-2117

Or Register Online [HERE](#)



NKFF at 2020 Fly Fishing Shows

On January 11th & 12th, NKFF will share booth space with the Whuff Rod Company at the 3rd Annual **Tri-State Outdoor Show**. We need volunteers to help staff the booth and sell raffle tickets for our Winter Raffle.



Where:

**Butler County Fairgrounds-Hamilton
Ohio**

**1715 Fairgrove Ave.
Hamilton, Oh 45011**

On January 25th, NKFF will have booth space at the Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show. We need volunteers to help staff the booth for fly tying and rod building demonstrations and to help sell raffle tickets for our Winter Raffle. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Come any time and volunteer.

Where:

Paroquet Springs Conference Center

395 Paroquet Springs Dr.

Shepherdsville, KY 40165

2020 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show

Presented by



On Saturday, February 1st, NKFF will have booth space at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. We need volunteers to help staff the booth for fly tying and rod building demonstrations and to help sell raffle tickets for our Winter Raffle. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come any time and volunteer.

Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Saturday February 1st, 2020

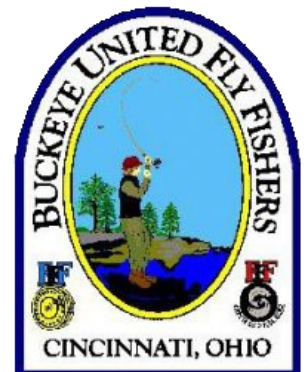
Sponsored by Buckeye United Fly Fishers

Where:

Oasis Conference Center

902 Loveland-Miamiville Rd.

Loveland, OH 45140



Beers n Barbs



Josh Lillard will be leading the pack at the next *Beers n Barbs*. He will be tying 3 different trout patterns: Copper John, WD40 and the Zebra Midge. Register [HERE](#).

As always, bring food & snacks to share.

When: Thursday, January 9th from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm

Where: Dutchman's Rod & Gun Club, 3651 Petersburg Rd, Burlington, KY 41005



Monthly Fly Tying Opportunities

Last year, NKFF member and webmaster Randy Arrowood had a very clever idea. Let's offer fly tying get-togethers at various locations throughout Northern Kentucky on a frequent basis. This way, convenience for members is increased.

Well the idea was so popular that this year these fly tying sessions are scheduled 10 months of 2020.

The events are typically held in one of our county libraries. One fly is tied and a high resolution camera is used to project the lead tier's instructions on a flat screen TV. All the supplies are provided but bring your own tools. And there is a great mix of experienced and new fly tiers, so that instruction is of very high quality.

This year the first session will be held on **January 14th**, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Ft. Thomas Branch of the Campbell County Library (1000 Highland Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075). Register [HERE](#).

Join us...We will be tying the Improved Zebra Midge.





Cabin Fever Rod & Reel Maintenance January 18

Prepare for the coming season. Clean up and repair rods & reels. Replace backing and line. Not sure what to do? We can help !!

Or just get out of the house and hang out.

Lunch will be provided, but bring a side dish or desert to share.

When: Saturday, January 18th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Dutchman's Rod & Gun Club, 3651 Petersburg Rd, Burlington, KY 41005.

Please sign up so we know how many people to feed.....Thanks

Sign up **HERE**

Women's Fly Fishing Open Forum at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show - Feb 1st

By Cari Vota

Although it is still the case that fly-fishing is male dominated, more women are becoming interested in the sport. One of the barriers to women joining the contingent of fly-fishers is lack of knowledge.

Because many women are more comfortable learning this new sport from and with other women, women across the U.S. are organizing retreats, outings, educational seminars, youth outreach programs and other events to build a community of women anglers.

Join us for a panel discussion on the future of women anglers in the SW Ohio/ NKY area at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show this February 1st, 2020 from 1:00-2:00 pm. Kerry Premec, NKFF Women's Outreach Director and Fly Fisher of the Year 2019, will be there representing NKFF on the panel. Joining her will be Cari Vota, BUFF Director Women's Program, Katie Johnstone, TU Madmen DI/WI Coordinator, and Paula Smith, MVFF Past President.

Be a part of a women-centered conversation on a range of topics for and about women anglers in our area. Ask questions, network, swap stories with other anglers and fly fishing enthusiasts. Each of these outstanding women will briefly tell the group a little about their club, mission, events/activities, and why they fly fish. There will be handout too – club brochures, membership forms, 2020 calendars of events, any women's activities – planned or future, etc.



Kerry Premec, NKFF's Women's Outreach Director, fishing in Wyoming's Shoshone National Forest.

2020 Monthly Meeting Programs



February 6th: Nicole Watson is a doctoral candidate at Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Her research focuses on steelhead and she is studying 46 tributaries of Lake Michigan. Her research is also focused the successful reintroduction of Arctic Grayling in Michigan streams. Nicole was first introduced to fly fishing at age-9 on the banks of the Au Sable at Wyandotte Lodge (now Riverside). Nicole is on the Board of Directors of Anglers of the Au Sable, a member of Trout Unlimited and the American Fisheries Society. She lives with her husband, Tom, in Dundee, MI. They love to fish, hunt, hike and relax in the great outdoors. Like to fish for steelhead? You don't want to miss this program.



March 5th: Chad Miller has been guiding on the waters of his youth in Indiana since 1996 and specializes in warm water tactics for smallmouth bass. He was the first Smallmouth fly fishing guide in Indiana. Currently Chad is the only full time fly fishing smallmouth guide in Indiana. Chad has lived his entire life in West Central Indiana and has fished Sugar Creek his entire life and the Tippecanoe River since he was 15 years old. The Tradition of fishing Sugar Creek has been passed down for 5 generations in the Miller family.



Chad wrote the cover story on ["Warmwater Tactics"](#) for the Fall/Winter 2019 issue of Flyfisher Magazine, the publication of Fly Fishers International.

Register for meetings at nkff.org or by email at reservations@nkff.org



NKFF Selected as Orvis 50/50 On The Water Film Tour Sponsor

By Kerry Premec

Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers has been selected as 1 of only 100 sites for the Orvis 50/50 on the Water Film Tour. The Orvis 50/50 on the Water campaign aims to inspire more women to get out on the water and discover the joys of fly-fishing. The 50/50 on the Water Film Tour is a family-friendly night of fly-fishing films.



You'll leave the event inspired and energized by the storytelling, which highlights anglers and fisheries from around the world.

Mark your calendars now. Tickets will be on sale after January 1st.

What: Orvis/NKFF on the Water Film Tour

When: Wednesday, March 18th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm, the show starts at 7:00 pm.

Where: Braxton Brewing Company

“The Loft”

27 West 7th St.

Covington, KY 41011



Our sincere thanks to [Braxton Brewing Company](#) for their sponsorship of this event.

Fishing In Neighborhoods

GOOD FISHING. CLOSE TO HOME.



The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources created the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program to provide anglers with quality fishing opportunities close to home. The program currently includes 43 lakes statewide. The aim of the program is to create quality fishing opportunities near urban areas of all sizes throughout the state. More information may be found [HERE](#).

Below is the fall 2019 trout stocking schedule for FINs Lakes in Northern Kentucky

FINs Lake	County	Date	# of Trout
Camp Ernst Lake	Boone	11/22/19	1800
Southgate Lake	Campbell	11/22/19	500
Alexandria Community Park Lake	Campbell	11/22/19	1800
Lake Pollywog	Grant	11/22/19	1000
Leary Lake	Grant	11/22/19	1800
Middleton Mills Long Pond	Kenton	10/23/19	500
Middleton Mills Shelterhouse Pond	Kenton	10/23/19	500
Prisoners Lake	Kenton	10/23/19	1000

Pheasant Tail Nymph Attractor

By Louis Cahill ([Gink+Gasoline](#))

I'm a firm believer in utilizing a bright attractor nymph in my tandem nymph rigs during the winter months. A couple years back I thought to myself why not take a proven traditional fly patterns and modify them with bright attractor fly tying materials. This way you can bank on both the proven profile characteristics and the flashy appeal. One of the first fly patterns I came up with for this idea was this pheasant tail attractor nymph pictured on this page. It's been very successful for me on the water. I generally use it as a dropper in my tandem nymph rig in size 16-20. I'll try a traditional bead head pheasant tail nymph in a 14-16 with my attractor pheasant tail nymph in a 18-20. It's a deadly combination for me during the winter months.

Try experimenting with modifying other proven traditional nymph patterns into attractor nymphs. I'm a strong believer however in always using one natural (non-attractor) style nymph and one at-

tractor nymph in my tandem rigs. This seems to work the best for me on the water.



Pheasant Tail Attractor Nymph

Nymph Hook: 14-20

Tail: Natural Pheasant Tail

Ribbing: Ultra Wire Small – Blue

Abdomen: Flashabou Dubbing – Light Blue

Shellback: 6-8 strands of Flashabou – Pearl

Thorax/Collar: Natural Pheasant Tail

Thread: 6/0 Brown Uni-Thread

Head: 5/64 to 3/32 Nickel Bead

The \$25 DIY Fly Rod Carrier

By Wane Noakes

I had been looking for a convenient way to carry rods from place to place when I am on a fishing trip without having to break them down. So I found an article on a fly fishing blog with instructions on how to build a “do it yourself or DIY” rod carrier that is the same or better quality and much less expensive than ones that you can buy commercially.

There are two types available commercially, magnetic and vacuum style. I went with vacuum because not all car hoods and roofs are metal and magnets won't work.

You can find the complete instructions online by clicking [HERE](#).

The only thing I did differently is that I did not use any tape over the nylon ties because it will come off over time. I used a couple more ties than the instructions showed. Also, when you cut the excess off the nylon ties leave just enough so they can be tightened up again after several uses.

The pictures provided here in “The Creel” are of the carrier that I built. I used it on the recent North Carolina trip and even at expressway speeds it was solid.

Complete instructions [HERE](#).



More Pictures of the \$25 DIY Fly Rod Carrier



Why Ernest Hemingway Took a Machine Gun Fishing

By Sean Braswell

He was a 35-year-old man who hated to fish alone on the 38-foot Wheeler cabin cruiser he had purchased for \$7,500. He named the beloved boat Pilar, after his second wife. His friends called him Papa, and he had walked away from plane crashes, brush fires and car wrecks on several continents, and had the scars to prove it.

A month before, in April 1935, the bold man had discovered Bimini, an island chain 50 miles east of Miami. The Gulf Stream and the other great ocean currents were the last wild country left, and had some of the world's finest fishing. It was an unexploited country, no one quite knew what fish lived in it, or how great a size they could reach.

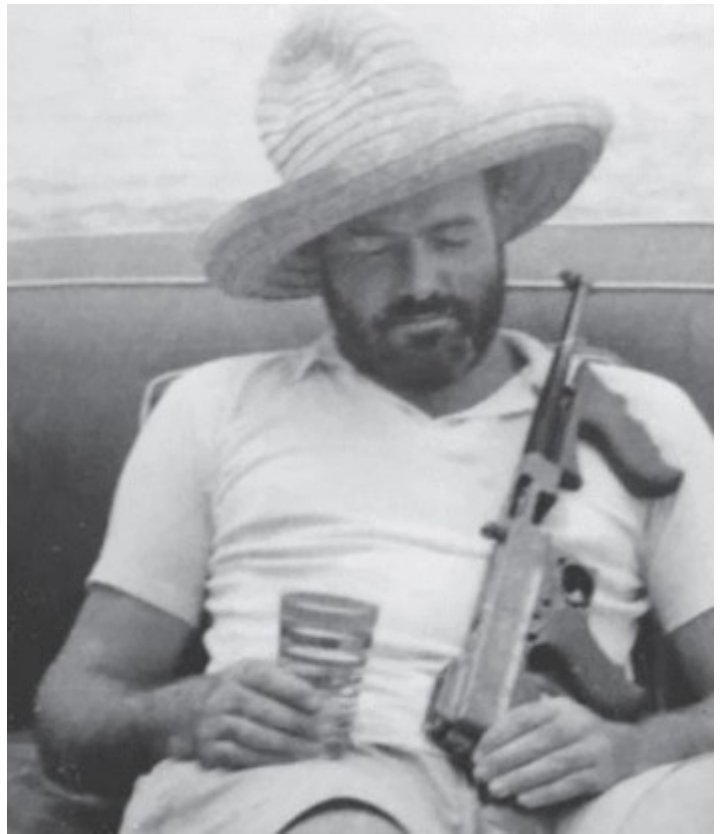
Papa had won deep-sea fishing competitions across the Caribbean, hauling in scores of marlin. There is great pleasure in being on the sea, he thought, in the unknown and the wild suddenness of a great fish; and there is satisfaction in conquering this thing which rules the sea it lives in. "Unless sharks come," he said aloud. "If sharks come, God pity him, and me."

I could go fishing without a gun, he told himself, but it would be too dangerous. And so the bold man had acquired a better one; he had bought a Thompson submachine gun from a Bimini fisherman, a Model 1921A, with the detachable buttstock and front pistol grip. How he yearned to turn his tommy gun on the sharks.

The bold man lay down in a chair in the sun and was asleep in a short time. The tommy gun lay cradled in his left arm like an infant. He was barefooted. He dreamed of Bimini's white beaches, so white they hurt your eyes, and the time he had offered \$250 to any local who could beat him in a fistfight.

Just then he awoke, and he saw one of the boat's fishing lines dip sharply. "Yes," he said. "Yes," and reached for the line and held it softly between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand, and felt it tug. "Marlin!" he yelled, stamping his feet, the signal that a fish is raised. His companion on the boat, Mike Strater, a painter and the president of the Maine Tuna Club,

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Why Ernest Hemingway Took a Machine Gun Fishing (cont.)

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quickly emerged from the cabin.

It was then he realized that it was not his line that was taut. It was Strater's, and the bold man felt the happy feeling drain from his body. Having the fish in your boat isn't the excitement, thought Papa, it is while you are fighting him. Unless it's not your line that the great beast is on.

Four hours later, the marlin was still swimming steadily, towing the boat. Then the fish leapt clear and long, throwing up a column of spray in a series of jumps like a greyhound. Its sword was as long as a baseball bat and the bold man saw that the fish was about 13 or 14 feet long. Strater had hooked a giant.

It was an hour later that the first shark hit the fish. He had come up from deep in the water as the dark cloud of blood had settled and dispersed in the mile-deep sea. Then more came. They came like express trains with scythes, shearing off 20 pounds of marlin flesh at a bite. When the bold man saw them coming, he prepared his trusty tommy gun. He could hear the noise of skin and flesh ripping when he riddled the sharks with bullets, adding their blood to the chum in the sea. He shot them without hope but with resolution and complete malignancy. "I killed them in self-defense," the bold man said aloud. "And I killed them well."

When the man and Strater finally brought the noble fish onto the boat, he had been applecored, his long white spine with its 48-inch tail spread missing most of its lower half. What was left of the fish, less than half, still weighed more than 500 pounds. Once on shore, the two men posed for photographs with the carcass, Papa standing jealously in front of Strater. Their friendship would not survive the summer.

That afternoon there was a party of tourists looking at the long white spine with a huge tail outside the entrance to the harbor. Up the shore, in his boat, Papa was sleeping again. He was sleeping with his tommy gun. The bold man was dreaming about the sharks.

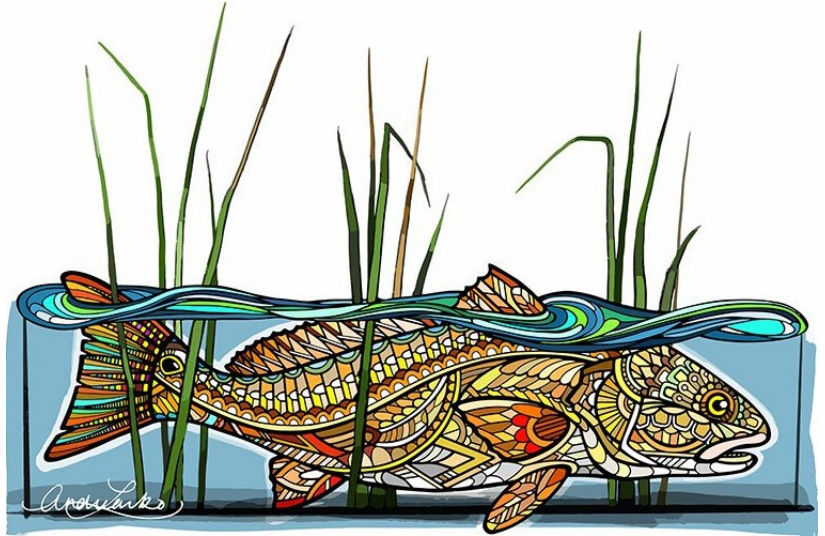
During World War II, Papa patrolled the Gulf Stream in Pilar, hunting German U-boats with radio equipment, grenades and machine guns.



Artist Andrea Larko

Growing up with 3 sisters, my father shared his love for fishing with us. When we were too young to start fishing my mother would take us with her to watch my father catch fish larger than we were. I was always amazed by the beauty of what came out of the water.

As my sisters and I grew older fishing took a back seat to our education and us all moving away for college, but my father still recognized the importance of being on the water, and decided to start a family trip. We now go salmon fishing every year together and camp for a weekend reconnecting and telling the best fish stories from the day and years past.



I graduated with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Illustration from the Rochester Institute of Technology and through college, drawing incorporated itself into so many aspects of my life. I always found myself doodling in margins, drawing on my clothing or even myself if I didn't have paper. When I saw something that inspired me I'd start to see things the way I'd draw or paint them. Those visual images would stick in my mind almost as if they were burned into the back of my eyelids until I could get them onto paper or a canvas.

After I graduated from college I moved back to my hometown of Indiana, PA and started fishing again when I could find the time. I met the love of my life and he purchased me my first fly rod 5 years ago. Needless to say I feel in love with fishing all over again. I felt closer to the water and found a sense of peace and tranquility from being on a stream that I much needed. My boyfriend and I started spending our free time tying flies and scouting the streams for trout. I ended up with beautiful photographs of so many fish and thought it was a shame they just sat in iPhoto, so I decided to make a few oil paintings for our fly tying and art studio to brighten up the bare walls. After they were posted on Facebook and Instagram I was asked to make prints, so I did, and that's how it started.

I enjoyed what I was doing but it seemed more like tedious college assignments to me than art I like to do to relax. So I started sketching one night with a fish outline and as I always have done while I was thinking, I started to doodle. I ended up with a Zentangle doodle fish and I thought it looked interesting. I tried to play off the surfaces of the fish, what would be flat I put straight lines and where I wanted dimension I added more detail and curves. They're so much fun to create, and on the days I can't fish or am too tired from working my day job, I draw. I'm so thankful that people have enjoyed these whimsical illustrations as much as I enjoy creating them. You can find my art at andrealarko.com, shop for prints, decals and originals at andrealarko.etsy.com or follow my works in progress on Instagram @andrealarko and Facebook at Go Fish – Art by andrealarko."

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DUN Magazine is no ordinary fly fishing publication. This quarterly publication is a work of art destined for your coffee table or favorite display shelf. Each edition is over-sized to showcase the photography inside. Standing at 11.75 inches tall and 9.25 inches wide, this is one impressive magazine.

The magazine is eco-friendly, made of recycled papers and vegetable ink. The cover is 80# matte cover stock with a soft touch and an foil stamped DUN logo. The text pages are 80# matte finish, printed with highest quality inks available.

We spare no expense in printing this publication. It is more like a book than a magazine. You've never seen anything like it.

Fly Tier Elizabeth Greig (1902-1996)

"More fish have been caught in my shop than on most streams"

In the late 1930's, Mrs. Greig was a co-founder of the Angler's Roost, a popular fly fishing shop in the Chrysler Building in New York City. In 1946, historian John McDonald described her as the "First Lady of U.S. Fly Tying". She was one of the country's most accomplished fly tiers and was particularly noted for her ability to tie a fly by hand without the use of a conventional vise. It was said that she could tie a Royal Coachman in one minute flat.

The daughter of a stone mason, Elizabeth was born in 1902 in Peebles, Scotland. She grew up learning to fish on the banks of the River Tweed and at the age of 7 began to tie flies. When she was 14 years old, their family moved to Edinburgh, where Elizabeth spent four years as an apprentice at a fly-dressing factory.

In the early 1930's she married Robert Greig and immigrated to Canada, where they lived for several years before moving to New York City.

Elizabeth was the first woman elected to the International Fishing and Hunting Hall of Fame. She was noted for her ability at tying trout flies and was considered the best in the United States at constructing full-dressed salmon flies.



There are very few pictures of Elizabeth Greig (center). This one is with her fly tying team at Eger Bait Company in Bartow, Florida. Greig didn't use a vise, but she encouraged her crew to use one.

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