

TROUT TALK

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SPECIAL EDITION

Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: There is no Tuesday night chapter meeting in June, 2016. **Instead, WNYTU will hold a picnic for members, families, and friends on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Please see Mr. Bollman's report, later in this newsletter, for details. Please join us!**

P.S. (1) The next regularly scheduled WNYTU Chapter meeting will probably take place on the last Tuesday in September. The next regular newsletter will be published during that month as well.

(2) Mr. Scott Cornett's list of DEC electrofishing events was sent out to this mailing list a few days ago. If you did not receive it, and would like to do so, please e-mail me. Russ Shefrin, Editor.

Announcements

- **A Report from Mr. David Bollman:**

Shows: We urgently need flies for the Fair. Anything you would like to tie would be greatly appreciated. Also, volunteers to staff the booth at the Fair are still needed. I will have a sign-up sheet available. (And, speaking of flies, please be sure to read **Mr. Bill Jedlicka's** report on the upcoming June 9 "Fly-Tying

Night”, with space – and gift certificates – supplied by Orvis. The story is the “Articles” section, later in this newsletter. Ed.)

Project Healing Waters: The next PHW event will take place, on June 16, 2016, at the Elma Conservation Club.

WNY Trout Unlimited Chapter Picnic: Our annual picnic is scheduled for **June 18, 2016**, at Como Lake Park, Shelter #5. **Editor’s Note: This promises to be a special occasion, and you are most cordially invited to attend. The festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last until “?”. Members, families, children, and friends are welcome. Activities include:**

- ✓ **Games for the kids!**
- ✓ **Food provided by Trout Unlimited! (However, you can bring a dish to pass, should you be so inspired.)**
- ✓ **Fly casting demonstrations by Orvis experts!**
- ✓ **Fly casting contests (for distance and accuracy)!**
- ✓ **The delightful socializing that typically characterizes TU events!**
- ✓ **The possibility of catching a fish in Cayuga Creek (no guarantees, though)!**

Please note that no alcohol will be permitted.

We need to have an idea of how many will attend, so please notify Mr. Dave Bollman (697-3807) if you plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you! Ed.

- **Report from WNYTU Chapter Vice President, Mr. Gene Romanyshyn:** Our chapter is always looking for entertainment for our monthly meetings. We are reaching out to all the readers of our newsletter and asking them if they would be willing to do a presentation. This invitation is extended not only to members, but, also, to anyone our members may know who would like to give a presentation on trout, water, conservation, environmental issues, or related matters. If anyone is interested, please contact WNYTU at wnytroutunlimited@gmail.com.
- **Face Book: Mr. Bill Jedlicka** writes: “We invite you to visit Western New York Trout Unlimited on Facebook. Please "Like" the page and "Share" it with your Facebook friends. It's a great way to spread the word about the important things WNYTU does in the area and can help interested people (including current or, perhaps, future members) stay informed about upcoming activities. And feel free to post some of your favorite fishing or fly tying photos as well!”
- **From Mr. Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU’s Representative at the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, State Council Delegate, WNYTU Conservation Committee Chair: Mr. Godfrey** forwards the following message from the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation:**

DEC Announces Angler Outreach Event

Biologists to Update Status of Lake Erie and Niagara River Fisheries

An upcoming free seminar to update the public about the status of the Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River Fisheries is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Woodlawn Beach State Park's Lodge, Blasdell (Erie County) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today.

The free seminar will begin with informal discussion and poster exhibits and be followed by a series of presentations on Lake Erie and the Upper Niagara River fisheries topics, including an opportunity for angler input on a variety fisheries management activities. The meeting will conclude with questions and an open discussion.

"DEC is committed to sound management of Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River fisheries to maintain high-quality angling opportunities and associated economic benefits," DEC Regional Director Abby Snyder said. "This event provides an excellent opportunity for anglers to interact with DEC experts who study and manage Great Lakes fisheries." Key members of Lake Erie and Niagara River's fisheries management and research community will present on Lake Erie fisheries management and assessment activities for steelhead, walleye, muskellunge, research initiatives, and habitat improvement projects. This seminar is sponsored by DEC's Lake Erie Fisheries Unit and Region 9 Fisheries offices. Anyone interested is welcome to attend this free event and registration is not required.

The Lake Erie and the upper Niagara River rank among New York State's top fishing destinations, especially for walleye, smallmouth bass and steelhead. The 2007 statewide angler survey estimated more than 800,000 angler days spent on these waters and the estimated value of these fisheries exceeded \$22 million to the local New York economy. For further information contact Don Einhouse, Lake Erie Unit Leader, (716) 366-0228.

- Editor's Note: Our "Trout Talk" newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) print version is only available twice a year (September and January). Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the electronic version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list. I can be reached at AdkRuss@roadrunner.com



Articles

FLY TYING FOR WNYTU NIGHT AT ORVIS JUNE 9, 6-9 PM

By Bill Jedlicka

As many may be aware, the sale of flies at shows and the fair is a major source of the chapter's fundraising throughout the year. The money raised through fly sales helps to underwrite costs associated with important programs such as Trout in the Classroom (TIC) and Stream Projects.

Fly sales have been brisk, so brisk, in fact, that the inventory of flies for sale is at a critical low; and we have an urgent need to get the supply back up before Summer shows and the Erie County Fair, which will creep up pretty fast!

To that end, we've decided to hold a Fly Tying Night and to invite the tyers among our members to join in to help!

Orvis in the Eastern Hills Mall has generously offered to donate the use of their space for the evening and has even offered \$25 off coupons (of purchases of \$50 or more) for those who come and help out. Light snacks and beverages will be served up, along with great conversation, as we try to put as many flies into our inventory as we can in a few hours.

The chapter will supply all tying material. All the volunteer tyers need to do is bring their vice, thread and tools. We'll even have a list that night of the flies we need most and the supplies for those types already prepped.

So, if you have the evening of Thursday, June 9, free, join us at Orvis and help us restock our fly boxes in time for the Summer sales demand.

If you plan on attending, please let us know so we can make sure we have enough on hand of whatever we need to have enough of. You can let us know you're planning to help by emailing us at:

wnytroutunlimited@gmail.com

Even if you can't stay for three hours, whatever you can do is appreciated. Hope to see you there....and Thanks!

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