SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012

FLY TYING EXPO

2012 INVITATIONAL

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Holt High School in Holt, MI

FREE SEMINARS
We are expecting a big turnout for our 13th Annual Fly Tying Expo scheduled for December 1, 2012 at the Holt High School in Holt, Michigan. This is our fourth year at this location and the facilities are excellent. Details are in this newsletter and we have a great turnout of tyers. As a new edition this year we have added programs with five different speakers. We will also be highlighting some of our featured tyers. I want to remind everyone that we have a great auction with Glen Blackwood as our auctioneer which is conducted at 1:00 p.m. Auctions items include fly rod & reel outfits, art work, fly plates, fly boxes with flies, guide trips and more. Mark Johnson has again done an exceptional job in putting the show together and Karen Harrison has put together a super lineup of outstanding fly tiers. Check our website for the latest information and a map on how to get there.

We have also mailed this newsletter to former members of the FFF and the Great Lakes Council. We want you back and need your support. Please consider re-joining FFF and at the same time let us know what we can do for you. You can use the membership application included in this newsletter or go on line to the FFF website.

I also want to remind you that we do four newsletters each year but three of the newsletters are distributed electronically so you need to keep us informed of your current email address. You can do this by contacting the national office or let me know and I will get it entered.

If you have not renewed your Century Club membership I encourage you to do so. If you are not a current member, please consider joining the Century Club and show your support for our efforts on your behalf.

We have a Board meeting by conference call scheduled for November to take care of any needed action items. Our next Board meeting will be a conference call in February, 2013. The Annual Board meeting will be held Sunday, June 15, 2013 at 8 a.m., RAM Center, Roscommon. The Annual General Membership meeting will be held at approximately 4 p.m. on June 14 at the RAM Center, Roscommon, Michigan. This year we will be holding our election of Directors for the GLC Board. We welcome all members to the meetings and if you are interested in getting involved at the GLC Board level, please let me know.

Hope to see you at the Expo in December.

Terry Greiner
GLC Membership Director

JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!
www.fedflyfishers.org/

Great Lakes Council Membership
On December 1 of this year we’ll be holding our 13th annual Great Lakes Council Fly Tying Expo at the Holt High School. We encourage all GLC members to attend this event and learn from some of the Midwest’s best tiers. In addition, we welcome all new attendees and former members and encourage everyone to join or renew their memberships to the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Our Council is THE Voice of Fly Fishing in the two states of Michigan and Indiana and we’re working to exceed the Federation’s goals of conservation, restoration and education. We need your help to continue these goals and even though there are several ways to support the FFF and the Council, the foremost method is to renew your membership. Join a host of others in our Council who work hard and enjoy the benefits this sport brings.

Terry Greiner
GLC Membership Director
The Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will host the 

13th Annual 

Fly Tying Exposition 

at Holt High School in Holt, Michigan 

Saturday, December 1, 2012.

The expo will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Over 80 tiers will be on hand this year to demonstrate their fly tying skills. The Federation of Fly Fishers Buz Buszek Award is the Federation’s most prestigious fly tying award and we are pleased that Buszek Award recipient Jeff “Bear” Andrews will be with us. Returning talents also include Dennis Potter, Ray Schmidt, Julie Nielsen, Chris Soule, Tim Scott, Jim Reed, and many others.

Fly tiers will be tying a vast selection of patterns including trout flies, bass bugs, saltwater flies, streamers, emergers, dries, wets, and others. Once again, tiers will have the opportunity to sell their flies and fly tying associated goods from their table. The area for vendors will be greatly expanded with vendors offering a wide variety of fly tying, fly fishing and related products.

A number of events will be featured throughout the day including silent auctions, bucket raffles, and a live auction during the lunch hour. There will also be an instruction table for individuals to tie their first fly.

There is a modest admission fee for the event: $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 13 18; children 12 and under are free. Contact Karen Harrison to nominate a tier for the event at wwgcp@frontier.com.

Visit the GLC website for the latest information at www.fffglc.org.

NEW THIS YEAR 
FREE SEMINARS
Fly Tying Exposition Seminars

Captain Kevin Feenstra, Owner: Freenstra Guide Services, will do a presentation on steelhead fishing techniques and seasons on the Muskegon River.

Josh Greenburg, Guide and Owner of Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling Michigan will give a presentaiopn on fly-fishing opportunities in the winter and early spring on the Au Sable and Manistee watersheds.

Ann Miller will present Hatches of the Upper Midwest, including information on the naturals and their life cycles as well as how to imitate them. The importance of insect habitat as it relates to hatches will also be discussed. There will be an opportunity for the purchasing and signing of Ann’s book after her talk.

Kevin Morlock, Owner, Indego Guide Service, will be talking about Great Lakes flats fishing, focusing on carp and small-mouth bass. He will be going into detail on timing, location, fly selection and presentations. Kevin will also cover the fishing opportunities around Beaver Island, where he guides throughout the summer. Lake Michigan flats fishing, including Beaver Island, is considered by many to be one of the top new opportunities in fly fishing.

Mike Zalewski, will do a presentation on Michigan small-mouth bass fishing on the fly. Mike is a professional rod builder and owner of Shelbyville Rod Co..
The Great Lakes Council newsletters along with club announcements are sent via e-mail. If you have not been receiving any messages from the GLC, and would like to be added to the mailing list please contact crowjenkins@comcast.net.

If you’re a past member, consider renewing your membership at www.fedflyfishers.org/

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

Every gift regardless of amount is greatly appreciated and will be used to support projects and events within the Great Lakes Council. This is not limited to the three categories listed on the Donation Form but rather is a place to start for conserving, restoring and educating within the sport of fly fishing. To qualify for a tax deduction, contributions must be made by December 31st of that year and will give the Council a push for the year ahead.

Contributions at the Lake Michigan level may be designated for specific projects supported or promoted by the GLC. Fund Categories are listed as follows and specific descriptions of each can be found on the GLC web site www.fffglc.org:

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Benefactors at the Century Club and Lake Michigan levels are entitled to free admission and/or registration at all GLC events (currently the Fly Tying Expo and Fly Fishing School and Conclave). Members will also receive a 10% discount on GLC merchandise which includes pins, T-shirts, shirts and anniversary prints. Those giving for the first time will receive the GLC 25th Anniversary Print by artist David Ruimveld.

DONATION FORM

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☐ 25th Anniversary Print ☐ Designated Fund Supported

*lowest level to receive print

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United States Geological Survey Gauging Station on the South Branch of the Au Sable:
The USGS has informed us that the gauging station on the South Branch of the Au Sable at Smith Bridge will be shut down on October 1st due to the high cost of operation. An online petition has been created for the purpose of sending a message to the USGS about the popularity of this site. For more information or to sign the petition go to the ASBWPA or the Anglers websites.

Atlantic Salmon Planting in Lake Huron Tributaries:
The DNR Fisheries Division has been exploring the possibility of expanding the planting of Atlantic Salmon in Lake Huron Tributaries. Historically Atlantics have been planted in the St. Mary’s River and a few other sites around the state. There have been river plantings along on the Lake Huron coast but none have been judged as successful. Recently there were plantings in the Au Gres River and some fish return there to spawn. There have been plantings of Atlantics in lakes around the state. For years they were planted in Portage Lake near Kalamazoo, and in Torch Lake in northern Michigan. Neither of these fisheries really took off. They are currently still planting fish in Torch Lake but this could be changed if a better place is determined. The Anglers of the Au Sable have promoted planting Atlantics in the lower Au Sable with the hopes that this will create a river fishery for these fish. This could lead to more people utilizing the lower river.

Over the last few years the DNR has been trying to develop the ability to raise Atlantics at the Platte River hatchery. The Atlantics require both more space per fish and longer time in the hatchery. This means that fish that were previously raised there will be displaced and not available for planting in other areas. This summer Fisheries personnel have been surveying possible stocking sites to determine which are best suited for the planting. The results of this work have just been released. The lower Au Sable River is the highest rated site of those reviewed. This information will be presented to the Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee next week. The Committee will then make its recommendations to Fisheries Division. Fisheries Division is confident that they will eventually be able to raise up to 120,000 yearling Atlantics for planting. Compared to the number of Chinooks Salmon that were previously planted this is a very small number of fish. While it is possible this will create a viable fishery in both Lake Huron and the lower Au Sable river, it will not be anything to compare with the previous Chinook fishery. In 2010 there were over 1,2 million Chinook Salmon planted in Lake Huron. Plans for developing this Atlantic salmon fishery will be finalized soon.

Boardman Dams:
After years of negotiations the first of the Boardman river dams is being removed. In early September contractors began the demoli-
UP Brook Trout:
At the October NRC meeting Fisheries Division presented a proposal to leave the Brook Trout Bag Limit in the Upper Peninsula at five fish per day. This decision came after Fish Division collected data from its field personnel, held public meetings and received a recommendation of the proposal from the Cold Water Resources Steering Committee. Soon after this meeting DNR Director Creagh instructed Fisheries Division to prepare a new proposal that will change the bag limit on 10 streams to 10 fish per day and to develop studies that will determine the impact of this regulation change. The GLC, the Anglers of the Au Sable and Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association have sent a letter to Director Creagh objecting to this new proposal and asking him reconsider this decision. Information about the new proposal can be found on the DNR’s website.

Asian Carp:
Earlier this year EDNA samples have indicated that there is evidence of the existence of Asian Carp in both Lake Michigan and Lake Erie. There have been no Asian Carp found in the sampling that followed. A recent Corps Of Engineers Study of 18 waterways leading to Lake Michigan near Chicago found that there is little likelihood of the Carp entering the Great Lakes through these waterways. If this study is correct we should be encouraged. If it isn’t the Corps may be moving in the wrong direction and allow these aggressive fish into Lake Michigan. Many biologists have stated that the question is no longer if the Carp will enter the Great Lakes but when.
Yes! I’d like to preserve fly fishing, expand fly fishing opportunities, learn more about the sport and help conserve fly fishing’s natural resources. Sign me up today and I’ll receive FFF’s Fly Fisher magazine and the GLC’s newsletter, GLC FLYLINE.

Complete the application and mail it to the address below. **DO IT TODAY!**

- Individual - Ages 15-64 .................. $35.00
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