Think Spring!!
The GLC finished the year with a bang with our fourteenth annual Fly Tying Expo. If you get a chance, take the opportunity to thank those who made this event the success it is from the chairs to the tiers, vendor clubs and volunteers. The Expo would not be possible without their support. Plans are underway for next year’s event. We are in serious need of volunteers to take over the planning and running of the Expo. All positions are open, Expo Chair, Vendor Chair, Auction/raffle Chair, Fly Tying Invite Chair and Set Up Chair. You do not need to be a resident in the Lansing area to do any of these positions. If you need lodging for the weekend of the Expo, the GLC will reimburse you for your lodging needs. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please contact me. We have complete job descriptions and there will be assistance available to help you through the planning and the Expo phase. We may also be looking at a new date and location. One of the considerations is to move the date up to the first weekend in November. Let me know if you have any thoughts or input on this. Contact me at jdschramm@oceana.net.

Jim Bos, Victor Edwards, Don & Judy Sawyer, and Jim Petty have joined or renewed their memberships in the Century Club for 2014. I encourage others to join or renew their Century Club memberships. The support provided by the Century Club has a big impact on the efforts of the GLC. Many thanks for your support.

2014 will be another exciting year for the GLC. Plans are being completed for our Summer Fly Fishing School & Fair at the MDNR RAM Center in Roscommon, June 13-15. See the article in this newsletter and visit our website at mid-March for complete details and registration material. This is a great event to attend even if you just come and federate.

On Saturday afternoon, June 14, at the Fly Fishing School we will again hold our Annual Membership Meeting. The key business will be the proposed amendment to the GLC’s Articles of Incorporation to change our name to Great Lakes Council, International Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. Our Annual Board of Directors meeting takes place Sunday morning on June 15 at 8:30 am at the RAM Center. All members are invited to attend the meetings. We are always looking for directors and if you are interested in serving as a director of the GLC, please contact me or one of the directors on the Executive Board of the GLC which also serves as our nominating committee.

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) continues to be busy with hydro dam issues in Michigan. In 2012 the Brownbridge Dam on the Boardman River was removed. Plans are in progress to remove the Boardman and Sabin Dams during 2014 and 2015. The Upwelling System which lowers water temperatures installed on the Tippy Dam on the Manistee River in 2012 continues to indicate that the system has the potential to have a significant impact on water temperatures below Tippy Dam. I want to take this opportunity to thank Flygirls for their ongoing financial support of MHRC. Flygirls again gave a $1,000 grant to the MHRC this year. I encourage all clubs to consider supporting the important work of the MHRC with a grant. Grants of any amount are welcome.

I also encourage you to attend the many events being hosted by our affiliate clubs. These are great opportunities to get information, federate and hone your fly fishing skills. This information is posted to our website (if provided by the club). If your club has not provided this information to the GLC and would like to do so, contact Colleen Jenkins, VP Communications at crowjenkins@comcast.net.
We are at 10,600 flies committed, total number of flies turned in, 3000 for Warriors and Quiet Waters, the National Fishing in Schools Program and KVCTU Youth Camp.

In 8 years we have raised 64,158 flies for good causes; a value of $192,474.00

There are 38 days until the culmination event on April 12th at the Elkhart Conservation Club. Please RSVP if you are coming to the event so we can plan lunch.

If you are tying flies, let us know your T-Shirt Size, you get a T-shirt for tying flies. We will mail them out to you out-of-state people

We need more of the following patterns.
Stone flies (they do not need to be complicated)
Hare’s Ears
Prince Nymph
Stimulators
Green Drakes
Copper Johns
Clousers
Lime Trudes
Beetles
Ants

If you are mailing in flies, please send them to Tim Scott’s address below.

Tim Scott
711 Forest Ave.
South Bend, IN 46616
574-538-1936 cell
timelscott@gmail.com

We need more of the following patterns.

Good Tying
Best regards Tim and Terry.

For more information visit: sjrvff.com/events/tie-a-thon/
Not just for fish – winter wildlife and instream habitat

By Casey Ressl, Conservation Resource Alliance

We often talk about instream habitat, known as large woody debris, benefiting fish. And its true large woody debris in our rivers and streams improves the fishery. Benefits to fish include better and more diverse habitat, nursery habitat for juveniles and more food. However, it’s not just our underwater friends that you’ll find enjoying instream habitat.

Duck, geese, swans and other water loving birds often congregate near large woody debris, especially during the winter. Birds often find a smorgasbord of aquatic insects, known as aquatic macroinvertebrates, around submerged branches. In addition, areas behind these structures can offer a refuge from ice.

Muskrats, mink and otters may also be found in and around large woody debris. Otters do not build their own dens but depend on dens constructed by other animals or that occur naturally making the nooks and crannies of large woody debris very prized. Once spring hits, turtles and other reptiles can be found basking in the sun on branches. The micro-ecosystem created by large woody debris is important for a whole host of fish and wildlife.

Unfortunately, many of our Northern Michigan rivers and streams lack large woody debris. During the logging era, our waterways were intentionally cleared of debris to transport logs downstream. Additionally, trees growing closest to the rivers were cleared so nature’s way of replenishing the habitat was gone. Dams also limit the natural process of providing new woody debris.

Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA), a conservation based nonprofit in Traverse City, is helping restore our waters through the addition of large woody debris. For over a decade now staff and crew have placed whole trees, branches and root wads in key river stretches throughout Northern Michigan. CRA recently placed 2,000 feet of instream habitat in the Maple River (Emmet County), 3,000 feet in Arcadia Marsh, 6,000 feet in the Upper Manistee (Kalkaska County), and nearly a mile in the Pine River (Lake County).

This year, efforts will focus on the Big Sable River (Mason County), Bear Creek (Manistee County), Pine River, Maple River and Little Manistee River (Manistee and Lake County). Learn more about these efforts at www.rivercare.org. Next time you are walking the river’s edge, keep an eye out for what’s above and below the surface!
The Lovells Township Historical Society will hold its 14th Annual Trout Opener at the Township Hall and Grounds at 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 2014 exhibit in the Lovells Museum of Trout Fishing History, Michigan’s Trout Fishing Museum, will focus on historic trout fishing reels, with special attention on Michigan makers. The exhibit will be open on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of September.

The Opener will also feature the famous 1K Leaky Wader Run, an Arts and Crafts Festival, Casting Vintage Bamboo Fly Rods, and lunch. All activities are free and open to the public.

Raffle tickets will be available for the following prizes: first, a one-person kayak and matching paddle; second, a case of California red wine; and third, a steelhead book.

Please join us for a wonderful day of fun with your fellow trout fishers!

Roger Fechner, Past President
Lovells Township Historical Society
GLC 2013 Fly Expo Wrap Up

It was another successful Fly Expo in December at Holt High School and I would like to take a moment to thank all those involved with the planning and running of this annual event. It takes a lot of people doing many jobs to make this event run smoothly, from those planning, setting up, cleaning up, and working the day of the event, we couldn’t hold this Expo without your volunteer help. I would also be remiss if I didn’t thank the many tyers, presenters and vendors that come to make this show what it is each year. Your time spent there is greatly appreciated by the Great Lakes Council.

The Great Lakes Council would sincerely like to thank the following people and companies who made donations to our December Fly Tying Expo. Without their generous help our auction and raffle fundraisers would not have been a success. Please thank them if you have the opportunity to visit their website or catch up with them in person at an upcoming event.

Leatherman Tool Group
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Alex Cerveniak
Fly Girls of Michigan
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Stackpole Books
Dr. Slick Company
Skip’s Originals
MagEyes, Inc.
Brad Martin
Brack Hill Tackle
John Johnson, Jocko’s Guide Service
Becca Schlaff
Ann R. Miller
Tight Lines Jewelry
David Ruimveld
Flies from the Expo tyers

Regards,
GLC Expo Committee

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GREAT LAKES COUNCIL
FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR

JUNE 13-15, 2014
R.A. MacMullen Conference Center, Roscommon, Michigan

Don’t miss attending the GLC’s Fly Fishing School & Fair held at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center on North Higgins Lake. For aspiring fly anglers or those who have already discovered the joys of the sport, this event is not to be missed. Learn and sharpen your fly fishing and fly tying skills during the day and then spend your evenings casting to hungry trout sipping Mayflies on the pristine waters of the Au Sable and Manistee Rivers.

Educational programs, classes and workshops will be offered Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The simultaneous schedule will contain programs for the beginner, intermediate and advanced angler. There will be a on-stream school for beginners, a on-stream workshop on streamer fishing, introduction to Spey Casting workshop and fly tying workshops on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Jim Reed will be teaching the workshop Friday afternoon, Harry Barnes, Saturday morning and Jeff “Bear” Andrews, Saturday afternoon.

Certification as a FFF Casting Instructor will also be available. Other classes will include beginning, intermediate and advanced casting, entomology, and more. Vaughn Snook will be joining us this year and presenting programs on “Fishing the Driftless Area of Southeast Minnesota” and “Reading the Water”. Returning faculty includes John Van Dalen, Peter Humphreys, Bob Braendle, Terry Tatarchuk, Dorothy Schramm, Dave Jankowski, and John Johnson.

Plan now to attend. Lodging and meals are available on-site or camp next door at the North Higgins Lake State Park. Details and registration materials will be on the GLC Website at www.fffglc.org by mid-February or contact Jim Schramm at 231-740-7278 or jdschramm@oceana.net.
Bamboo Bend
HELPING WOUNDED VETERANS HEAL
The Bamboo Bend Project

is an annual eight day event and takes place on the banks of the East Branch of the Au Sable River every year in May. Wounded or injured military members or veterans hand build a high quality bamboo fly rod assisted by master rod makers. At the end of the program, each participant takes home the completed bamboo fly rod that they built. They also receive a top end reel, premium fly line, local flies and a custom made, heirloom quality, wooden fly box. There are also numerous opportunities for our warriors to fly fish with professional guides from both drift boats and Au Sable river boats, along with wading local rivers and streams. This event is offered at NO cost to the veteran. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

The Bamboo Bend Annual Fund Raiser, Auction, Fund Raiser, Celebration, Party, and Gathering, better known as simply “The Bash” is the once a year event that pays most of our bills. It is held on the banks of the East Branch of the AuSable River every year on the Saturday after Father’s Day. The food is excellent and free (voluntary contribution requested) and the company is outstanding. The highlight of the event is the auction. Many unique and desirable items are available and 100% of the money raised goes to helping our wounded heroes.

2014 Bash Auction Items

Custom made Bamboo Fly Rod by Ron Barch. Ron is the publisher of the “Planing Form” newsletter, and one of the elite rod makers in the world.

Two Uslan bamboo rods, both Spencer models. Two piece, two tip, the Trout Rod, a five side penta Uslan. 8’-6”. The Salmon rod is 9’0”. 5 sided, no writing on the blank.

7’6” 4 wt, 2 tips. This rod was built by Al Bullock, a noted local fly tyer, amateur rod builder and local guide. Nice fishing rod with a fast action.

5+ guide trips with some of the best guides in the entire state.

Some very interesting ‘surprise’ items.

Numerous other ‘one of a kind’ items

www.bamboobend.org

A place to learn new skills, make new friends, and hand build a custom bamboo fly rod.
GLC council president Jim Schramm, has been designated as a “River Champion” by American Rivers on their 40th Anniversary of River Stewardship.

Jim Schramm was instrumental in forming the Michigan Hydro-power Relicensing Coalition, and as such, is probably responsible for restoring more river miles in Michigan than almost anyone else. Jim has worked tirelessly, and often thanklessly, to restore and preserve rivers all across the state, from the Muskegon to the Manistee to the Au Sable and others. As the Coalition’s coordinator and legal counsel, Jim has been able to take on the difficult task of negotiating complex hydropower reform agreements on the Coalition’s behalf.

Jim is also a founding board member of the Anglers of the Au Sable, the president and legal counsel of the Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, a member of the Governor’s Camp Grayling Advisory Committee, a member of the Department of Natural Resource’s Blue Ribbon Trout Stream Committee, as well as their Lake Michigan Advisory and Fishing Regulation Review Committees, Director of the Pere Marquette Watershed Council, and the Director of the West Michigan Hacklers.  *Article courtesy of American River.*

American Rivers protects wild rivers, restores damaged rivers, and conserves clean water for people and nature. Since 1973, American Rivers has protected and restored more than 150,000 miles of rivers through advocacy efforts, on-the-ground projects, and an annual America’s Most Endangered Rivers® campaign.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, American Rivers has offices across the country and more than 200,000 members, supporters, and volunteers.

Through our river conservation work we are ensuring clean drinking water supplies, revitalizing fish and wildlife, improving recreation, and leaving a legacy of healthy rivers for future generations.

*To learn more about American River visit*  
www.americanrivers.org

For over 20 years the FFF Steelhead Committee has brought a voice to wild steelhead throughout the Pacific Northwest. We advocate for the conservation of existing wild steelhead and salmon stocks and the restoration of degraded habitats and depressed runs. Through our publication The Osprey, we are able to provide a unique source of timely news and commentary regarding the management, science, and recovery of steelhead and salmon. We acknowledge the challenges that lay ahead for wild salmon and steelhead including the impacts of climate change, population growth, ill-advised dams and misguided hatchery production. However we are hopeful that with dedicated work on their behalf, salmon can recover and thrive in perpetuity.

To recover wild steelhead and salmon populations, it is crucial that wild fish advocates maintain a loud, and unified voice. We hope you will enjoy and learn from The Osprey’s content and that it will help catalyze the growing chorus of passionate anglers and advocates working for a future with healthy populations of wild steelhead and salmon throughout their native range.

www.ospreysteelhead.org
Contribution to the GLC Development Fund was $2300 with $1200 at the Century Club Level, $600 for Century Club Plus and $500 to Lake Michigan. The individual benefactors listed below are essential to GLC fund raising efforts and their contributions are greatly appreciated. Donations from members and clubs play an important role in helping fund conservation and education activities. There has been a special emphasis in youth programs within the GLC and financial support has been an essential component for this effort. Thanks to everyone.

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• James Bos, North Muskegon, MI

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.

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