



From the President



As I reflect back on 2011, it puts a smile on my face thinking about all the great and important projects that Hiawatha TU has been involved with. As the President of Hiawatha Chapter, I really believe that we have made a difference!

I would like to thank everyone who made our annual Christmas Party this year a success – Frank Angelotti for his effort in organizing the games and prizes, Carl Berberich for the overall organization of the party, Randy Vine for his contribution of the poinsettias from Flowers by Jerry, Mike Goin for getting Apollo Liquor to cater the wine bar, and everyone attending for the great food. If I left anyone out of this list, it was not intended. Thank you.

Looking ahead to the winter fishing season, I have already made plans to get out several times before other activities take over my time.

The annual Hiawatha Spring Fundraising Banquet is set for March 10, 2012, at the International Event Center, near the Rochester airport. This is a new venue for our event and I'm excited to have them as the host location.

The Event Center has already established a reputation for great food and service and provides the venue for similar banquets of organizations like ours. I'm looking forward to having it here; the Event Center has a lot to offer us.

The evening will start at 5:30pm with the first cash give away. The auction/raffle/prize list is growing and will have the whole range of fishing equipment -- rods, reels, nets, vests, boots, and lots of other things that we just cannot live or fish without. There will be several surprise trips, prints and shadow boxes, and boxes of custom tied flies -- to name just a few of the items already gathered. We do not know all the items that we'll have for the 2012 Banquet; but rest assured, it will be an evening of fun, great prizes, and lots of excitement.

Also, remember to mark March 23rd through 25th on your calendar. This is the weekend of the Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo, held again this year at the National Sports Center In Blaine, Minnesota. This is a weekend dedicated to learning about fishing for trout, salmon, and pan fish as well as shopping the businesses that support our sport. These vendors have everything you need. They also have some things you do not need -- but cannot live without.

Hiawatha Trout Unlimited along with several other Minnesota TU chapters, the Fly Fishing Women of Minnesota, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and TUDARE will be represented again this year at the event. So plan to go up for a day or go for the weekend. Take this as an opportunity to share this sport that we all love with others at "The Expo".

Let's make 2012 another great year!

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HTU + Rochester Community Education

FLY FISHING- WOMEN course 8336.241

Join Marlene Huston and Mike Carpenter, members of Hiawatha chapter of Trout Unlimited and members of Federation of Fly Fishers, to learn the essentials of fly fishing, with emphasis on fly casting. What you need to get started, fly casting, on stream casting techniques, fly fishing knots, flies for this area, reading the water, and releasing fish will be covered. This class will prepare you for the 2012 season. Outside casting opportunities may be available, weather permitting. Instructors: Marlene Huston, Certified Casting Instructor, Mike Carpenter, Ray Ricketts, and Hiawatha Trout Unlimited Members.

Location: Willow Creek-Rm. A102 Tuesday, Mar. 6 - 27 7:00 - 9:00 pm

FLY CASTING CLINIC: COED AND REFRESHER course 8339.241

Join Marlene Huston and Mike Carpenter, members of Hiawatha chapter of Trout Unlimited and members of Federation of Fly Fishers and learn the essentials of fly fishing, with emphasis on fly casting, what you need to get started, fly casting, on stream casting techniques, fly fishing knots, flies for this area, reading the water, and releasing fish. This one will get you on the stream, ready for the 2012 season! Outside casting opportunities may be available, weather permitting. Instructors: Marlene Huston, Certified Casting Instructor, Mike Carpenter, Ray Ricketts, and Hiawatha Trout Unlimited Members.

Location: Century-Gym Wednesday, Apr. 11 - May 2 7:00 - 9:00 pm

INTRODUCTION TO FLY TYING course 8369.241

Join Frank Angelotti and members of Hiawatha Trout Unlimited for a class that will unravel the mysteries of creating artificial flies. We will tie our way through five fly patterns which illustrate techniques that can be employed to create a majority of the fly patterns used today. A supply fee of \$35 will be collected and participants must have their own fly tying tools. Bring your tools to the first class.

Location: Century High School-rml D-120. Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Mar. 13 6:30 - 8:30 pm

NOTE: There will be no class Feb. 7th.

For more information go to www.rochesterce.org/adult

WATER TEMPERATURE MONITORING



As a part of the effort to understand the overall impact of our current and planned habitat improvement projects on stream quality, Hiawatha TU will be starting a program to place in-stream water temperature sensors on reaches that are scheduled for improvement.

The MN DNR has for quite a few years been making long term measurements of stream temperature in many of the watersheds in our area. We are not planning to replace their program, but rather, to better understand the effect of habitat improvements on the water temperature and to collect data showing the long term stream temperature effect.

This project will involve volunteers placing the temperature sensors within the various streams, photographing and recording the GPS location of the sensor, then periodically collecting the data. We would like to start this program before work begins on West Indian and Lost Creek in April, then on other streams scheduled for work later in the summer and in 2013.

If you would like to help with this program, send an email to Ray Ricketts at wudcanu@yahoo.com. For more information on the program and what would be involved.

UP COMING EVENTS/ MEETINGS

MEETINGS

Monday, February 6th

HTU Meeting, 7:00 pm at the Izaak Walton Lodge. Sarah Sanford will be speaking about river cleanup.

BOARD MEETINGS

January 16th, 23rd and 30th.

7:00 pm at Gander Mountain. Discussion: 2012 Spring Fundraising Banquet. *Board Meetings are open to the public*

UP COMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

You will want to mark your calendar for these events in 2012:

March 10, 2012

Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet, Rochester International Event Center.

March 24, 2012 weekend

Great Waters Expo, Blaine, MN

September 14-16, 2012

Driftless Rendezvous, Whitewater State Park Group Camp.



Welcome to HTU

Please welcome Barbara Hill (Northfield), Randall Krug (Rochester), and John Tilburg (Rochester) to Hiawatha Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Phil Pankow
Membership Coordinator





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