

THE LOOP



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SJRVFF Welcomes Joe Humphreys

A True Fly Fishing Legend

Joe Humphreys has demonstrated his passion for angling, water, and wildlife throughout his life and career as a fly fisherman. Fortunately for the rest of us, Mr. Humphreys has been willing to share his knowledge and skills through his works as an author, educator, and conservationist. He has authored two highly acclaimed books, *Joe Humphreys Trout Tactics* and *On the Trout Stream with Joe Humphreys*, and many articles in regional and national periodicals. He has also hosted a nationally broadcasted fly fishing series on ESPN, been featured on three fly fishing videos (*The Fly Fishing Series*), and produced and been featured on his own four very well-received videos.

Mr. Humphreys has taught fly fishing for more than forty years, including directing Penn State's angling program for nineteen years. Some high-profile pupils include former President Jimmy Carter, former Vice President Richard Cheney, and basketball coach Bobby Knight.



Joe Humphreys



Upcoming Events:

Saturday October 27, 2012

Salmon Outing- Thornapple Access of the Muskegon. (Leave South Bend at 6:00am)

Wednesday November 21, 2012

Club Meeting- April Vokey- 6:30 Upper Deck at The Cove.

Saturday December 1, 2012

GLC Fly Tying Expo- Holt , MI

Hey All,

It is October here in Michiana and the Fall Season is just getting underway. A time of year when for some of us the fishing season is either done or winding down and like patio furniture it is time to put our fly rods and waders away. For others it is a time when we simply trade our 5wt's for 8wt's and our dry flies for streamers in pursuit of some of the largest and strongest fish that seasonally inhabit our local rivers. I am referring of course to Salmon & Steelhead and if you are fortunate enough to hook into one the result is a pure adrenalin rush. If you happen to not be so lucky with the fish, there is still the splendor of being completely immersed in the awesome beauty that the Fall Season has to offer. There is no downside and I can honestly say that I remember both with equal fondness. If you have not yet experienced fall fishing for Salmon & Steelhead, I would highly recommend it. It can be good for the soul.

-Todd

SJRFF/KVCTU Tie-A-Thon REEL RECOVERY 2013



On March 23, 2013, members of St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers, a Federation of Fly Fishers associate club; members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together for the Seventh Annual Tie-A-Thon for Reel Recovery. Reel Recovery is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of men dealing with cancer.

For more information, check out reelrecovery.org.

The premise of the Tie-a-thon is like an old fashion barn raisin', several tyers tie as many flies as they can to donate to the cause. Joining forces again this year to tie flies are with members of: St. Joseph River Valley Fly

Fishers; Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock; Reel Women, Reel Men of Indianapolis; Grand Rapids Fly Tyers; Fly Girls; Anglers of the Au Sable; Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Duneland Fly Fishers and many more individuals.

A bunch of tiers come together to tie 100 flies a piece on a Saturday and at the end of the day, we try our very best to surpass our previous all-time high of 13,300 flies raised at one Tie-a-thon.

If you are interested, pick just one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! To get you there, Chef Terry Wittorp will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers; which is worth at least 200 flies, but we

will give you a break. Everyone is welcome, but please let us know so we can plan for lunch.

Also, so you're not too bored just tying, we will have a guest tier every other hour show off his or her special pattern. We will have a video system set up to make easy to see from your tying station. The Tie-a-thon will last from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If you are not a fast tyer and can't complete your 100 flies in that time, this is a good time to get a jump on your flies. We

would certainly take more than 100 from anyone if they are ambitious and want to tie flies in advance.

The previous seven Tie-a-thons distributed over 42,000 flies to five groups, the youth camp of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the youth camp for the Brotherhood of the Junglecock, Reel and Heal of Toledo, a cancer fly fishing retreat, Casting for Recovery of Indiana and Project Healing Waters.

Pick a pattern, tie it up and donate to the Tie-a-thon!

These are the flies we ask you to tie

Fly	Size
Adams	14
Elk Hair Caddis	14-16
Dubbing / Hackle Ant	18-20
Griffith Gnat	20-22
Soft Hackle	14-16
BWO RG Emerger	18-22
Caddis Nymph	16-18
Hare's Ear	12-14
Pheasant Tail	14-16
Woolly Buzzer	10
Mickey Finn	8
Clouser's Minnow	8

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SJRVFF SALMON/STEELHEAD OUTING



This years Salmon/Steelhead outing will again be held at the Thornapple Access on the Muskegon River in Newaygo MI. The date for the outing is Saturday October 27th, 2012. The plan is to meet at 6:00 am at two locations, the Middlebury exit on the Indiana Toll Road and at Meijers store on Portage Road in South Bend, IN., and carpool to the Muskegon River for the day. As with all outings, Lunch and drinks will be provided. If you would like, meeting us there is always an option. If you are interested in carpooling, please call me at 574-202-0255 or email me at m3plus2@hotmail.com and let me know which location works best and I will get it arranged. It would be helpful if you are planning to attend to let me know so that I can have an idea on how much food and drink to bring along. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Directions to Thornapple Access are fairly simple. Take US 131 north from Grand Rapids, MI. to 82 (82nd St- Exit 118) then west to Thornapple Ave. then north to Thornapple Access.

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13th ANNUAL

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL - FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

FLY TYING



2012 INVITATIONAL

Hosted by
**The Great Lakes Council
of the Federation of Fly Fishers**

**Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Holt High School in Holt, MI**

**LIVE AUCTION
1:00 P.M.**

**\$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.**

**NEW
This Year!!**

**Free Seminars
throughout the day by:
Kevin Feenstra,
Mike Zalewski,
Ann Miller,
Josh Greenberg,
and Kevin Morlock**

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

SILENT AUCTIONS • BUCKET RAFFLE • LIVE AUCTION

A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a black rain jacket and a blue patterned scarf, is smiling and holding a large rainbow trout. She is in a river with rapids in the background.

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NOVEMBER SPEAKER:

April Vokey

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