

Rendezvous Wrap Up

Hello to everyone. Our 15th annual Rendezvous is finished for another year. Thanks to all of you who helped out and contributed items to raise funds. The raffle rod this year was a beautiful two piece bamboo tied by Dave Kemp. A big thanks to all who bought rod raffle tickets. Our winner this year was Dave Linde. Congratulations Dave! The end of the Rendezvous is always the voice auction of flies tied by our members. This year we also had Beautiful Deer Hair Bass Bugs tied by demonstration tier Ed Lash. A special Fund Raising Surprise came from Jim Edrington of Seed Savers Farm. On behalf of Seed Savers Farm Jim presented us with a two night stay at the Farm cabin which was auctioned off during the voice auction. Thanks to all the tiers, donators and bidders.



Vendors

Admiring the Dave Kemp Bamboo Raffle Rod

This year our Rendezvous was held at The Eagles in Monticello. This is a new location and the facility was wonderful. It is larger than our previous facility and even though we had lots of tables and chairs set up there were still more in reserve. At the 2014 Rendezvous you decided to hold the Rendezvous in 2015 and 2016 at The Eagles so we will be there again in 2016. If you have never attended the Rendezvous you should make the effort.

In 2014 the members wanted to add speakers to our program. This year our speakers were Jim Edrington???? Of Seed Savers Farm. Jim had a presentation not just about Seed Savers Farm but about the Brook Trout that use part of the farm as their habitat. There is an October workday scheduled at the farm this year. Details will appear on our Web Site so please check frequently. Our other presenters were Joe Wedum and Dale Sanders. For several years Joe and Dale have developed and refined their air brushing technique for fur feather and hair as well as for poppers. Those attending received an excellent overview of the use of air brushing for fly tying. While not actually a presenter a last minute addition was demonstration fly tier Ed Lash. Ed tied some beautiful spun deer hair bugs during the entire day. This is truly an art form and we were all lucky to have Ed demonstrating his art.



Air Brushing Demonstration

Dale Sanders Discusses Air Brushing

Speakers for next year are still not selected. If you have any suggestions please let us know as soon as possible.

Ed Lash tying Spun Deer Hair Bass Bugs



Our cash donations were down this year. I hope we will be having more donations in 2016. When you are considering your year end donations please give Spring Creeks a thought.

The 16th Rendezvous date is tentatively set for March 26, 2016.

The 2016 mailing will reflect a change in our raffle tickets. Instead of receiving two books of tickets you will receive one book. Instead of the price of the tickets being \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00 in 2016 tickets will be \$2.00 each or 12 for \$20.00. Our costs have gone up and ticket sales are stagnate. We need to generate some money to continue supporting conservation for trout in Iowa.

Currently we are in search of conservation projects for 2015. If you know of any please let us know.

At the business meeting the issue of Spring Creeks activities was discussed. Over the past couple of years it seems attendance is by the same few members. The question of continued activities was discussed and it was decided at least for the time being to continue the litter pick up and picnic as well as the trout outing. We will only do one litter pick up on McCloud Run in Cedar Rapids. There will be a pick up on a yet to be named trout stream with the view that the opportunity to do a bit of fishing in a nicer environment would attract better attendance. The litter pick up during the Trout Outing will continue as before. Dates and details will appear on the Web Site. Please check. One overlooked aspect of activities by Spring Creeks is solitary conservation activities by members. If you do any conservation activities directed mainly for trout please let a club officer know so your hours of work can be included in the annual report to TU.

Also it is important for you to contact national TU to update your e-mail address as this is how we can notify you of work days and other Chapter activities.

We are always looking for opportunities to improve trout fishing in Iowa. If you have any suggestions please contact us.



Where I caught the one that got away!

Don't forget to check our calendar of events on the Web Site for other scheduled activities for 2015

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