

## **JERRY BARTLETT NEWSLETTER 2017**

“Fly fishing lends a redemptive touch of the esthetic to the purely animal manifestation of Man’s heritage of the pursuit and killing of fish and game for sustenance: the rod springing to life, the changing rhythms of the lengthening cast, the line looping tautly as in a mystical rite, the fly fluttering and descending on or under the surface—these all together seem to weave a magical spell to which the angler gladly submits.” Frank Mele

### **All Hail from the Angler's Parlor!**

A new fishing season is upon us with some coming events to look forward to.

April 29, 1.30-3:00 Dedication and Installation of 2 Shadow Boxes of Famous Catskill Flies  
Tony Bonavist has created two commemorative shadow boxes for flies from Ray Smith and The Dorato Hares Ear. Tony Bonavist, Ed Ostapczuk and Roger Menard will talk about Bill Dorato and Ray Smith and why these flies are so great.

July 29 , 12.00-2.00 (meet at library) What Fish Eat?

A hands-on workshop in Stony Clove Creek led by educator extraordinaire, Aaron Bennett. Get wet and discover what macroinvertebrates live in the stream and what their presence or absence tells us about water quality. Fun for all ages – especially youth.

September 9, 1.00-2.30 Nick Lyons: Publisher Author and Angler

Nick Lyons is a titan in the field of books about fishing. Is there more written about Angling than any other sport? Come to hear Nick read some of his favorite passages, tell stories, and answer questions.

October 14, 1.00-2.30 Catching of Old Bess and the History of Rainbow Lodge

The family of Larry Decker who caught the elusive giant trout , Old Bess, in 1955 will tell the story and Ed Kahil will share his scrapbook from his family’s legendary lodge for fishermen.

Spring 2018 History of Fish and Game Clubs in Shandaken (date and time tbd)

Fish and Game clubs play an important role throughout our region’s history and into the present – preserving traditions, conserving natural resources and creating camaraderie. A panel discussion about three fish and game clubs - Stony Clove Rod and Gun, Phoenicia Fish and Game, and Upper Esopus Fish and Game.

Check our websites to confirm dates and times which may change: [phoenicalibrary.org](http://phoenicalibrary.org) or [catskillanglingcollection.org](http://catskillanglingcollection.org)

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**HANKSPEAK**—Local guide and fly tier par excellent Hank Rope's take on the current scene.

Why all the fuss over clean water and a healthy environment? For the past fifteen years we have raised brown trout in the classroom at Phoenicia elementary school. This year we used only bottled water in our tanks. We have the biggest and healthiest looking fish ever. Just a reminder that we all live downstream.

Fish will be released on May 12. Volunteers are always needed. Meet at the school at 9 AM or at the gazebo on Stony Clove at 9.30.

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**—Yes, even in the pastoral heart of the Southern Catskills, we've got a website. Check it out. [www.catskillanglingcollection.org](http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org)

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Our book donation policy includes books on our Book Wish List which you will find in the Angler's Parlor or on our web site. We would especially like to acquire books that focus on the Catskills. Book duplication can be avoided by contacting Beth Waterman either by phone or e-mail.

If you'd like to volunteer to put on an angling-related workshop or demonstration, or if you have questions about the collection, please get in touch with our chairman Beth Waterman (845) 254-4116, or our co-chair Doris Bartlett (845) 688-7101.

We'd like to encourage you to add your e-mail address to our list so that you can receive occasional announcements of special events, workshops, future newsletters, and a plethora of other good fishy things Please send your e-mail queries to [bethia.waterman@gmail.com](mailto:bethia.waterman@gmail.com).

CHEERS—

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