Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

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QUICK CALENDAR

November 11: Speaker Series: Pennsylvania Stream Science

November 16: Brodhead Fly Tyers

December 5: Brodhead Women on the Fly Workshop

December 9: Chapter Holiday Party

December 21: Brodhead Fly Tyers

January 9: Introduction to Fly Tying Class 1

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Dear Members and Friends,

Those magnificent colored leaves on our trees have fallen to the ground and they now announce our arrival in the woods with a tell-tale “crunch”. I sometimes think it would be nice if those colors would last longer, but I fear we would then take them for granted. So, I guess we’ll just enjoy this special time of year as it is.

Although the scenery around us is changing, what doesn’t change is the activity level of the chapter and its volunteers. In October we tabled at Polk Township Environmental Day, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Fall Fest and the Quiet Valley Harvest Festival. Member Larry Ott presented a well-received program on “Waterfalls of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.” We conducted a four-session rod building class and removed invasive plants in a riparian area along Cherry Creek. The chapter commented or are planning to comment on PennDOT plans for I-80/Rte. 611/Rte. 33 reconstruction and a Price Township curative zoning amendment. We worked on grant funding opportunities to expand our successful work on McMichaels Creek within PHLT’s Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve and questioned PFBC on the status of some local streams. And that doesn’t include all the planning for next year’s events.

The recent elections have been decided and we, along with everyone else, await to see what changes may be in store for conservation-centered endeavors. Will there be increased or decreased funding opportunities? Will there be regulatory rollbacks or will the status quo be maintained? Will there be significant changes in state and federal mandates? Only time will tell.

Our November/December pace is slowing down but I hope you’ll find something in our schedule of events that interests you. Of special note is an upcoming event for Brodhead’s Women on the Fly in December. Check our web page for more info and registration.

- Wednesday, November 11. 7 PM. Don Baylor presents, “Pennsylvania Stream Science” at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.
- Saturday, December 5. Brodhead Women on the Fly. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.
- Wednesday, December 9. Holiday Party at The Lakeside in Saylorsburg.

Sincerely,

Todd Burns, President

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, SINCE JULY 16

New members! We welcome new members or changes to membership types to our Brodhead TU membership roll. Since our last newsletter, Willy Gepp and Lucas Pavek have joined our Chapter. We look forward to seeing and working with you on our many activities.

If you know of someone who shares our interests, please send them the link at right. New memberships are half price!



Renewing and Contributing Members: The members listed have renewed their membership, changed membership type, or contributed to the mission of the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Your efforts supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated and are critical to our future success.

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Current Membership: **221 Adults + 4 Youth**



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A Few Announcements…

If you attend a BTU event, please register! This helps with planning and preparation, and registers topics of interest to our members and friends.

November 11, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center (BCHC), 7 PM: Speaker Series: Don Baylor Presents "Pennsylvania Stream Science". Don's presentation on Pennsylvania Stream Science will discuss how water quality standards in streams are determined and the science behind the regulations.

November 16, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 6-8 PM: Brodhead Fly Tyers. The month's theme is classic streamers. Come out and join our group.

December 5, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 9 AM - 12 noon. Brodhead Women on the Fly. Look for feature article on page 7.

December 9, Chapter Holiday Party, Lakeside, 6:30 PM.

December 21, BCHC, 6-8 PM. Brodhead Fly Tyers. Theme to be determined at the November meeting. Evening often ends with "well, what do we want to do next month?"

Brodhead TU has requested a table for our chapter at the Fly Fishing Show in Edison, NJ this upcoming winter, January 22 to 24, 2027. Our request has not yet been confirmed, but don't be surprised to see even more friendly and familiar faces at this popular show.

Save the date: Our annual Chapter Conservation Banquet will be held on April 16, 2027. This is the Chapter's most successful fundraising event, and your attendance and participation are extremely important to our continued success. More information forthcoming in coming months.

Check the Chapter Calendar for more information and registration.

We are selling Brodhead Chapter TU ballcaps, available in 4 colors. They will be for sale at most, if not all, of our public events.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD) directly funds the USGS stream gauge on Pocono Creek near Wigwam Run just downstream from the Rail Gap Preserve. It is the only USGS gauge on Pocono Creek, and its data is used by many anglers. The Brodhead Chapter has historically contributed funds for the maintenance of the gauge, and the Board of Directors recently approved a donation of $500 to help offset the gauge's cost. If you also can contribute, please consider a personal donation at:

DONATE

On the donation screen, scroll down in the payment type window to Stream Gage donation.

RECENT HAPPENINGS, A BUSY OCTOBER!

Invasive plant removal, Cherry Valley NWR, Larsen Lane Tract.







2026 ROD BUILDING CLASS







SPEAKER SERIES: WATERFALLS OF DWGNRA





POLK TWP ENVIRONMENTAL DAY



CHERRY VALLEY NWR FALL FEST



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What's Up In PA Environmental Legislation

Be aware there are bills and amendments being put forth that would affect funding, enforcement and regulations within agencies that are charged with protecting the clean, healthy environment guaranteed in our state's constitution. We encourage you to visit: **http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/**

Federal: TU's Chris Woods' WOTUS article is HERE.

More information on issues can be found at these links:

https://www.tu.org/action-center

This Georgetown Law source provides a comprehensive overview of pending environmental legislation:

http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/c.php?g=209325&p=3611206

Local and State Resources:

Brodhead Watershed Association

PA Fish and Boat Commission

PennFuture

Monroe County Conservation District

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited

Pocono Heritage Land Trust

DEP Water Quality Information. This **link** will take you to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website that focuses upon water-related issues. You will find links for existing stream uses, proposed rule-making, anti-degradation measures and more.

Harassment Reporting

As a member or volunteer, if you believe you are being harassed or if you have witnessed harassing behavior towards other volunteers, members or TU employees, you should report it immediately to the Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or to TU General Counsel. If, at any time , you would feel it would be unreasonable to use this procedure to report harassment, TU encourages you to submit an anonymous and confidential report using the Trout Unlimited Ethics hotline.

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or call **1-855-662-SAFE.**



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FEATURE: BRODHEAD WOMEN ON THE FLY

On September 20th, a group of women from the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited met for our first women's fly fishing workshop. It was a day packed with learning, fishing, and fellowship. We met on the banks of the Paradise Creek, and with the assistance of fellow members, learned about Fall fly fishing, how to assemble and manage our equipment, and some even got their first taste of a wild trout on the end of their line.

Attendees were empowered to name our group, and took little time in choosing "Brodhead Women on the Fly".

As we approach our 50th year as a charter chapter, we'll continue this series of workshops designed to advance female members' fly fishing skills, and empower them as valued and valuable members of the Brodhead Chapter.

Our next Brodhead Women on the Fly workshop will be on December 5th at 09:00am at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. We'll learn about winter fly fishing, how to tie a woolley bugger, and spend some mentored time fishing on the Brodhead Creek.

Workshops are open to all female members/female family members of Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited, and invited guests. For questions about the event, email Ann Foster at annkingfoster@gmail.com.

REGISTER





FISHING, FLIES AND TYING FEATURE

Mid autumn is an extremely important time of year for our locally naturally reproducing trout populations. This is prime spawning season for brook and brown trout. If you are out on trout streams this month through December, keep an eye out for trout redds, the beds in which eggs are laid. The redds are usually somewhat conspicuous depressions in stream bed gravel, usually in areas of moderate current, and can sometimes be identified simply by an area of a different color than the rest of the stream bed. Once laid, trout eggs may take up to 3 months to hatch, and disturbing the redds can damage the eggs. Please be careful out there!

FEATURED FLIES FROM BRODHEAD FLY TYERS

The theme for October's meeting was Wulff style flies. Our group tied some traditional patterns with calf tail wings, and at least one fly with poly wings was offered.













The Flybrary Is Open: Have a Fly, Leave a Fly

Noveber, 2026 · Stephan Van de Loecht

Next time you pull into a trailhead along one of our local streams, take a look around the kiosk. You just might find a small blue box tucked under a clear roof, studded with nymphs, dries, and the occasional bright pink worm. That's a Flybrary, and the Brodhead Chapter has put up and restocked them at eleven public access points across the Poconos.

The idea is simple and borrowed from the little free libraries you see in neighborhoods: *Have a fly, leave a fly. Need a fly, take a fly.* Whether you snapped off your last Pheasant Tail on a submerged branch or you're new to the sport and still building your box, the Flybrary is there to help you keep fishing.

Where to Find Them

You'll usually find a Flybrary mounted at or near the Wild Trout Waters signs or the information kiosks at the entrance to each preserve. Many sit right beside a monofilament recycling tube, so it's a good chance to drop off your old tippet while you're there.

Brodhead Creek

- ForEvergreen

Paradise Creek, Cranberry Creek and Devil's Hole

- Kurmes Preserve
- Fieldstone Farm Tank Creek Preserve

Pocono Creek

- Pocono Creek Preserve
- George and Olive Learn Preserve
- Rail Gap Preserve

McMichaels Creek

- Hickory Valley and Slaughterhouse Bend
- Hickory Valley Park
- Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve

Cherry Creek

- Headquarters
- Larsen Lane

How It Works

Each Flybrary is a simple build: a block of marine foam on a pressure-treated board, with a clear plexiglass roof to keep the rain off. Flies hook right into the foam, so taking one or leaving one takes about five seconds. (Cont.)

Take what you need. Grab a fly or two that suits the conditions. There's no sign-out sheet and no catch. If a fly helps you hook a wild brookie on a tough day, that's exactly what it's there for.

Leave one behind. If your box is well stocked, pay it forward. A couple of proven patterns from your own collection can make someone else's day on the water. Think about what actually works on these streams: small nymphs, Hare's Ears, Pheasant Tails, Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adams, a few midges, and yes, the occasional Squirmy Worm.

Tiers, we need you. The boxes empty out fast during the busy months, and the best way to keep them full is with flies from our own vises. If you tie, consider spinning up a handful of extras the next time you sit down at the bench and dropping them off at your favorite location. Even half a dozen flies a season from each of our tiers would keep every Flybrary well stocked.

Respect the water. Many of these streams are posted as Wild Trout Waters, and some are catch and release with artificial lures and flies only. Please read the signs at each preserve, follow the posted regulations, and handle wild fish with care. Most of these preserves are also open dawn to dusk only, and all of them are here thanks to landowners and land trusts that have welcomed anglers. Let's keep it that way.

Keep It Going

The Flybrary only works because anglers look out for one another. Every fly left behind is a small way of saying welcome to the next person down the trail, whether that's a seasoned local or a kid casting for their first wild trout.

So next time you're out, stop by a Flybrary, take a fly if you need one, and leave one if you can. If you notice a box that's running low or needs a repair, let us know through brodheadtu.org. And to everyone who has already helped build, stock, and look after these boxes, thank you. See you on the water.





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Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2026/2027



EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!
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