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Wow! 2011 ALREADY! I hope you're beginning to plan your fishing trips before the calendar gets too full. Floating the Gunnison Gorge is on my bucket list, and it looks like it's going to happen on my birthday in June. But there is much to do before then.

January's meeting looks to be a good one with Joel King talking about Delaney Buttes Lakes and the rivers around them. Some of our members have huge success on Delaney, and I'd like to join those ranks. I expect we'll all leave the meeting with some new ideas for a trip soon after ice out.

Our Annual Fly Tying Expo in February is shaping up to be better than ever. We've got commitments from many well know local tiers who are willing to share their expertise with us. New this year will be a beginner's area for those of us who have never tied and perhaps would like to start. We hope to have every beginner tie a fly and learn the basics regarding equipment needed. We also will have two former Youth Camp participants demonstrating their skills.

Also new this year is a silent auction for some really quality items that have been donated to our chapter from local shops and members. The Expo is our only major money making activity, and we hope you all will bring your checkbook and bid on some of the items. Hopefully you'll go home with some nice merchandise, and our chapter will get some needed operational funds.

We've reserved all the rooms at the Senior Center, and are planning a really big turnout. As always, we will raffle a rod and all the flies our tiers are willing to donate. Your \$20 entrance fee will get you food from Texas Roadhouse, 5 raffle tickets, and many ideas about tying flies. Of course, we will gladly sell you more raffle tickets.

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RMF wishes to thank the following organizations for their generous support of this year's fly tying expo. Thank you sponsors!



Looking down the road, I am aware of the elections in May. I am term limited, so encourage all of you to consider donating some time to the board. It's not a heavy load and we really need the help. Contact me to attend board meetings between now and then to observe the business of our chapter. Your knowledge and input is needed and appreciated.

I promise there will always be time to plan and carry out your fishing trips.

Sincerely,

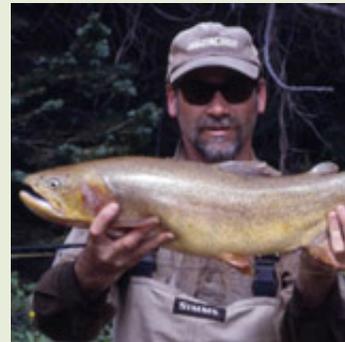
[Lee Evans](#)

"Angling may be said to be so like the mathematics, that it can never be fully learnt." ~by Izaak Walton, 1653~

Featured Guest Speaker for January

Wednesday, January 19th, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM,
Fort Collins Senior Center

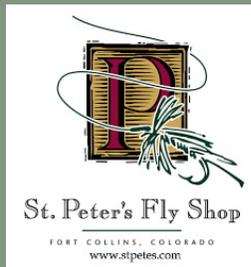
Owner of Kingfisher Flies and designer of foam patterns such as the *King's Golden Sally* and the *King's Kickin Crane*, Joel King is a stillwater guru and we are delighted to have him as our featured guest speaker on January 19th. He is a native Coloradoan with over 10 years of fishing and guiding experience in the Alpine Rockies and over 30 years of fly



fishing experience in Colorado and Wyoming. His flies have been published in *Northwest Fly Fishing* and *Southwest Fly Fishing* magazines. He enjoys tying flies and has been guiding on the Front Range of Colorado professionally since 1992. In his free time, Joel pursues steelhead all over the west and Midwestern rivers of the United States. Joel King owns and operates [Joel King Gear](#) and works in partnership with Brian Shipley, owner of [Kingfisher Drifters](#), on tying and designing flies, guiding trips, and promoting the sport of fly fishing. Joel is even rumored to have glued a coffee bean to the shank of a hook in order to catch the big fish that lurk in the North Park lakes. He swears the fish mistake the coffee bean for a water beetle. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Social hour begins at 6:30, and the Program follows at 7:00. Admission is free and the public is always welcome. The [Fort Collins Senior Center](#) is located at 1200 Raintree Drive off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake.

RMF Annual Fly Tying Expo



Wednesday, February 16th, 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM,
Fort Collins Senior Center



This year's fly tying expo is bigger and better than ever before! On February 16th, nearly two dozen experienced and professional tiers from our region will demonstrate their most famous flies and answer all of your questions. They

include such famous names as Ted Meredith, Rick Takahashi, Steve Schweitzer, Dick Shinton, Ken Eis, Connor Murphy, Grant Houx, Jim Choi, Jason Haddox, Dave Coulson, Mark McMillan, Jason Goodale, Guy Turenne, and many others.

[Texas Roadhouse](#) will supply the barbeque food and we will have random drawings for each tier's flies and for a terrific fly rod. There will also be a silent auction for lots of equipment items, books, and supplies as well as a beginner's table where you can learn how to tie your own flies.

Admission is \$20 per person (\$10 for students with ID) and that includes a plate of food from Texas Roadhouse Barbeque along with a beverage, five tickets for the fly and rod drawings, and a wealth of tying information. [Click here for more information.](#)

Also, feel free to print a [flyer](#) and pass it out to your friends or businesses that you frequent (don't worry, the local fly shops already have plenty of copies).

November "Guest Night" Results

Bryon Fessler, Membership Chair

Our November "Guest Night" was a very successful event with 117 people attending. We had an even split of members and guests and all attendees really enjoyed Landon Mayer's presentation. Several long-term members of RMF commented that the event was well organized and extremely well attended. One member said he had not seen an event of this size and caliber from RMF in the last 10 years.

Our goal for the night was to sign up 20 new members and I am pleased to report that we met that goal by signing up 20 new members and renewing another 8 more members. For comparison purposes, we had 3 new members in FY 07-08 and 7 new members in FY 08-09 (TU is still closing the books for FY 09-10) so this is very good

news for our chapter! We are now up to 22 new members for FY 10-11 and we are less than four months into the new fiscal year. My thanks to all for a very successful event!

You Don't Know Trout!

So, you're an avid angler? [Take the quiz and prove you know trout](#). You'll also be entered in a grand prize drawing to win a dream fishing trip on the Bighorn River in Montana and a great fly fishing gear



What species of trout is this?

package from [Orvis](#). The Dream Fishing Trip includes 2 guided days of fishing and three nights of lodging for two people at Forrester's Bighorn River Resort, the 2010 Orvis Fly Fishing Lodge of the Year. On the water, you'll float with an Orvis-endorsed guide and have your shot at 7,500 fish per mile...browns and rainbows that average 16"-18" with many well over 20". Off the water, you'll be treated to three gourmet meals a day during your stay in Forrester's private cabins. On top of that, we'll send you home with two personalized Orvis Access Fly rods, one Orvis Mirage LA II reel and an Orvis Safe Passage Sling Pack. The total value of the of the trip and the gear is \$2,625.

RMF River Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Day Camp

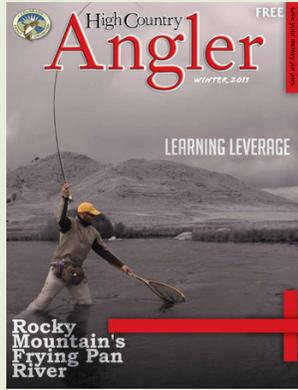
July 21-22-23 and 28-29-30, 2011

On February 1st the application window will open for youths to submit their essay, completed parental paperwork packets and \$30.00 application fee. The fee will be refunded to any applicant if not accepted. On February 1st a full application file will be activated on our [RMF website](#) for download. The Day Camp program is designed for 15 campers and we expect that all openings will be filled.



Volunteers to help with the Day Camp can view a daily activities schedule on the [RMF website](#), also beginning February 1st. Last year we had 24 volunteers for the pilot group of nine campers, but this year we will need an

additional 10 volunteers to ensure we maintain a 1:1 adult-to-camper ratio for instructional and on-river sessions.



More information can be found in the Winter 2011 edition of [High Country Angler](#) (pages 28 and 29). The article has some great information about last year's RMF Youth Camp as well as the CTU Youth Camp which is now in its sixth year.

Congratulations to both RMF and CTU for some outstanding youth programs!

Please contact [Dennis Cook](#) via email or cell (970-372-9229) if you want to volunteer or discuss volunteer opportunities.

Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Training Sessions Scheduled



Two training sessions are scheduled for the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge. The **first session** will be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1709 West Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins (located

four blocks East of Taft Hill Road). We need six volunteers for this session and a sack lunch will be provided. Three groups of Scouts will rotate between clinic instructors' stations to perform casting (overhead & roll...at Avery Lake a half-block nearby), knots (arbor, clinch, nail, and loop-to-loop), and fly tying (bugger, pupa nymph, and deer hair caddis).

The **second session** will be held on Saturday, May 21st (exact times to be determined) at Weaver Lake which is located at the BSA Camp Ben Delatour (between Rustic and Red Feather Lakes). This is a heavily stocked one and a half acre lake. Scouts will catch and correctly handle two fish during this session.

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Trout in the Classroom

In the last issue we explained that we received a double egg order, and consciously decided to hatch them all...fully aware that our 418 hatched fish would be twice the number designated for our 50 gallon tank. So when the fish hatched we also doubled to daily the number of water changes, water chemistry tests and tank cleanings.



Fortunately, teacher [Nathan Clark](#) has aquaculture experience and when fish began to die one-at-a-time he suspected and confirmed with testing that dissolved oxygen was out of balance. He had the TIC Project student team install an additional, larger air

pump system, and the fish stopped dying...now 408 remain. On December 14th several chapter board members visited the TIC tank and team, and all was stable and looked good.

This week we communicated with the CDOW's aquatic pathology department requesting guidance about when we should halve our fish population, and how and when it should be accomplished. At the Flypaper's production deadline we had not yet received a response.

For more information, please contact [Dennis Cook](#) via email or cell (970-372-9229).

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