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Our March 9 Zoom meeting, Fly Fishing S.W. Montana and Yellowstone National Park from mid April through mid November will feature Patrick Daigle. He will explain the pros and cons of spring, summer and fall on a number of rivers in the area. He will also answer all of your questions about this wonderful fishery.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88391788320?pwd=SkZKTnNnMXA1cDZUQIVMSFNueWx0Zz09>

From the vest of the President



If you missed our February meeting you missed a good one. Jeff Yates lead us on an interactive journey along the entire length of the Shepaug River. This little-known trout water in Western Connecticut where big wild brown trout lurk. Using a map to highlight locations, parking, and other points of interest, Jeff started the virtual trip along the river where the Shepaug tumbles out of a tailwater dam and followed its waters downstream through miles of protected open space fields and forests. The trek continued downstream to the junction with the Housatonic River and some incredible smallmouth habitat - where it's rumored some big carp and pike cruise the shallows.

We left the presentation knowing where and when to head to the Shepaug, what to use and how to make the most of our time on this beautiful back-country river hiding in plain sight between the better-known Housatonic and Farmington Rivers.

Our March 9 meeting will also be conducted using the ZOOM format.

The following is both good and bad news concerning our meetings. Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse in East Hartford is receiving around 4 million dollars for needed renovations and will not be available for our meetings until the work is completed. When we get the green light from the town we will return. Until then please bare with us and look for our monthly meeting location in our newsletter or on our CFFA website.

Save the Date!

March 21 is Connecticut's annual World Water Day event!

This year, Save the Sound, The Nature Conservancy, Rivers Alliance, Clean Water Action, CT River Conservancy, CT Land Conservation Council, CT League of Conservation Voters, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and other partners are coming together for an online celebration exploring

"Groundwater - Making the Invisible Visible." We'll also be recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, how far we've come and how we can all do our part to protect clean water.

Please join us **on Monday, March 21, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.** for a free online event including:

Remarks from Gov. Lamont;

A "Groundwater 101" presentation; and

A panel discussion that will explore threats to groundwater and steps we can all take to ensure every Connecticut resident has access to clean water, now and in the future.

And the WWD website has many social media and image resources:

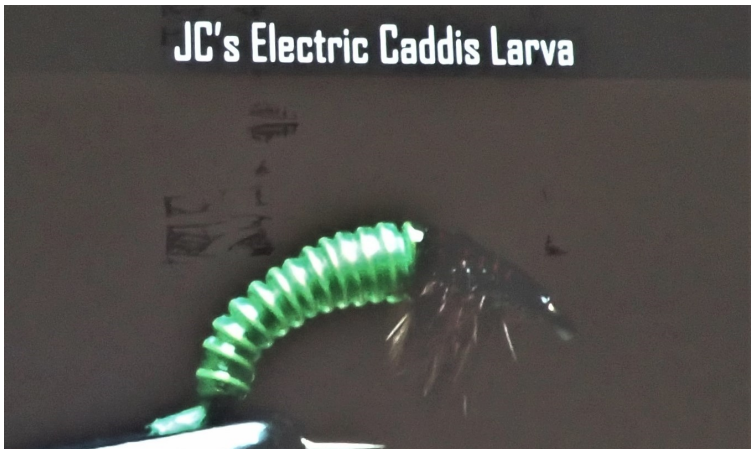
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Many of our CFFA members volunteer their knowledge, passion and skills of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying and Rod building with service veterans enrolled in the national program Project Healing Waters in Newington CT. This following link brings you to a summary of the activities held in 2021. After reading this summary feel free to contact me if you have any questions about participation in the program.

Gary

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/projecthealingwatersflyfishing/posts/10159582630139346/>

I want to thank Mark Parker for sending me pictures of his ice fishing trip the smiles from them say It all! Kevin Fuller and I went to the Jersey show and because of the weather forecast looked like nobody went to work so we made it to the show in record time. Because of the weather forecast and Covid the show had at least a third less vendors and fly fishing company's there also. So you were limited on your shopping. But the seminars! There were many new speakers this year and that's how we spent our day. We both learned a great deal, one thing was one guy said clothing makes all the difference, and then there was Kevin's new friend the Orange man who showed himself catching big fish lit up like a neon sign. You had people who insisted no weight added to a fly only the leader, then you had people who only used bead head flies. But like Bruce use to say, "its only fly fishing" so here are the best flies you can have in your box I was told :-)



JC's Electric Caddis Larva



Frosty Fly
Catgut



Birds of Prey Caddis





Perdigon



Utah Killer Bug



France Fly



Paul's Fly OF THE MONTH

Paul's Caddis Larva Emerger, Tying instructions on how to tie this pattern can be found at <http://tightlinesflyfishing.blogspot.com/>

Green Haze Caddis
Paul Dinice
<http://tightlinesflyfishing.blogspot.com/>



Bead (Optional): Size to match fly and color of choice.

Hook: Fire Hole 718 Curved Caddis Hook Size #12 & #14.

Thread: 12/0 Black Waxed.

Tail (Optional): Pheasant Tail Fibers.

Rib: Florescent Green Sempre Fli Flouro Bright, or Nylon Stretch, or Florescent Green Wire.

Body: 8-10 Pheasant Tail Fibers.

Thorax: Peacock Herl.

Hackle: Brown Hen or Grouse Hackle Fibers.

Each year when I go to the Jersey show we have dinner at a fantastic Delli called Harlod's I have taken several people there and everyone loves it. if you go to the show we highly recommend it. The pickle bar was closed because of Covid but they bring everything to your table. The sandwich you see is \$40 it can feed 4, because it was only Kevin and I we skipped desert, that feeds 4 also. Kevin was very impressed with Tenkara and the Orange man so he bought 2 rods. Can't wait till we hit Vermont and he lets me try one. I am sure there will be another story about



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of the month AS USUAL!!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

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INBOX FOR AN INVITATION!!



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