TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



April Meeting

Our next meeting is April 10th

Kohler Banquet Center 4572 Presidential Way (Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month.

Please make your reservation at https://mvff.us/reservation/
by 9:00 p.m. on April 6th

April Speaker

Our April speaker will be Kelly Galloup (via Zoom).

Kelly started his fly fishing career at the age of 13, tying flies for the local tackle shop. He started guiding at the age of 16 and still manages to run a couple trips



a year. Kelly owned and operated The Troutsman fly shop and guide service in Northern Michigan for 20 years. He sold the Troutsman in 2001, and purchased The Slide Inn lodge on the banks of the Madison River in southwest Montana. Kelly has written three books, Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout 1 and 2 and Cripples and Spinners, and has numerous DVD's on fly tying and fishing. In 2003 Kelly received the living legend award from the FFF, and was awarded the Charles E. Brooks memorial life award in 2007. He has over fifty nationally recognized fly patterns that are sold worldwide and is currently a signature tier for Montana Fly Company and works as an ambassador for Renzetti Vise. He is also a rod and line designer for several companies like Powell, St Croix, Burkheimer and Echo rods and

President's Thoughts ...

Hello Everyone.

Welcome to my April 2023 report. Wow, I don't know about you but I'm glad March is over with. Too much wind and rain. The weather blew siding off my house and the rain broke old rainfall totals.



Thanks to everyone that made our MVFF Annual Auction one of the best in recent years. There were 63 bidders and we raised \$5,100.00 which will advance MVFF outreach.

April 10th will be our Spring Fling raffle and our last indoor meeting. Lew Hofmann has agreed to purchase items for the Spring Fling. There are also some donated items from Reel Fly Rod and Mad River Outfitters.

In February members voted to put some of MVFF money into a 12 month C.D. We will discuss the amount of money we will be putting into it during April's meeting. MVFF board members have put a logbook in our storage unit. Fly rods and fly tying kits must be signed out and signed in when returning the items. We are going to have a new volunteer award program which will encourage more people to volunteer. More details will be available at the April meeting. We are looking for at least one more person to help Karen Via with the Quartermaster duties this summer. Rich Blankenship will be taking the summer off.

Paula Smith, V.P., is heading up a one-day event on June 10th sponsored by Little Miami Watershed Network. They have a great following and this is an important way for MVFF to reach out to the community. Please see Paula to volunteer for the event.

During the board's last meeting, we decided to shut down the MVFF library because of the lack of interest. Some members have approached the board about this so we will open it up for discussion on April 10th.

I have contacted Gregg Czarnecki about a date for the Mad River clean up. We will post a date when he replies. I have talked to a local guide and a Mayfly hatch is taking place on the Mad about

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

mid-day when the sun is out. He suggested using a dry fly pattern, size 16 or smaller.

My fly rod has been in the back seat of my truck for about 3 weeks now just waiting for a fish to bend it. So I think I will head to Caesar Creek for the some white bass action. Speaking of fishing, the Pine Lake Outing is full. Ten people have signed up. I'm planning a trip to Ohio Power the week of May 22 to beat the holiday crowd. This is primitive camping with no running water. You will need a permit. It is free and can be printed online. Go to our links page - https://mvff.us/links/. Kayaks and canoes only.

The Canadian trip is coming up in June. Contact Jim Calvert if you would like to go. I'm looking forward to going on this trip myself. Been tying poppers and bait flies.

Things are going well with the one-day fly fishing introduction at Bellbrook Middle School. That date will be April 25th. We are hoping this will allow MVFF to start a class at the high school.

Our guest speaker for April is Kelly Galloup, who lives in Montana near the Madison River. He is a great teacher in all aspects of fly fishing. You will want to be there for his video presentation. I have reached out to BUFF and invited them as well.

Best Wishes,

John Warner President MVFF

Speaker (cont'd)

SA and Airflo fly lines. Kelly has been published in every major fly fishing periodical in the U.S.. Kelly was also the host of Fly Fish TV with Kelly Galloup, but now hangs his hat on his extensive how-to and fly tying YouTube channel. As one of the most sought after speakers in the country, Kelly spends much of his winter months speaking at clubs and sports shows across the country.

Kelly will talk on fishing streamers.

~ John Young

(A Zoom invitation will be sent a few days before the meeting for those who will not be at the meeting.)

Mid-Week Events Kick Off!

The first mid-week of the year brought three MVFF members and one significant other. Given the turn outs at mid-weeks in the past couple of years, that is outstanding, especially on such a chilly day. Let's keep it going!

Upcoming Mid-Weeks: The Mid-Weeks for April will be on the 13th at Wellfield Park, and on the 25th at Deer Meadow Park. Make sure you bring Clousers for Wellfield, and bass poppers for Deer Meadow. Both of these ponds are usually fairly productive in the early season. The schedule is in this issue, on the <u>Calendar</u> page and posted to Facebook (Events).

~ Ken Davy

MVFF Auction Results

	 TOTAL	 GENERAL FUNDS	_	PROJECT HEALING WATERS-NATL	 CASTING FOR RECOVERY	VETERAN'S PROGRAMS
2023	\$ 5,093	\$ 5,093	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
2022	\$ 4,038	\$ 4,038	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
2021	\$ 5,201	\$ 5,051	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 150
2020	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,050	\$	360	\$ 85	\$ -

Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the 2023 auction was a huge success. From the people who tied and donated flies to those who donated general merchandise, the items for sale were outstanding. Thanks to all of the volunteers and to the auctioneer for a great job done. Finally, thanks to those who purchased items. We could not do it without all of you.

Flies for the Casting Competition

As I said at a recent meeting, the fly boxes being used for the casting competitions are starting to resemble a beggar's purse. While you are tying flies for the coming season, or for the upcoming auction, please remember Bob Zitney and tie one or two extras and clip the hooks off. We need dry flies, nymphs, and bass bugs. Wet flies could be used for the roll cast competition, but they are not



necessary. Let's all give Bob a helping hand! He works hard at running the competitions and he deserves our support.

Remembering Gerald "Lash" LaRue

Sadly, we lost a long-time member recently.

Gerald (Lash to us) was born on March 9, 1933 in Graham Station, WV. He grew up in Nitro, WV and graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Forestry. He went through ROTC and was an U.S. Army veteran who was honorably discharged as a Captain. Gerald worked for U.S. Steel in forest management. He moved his family to Ohio in 1969 and worked for the City of Dayton as a horticulturist and Director of Parks and Recreation until his retirement. He was a member of the Germantown Lions Club, Knights of Columbus Council #4587, and Miamisburg Moose Lodge #1645. He was an avid fisherman, gardener and golfer.



I'm sorry to hear that Lash LaRue, one of our old timers has passed on. Lash was a forestry specialist from West Virginia. A real Mountaineer type of guy. He was a brand new member of MVFF and showed up on our trip to the Smokies with a brand new Fenwick rod. I showed him how to cast with it, and he confessed, he had never fished with a fly and didn't know how to pick which fly to use. I gave him a woolly worm and asked if he had ever fished with worms? He said he had caught plenty of West Virginia trout with worms, and even with carbide bombs but not with the fly. I gave him a woolly worm and told him just fish it like it was a worm. Lash did just fine. Rest in peace, Lash.

Jim Hawkins, Founder of MVFF

I knew Lash and his late son Ken, who was also an MVFF member, for a good many years. Enjoyed their company on some Ohio Power outings many years ago. As I recall Lash was able to get us the use of a Dayton Parks and Recreation facility at one time to hold fly tying classes. He was a good man.

Tom Arnold

Lifetime Membership Oversight

We've reported in a couple of articles that Dan Daufel, one of the Daufel twins, is a Lifetime member of MVFF. We never said anything about Doug Daufel.

Actually, both Dan and Doug were made "honorary" members, around the time they were making their move to Montana. Honorary members were then given the new designation of "Lifetime" a few years back. For some reason Doug got lost in the transition. When we realized this the Board corrected the oversight. (I should have noticed this sooner!)

Besure to read the article in last month's Tightlines about Doug and Dan - https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/MVFF0323.pdf

~ Tom Arnold

New Link – Deer Hair Reference

Quite a while back Chris Helm visited MVFF to make a presentation on deer hair and tying with deer hair. Chris, who passed away in 2014, was one of the world's premier tiers of hair flies, especially using deer hair. He was a renowned expert on deer hair, its use in tying, selecting hair and all other matters on this subject. Chris started Whitetail Fly Tieing Supplies where many of us have probably procured some of our supplies. In that MVFF presentaion he handed out a helpful deer hair reference. Jeff Warden brought it to our attention and there is now a link to it on the Club Documents/Resources page of our website - https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/deer-hair-reference-r.pdf.

Secretary's Notes For March 2023

The March meeting of course was the MVFF Annual Auction to raise funds for club charity work and guest speakers. With fifty-six in attendance, it was a lively event raising over \$5,000. President John Warner kept us all in line from dinner through the closing bell. J. D. Dukes managed the gathering, presenting, and arrangement of donated flies. (We had several first time fly tiers donate with great success.) Grant Phipps of Plain City did the calling and the whole event ended shortly after 9 p.m. Thanks to all that helped...Kelly Kingery, Tom Sipple, Randy and Joanne Evans, Todd and Diane Alexander, Greg Kiddon, and Cynthia Davis. Thanks also to Walt Konek and his wife for seeing that all monies were managed and collected. Paula Smith was on the ball and took some awesome photos that made it so real. Guests

included Tom Boice, who annually hosts our veterans and the Centerville High Scool environmental science class for fishing outings at his Xenia home. With two beautiful ponds he created and stocks, Tom always makes us welcome. Thank you, Tom. David Williams brought a set of paintings by local artist, Mike Elsass, entitled Art in Fishing, the Trout Series. The four panel art work brought in \$500. It was astounding to have such a work of art donated and sold for the club's benefit. Mr. Elsass exhibits his work in local and national galleries as well as at his studio on Front St., Dayton.

Rich Blankenship continues his stellar work managing the meals, but is in need of a partner for the summer meetings.

Anyone willing to step up and help Rich please give John or Rich a call. New members continue to be added, though overall membership is down from past years. Please remember your dues are due; at \$35 for a year of great fellowship and fun it's the best value in town! Respectfully, Jeff Davis.

Spring Fling Raffle

Remember, the April meeting is when we hold our Spring Fling Raffle! This raffle will again be filled with very special items and only club members can participate.

This is one you don't want to miss!

Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteering

MetroParks recently created a special user group just for the MVFF club members who are volunteers. So now when there is a program where there is a need for volunteers with specialized skills – like for fly fishing/casting/tying – MetroParks (our Kelly Kingery) can post the need and it will go out to those who have signed up as a volunteer and they will get the notice that there is a need.

MVFF members – use the link below and fill out the info. Once you are all set as a volunteer, it'll be easy to see when a request comes up and if it is something you can or want to do.

https://metroparks.galaxydigital.com/user/joinGroup/? group=Lf8KnJPUYMhLwOQQ0GjhMuB91PXUcoWdE2pSBkMzwK7dIXSMIgFcvI9d2Ox16CH%2FqMGIZpcfeLRqUR%2BLFqNiHq%3D%3D

Mentoring

The MVFF Mentoring Committee would really like to get more members to sign up as mentors and mentees. Do so by going to the website's mentoring page (https://mvff.us/mentoring/). There you can learn more about the program. You'll have to login to the website (you must be registered) in order to complete the signup process.

Don't wait! Sign up to be an MVFF Mentor or Mentee today!

You can email us at mvffmentor@gmail.com with any questions.

Want more info on the Mentoring program – check our past articles in Tightlines at https://mvff.us/tightlines/ beginning with the August 2021 issue.



Sport Utility Vehicles

I end up in a lot of parking lots. Since I have a large truck now, I tend to park in the portions of the lot that attract the fewest vehicles. This means I spend more than my fair share of time hiking across the lots, between the cars. I sometimes wonder about the drivers of the other cars, and why they chose those cars. Was it simply a matter of price? Did mileage influence the decision? Was the driver after something newer, or faster, or prettier, or bigger? The vehicles I wonder the most about are the ones known as Sport Utility Vehicles. You know the ones I mean. I understand SUVs that show some wear and tear. What I don't understand is an SUV that looks like it just rolled out of a showroom.

Which sports do these people pursue, that would exact absolutely no impact other than mileage on a vehicle recruited to facilitate their owner's participation in that sport? These vehicles show no scratches in the paint, no rust on their rocker panels, no dimples in their bumpers, and their headlights are crystal clear. It's unnerving to see these cars, gleaming in the sun, claiming to be associated with a so-called sport. What sport could this be? Darts? Bowling? Clearly, it is not fishing! I remember my first SUV.

It was a non-descript spider, with ape-hangers, a banana seat, and a chain that was usually rusty. In the fashion of the times, it was a two-speed vehicle; those speeds characterized as sitting down or standing up. Despite its humble origins, it was quite the chariot. It whisked me to exotic locations such as Cryder's Pit, Auxable Creek, the Rod and Gun Club, and Gebhardt Woods State Park. Perhaps whisk is too strong a notion. It at least refrained from laughing as I puffed along.

It lacked any type of cargo compartment. One had to choose whether to attach a fishing rod to the handlebars, or simply use one hand to hold the rod with the addition of a tenuous grip on the handlebar on that side. I chose the latter mode, as a rule. To me it posed one great advantage over lashing the rod to the bars. In the case of a crash, the unlashed rod could be tossed free of the calamity, to be collected once the rider recovered sufficiently. Those who lashed their rods down occasionally suffered the further pain of having their rods broken.

Over the years, I have had other vehicles to deliver me to various locations in search of fish. There was a Chevy Impala, a Dodge Colt, a VW Bus and many others. I never decided to call any of them a special name denoting that they had achieved an elevated status as a vehicle specifically designed for the furtherance of a certain sport. Certainly, some of them had special characteristics that facilitated my fishing in certain ways. The VW had a handy sliding side door that we left open so our oldest son could crawl inside and go to sleep when we went to our favorite spot for night fishing. The Colt had terrific mileage for the spots I fished in Minnesota that were so far away. The 1950 Ford pickup had the stake receptacles along the top of the bed, which also served well

as rod holders on certain

The closest I ever came to a dedicated fishing vehicle was the Ford Ranger I had just previous to my current F-150. Its great claim to that honor was the fact that I screwed a rod rack to the inside of the topper that came with the truck. Consequently, the sport moniker should have fit. As far as being a utility vehicle, I



used it to haul lumber, concrete blocks, landscaping gravel, trash, groceries, and many tons of household goods while helping friends and family move. Unfortunately, that truck met its demise in a right-of-way disagreement with a deer. I did notice that it happened in Michigan. Maybe the deer saw my license plate. I still lament the loss of that truck. It only had 304,000 miles on it, after all.

Some people feel a need to procure a vehicle specifically for some need they perceive that they have in pursuing their chosen sport. One of the most common modifications that appears in such vehicles is 4-wheel drive. I don't understand this in most places.

I mean, if you fish in Alaska, I'm sure such a thing is warranted. Grizzlies and Polar Bears are not noted for helping you push your truck out of a bog, and the auto club doesn't care to respond and meet your furry friends, even if you could find cell coverage. Furthermore, a large part of the character-building people seek in pursuing outdoor sports can be easily lost with 4-wheel drive.

Maintaining a cherub-like demeanor while attempting to extract a truck from a hip-deep mud hole while being observed by a new wife or latest paramour is something drivers of these mechanical mules will likely never experience. Similarly, they will be much less likely to need to decide whether to chance a muddy approach to a spot where they see birds wheeling and diving, or to park on a solid area and hoof it the last half mile.

They also laugh off backcountry roads paved with boulders the size of 60-pound sandbags. I remember such a road in Arkansas. In addition to the rocks, there was an ownership dispute. I think the rattlers finally won out over the copperheads. Neither side was very hospitable to my partner and me. At least the fishing was good. Indeed, having a vehicle that can go nearly anywhere takes a lot of the hard decisions out of outdoor pursuits.

And yet, I wonder as I look at these gleaming machines if these things ever occur to the people who own them. Or are they too busy polishing their golf clubs and sharpening their darts.

~ Ken Davy

Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2023

Ken Davy has once again put together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October. Ken has also included info on the fishing potential of these waters and suggested flies. There are links to a map for each location.

These events are on the club Calendar page of our website and Facebook page as well (Events).

Lots of fishing spots and links to maps here. Go on the scheduled date and you can meet up with fellow members. Or just check out some of these places when you choose. We're hoping to get even better turnout this year.

They start at 4:30 p.m. If you have specific questions about events contact Ken at tiggr75@gmail.com.

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Мар	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/15/2023	Usually windy	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Wellfield Park	4/13/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Deer Meadow Park	4/25/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766	Bluegills and crappie, the bass should be in pre-spawn binge and building nests. Easy to catch but make sure you are gentle and release them.
Oak Grove Park	5/10/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	5/25/2023	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVVhfK6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Fisher Park	6/14/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLZvb36	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills.
Lofino Park	6/29/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills.
Delco Park	7/11/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeOVD5wcU2Mo6	Tiny streamers or mayfly nymphs for the crappies. Foam beetles or beadhead nymphs for bluegills. Bushy marabou streamers or crawdad imitations for the bass.
Rosewood Park	7/26/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxxhcDGMRA	There are big bluegills here. When they decide to hit, they do not waste any time!
Germantown Park	8/8/2023	Waders	https://goo.gl/maps/jyk1tiuMD3vk73YK9	I usually work the spillway. Waders should be considered.
Beavercreek Community Park	8/24/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/Y2L4mc65KuaBKNAg9	New entry, I have no idea what is in it or what flies are best.
Rip Rap Road Park	9/12/2023	Waders, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/1NzBZUKDj8w9kw8E8	Bring you waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in September, meaning the Fall bite should be under way! Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
Carriage Hill Park	10/19/2023	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/hE5TL9BohrrjdpCm7	Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season.

April Fly of the Month



- 1. Tie in the thread behind hook eye and wrap it back to the hook bend making a good thread base. (Be sure to have a long thread tag as it will become the rib for the fly.) Wrap a small ball of thread (2-3 turns) at the hook bend. Move the thread tag out of the way for the time being. Let the tying thread hang.
- 2. Select 3 moose hair fibers, even the tips, and tie them in as a tail on top of the hook shank just behind the thread ball. Wrap the thread tight against the front of the thread ball and this should splay the fibers. If not, then maneuver the fibers around with your fingers then take another tight thread wrap over their base. (The tail length should be about the length of the hook shank.)

 Trim off any excess fiber butts and return the thread to tight against the front of the tail.
- 3. Dub the thread (you can pinch dub or use a dubbing loop at your option) and wrap it forward to slightly past the middle of the hook shank, forming a tapered abdomen. Do not be concerned if a lot of guard hairs are sticking out of the body, coyote fur has a great amount of spikey guard hairs and they help make the fly. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
- 4. Grasp the thread tag we left in step 1 and palmer it forward over the abdomen in 5-6 turns and tie it off in front of the abdomen. Remove any excess rib (tag). Let the thread hang.

Stenocron

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook Mustad 3906B, size 12-16, or equivalent

Thread Brown or rusty brown, 6/0 Tail 3 Moose hair fibers, splayed

RibTying thread Abdomen ... Coyote dubbing

Wing case .. Brown mottled turkey quill segment

Thorax Coyote dubbing

LegsGuard hairs brushed from thorax

- 5. Now take a turkey quill feather (that has been treated with Dave's Flexament or other material to stiffen and connect the fibers) and cut a segment about the width of the hook gap. Trim the bottom of the segment so that the bottom is straight and, with the shiny side down, tie the segment in at the end of the abdomen with the segment end pointing toward the hook bend. Tightly wrap the butt end and trim off the excess. Wrap the thread back to the end of the abdomen.
- 6. Dub the thread and wrap it to a point about 1 hook eye width behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. (Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case is pulled forward.)
- 7. Pull the quill segment wing case over the thorax with enough tension to keep it positioned straight on top of the thorax. Tie it off right behind the hook eye and remove any excess segment.
- 8. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement to the head if desired. You can also coat the wing case with UV resin to improve the fly's durability if desired, but be careful to keep it on only the wing case.
- 9. Brush the thorax to pull down fibers to simulate legs.

Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the archive of the Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to the current and previous newsletters. You can also subscribe here.

https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/? u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=e41b50e209

Mad River Gala

The deadline for ticket purchase is April 15th. Below is the link to all of the information on the TU Mad River Chapter GALA on April 22nd at Simon Kenton Inn. It's shaping up to be a fun and casual night and hope to see you there.

Tom Allen

https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Mad-River-Gala.pdf

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



Keep Up to Date

You can find the latest news out of national PHWFF at . . .

https://projecthealingwaters.org/newsmedia/press-releases/

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about local PHWFF activities.



Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter (currentand past issue) and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

https://us5.campaign-archive.com/home/? u=d0849e781ada00f84ee13de0b&id=cdf41a0888





Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/ Learning-Center-Resources

New for 2023, *The Connection* is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/ FFI-Women-Connect

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MVFF

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CALENDAR

Check the MVFF Calendar page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our <u>Facebook</u> page.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/



Did You See the Latest Michigan Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the November 2022 issue of <u>Tightlines</u>

and check out the photos from this trip - https://

www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.566679295330547&type=3

There are lots of other photos and albums on the FB page.

Help!

I always need and appreciate member-submitted material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips, a new fly pattern or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in

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MVFF & Dayton VAMC



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