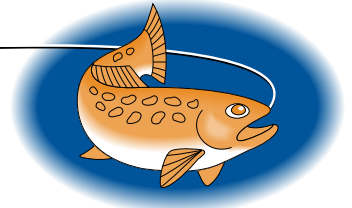


# TROUTLINE



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## DECEMBER MEETING



### DETAILS

**December 7, 2017**  
**6:45 p.m.** Fly tying demonstration  
**6:45 p.m.** Boy Scout Merit Badge group  
**7:30 p.m.** Chapter meeting

### WHERE

Flame Room of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, SE, Vienna.

### GETTING THERE

Chain Bridge Road (123) becomes Maple Avenue in Vienna. Turn south on Center Street. Continue on Center Street past the athletic field on the left; note the fire station on the left at the intersection with Cherry Street. Turn left on Cherry and park behind the building. Go in the side door at the corner of the building and proceed up the stairs to the meeting room.

### DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our own **George Gaines** on PHWFF success

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

**2:** FWAM Trip to Little Stony (VA) – **final trip for the year**

**7:** Members Meeting

**14:** Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax

## WHAT'S COMING OFF

GEORGE GAINES

# Update on the Journey of Healing through Fly Fishing



SPC J. R. Salzman wearing a fly casting mechanism designed by his father.

**George Gaines**, National Capital Region Coordinator for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc., will cover the growth, evolution and development of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing from its humble beginnings at the original Walter Reed Army Hospital in DC more than a dozen years ago to its national, indeed international, prominence today.

This was a journey that was aided by the support and participation of the members of the Northern

### Project Healing Waters

The program began in 2005 with three patients at the original Walter Reed Army Hospital in DC. By 2016 had grown to 210 local programs serving more than 7,500 wounded active military and disabled veterans in all 50 states and Germany.

Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited. George will address what we have achieved together and explore the exciting opportunities available to continue to grow our joint efforts to serve and heal injured active military and disabled veterans across the National Capital area.

### DONATE GEAR

George also will be collecting gear for PHW, so if you have any rods, reels, flies or other gear that you'd like to donate, bring it to the meeting.

TRIP 1

# Little Stony Creek

VIRGINIA

**When:** December 2, 2017

**Depart:** 8 a.m.

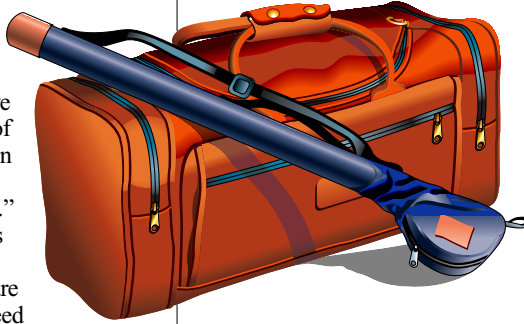
**Return:** You decide

**Meet:** Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

Little Stony Creek, west of Woodstock, is the planned destination for the only December

trip. As always, weather may dictate some changes so if it is a really cold day we may divert to one of the park streams on the "morning side of the Blue Ridge."

As the stream is in the national forest, unless you are over 65 you will need a National Forest permit. It is only a few dollars and obtainable on the DGIF website:



<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses.asp#national-forest-permit>

As far as flies, I like foam ants, which double as little mountain stoneflies (a #18 nymph), green weenies and olive flashback nymphs (an Orvis pattern). Also, a few midges are always a good idea in winter.

Hip boots will suffice but waders will be warmer. Light-weight rods work best for brookies, but I fished for years with a K-Mart 6-weight and still had a good time.

This freestone stream extends for two miles above the Woodstock reservoir, just under a two hour drive from Dicks, counting pit stops.

This is the last trip for 2017.

## Honoring New Members

We would like to welcome aboard our newest members! We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter events.

**Ali Al-Eyd**, McLean, VA  
**Edward Braese**, Montclair, VA  
**Micah Cogen**, Great Falls, VA  
**Kevin Gallagher**, Vienna, VA  
**John Gatti**, Fort Belvoir, VA  
**Trent Gatti**, Fort Belvoir, VA  
**Jacob Ham**, Vienna, VA  
**Jennifer Hauver**, Fairfax, VA  
**Bart Hawley**, Arlington, VA

**William Koplitz**, Falls Church, VA  
**Nicholas Kuttner**, Alexandria, VA  
**Mike Ortt**, Sterling, VA  
**Steve Schaul**, King George, VA  
**Mark Schneider**, Clifton, VA  
**William Smith**, Alexandria, VA  
**Rob Snowwhite**, Fairfax, VA  
**Rod Vogel**, Arlington, VA  
**William Wruck**, Centreville, VA

## DECEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

### Bead Head Red Fox Squirrel Tail with Legs



**Originator:**

Dave Whitlock, renowned fly tier, fly-fishing instructor and writer from Oklahoma and Arkansas, developed this in the '60's. This is an excellent nymph that resembles a number of species and it is one of my go-to-flies. I use a bead head and legs on flies larger than #14 but not on smaller flies. Material will be supplied so bring your vice, bobbin, rust color (brown or dark) thread, scissors, etc.

**Tying techniques and material uses to be learned:**

- Using bead heads (optional)
- Tying on a "Tag", used on many streamer patterns
- Cutting hair off a Red Fox Squirrel skin
- Removing body hair/fur from guard hair and tying in a guard hair tail
- Mixing squirrel hair/fur with

Antron for body and thorax

- Tying ribbing over the body using flashabou and/or other materials
- Adding rubber legs; provides motion and vibrations to attract the fish
- Tying in soft hackle

**Pattern**

**Hook:** # 2-18, 2x-3x long nymph TMC 5262 or TMC 5263 (can use a 1X if that's all you have)

**Thread:** Rusty Brown 6/0 or other dark thread

**Head:** Gold Bead (optional)

**Tag:** Green Flashabou

**Tail:** Red Fox Squirrel back guard hair

**Abdomen:** Squirrel belly mixed 50/50 with sienna/fox tan Antron dubbing

**Ribbing:** Green Flashabou, Krystal Flash, Oval Gold Tinsel or Gold Wire

**Thorax:** Squirrel dark hairs (most guard hair removed) mixed 50/50

with charcoal Antron

**Legs:** Pumpkin black fleck Rubber legs (optional)

**Hackle:** Dark mottled partridge, grouse or hen hackle

There are several steps in tying this fly so we will probably only have enough time to tie one. I will try to be there at 6:30 p.m. and we will start tying as soon as two tiers show up.

**Fishing Tip**

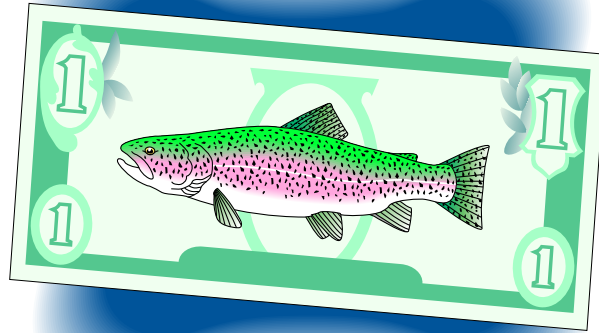
Use sizes 12 and below for small trout and sunfish and larger sizes for bass. Fish large sizes like a streamer, across stream, drift down stream, and then a steady strip return. Fish smaller sizes dead drift with an indicator near the bottom of the stream then short, slow, strips to imitate a rising nymph and then let the fly sink to near the bottom before stripping again.



# We are ASKing for your Support!

Each year, we ASK each of our members to make an Annual Supporting Contribution (“ASK donation”) to help sustain our Chapter’s continuing financial obligations for operating and administrative expenses and to ensure that we can continue to contribute to and support our activities. Our Chapter’s annual operating expenses include renting the Vienna fire department’s “Flame Room” for our monthly meetings and publishing our monthly newsletter “Troutline” (a valuable tool distributed to local fly shops to help attract new members).

Programs and activities we support include: Contributing to the Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp at Graves Mountain Lodge; funding Trout in the Classroom programs, supporting Casting for Recovery and Project Healing



Waters; and supporting other TU chapters for stream restoration on waters we fish. This year we are adding support for the SEA Stream Team stream restoration and also to

sponsored membership to foster growth and diversity in the chapter.

We do not consider this donation to be dues, but rather a voluntary contribution by members to ensure

that NVATU can continue to carry out its role in our community as the vibrant focal point for fly fishers in supporting TU’s mission. Donations can be made to the general fund, which is distributed across all of the Chapter costs, or earmarked to support specific activities (e.g.: sponsored membership. The chapter will pay the introductory rate for select new members, for which the chapter will be reimbursed by TU National for 85% of the cost). To earmark all or a portion of your donation, just add a note along with your check.

Contributions by check can be made out to NVATU and sent to:

**Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited**  
**PO Box 273**  
**Herndon, VA 20172**



2015 TU Boy Scout Merit Badge Class

## Volunteers Needed for Scout University, Feb. 24, 2018 and Pow Wow

This February 24, 2018 event will be attended by 1500+ Scout Leaders. Our participation will be focused on creating interest for the Scouts and Venture Program, (includes older girls), recruiting participants to sign up for our Merit Badge Event, TIC, Stream Restoration, the Tri-State TU

Camp, Assistance for Community Support Programs, PHW, CFR and the membership diversity programs.

In addition, at a date later to be selected, we will be participating in a similar event in the fall Pow Wow.

It will be held at a high school in Northern

Virginia, to be named, and require set up, participation at our booth and breakdown. If we are going to make this work we will need volunteers from 7 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Email Bill Errico at [dadoopman@hotmail.com](mailto:dadoopman@hotmail.com) directly if you can participate.

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In the pull-down menu select 360-Northern Virginia and Introductory Rate.

**CONSERVATION CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 2018**

**No Member meeting due to Holiday**  
**6:** FWAM Trip to Hughes River (VA)  
**14:** Board Meeting  
**27:** FWAM Trip to Conewago (PA)

**MARCH**

**1:** Member meeting  
**3:** FWAM Trip to Piney Branch (VA)  
**8:** Board Meeting  
**31:** FWAM Trip to Mountain Creek (PA)

**APRIL**

**5:** Member meeting  
**7:** FWAM Trip to Rapidan (VA)  
**12:** Board Meeting  
**13:** FWAM Trip to Rose (VA)  
**28:** FWAM Trip to Conewago (PA)

**FEBRUARY**

**1:** Member meeting  
**3:** FWAM Trip to Conway River (VA)  
**8:** Board Meeting  
**24:** FWAM Trip to Big Spring (PA)

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