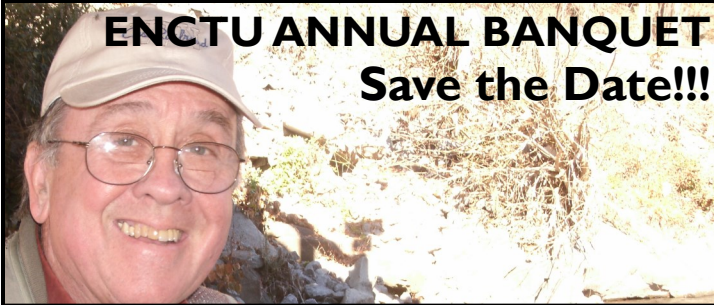




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Chapter

# "TROUT LINES" JANUARY 2014



## ENCTU ANNUAL BANQUET Save the Date!!!

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Banquet on the evening of Tuesday, **March 11th, 2014**, at the Elks Club in Charleston, WV. The banquet committee is once again developing a good group of prizes and sponsors for the upcoming event. So far the team has received these great commitments.

- ◆ Custom built bamboo fly rod by Randy Lemon
- ◆ 4 night stay for 2 on the S. Branch of the Au Sable River near Roscommon, Michigan
- ◆ Gift Certificate for 2 at Cass Scenic Railroad – Cass to Whittaker Station trip
- ◆ 6 day /6 night trip to Legend Lodge on Lake Iliamna, Alaska for 1/2 price

- ◆ Under Armor WVU Mountaineer Rain Jacket
- ◆ 2 filled fly boxes by Charlie Krepps



- ◆ 200 flies of Western river patterns with fly box from Cutthroat Anglers, Silverthorne, CO
- ◆ Custom made wooden fishing net and fly box by Larry Riffie



If you are interested in providing a banquet prize for our raffles and auctions or being a sponsor please contact Jeff Nelsen at (304) 768-3933 or his email: [jeffnelson@suddenlink.net](mailto:jeffnelson@suddenlink.net)

Please help us extend our reach. Invite family, friends, and business acquaintances to the banquet. This event serves as our annual fundraising event and also recognizes our chapter members and others, who contribute to our mission to protect, conserve and restore the trout fisheries of WV.



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## New WVCTU Chapters

By Lee Orr

Trout Unlimited in West Virginia is experiencing some fantastic growth in the past six months. In 2014 we will be adding two new chapters and possibly a third. No current TU members will be moved to these chapters unless you request a change in chapter affiliation. Note that chapter affiliation does not preclude you from participating in meetings or activities of any other chapter. However, for those of you living nearby any of these new chapters, I'd like to encourage you to consider getting involved in some way to help these new chapters grow and become established.

The new Southern West Virginia chapter has been established in the Athens, WV area and will service counties from Fayette to Mercer. Meetings will be held in rotating cities from Beckley to Princeton.

The Sal font Chapter is a new chapter in the central West Virginia area. The name is in honor of our state fish, the native brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*). This Chapter has been holding meetings in Spencer and intends to hold some meetings in Flatwoods as well.

Both of these chapters are awaiting formal chartering from the TU Board of trustees in winter 2014. In addition, new interest is forming to start a chapter in the highlands of Tucker and Randolph Counties.

For more information on these new chapters, contact:

- ◆ Southern West Virginia Chapter:  
Steve Pugh, foxhuntr2@suddenlink.net
- ◆ Sal font Chapter:  
Philip Smith, wvangler1@yahoo.com
- ◆ Tucker/Randolph:  
John Arnold, wvmountainbiker@yahoo.com

To change chapter affiliation call TU.ORG at 1-800-834-2419. This could be easier than attempting to change affiliation than the website

## WV-VA WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM TRAINING

TU and its West Virginia and Virginia Councils are partnering with the West Virginia Rivers Coalition (WVRC) to initiate a new volunteer water quality monitoring program. The program will focus on training volunteers to monitor coldwater resources in West Virginia and Virginia that have the potential to be impacted by the increasing shale gas development.

The goals of the project are twofold. First, to educate volunteers about the potential impacts to fish and wildlife resources in the shale gas region of West Virginia and Virginia and train volunteers to effectively monitor the water quality in these areas. And second, to work with these trained volunteers to conduct water quality monitoring in all priority watersheds that have been identified by WVRC and TU's science team as critical for protecting ecologically significant lands and waters.

### Registration Information

To register for this training or to learn more about the WV-VA Water Quality Monitoring Program please contact Jaimie Holmes at 304-614-6699 or at [jholmes@tu.org](mailto:jholmes@tu.org). Please register by January 8th.

*Fayetteville Date:* Saturday January 11th, 2014

*Time:* 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

(registration opens at 8:30 AM)

*Location:* New River Baptist Church  
5127 Maple Ln. Fayetteville, WV

Other Dates:

Elkins - December 14, 2013

Morgantown - January 25, 2014

South Charleston - February 15, 2014

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## **THE ERNIE NESTER CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED'S ANNUAL RAFFLE STARTS WITH THE NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING**



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**WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN 5:00 PM, JANUARY 19, 2014 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
WEST VIRGINIA HUNT AND FISH SHOW**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**Tickets available at the January membership meeting see Paul Skaggs**



## Angling Arts Survey Completed

An internet survey on the Chapter's angling arts classes was conducted this past November. With 10% of the Chapter's members responding, as well as persons who have taken classes in recent years, the results presented useful information on the Chapter's educational interests as well as the Angling Arts Program itself. This information is being used to expand and develop the curriculum for existing and future classes. Some of the suggestions have already been incorporated into this year's schedule. (See related article on page ). As an incentive to respond to the survey, two \$25 Cabela's gift cards were given to two randomly selected persons answering the survey. The lucky winners: Mike Vigilante of East Bank, and J. David Sales of Summersville.

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**If you volunteered to work the hunt show you can pick up your admission ticket at Tuesday's membership meeting**

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## A New Model for Fly Fishing Business In PA

As we slip into winter, many fly anglers start thinking about planning trips for the coming year; some considering places where their current West Virginia oriented gear doesn't really apply, such as the topics or Alaska. Their 8'6" 5 wt. just won't cut those conditions. So the typical option is to buy, or build, that 12wt and buy a large arbor reel with several spools for different fly lines....or use the well-worn gear provided by the guide, if they are using one.

Another option has appeared just north of us: gear rental. A fly shop in Pennsylvania will rent quality gear from rods & reels to waders and boots, and it's really **quality** gear. For example, rental fly rods include different models from Scott, Sage and Orvis. Reels include Abel, Lamson and Hatch. Patagonia and Simms boots and waders are available. One can also rent a complete outfit (rod, reel, waders & boots) selected for the type of fishing and the area, fresh or salt water for \$150 week. They will ship it to you or to the place you are going.

Further, this concept allows one to really test a new rod before buying one. A person may be interested in the new Sage One rod, or the Scott A4, or the Orvis Helios. Rather than putting out the big

bucks to buy one only to be happy with it, you can rent one and give it a good test drive in your home waters. The web site: [www.rentalflyshop.com](http://www.rentalflyshop.com)



## Change in Angling Arts Class Schedule

The schedule for the ENCTU classes has been modified from the one in last month's newsletter. Mainly, the second session classes will all start on the same date, except Beginning Fly Fishing which meets on Tuesdays and Thursday for two weeks. Please see the schedule below.

**Intermediate Fly Fishing** will again include taking a video of each participant fly casting and then an experienced fly caster will review the video with each one to enhance their techniques.

**Intermediate Rod Building** will focus on improving participant's basic rod building skills. Ed Haynes will discuss where to fish, what fly to use and what to expect fishing each month of the year in his **Fishing the Seasons** class.

### \* 2014 SCHEDULE of CLASSES \*

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|---|--|---|
| <b>First Session</b>  |  |   |
| <p><b>Fly Tying</b><br/><b>6:30 - 8:30pm</b><br/><i>Jason Butcher</i><br/>January 23 - February 27<br/>(6 weeks)</p>                                      | <p><b>Rod Building</b><br/><b>6:00 - 9:00pm</b><br/><i>Marge McCutcheon</i><br/>January 23- March 6<br/>(7 weeks)</p>  | <p><b>Intermediate Fly Fishing</b><br/><b>6:00 - 9:00pm</b><br/><i>Ed Crum</i><br/>January 23 - February 13<br/>(4 weeks; some fly fishing experience required)</p> |
| <b>Second Session</b>   |  |   |
| <p><b>Intermediate Fly Tying</b><br/><b>6:30 - 8:30pm</b><br/><i>Jason Butcher</i><br/>March 13- April 17<br/>(6 wks.; fly tying experience required)</p> | <p><b>Intermediate Rod Building</b><br/><b>6:00 - 9:00pm</b><br/><i>Marge McCutcheon</i><br/>March 13 - April 10<br/>(5 wks. must have built one or more fishing rods)</p> | <p><b>Fishing the Seasons</b><br/><b>6:00 - 9:00pm</b><br/><i>Ed Hayne</i><br/>March 13 - April 3<br/>(4 wks.)</p>  |
| <b>Beginning Fly Fishing</b>  |  |   |
| 6:00 - 9:00pm Charlie Krepps  |  |   |
| <p>First Class<br/>April 7 &amp; April 10<br/>April 14 &amp; April 17<br/>(2 weeks)</p>   |  | <p>Second Class<br/>April 21 &amp; April 24<br/>April 28 &amp; May 1<br/>(2 weeks)</p>  |

To register, or for more information, email [ENCTUClasses@gmail.com](mailto:ENCTUClasses@gmail.com)

All classes are conducted at the Elk Elementary Center, Rt 119 North, 1.5 miles from I-79, Exit 1, (Mink Shoals).

\* The registration fee is \$30 for all classes.

\* Fly Tying Classes also has a \$10 materials fee.

\* Beginning Rod Building students purchase materials to build their choice of rods. The amount varies depending upon each student's selection. This is discussed in the first class.

\* Intermediate Rod Building also has a \$15 materials fee.



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# UPCOMING ENCTU EVENTS

- January 14th**, Membership meeting South Charleston Public Library, 7:00PM-9:00PM Expert Fly Tying by world renowned ENCTU fly tiers.
- January 17-19th**, West Virginia Hunt and Fish Show at the Charleston Civic Center.
- January 28th**, ENCTU Board meeting South Charleston Public Library, 6:30PM- 8:30PM
- February 11th**, Membership meeting SCPL 7:00PM-9:00PM
- February 22nd**, WVCTU winter meeting, Flatwoods Amphitheater R/O Days Inn Hotel, 9:00AM-2:00PM
- February 25th**, ENCTU Board meeting South Charleston Public Library, 6:00PM-8:30PM.

FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM SPEAKER IS TERRELL ELLIS AND BRENT BAILEY FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA LAND TRUST



Land is a resource vital to our health, our environment and our future. The West Virginia Land Trust protects special pieces of land FOREVER. 5,000 acres of land vanish each day in the United States. Join with us to assure future generations know the scenic beauty of our beloved mountain state. If you won't help us protect special places in West Virginia, who will?

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