



TVFF Club News

November 2020



November Program Matt Lewis – Red Eye Bass



Our guest speaker this month is Matt Lewis, a former TVFF member! Matt Lewis, a professor at Auburn University School of Fisheries, is an expert at fly fishing for Redeye Bass. He has published several articles and has published a book, [Fly Fishing for Redeye Bass: an Adventure Across Southern Waters](#). These fish are unique to the southeast and can be found in small streams across Alabama. Please join us to welcome Matt back, and please support him by picking up a copy of his book from Amazon!

Next Board Meeting – Nov. 5, 7:00 PM via Zoom (Send an email to editor@tvff.club to request a Zoom invitation)

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This Month's Activities

- Nov 5 Board Mtg– Virtual 7:00 PM
- Nov 12 Fly Tying – Virtual 7:00 PM
- Nov 19 Meeting - Virtual 7:00PM
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving



BOD Minutes

BOD minutes are now available for review at the monthly meetings.

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary, David Hatfield.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted online via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.



12 November 7PM via Zoom

Bass Popper - Featured Tyer, Joe Tremblay

It's no secret that largemouth bass are my favorite gamefish. I love everything about them. They're big, aggressive and readily take poppers. Nothing compares to the heart pounding thrill I get from of a largemouth exploding on a popper.

I go through a lot of poppers during the year plus I often give a few to whoever I'm fishing with. So I make my own. I usually do not paint or put any finish on my poppers. I feel that their soft craft foam bodies feel more life like so bass tend to hold on to them longer.

Although my go to poppers are quick and easy to make, they are effective. Join us on Thursday the 12th, we'll be tying a white and a green version.



Materials:

Thread:	Woolly Nylon or 3/0 tying
Hook:	#4 Saber 7060 Bass Bug/Salmon hook
Weed Guard:	Mason Hard Mono 12lbs
Head:	6mm 3D Eyes
Eyes:	Custom popper head
Legs:	Rubber legs
Tail:	Marabou, Holo Flash @ Schlappen

No Fly Tying on November 26. Happy Thanksgiving!

If you need a fly tying fix then try Steve Cobb's Thanksgiving Turkey Fly. Instructions were provided in Orvis News in 2019. Here is a link:

<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/tie-steve-cobbs-thanksgiving-turkey-fly>.

We tied this pattern at a TVFF session a couple of years ago. It is a fun challenge.



PICK UP LOCATIONS

Free tying kit available in Huntsville at the south door of Faith Presbyterian Church and in **Madison** at the Hwy 72 in Madison Super Walmart parking lot (behind Panda Express) from 6:30 to 7:30 PM the Wednesday prior to the tying session. (Mail \$2.00 donation to TVFF, P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815 if desired)

Health Notice: By picking up a kit, you accept any and all health risks that may be associated with use of these kits.

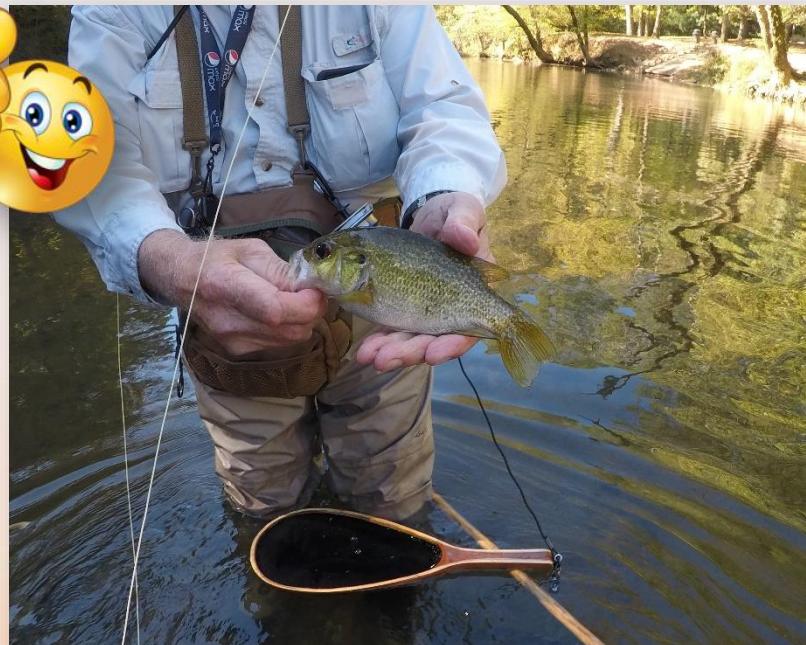


Catch of the Month

Dana Beyerle made a trip to Cypress Creek where he caught this nice rock bass.



You can e-mail your picture to editor@tvff.club or [Steve Kerkhof](#). Please include the fisherman's name, body of water, approximate date and any other interesting details.



Sow Bug Roundup 2021

The Sow Bug is a big fly fishing show in Mountain Home, Arkansas that is sponsored by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers club. It has been an annual event in March for 22 years. The string was broken this year when the 2020 edition was cancelled due to the pandemic. They are making plans to host the 2021 show on May 13-15. The plans are subject to change. See the link for additional info: <https://ozarkflyfisherjournal.wordpress.com/2020/09/17/sowbug-roundup-rescheduled-to-may/>

The club usually plans a trip to Arkansas for the Sow Bug Roundup (and maybe some fishing on the White River). Our Activities Director, [Larry Hice](#), would like to gauge the interest for a club organized trip. Contact Larry to express your interest or for additional information. If there is a larger group then we can rent a cabin and the cost per person is less than individual lodging.



Notice the TVFF Banner on the right. We placed it there during our clean up day last month. See the next page for more...



Aldridge Creek Cleanup

This Year's TVFF Annual Aldridge creek Cleanup was held on a gorgeous fall day with the following members volunteering their time and energy on this worthwhile community service, Corey and Rebecca Pedigo, Roger Shippey, Joe Tremblay, Larry Hice, Casey Jonas, Conner Baker, Steve Kerkhof, Dana Beyale and two guest Eric and Lane Corder. Thank you for making this year's cleanup a success.

When I arrived at Southside Park, I saw several troops of scouts getting ready to pick up trash along the greenway.

Unknown to us, the City was having their annual greenway cleanup on the same day. So with the scouts cleaning the greenway and TVFF cleaning the creek, I feel sure that our mile long section of the greenway took the prize for the cleanest section.

Our group picked up an estimated 20 bags of trash along with the occasional items too big to bag. That sounds like a lot, but I remember our first cleanup where we picked up at least twice as many stuffed bags and there was still more remaining as time ran out.

If you haven't been to the creek lately, our adopted section of the creek is one of the loveliest creeks in Alabama. It's crystal clear water is reminiscence of a mountain stream. You should be proud of the impact our club has had on the creek. Thanks to all who has participated over the years. Well done.



Steve and Casey demonstrating just how deep Aldridge Creek can get

*Roger and Rebecca
cleaning up the creek*





Annual Banquet and Auction Cancelled

Due to the current pandemic, the TVFF Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 TVFF Banquet and Auction.

Cancelling the event was a difficult decision to make because it's the only time of the year where we get to mingle with so many members and their family, and also the auction provides nearly 90% of our annual income.

Even so, the BOD decided the health and well being of our members was more important and cancelling the event will provide additional time for the development of the covid19 vaccine.

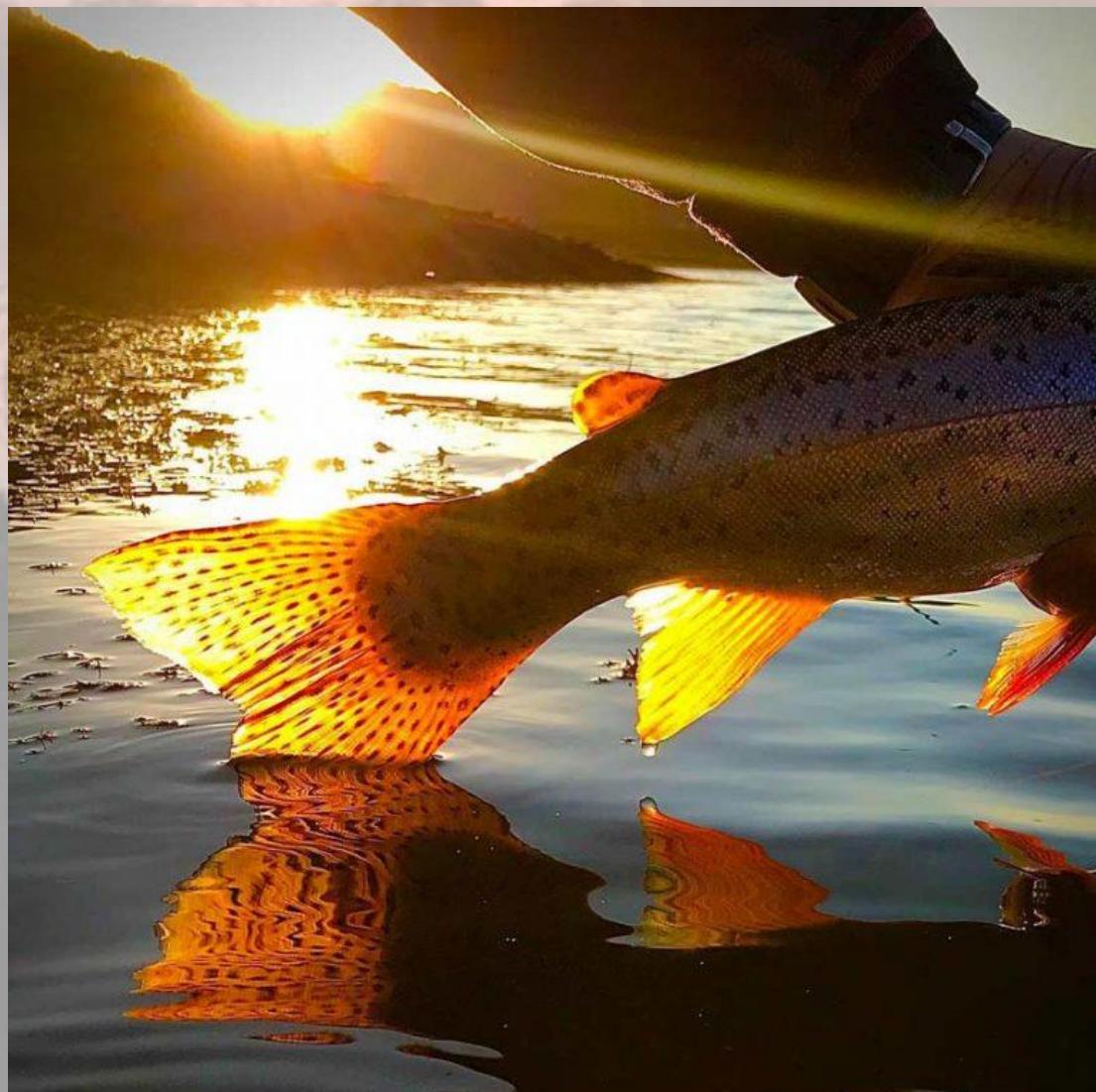
We will resume our traditional holiday get-together next year, in the meantime, please Zoom in on our monthly meetings and fly tying sessions and above all, stay healthy.

Joe Tremblay
President

Orvis “20 Days in September” Photo Contest Winners

This photo captured third place in the Orvis photo contest that was mentioned in the September newsletter. Click the picture to see the winner and the runner up.

The winning photo was taken on a stream in the Smoky Mountains, just a few hours away from us here.





Fly to Leader Knots

The first fishing knot I learned to tie was a clinch knot, soon followed by the improved clinch. It is still the knot that I tend to tie first but I have been trying to learn a few new ones. The ones below all have some advantage over what you may be using now. Try them out. There are a lot of good resources on the web. I deliberately picked 3 different sources so you can pick a favorite. I didn't use one of their videos but the guys at Salt Strong have a library of knot tying videos and they test the strength of the knots. Knot strength is one measure but don't get hung up on using the absolute strongest knot. You also need to be able to tie a knot easily and repeatably too.

Davy Knot

Use: Tying fly, lure or hook to leader

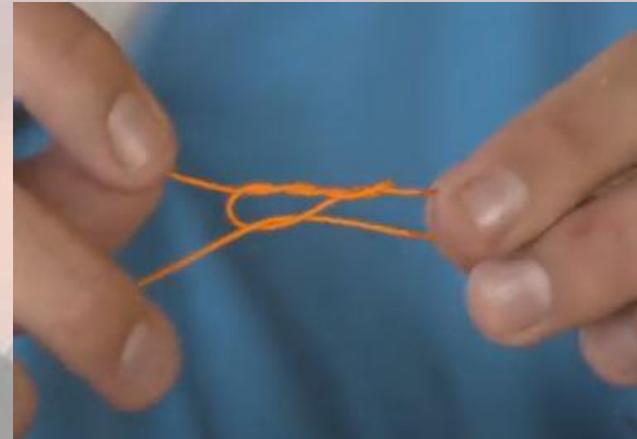
Named after Davy Wotton, a noted fly tyer, caster and fisherman, this has got to be the simplest knot to tie and it has excellent strength. Click the picture to link to a Tightline video that also has a bonus tip for tying this knot.



Orvis Knot

Use: Tying fly, lure or hook to leader

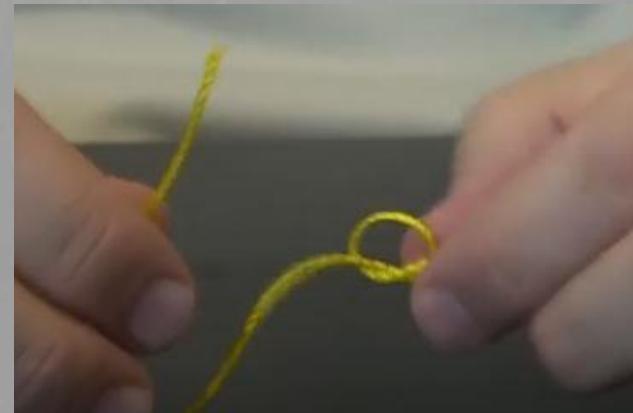
This one comes from Orvis. It is only a little more complicated than the Davy knot but still offers a small, extremely strong knot. This knot develops almost 100 % knot strength in a compact package. Click the picture to link to an Orvis instructional video.



Non-Slip Loop Knot

Use: Tying fly, lure or hook to leader

Use this knot to give some added life to your fly. Instead of snugging the knot against the eye this knot leaves a loop of line through the eye. This lets the fly swim and move more than when the hook eye is snug to the tippet. This video comes from the folks at Fly Fish Food.



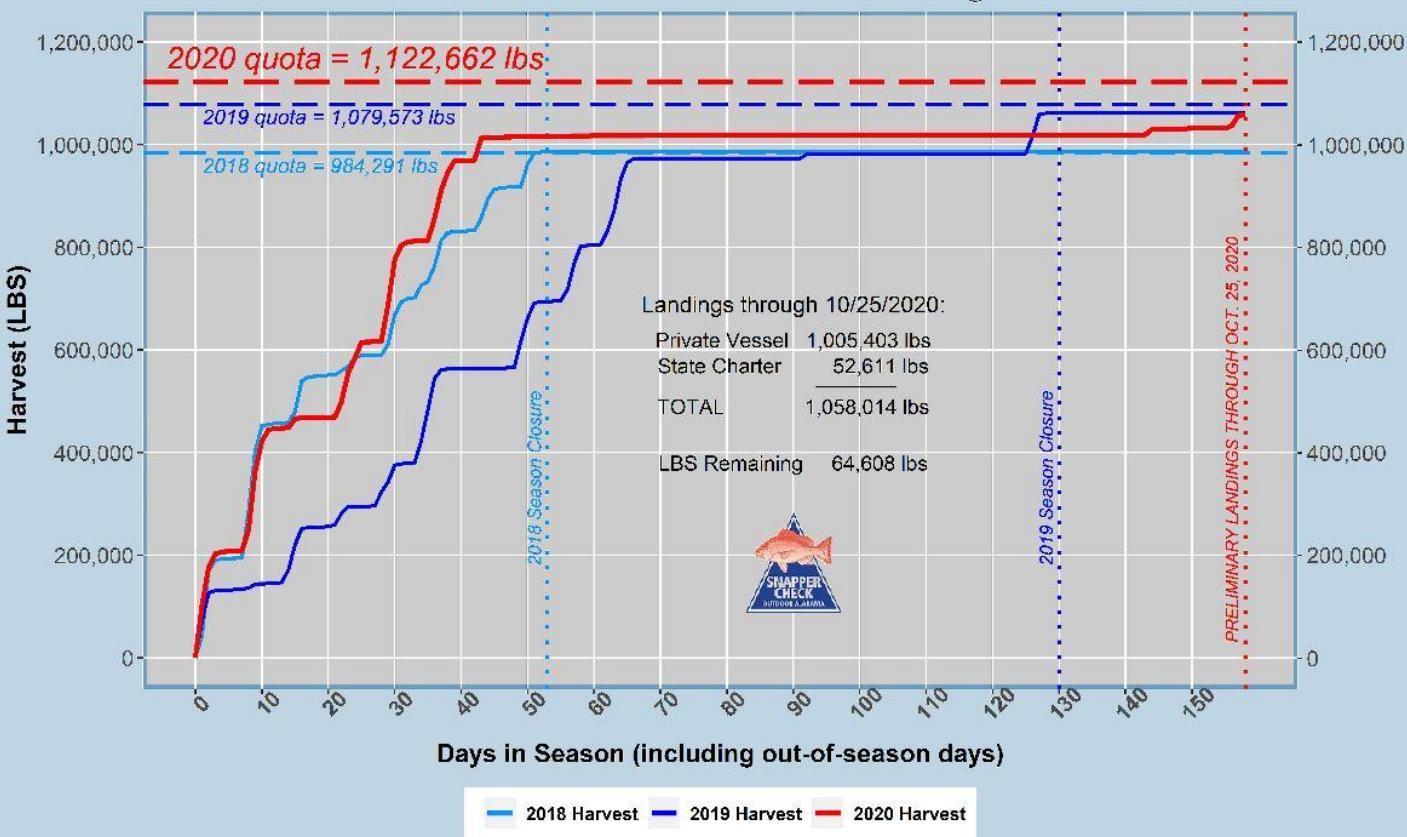


Red Snapper Season Extended in Alabama

There have been several changes to the regulations for Red Snapper over the last several years. Alabama has a quota (in pounds) for the year. Using previous years data, they estimate how many days it will take for fisherman to catch the quota, then set the dates for the season. They have been using a Snapper Check system where fisherman report their catch to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources <https://www.outdooralabama.com/2020-red-snapper-landings-summary>

The quota has not been met this year. It looks like there are over 100,000 pounds of Red Snapper remaining to be caught. The season will be open on weekends until the quota is met.

Cumulative 2020 Alabama Red Snapper Landings through 10/25/2020
for Private and State Charter Vessel Anglers



Zoom Meeting Instructions

You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation in the TVFF reminder email that is sent on Sunday evening before a scheduled fly tying night or club meeting. There are 3 ways to join the meeting. You can copy/paste the link in the invitation into your browser OR go to <https://zoom.us> and click "Join A Meeting" in the upper right of the screen OR if you have installed the Zoom app then you can open the app and enter the meeting number and password from the invitation. If prompted you should click yes to allow Zoom to use the camera and microphone on your computer, then we can see you and hear you in the meeting. You may be placed in a Zoom "waiting room" when you first join. Be patient and you will be admitted to the meeting by a host or cohost. This is another layer of security for our online meetings.

**FFI WOMEN CONNECT****INTRODUCTION TO FFI WOMEN CONNECT WITH PATTY LUEKEN**

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**FLY TYING GROUP****SOFT HACKLES FOR PAN FISH: A COVID CONFIDENTIAL**

The FFI Fly Tying Group is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement, and support of the art of fly fishing. That's why Jerry Covello is leading this zoom workshop to keep the momentum going during this time of uncertainty. Learn to fish for panfish during Covid-19 by Fly Tying Chairman, Jerry Covello.

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The new [FFI Online](#) service provides a variety of weekly programs on fly fishing, casting, and tying experts for entertaining and instructive live online discussions and fly fishing talk.

**[CLICK TO VIEW RECORDING](#)****FFI WOMEN CONNECT
VIRTUAL BUGGY WITH ANN MILLER**

Learning to identify insects can be daunting for anyone, but doing so will pay off for you with more fish. Author Ann Miller presents information from her book, *Hatch Guide For Upper Midwest Streams*.



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Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

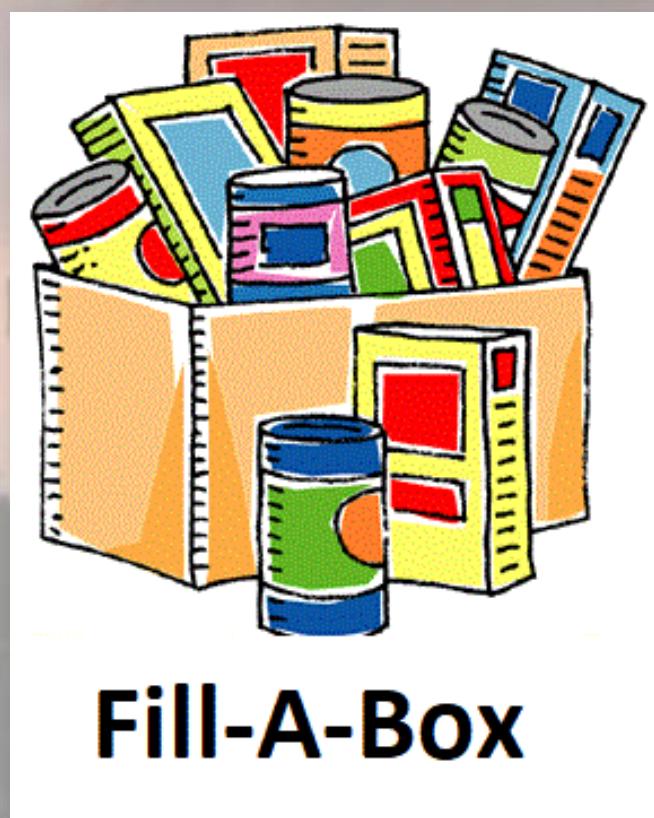
The picture shows one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to Casting for Recovery last year. We would like to do it again. If you are interested then just tie 14 copies of any fly that you'd like to tie. Bring your flies to any club activity and we will get them to Debbie Hill, our Membership Director and a Casting for Recovery volunteer. TVFF will provide the boxes if you provide the flies. **Debbie is accepting cash donations to purchase fly boxes for 2020.** You can find out more about Casting for Recovery here <https://castingforrecovery.org/>. There will be further details about when the flies are needed in a future newsletter.



Fill-A-Box (*When we meet at church*)

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this program to assist seniors in our community that are identified as food insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list below to the next meeting.

- 1 box of low-sugar, high fiber CEREAL
- 1-2 boxes of instant OATMEAL
- 1-2 boxes of BREAKFAST BARS
- 4-5 cans of TUNA, HAM, CHICKEN
- 6-8 cans of low-sugar FRUIT
- 6-8 cans of SOUP
- 6-8 cans of low-salt VEGETABLES
- 3-5 boxes of LOW-PREP MEALS (Hamburger Helper, Mac n Cheese)
- 2-3 bottles/jars of Condiments (mayo, ketchup, oil, etc.)
- 1 jar of PEANUT BUTTER
- 1-2 packs of SNACKS/DESSERT





TVFF Job Jar YOU CAN HELP!

Click on a Job listed below and send an email to volunteer or to obtain additional information.

This is your opportunity to support TVFF without signing up for a long term commitment.

Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Manage the TVFF Job Jar - Update this page monthly and coordinate requests.

Provide flies for the TVFF Casting for Recovery (CfR) Fly Box – Tie or purchase 14 flies of the same pattern for the TVFF CfR Fly Box. Contact the [TVFF program manager](#) prior to selecting the pattern to avoid duplicates. Fly boxes will be donated annually.

CfR provides free healing retreats for women breast cancer survivors in various stages of treatment and recovery. CfR's retreats offer women opportunities to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

Club News Contributor - Provide the Communication Director content of interest geared toward our members such as activities, articles, trip reports, etc.

Official TVFF Photographer(s) - Photograph TVFF events and email photos to the Communication Director.

Safety Pin Flies - Tie some safety pin flies to be given to visitors at TVFF outreach activities. This simple to tie pattern is very popular with younger visitors. Demand is always great and outstrips our supply; we never have enough.

Manage TVFF Calendar - Update TVFF Google Calendar with events provided by BOD.



November Holidays

Election Day November 3

It is not a holiday but it is an important day. It is the day for election of federal officials and state and local offices. By statute it is held on "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November". This funny language means it is the first Tuesday in November unless the first Tuesday is on Nov 1. The choice of this date was tied to an earlier practice of allowing states to select their presidential electors anytime in a 34 day period before the second Wednesday in December.

Exercise your right, perform your civic duty and vote.



Thanksgiving Day Nov 26th

The Thanksgiving national holiday has been celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November since 1942. The tradition dates back to the Pilgrims in 1621. George Washington issued a proclamation for a day of Thanksgiving in 1789. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on the Last Thursday in November. It didn't become federal holiday until 1870 when Ulysses S. Grant made it a federal holiday in Washington D.C. In 1885 Congress made Thanksgiving a paid holiday for federal workers throughout the country. In 1942 Congress set the date as the fourth Thursday in November. Prior to that the date had been at the discretion of the President.

2020 has been a strange and difficult year but there are still many things to be thankful for. Take a moment to reflect before you have Thanksgiving dinner.





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