

News from the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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Y Trout Program Launched

November saw the start of an exciting educational outreach opportunity. The Y Trout tank was installed at the YMCA of Centre County in State College. The program will raise Brook Trout, teaching children and adults the benefits of a clean healthy watershed. The tank is located in the main lobby so it catches everyone's attention. People of all ages are stopping regularly to check the progress of the 300 sac fry calling the tank home.

SCCTU Outreach Chair, Judi Sittler, and Jamie SanFilippo, YMCA Director of Community Outreach and avid fly fisherman, collaborated to make the program possible. The fry were provided by the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Benner Springs Hatchery.

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Our Mission

*To conserve, protect
and restore
Spring Creek's
coldwater fishery
and watershed*

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Member Meetings

Join us the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm, to hear speakers on a variety of fishing and conservation subjects.

Bring a friend, meetings are free and everyone is welcome.

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Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held at the State College Comfort Suites

[Meeting Schedule](#)



Judi Sittler, Jamie SanFilippo, and Bethany Taylor



Checking on the progress and learning about TU's mission

For updates on Y Trout and other chapter news!

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Save the Date – 42nd Annual Dinner and FUNraiser

This year we are honoring Flyfisher's Paradise with a special award for over 40 years supporting Spring Creek. We hope you will join us to show your appreciation for their support of SCCTU and other groups that work to keep our watershed healthy.

When:
Saturday, March 14th, 2015

Where:
**Ramada State College
Hoteland Conference Center**



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Dinner and FUNraiser, especially those willing to:

- Solicit item donations and sponsorships
- Help set up or staff the event

To volunteer please contact event co-chairs Lynn Mitchell (lynnmitch74@gmail.com) or Dave Dudukovich (drd20@arl.psu.edu).

Project Update: Milesburg, Commercial Street Bridge Riparian Planting

Volunteers spent time maintaining the riparian buffer planting adjacent to last year's in-stream projects in Milesburg. In addition to re-supporting trees, adding tubes and laying down weed barrier fabric, wildflower ground cover was cut down and reseeded to promote better growth in the spring.

Thanks to Joe Boston, Bob Vierck, Jim Lanning, Jay Aubuchon, Paula Sowers, Chris Haser, Jim Shawley, Robert Fine and Joe Breon for all their help.



Program Update: Trout in the Classroom

This year a new Trout in the Classroom tank was added to Allison D'Ambrosia's Science Class at the Bellefonte Area Middle School. Outreach Chair, Judi Sittler, and Dave Truesdale, the TIC liaison for Bellefonte and Park Forest Elementary, visited the classroom recently to check on the progress.

According to Miss D'Ambrosia, "This has proven to be an excellent way to get the kids invested in our local watershed. They are loving taking care of the trout and get excited

every week to see how much they've grown. Not to mention we've gotten "real" data to collect and analyze. We're having a blast!"



The new tank was made possible by a donation from **100 Women Who Care.**

Volunteer Spotlight

Next time you see Joe Boston, thank him for all he does for our watershed.

Joe has helped secure more than \$250,000 in grants and countless donations of materials and volunteer time. He plans, organizes and manages in-stream and riparian buffer projects of all kinds. He works very hard to make sure the new riparian buffer plantings are maintained for the best chance at survival. Some of this work includes the PSU Sheep Farm, McCoy Dam Site, Millersburg, Spring Creek Park, Fisherman's Paradise and the Distillery.



In 2014 we unofficially named the McCoy Dam site "Boston Commons" in honor of Joe's work finding a way to get 40 volunteers, tools and supplies across the creek to plant 1800 trees and shrubs. Joe also volunteers with our Veterans Service Program and for our partner, Clearwater Conservancy. Thanks Joe!

Music and Trout Fishing

By Hannah Inglesby

The light dappling the Surface
Of a cool pool at midday
Is like the languorous stream
Of a chord
Or like the rainbow spray
Of speckles on the trout
Iridescent as memories
That you can savor
And which, taken slowly,
Quench like a drink
Stowed in the stream
For lunch

Fishing, like music,
Is meditative alone
Or made sweeter with friends

And both are their own world
Where the rest of life is both left behind
And stitched together, carefully
Tied as a fly or strung
And tuned like a fiddle.

This poem was written for avid musician, fly fisherman and retiring board member
Bill Voight who graciously shared for all to enjoy.

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

Join us the first Thursday of each month, 7:30pm, for our general membership meetings. Meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Inn, 132 Village Drive, State College, Pa 16803

January 8, 2015

Bob Vierck, SCCTU President

State of the Chapter: Bob will give us an update on 2014's many activities and accomplishment and the plans for 2015. It's been a great year for the Chapter, so come out and hear why PATU recognized us with the Best Chapter Award

Jason Detar, PA Fish and Boat

Jason will share the results of the Anglers Use Survey, information that SCCTU volunteers helped gather early in the year.

We will also hold the Chapter's annual business meeting. This includes the nominations and elections to the SCCTU Board of Directors

February 5, 2015

Frank Nale: Spin Fishing For Trout

Frank has been a TU member and fishing spinners since 1979. He considers Spring Creek his "top stream" and has many years experience fishing it with great success. His talk and slideshow are about fishing metal spinners in streams for trout, with the emphasis on catching and releasing wild trout. It covers equipment, tactics, and why he likes to fish for reasons other than catching trout. Frank's information also applies to other methods of trout fishing, including fly fishing. Most of his fishing is done in Blair, Centre, Huntingdon and Bedford counties.

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