



# Garden Hackle



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South Sound Fly Fishers

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## Program

Jason Small

This month, we have Mike Sturza of Lost Creek Fly Shop coming in to talk about muskies in Mayfield, and steelhead in the Cowlitz.. These fish are about as different as you can get, but they live right next door to each other, and Mike guides for both. Mike will be talking about flies and equipment, and how to catch them. Hope to see you there.

## Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

## Greetings

I'm still waiting to hear from anyone who has hit the local rivers since the opening on the first. One guide I know did do well on the Tilton, and the Deschutes by my house is a little high once again. Sounds like a good topic for discussion at the next meeting.

I really want to congratulate Ryan and Chuck on the program they put together for New Market Skills Center. I only did a cameo appearance to help with casting, but from what I saw of the presentation they made, the fly tying opportunity and the casting introduction were well polished, especially considering the short prep time they had. The effort was enthusiastically received by the group as a whole. The students were both educated and entertained, and it doesn't get any better than that. My hat's off.

Howard, Gwill and I were fortunate to be invited to fish a day at the Elma Ponds Pay to Play facility this week and enjoyed it immensely. Details may be pried and bribed from us at the next meeting. The owner has donated a day for two for our club to raffle off, and the board decided to offer the prize at the picnic this August. The ponds are managed on a very limited use basis to reduce mortality and maintain a quality fishery, so don't miss a chance to score, it could be your only opportunity this year.

Enjoy the slowly improving weather, keeping in mind that July comes right after June-uary, so summer can't be far off.

## Conservation

By Gwill Ging

No Report

## Outings

No outings this month.

The Next Meeting is

Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00PM

## Muskies and Steelhead

Mike Sturza

North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

## Fly of the Month:

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South Sound Finn

Hook: Mustad C70SD 2XH/STD

Body: Silver/gold mylar flat tinsel

Rib: Silver/gold oval tinsel

Wing: Orange over yellow bucktail

Thread: black

The South Sound Finn was created in the early 1970's, by Greg Cloud and a few other charter members of the South Sound Fly Fishers. As a spin-off from the Mickey Finn, this fly is very effective for sea-run cutthroat, adult coho, and resident coho. This fly is pretty easy to tie, so have at it and get out and catch some fish!



## Membership

Pay your dues.

Hey Guys!

Looks like I caught a keeper last Thursday at 8:54 AM

Lucy Aliza Kaphan

7 lbs 2 oz 18.5" long

Didn't put up much of a fight.

See you at the next meeting!



Matthew

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### **General Meetings**

**When** The third Tuesday of every Month except December.

**Where** North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)  
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

**Time** 6:15 PM Doors open,  
6:30 P.M. Social Time  
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

**Board Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM at North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station) Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Newsletter Articles**

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at [ronaldvs@me.com](mailto:ronaldvs@me.com) by July 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Education

by Chuck Pfeil

On June 7th four members of South Sound Fly Fishers (Ryan Haseman, Chuck Pfeil, Gwill Ging and Don Freeman) teamed up to conduct an Introduction to Fly Fishing class to the Environmental Exploration students at New Market Skills Center in Tumwater. Over 25 students listened to presentations from Ryan and Chuck who spoke about the art of fly fishing, its history, the activities and history of South Sound Fly Fishers, and the various equipment, tools, flies and fishing techniques. This presentation also included a variety of streaming video clips.

After the presentation the students were split into two groups for some hands on experience. Ryan, Gwill and Don took students outside for 30-40 minutes of casting instruction while Chuck taught a group about fly tying with each student tying a woolly bugger.

The students clearly enjoyed the class and so did we. A number of students lingered to ask questions and some expressed interest in checking out our SSFF meetings. We are already talking with the Environmental Exploration instructor, Craig Baker, about repeating the classes next spring.



## The 2012 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

2012 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy is set and ready to go. We have 23 boys this year, no girls (which is a big disappointment), all their essays and letters of recommendations are in and it appears we have another great group of kids. The Academy, sponsored by the WSCFFF & WCTU, hosted by South Sound Fly Fishers and Olympia Chapter TU, is June 24th to the 30th on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. We have a fantastic instructor lineup with some of the best professionals in our State. Last year we had over 50 volunteers, this year I anticipate about the same number. They will be fishing on the Nisqually ponds and the Deschutes River in Thurston County. The guides are all experienced and are willing to give their time for a great experience for the kids. Jim Brosio has done a stellar job organizing and recruiting the speakers and recording all the finances. We are ready to go, come on out during the week to see what is happening and if you are available for guiding, we could use your help, especially in the evening. Contact either Jim Brosio (360-943-9947), Mike Clancy (360-753-1259), Jason Small (253-380-2583) or Ron Smorynski (360-789-6054). Jim, Ron, Jason and myself have worked all year to make this another great lifetime experience for the kids. Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy, Director WSCFFF

### We have lost another friend – Dwight Caron -

Director, Washington State Council FFF, member of the National FFF, Trout Unlimited, South Sound Fly Fishers & Olympia Chapter of TU. Dwight passed away on May 23rd surrounded by his family. He lost his battle to cancer with dignity and courage. Born in Shelton 82 years ago, he went on to be a cop during the Korean War as an MP which led to a career in law enforcement in various communities in Western Washington. He spent some time in California where he organized and trained a diving team to aid victim recovery with the local sheriff's department. Didn't like that and became an employee of the Forest Service in California. Soon after that, he and Judy moved back to the Northwest and served in law enforcement in various communities, finishing up his law enforcement career in Thurston County as Undersheriff.

After retirement – his new career was fly tying and fly fishing. Starting at a young age of 14 with his fly tying, he loved to share his incredible gift of tying with anyone willing to watch him tie. Dwight had no inventory of flies, everything he tied, he gave away. He was very devoted on a weekly basis to our vets via "Project Healing Waters" at American Lake Veterans Hospital and Joint Base McChord/Ft. Lewis.

Dwight was always willing to contribute his flies to all our WSCFFF and FFF events. He loved to share his gift of fly tying and was always willing to gift his flies to support the programs of his fly fishing community.



There is one story I love to tell about Dwight, in his love to tie, he always looked for the best product for his flies. He could not purchase the feathers he needed for this particular fly from the local fly shop, so he went out and bought a chicken with the feathers he needed. Don't know what happen to that chicken, I don't think it's around anymore, but his feathers are. Dwight's last act was to tie a dozen of his flies for our National FFF event in Spokane. He got nine done before he passed. Judy and I picked 3 more from his little inventory to complete his dozen.

Dwight was a friend to many of us and I will miss him.  
Mike Clancy, Director, WSCFFF

A message from Chuck Tye – Project Healing Waters – Dwight Caron was the Project Healing Waters program lead at the American Lake VA. A veteran and avid Fly Tyer, he always went the extra mile to help his fellow veterans heal through fly fishing. His best and most noted fly was his stacked deer hair dry fly. People would seek him out to get one and he never turned down a request for one. He will truly be missed by his fellow PHW veterans.

