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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We welcome you to join us at our Chapter meetings, events, and instructional opportunities in 2025!

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President's Note

Welcome to 2025! Make your New Year's Resolution now to fish more and worry less! You might also include that resolution to spend more time participating in Seneca Valley TU activities. We have fly tying coming up in the winter and spring. We have an excellent set of educational opportunities with our winter/spring speakers. It may be too cold for you to fish, but it isn't too cold to learn new knots, fly tying techniques, and add to your fishing knowledge.

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2025 SVTU Meeting and Event Schedule

January 13	SVTU Chapter Meeting: Chapter participation; Knots & Rigging
January 27	Fly Tying: Introduction Session
February 3	Fly Tying—Check website for pattern
February 10	SVTU Chapter Meeting & Elections Dusty Wismuth: Fly-Fishing the Yellowstone Ecosystem
February 17	Fly Tying—Check website for pattern
March 3	Fly Tying—Check website for pattern
March 10	SVTU Chapter Meeting: George Daniels: Top & Bottom Techniques
March 15-16	Lancaster Fly-Fishing Show
March 17	Fly Tying—Check website for pattern
March 22	Maryland Fly Fishing Show-Towson
March 31	Fly Tying—Check website for pattern
April 14	SVTU Chapter Meeting: Bart Lombardo: Warm Water Fly-Fishing
April 15	Fly Tying – Final Session
May 12	SVTU Chapter Meeting: TBD Chapter Picnic / Outing

Updates to our schedule will be provided via Chapter emails and posted on our website and social media presence in Facebook and Instagram.

All our in-person meetings are held at the address below:

IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road
Germantown MD 20874

Upcoming 2025 Chapter Meetings and Events

January Chapter Meeting (In person)

- When:** Monday, January 13, 2025
What: In-person Chapter meeting
Where: IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road,
Germantown
Social: 7:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Program Start: 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Chapter members
Program: Knots and Rigging Hands-on-Demos

SVTU is expanding on one of our very successful educational events. Even if you have never attended our Fly Fishing 101 course, and are wondering how to "rig" your line, or tie those pesky knots, we are dedicating our January program into a deeper dive into rigging and knots.

We will have instructors on hand, with materials to explain how to tie knots, and show you rigs for various fishing situations.

Everyone is welcome, join us. It will also be a chance to tell stories, have a cold beverage and just get out of the house for a while.

Mark your calendar now for this special program.

February Chapter Meeting and Board Member Elections

- When:** Monday, February 10, 2025
What: In-person Chapter meeting
Where: IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road,
Germantown, MD 20874
Sign-in: 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Program Start: 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Dusty Wismuth
Program: Fly-Fishing the Yellowstone Ecosystem

Dusty grew up in Missouri, started fly fishing when he was eight years old and spent his formative years highly distracted by the sport. He began guiding and teaching fly fishing in the early seventies while working on a degree in Wildlife Biology at the University of Wyoming. Living in Jackson after dropping out of law school, he tied commercially

for High Country Flies and guided the Snake, Green, and New Fork Rivers and in Yellowstone National Park.

In 1996 he founded the Dusty Wismuth Fly Fishing School & Guide Service in the hills near Mercersburg, PA where it quickly earned a reputation as a professional, yet easy-going fly fishing school. As well as directing his own school, he heads the Orvis Fly Fishing School in Boiling Springs, PA, is an instructor at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing and served as the lead instructor at L.L. Bean's Fly Fishing School in Virginia.

He guides in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Montana and hosts trips to fly fishing destinations worldwide. Dusty is a Simms and Costa Guide Ambassador and a Pro Staff member of Scott Fly Rods, Hatch Reels, Hyde Drift Boats, ARC Fishing, and a royalty tier for Holly Flies. His writing and photography can be found in several fly fishing publications. When not on or near the water, Dusty can be found chasing grouse and woodcock with Jim the Wonder Dog.

This presentation takes viewers on a tour of famous and not-so-famous fly fishing spots in southwestern Montana, northeastern Idaho, and Yellowstone National Park.

We'll discuss conservation issues, fishing techniques, where to go, and how to avoid the crowds (and bears). Many people think that the best fishing days are in the Rocky Mountain West. This show will prove that feeling is far from the truth. Because of the efforts of individuals, agencies, and states, in many places, it is better than it has been since Lewis and Clark first explored the area.

March Chapter Meeting

- When:** Monday, March 10, 2025
What: Zoom Meeting: both on-line and in-person viewing
Where: IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road,
Germantown, MD 20874
Social: 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Program Start: 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: George Daniel
Program: Top & Bottom Techniques

George Daniel's passion is fly fishing education and conducts lectures/seminars throughout the country.

George began fly fishing at age six in Potter County, Pennsylvania. Growing up along a native brook trout

fishery designated as a “kids only section” and being the only kid in the village who fished, George was able to fly fish and practice a lot, so he developed a true passion for it. Through his early teens, much of his fly fishing knowledge was self-taught. However, when George was 14, his family relocated to central Pennsylvania, where, at a local fly shop, he found himself talking to his fly fishing idol, Joe Humphreys. Joe kindly took George under his wing and began providing him with his first, formalized fly-fishing instruction.

Later, George had the opportunity to compete in five World Fly Fishing Championships and coach both the US Youth Team and Fly Fishing Team USA in four World Championships. During this time, George has had an opportunity to travel the globe and learn from many of the best anglers in the world. George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion and was ranked as high as 5th in the world.

George’s true passion is fly fishing education. He appears at clubs and fly fishing shows around the country, where he conducts lectures and seminars. He also logs more than 280 days a year on waters near and far.

George is not only the author of two highly regarded and best-selling books, he has also published articles in Fly Fisherman, American Angler and Fly Tyer magazines. His most recent book, Nymphing: New Angles and Tactics was recently released.

George is an ambassador for a number of fly fishing companies including Orvis, Tacky Fly Boxes, Fly Craft Boats, Regal Vises, Golden Trout Lanyards, and Loon.

Currently, George is an adjunct professor at Penn State University, teaching the legendary angling courses his mentor Joe Humphreys taught for years. He also operates a full-time guiding and fly fishing educational service called [Livin On The Fly](#).

April Chapter Meeting

When:	Monday, April 14, 2025
Where:	IWLA-R Chapter House 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown, MD 20874
Social:	7:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Program Start:	7:30 p.m.
Speaker:	Bart Lombardo of Panfish on the Fly
Program:	Warm Water Fly-Fishing

Bart Lombardo is the creator of **Panfish On The Fly**. Bart has been fly fishing and fly tying for over forty years. Although he travels the country to fish for trout and salmon and chases fish in the salt, his true passion is fly fishing for bass, panfish, and other warm-water species.

Bart enjoys teaching others about fly fishing and the art of fly tying. He is a fly fishing guide for Shannon’s Fly Shop in Califon NJ and is on staff as a fly fishing and fly tying instructor for Orvis in Princeton, NJ. He regularly conducts classes and presentations for organizations like Trout Unlimited and participates in various fly-tying shows on the East Coast.

Due to the popularity of his website Panfish On The Fly and his interest in warm water fly fishing, he has been featured guest on several podcasts, including The Warm Water Fly Fishing Podcast, Tenkara USA’s Tenkara Cast, Fish Untamed and The Orvis Fly Fishing Podcast with Tom Rosenbauer.

Bart is an avid fly tier whose passion is developing new patterns to target panfish, bass, and other warm-water species. He is a member of several pro-staffs in the fly-tying industry, including Regal Vise, Semperfli, Solarez, Ewing Hackle, and Flymen Fishing Company.

May Chapter Meeting / PICNIC - OUTING

When: TBD
Original date for Chapter meeting: May 12, 2025

Where: TBD

The Chapter is currently considering a Picnic/Outing for the general membership, families, and friends instead of a Chapter meeting.

The original meeting date is included on the calendar for info in case a meeting is rescheduled.

Check the Chapter website for an update on this meeting agenda.

2025 Fly Tying Sessions

January 27 thru April 7, 2025

When: Mondays
January 27 Introduction
February 3 & 17
March 3, 17 & 31
April 7

Where: In-person classes only
IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown,
MD 20874

Classes: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Who: SVTU Chapter Tyers and those that wish to learn

Summary by Noel Gollehon, SVTU President

SVTU will be holding in-person fly tying classes starting on January 27, 2025. The first class on January 27 is an introduction class where we cover the basics of fly tying and then tie a basic fly. The following week, on February 3 we start our “production” classes where we will tie two patterns a night—each designed to increase your fly-tying skills. These classes continue bi-weekly until April 7.

We have everything you need to start tying, vise, tools, and material. If you have your own vise and tools, you are welcome to use them. We will post the complete schedule and the patterns we are tying in advance.

If you are an experienced tyer and just want to brush up on a specific pattern, feel free to drop in on

that one class. **If you are a fly-tying novice, you are encouraged to attend the *January 27 introduction class*** and then as many of the tying sessions as you can.

Each session will add to your knowledge of techniques and your skill level. The key elements of fly tying are first and foremost getting the thread on the hook. (It looks easy but until you do it a few dozen times, it can be frustrating.) Once you get the thread attached the key to building a fly is tread control. This is something you can only learn by doing. So come out and learn with others at our open and friendly SVTU classes.

Watch the website for more information on flies, materials needed and other details and updates.

Other Happenings

The Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival

When: January 10 & 11, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Where: Meadow Event Park
13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell VA 23047

Program: Fly Fishing, Wine tasting & more

Edited from the Festival website:

The Virginia Fly Fishing Festival is the largest event of its kind in the country and attracts fly anglers from across the United States and the Mid-Atlantic. The unique event combines fine wine tasting, microbrewery beer, and everything you ever wanted to know about fly fishing but were afraid to ask.

The mission of the Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival is to introduce as many people as possible to the quiet sport of fly fishing. We fulfill this mission by offering instruction—in casting, fly tying, resources conservation, and more—that is geared to festivalgoers of all ages and ability levels and from different walks of life. We hope to inculcate in this next generation of fly anglers the ethos of fly fishing: to be diligent and thoughtful stewards and conservators

Bring your family, relax, take a casting class, and pick up a new sport that the entire family can enjoy.

Several new classes for beginners for both adults and children have been added and attendees can attend lectures from various experts and practice hands-on skills at the two-day, family-friendly event.

The festival will be held regardless of the weather. All vendors are under roof and contained within the Farm Bureau Building at Meadow Event Park located approximately 2 miles east of Kings Dominion.

For more details, check out their [website](#).

Lancaster PA, Fly Fishing Show March 15-16, 2025

When: Saturday & Sunday, March 15-16, 2025

Where: Lancaster County Convention Center,
25 South Queen St.
Lancaster, PA 17602

This show is one of a series presented throughout the US by the Fly Fishing Show organization. Tickets are required for admission and the special showing of the Fly Fishing Film Festival on Saturday.

Check out the show website for details on directions and the program attendees including celebrities, authors, fly tiers, and exhibitors. Purchase admission tickets at the website.

[Show website](#)

Maryland Fly Fishing & Collectible Tackle Show—March 22, 2025

When: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: West Village Commons
Towson University
424 Emerson Drive, Towson, MD 21204

Summary from the show's website:

The Maryland Fly Fishing and Collectible Tackle Show, one of the east coast premier shows will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025.

The Maryland Fly Fishing Show brings together fishing enthusiasts throughout the mid-Atlantic region with high-quality fly-fishing dealers for a day of tackle review, sales, demonstrations, seminars, clinics, and conversation.

- **Vendor Lineup:** Our vendors include skilled rod makers crafting bamboo, glass, and graphite masterpieces, dealers in classic collectible tackle, creators of specialty fly-fishing products, local and regional fly shops offering unique treasures, gifted fly tyers and

artists, and expert guides from the east coast and beyond.

- **Speaker Series:** Enrich your experience with our Speaker Series, featuring both local and nationally renowned personalities throughout the day.
- **Fly-Tying Series:** Enjoy and learn from our Fly-Tying Series, free for everyone to watch and learn from the best tiers in the country.
- **Show Specials:** Take advantage of special show pricing from our vendors on a wide range of products and services.

Check out all the details of the show, including detailed directions, at their [website](#).

Fall 2024 Chapter Meetings and Events Recap

Following, is a brief description of some of the recent 2024 SVTU Chapter activities.

September Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, September 9, 2024 (ZOOM)

Speaker: Maggie Heumann, TU Manager of Volunteer Operations

Program: Entomology 101 for Anglers

Maggie Heumann was listed as the Director of TU Volunteer Operations. While that is true, her title for the presentation given to SVTU on September 9 should have been the Bug Queen! Maggie has advanced degrees in entomology with a specialty in macroinvertebrates found in water and she knows her stuff!

She took us through the vast world of macroinvertebrates that make up much of the trout food cycle. She had some great pictures so we could see what she was talking about. The linkage between the common names and the scientific presentation was especially helpful. But that link was not as useful as the connections to fishing. The type of trout rise (sip, splash, or aggressive) can tell you what they are feeding on. The never-ending bins of mayfly nymphs at the fly shop can be broken down into a few basic flies that will work across a lot of local bugs, if you know the type of insect you are trying to imitate

(crawler, clingers, or swimmer). I know I am going to look at my nymph box a lot differently now.

If you missed this presentation, you missed a great learning opportunity. Fortunately, Maggie has recorded this and it is available on TU's Vimeo page. ***Here is the link to the Vimeo presentation.***

Maggie presented this at TU's 2024 Regional Rendezvous. The presentation was so popular that TU National decided to share it and posted a link to it on the Trout Unlimited Community. We hope you will join us for this excellent presentation.

October Chapter Meeting

No Chapter Meeting. Our annual Fly Fishing 101 course was held in place of this meeting.

Fly-Casting Instruction September–November 2024

When: Mondays, September through November

What: Instruction in casting a Fly Rod

Dave Cleaves, SVTU Chapter member, and a FFI-certified master caster, provided fly casting instruction at the IWLA Jim Berrier Memorial Lake. Attendance was excellent. Participants included those who never casted a fly-rod to those who wanted to fine-tune their cast. Other Chapter members assisted in the sessions.

Look for future info regarding instruction sessions in the spring.

Fly Fishing 101—Intro to Fly Fishing

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

What: An Introduction to Fly Fishing

SVTU held our annual Fly Fishing 101 – Learn to Fly Fish course on October 26, 2024. We had 22 students register and 18 participate in a ¾ day course that covered the basics of fly fishing.

The course started with a classroom session explaining the basic elements and terminology of the sport. We then had a great BBQ lunch before moving in the “hands-on” sessions. In a set of four sessions, we had students casting a fly rod, tying knots and viewing alternative rigging methods, examining flies and discussing stream entomology, and observing stream fishing techniques. It was a fun and educational experience! (In a follow-on survey,

students wanted more time to work on rigging and knots, hence our January 13 program.)

You can see all the handouts from the course at https://senecavalleytu.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/FF101-2024_Handout.pdf



IWLA-R Lake: Home of FF-101



The day started with classroom instruction under the pavilion.



Dale Thatcher presenting Knots and rigging.



Students in a fly rod casting course receive instruction from one of our Certified Casting Instructors.



In the stream fishing techniques segment, our instructor demonstrates the three most common stream fishing techniques, dry flies, nymphs, and streamers. There are always great questions from the students.

November Chapter Meeting

- When:** Monday, November 18, 2024
(In-person and ZOOM)
- Speaker:** Jim Irons—Mid Atlantic Council
Climate Change Coordinator
- Program:** The TU Climate Change Working
Group and Climate Change
Coordinators

Maintaining cold water habitats in a changing world is a hard problem. TU volunteers are trying to meet this challenge. Jim Irons discussed how TU volunteers approach this issue through the TU Climate Change Working Group and the TU Climate Change Policy. He talked about the roles the Climate Change Coordinators are developing at the chapter and council levels.

[View Jim's presentation](#) [PDF]

December Chapter Meeting

We took a “holiday break”. No chapter meeting was held.

SVTU & Conservation

Beaver Creek Workday

By Doug Hutzell, SVTU Board Member

On Saturday, November 2, 2024, Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter had our annual workday on Beaver Creek in Washington County. Our members met at the Fly Fishers parking lot where we were joined by a few students from St. James School.

The objective for this year was to remove wire tree guards from trees along the stream buffer. The weather was excellent for the event. We were able to remove many wire tree guards but not without drawing some blood. Multi-flora rose growing near or around the trees caused a few minor scrapes and cuts. Volunteers enjoyed morning coffee, donuts and lunch provided by Beaver Creek Watershed Association. By the end of the day half of the parking lot was filled with wire tree guards. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Trout In the Classroom – (TIC)

By Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

The trout in the classroom program is short of volunteers for Montgomery County. On December 10, 2024, a group including volunteers from SVTU delivered trout eggs to 14 Montgomery County schools.

The eggs will hatch and grow to fingerling size in the school tanks, carefully monitored by students under teacher supervision. They will monitor water quality, temperature, and Ph as they watch the trout grow through their different stages.

The program is carefully integrated into the science program at the schools. The next volunteer opportunity is starting in late April and continuing into May when 14 schools will release their trout into Little Seneca Creek.

The release is also a learning day for the students who will test the water quality in the creek, look for macroinvertebrates, and have a fly rod casting session

all in a few hours. It takes a lot of volunteers to repeat that process for each of the 14 schools. If you have some time during the school day (generally from about 9:30 to 2:00), teaching 30-60 students is really a lot of fun! Contact us at

<https://senecavalleytu.org/contact-us/>

and we will add you to the list of possible volunteers. You will have an opportunity to pick a date that is good for you.

Trout Stocking

By Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

Maryland Department of Natural Resources does most of the trout stocking in the spring, there are several hundred trout stocked in “local “ streams in the fall. In October DNR stocked a total of 750 Brown Trout in Great Seneca Creek split between the area around Riffle Ford Road and Black Rock Road. In the city of Frederick, 400 trout were stocked in Carroll Creek.

A partner we often work with, Izaak Walton Rockville Chapter, (IWLA-R) stocked 50 trout in Great Seneca Creek near their lake. While the Creek is public, in this area it is surrounded by private land. If you are a member of IWLA-R or know someone who is a member, you can get access from the IWLAR property to Great Seneca Creek. The important thing is just to get out and go fishing.

SVTU Stories

Euro Nymphing

A Journey and an Overview

By Jack Higgins: SVTU Board Member

Everything seems to start off with the adage, “If you want to catch more fish then you have to Euro nymph.” Who doesn’t want that result? That begs the question, “Am I missing something here and what am I going to do about it?”

My first encounter with Euro nymphing was with an older gentleman on the Gunpowder River at the Falls Road Bridge. I watched him dap a multicolored leader and some sighter material while using a 10-foot rod. He hooked a fish every other cast and released it as it touched the surface by slacking his line. I was having my trouble, casting, mending, and trying to get a good drift. My brain was not in tune with what he was doing

as I tried to improve my own skillset. Most of what I have learned in Fly Fishing has been from guides and watching others who were catching where I was not. He commented that “traditional casting would wreck my shoulder.” I guess he hadn’t heard of Lefty.

Fast forward twelve years and I bought an online course on Euro nymphing to get started. I was going to a wedding in Jackson Hole and hired a guide to fish in the Wind River area in Dubois, Wyoming. Over a couple of beers, I shared the video course with him.

His comment was “Interesting it looks like tightline nymphing to me.” We can tweak this but let’s overthink this. I learned a lot from this guide mostly on reading the water and nymphing with a tight line. Can’t say that I was Euro nymphing. We did not use a 20-foot leader, and I still caught fish.

So, you can stop laughing now, and I can hear you saying, “You are in hopper/dropper country, and you want to euro nymph?”

Not to be dismayed and stop the learning process, I took an Orvis class with a 3-hour guided trip to the Gunpowder River. What I learned can be applied to fly fishing and not specifically to Euro nymphing:

1. If you have a decent casting stroke and your arm isn’t aching at the end of the day, the euro nymphing casting stroke is counterintuitive.
2. In the guide’s own words “If a client can’t cast at all, then I teach him/her to euro nymph.”
3. Casting a 20-foot twelve-weight fluorocarbon leader with two flies is challenging, difficult to see if you are facing the sun, and the leader is easily tangled.
4. There is a high-casting arch, and it is difficult to stay out of the trees.
5. This I find is like using an oversized indicator.
6. You must be stealthy and get close to the fish because long casts are difficult to manage.
7. Heavily weighted flies tied on jig hooks are used. The technique demands that you get your flies down in the zone quickly.
8. Tight lines are maintained to avoid slack. There is no indicator to create drag and your flies will sink faster.

In conclusion:

- I like my casting stroke and I'm comfortable not to undo it
- There are certain states that regulate the length of the leader, and one must be aware of the regulations
- I can use items 3-6 to improve what I already know how to do
- If I use an indicator, it will be as small as possible to make less splash and not create a high arc
- I am experimenting with different leader lengths and sighter material to make nymphing more productive

It's About the Journey.

REPEAT OF LAST WINTER'S GREAT CASTING TIPS

The Adaptive Caster Dave Cleaves

Winter Casting Practice—Tips and Resources

By Dave Cleaves, SVTU Chapter Member and FFI Certified Fly-Casting Instructor

This is a quick summation of the [complete article that can be found on SVTUs website](#). Take the time to read it **and practice your skills**—no need to get rusty while inside during the winter months!

So winter is here, the sky is spitting ice, and the fly rods are nestled in their tubes, hibernating until March or April when you break them out and start waving them around at fish. Plenty of flies to tie and videos and books to read. But winter is also a good time to catch up on some casting goals, work on specific improvements or “rough” spots, and just keep your cast from getting rusty.

Winter is a good time to reflect on the summer's fresh fishing experiences and casting skills you would like to work on, embed the good casting habits you learned in the summer by accumulating good repetitions (reps) by continuing to improve your concentration, feedback, and casting stroke adjustment.

Practicing indoors and/or on warmer days outside can be a refreshing antidote for cabin fever and a reasonable alternative to fixing leaky faucets and other questionable practices. Some thoughts ...

List 2-3 improvements you want to make based on the past spring and summer's fishing experiences. **Did you?**

- Slow down and/or smooth out your basic stroke?
- Try a new grip?
- Improve accuracy?
- Cast in different planes—vertical, sidearm, oval, other?
- Reduce the number of false casts needed?
- Expand the variety of presentation techniques?

[See some improvement ideas described in the longer version of this column](#) in the Adaptive Caster page of the SVTU website and other articles. Learn how to ...

- Break down your stroke into component movements, pick the ones most important for you to improve
- Set measurable objectives for each movement
- Design some practice drills for each of the movements. See the suggestions in the [Practicing with Purpose article](#) on the Adaptive Casting page
- If you have questions, call or email me and we'll talk it over. It's a free service of the [Fly Fishers International \(FFI\) Casting Education Program](#)

President's Note

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Please look for our e-mails and check the website for details on all our activities! The first one coming up is in direct response to your request. After the Fly Fishing 101 conducted in October 2024, we sent out a follow-up survey and one of the most common suggestions was additional time to tie knots and learn about “rigging” for fly fishing. How do you rig your fly rod for nymphs, dries and streamers. And how do you know when to modify the rig for different water conditions? If you are not catching fish after the second fly change then you likely need a change in your rig. How do you get deeper? If you are hanging

the bottom, how do you correct that and still keep your fly down in the fish zone?

We are also starting our fly-tying classes in January and then bi-weekly through March. The classes are free, and we have everything you need to learn or improve your fly tying. Based on our experience, we will be offering fly tying in person only. Zoom just does not have the feedback needed for fast learning. Come join us.

As we begin 2025, please consider donating some of your time to help SVTU continue to have excellent events and speakers.

We will be electing new officers & directors in February and if you would like to serve, we will welcome your participation. But if you do not wish to commit to a leadership role in the chapter, and if you would like to help us, please let us know and we will find specific activities for you to help us with to match your time availability.

Please look for our e-mails and check the website for details on all our activities!

Stay safe and Tight lines!

Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

Other News

Maryland DNR News: Trout Stocking 2025 Pre Season & Season

Edited from the DNR website:

Fall put-and-take trout stocking activity has now concluded for the season. In total, 27 water bodies were stocked with 15,000 brown, rainbow, and golden rainbow trout, averaging more than a pound each, to provide trout fishing opportunities throughout the fall.

Although the fall stocking has wrapped up, staff are busy preparing for future production and the 2025 spring season. Anglers are encouraged to check the [MD DNR Fisheries website](#) for stocking updates as pre-season stocking gets underway early in 2025

Once stocking is complete, DNR will provide updates on its website and via [email bulletin](#) and [social media](#). Anglers may also call 800-688-3467 for a recorded weekly update (usually updated on Fridays) when stocking is in process. Stocked locations that fall under a closure period are not included in the daily updates

but will be announced before opening day on March 30, 2025.

The trout stocking program is supported by the sale of nontidal fishing licenses and trout stamps as well as funding through the federal Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Consult the Maryland Guide to Fishing and Crabbing for [closure dates and special management area restrictions](#).

Time to Renew Your Fishing License!

With the New year here don't forget to renew your fishing license for 2025!

Purchase your license through the DNR website / COMPASS portal. See links:

- [DNR Licensing requirements/information](#)
- [COMPASS portal to purchase a license](#)

Support SVTU By Making a Donation!

We have made it easy to make monetary donation to SVTU by clicking the "Donate Button" on our site. Or you can [go directly to the donation page here](#). It will redirect you to a donate page where you can donate as much as you wish. We thank you for your donation.

Stay Informed About Happenings in our Chapter

Website

<https://www.senecavalleytu.org> is the primary manner we reach all friends of the Chapter. Check it out for info on upcoming events/activities.

Social Media

We are now on social media, follow us on [Instagram](#) and/or [Facebook](#).

eMail

Our email is a secure opt-in email alert and event invitation system that is used only by the Chapter for functions that we sponsor or support. This service, along with the Chapter's website, provides up to the minute details of upcoming activities. **We do not share or sell our email listing.** Our database is separate from National TU's email system. If you wish to opt-in or opt-out to our email list, please contact the Chapter at svtroutunlimited@gmail.com.

Trout Unlimited Online Community

TU National has an [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#) which is open to the entire Trout Unlimited membership.

In the past, the online community has been specific to volunteer leaders. A separate forum for leaders-specific conversations will be maintained for volunteer leaders.

The Open Forum enables both leaders and all TU members to participate with the discussions in all the communities.

Supporting the conversations in both the Open Forum and the Leaders Forum helps to grow engagement in the online community and our local communities as well.

To sign up for the new community go to his link:
<http://community.tu.org/browse/welcome-guide>
<https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal>

Verify Your TU Membership Status

There has been a lot of chatter on the TU website regarding membership by many chapter reps around the country. One key issue is that many members do not review and update, if necessary, their profiles.

As newsletter and email communications editor I utilize the Chapter membership roster that TU National provides to approved Chapter Officers.

Login to www.tu.org and check your profile information in the TU national database. Membership reports from TU national indicate the email or mailing address for several chapter members needs to be corrected. ***Also, don't forget to renew your membership!***

Note from the Editor

If you have articles, photos, fish stories, fishing/stream reports, that you think might be appropriate for inclusion in the newsletter or the website, send an email to me at wjunium1@hotmail.com or to the Chapter at svtroutunlimited@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at future meetings & events!