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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We welcome you to join us at our Chapter programs, events, and instructional opportunities in 2026!

## Seeking Officers & Directors for SVTU Board

Have you thought about becoming more involved in Seneca Valley TU? At our February 9 meeting we will be electing new officers and two new directors. We need new participation in our core management group for SVTU. While you are welcome to toss your hat in the ring for any officer position, if you want to start out with a less demanding role, consider running for a director position. Directors' primary contribution is providing their ideas and guidance to the Board of Directors during meetings. Meetings are through Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and take a couple of hours for the meeting. Directors serve a 3-year term. It is a good group, and we always find time to talk a little fishing .

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### President's Note

Welcome to 2026! 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.

Please look for our e-mails and check the website for details on all our activities! The first one coming up is our fly-tying classes. They start on January 26 and continue until April 20, roughly every other Monday evening on the upper level of the IWLA-R Chapter House (18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown MD 20874). The classes are free and we have everything you need to learn or improve your fly tying. Based on past experience, we will be offering fly tying **in person only** (Zoom just does not have the feedback needed for fast learning). (Continued on next page)



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We tried something new this Fall and held a fly rod demo and equipment sale. Several members brought personal fly rods for people to cast in weights from 2 to 9. It was a chance to try different rods to get a “feel” for future purchases or just for fun. We also sold donated fishing gear (mainly fly-fishing gear) and many people picked up some really good deals on rods, flies and other equipment. We raised some funds to help pay for future speakers and activities. If you missed the chance to help support SVTU, just go to the website and look for the donate button on the front page.

As a volunteer organization, we always need more hands, ideas, and time. This February we will be electing new officers and new Directors. We need your support and participation. The Officers and Board keep the organization running and we need your help to make it happen! Just reach out if you have interest in a more active role and we will help you find a role of interest. In general, the time commitment can be as much as you want, or only a few hours a month. *What we need are new ideas and a desire to help make those ideas become a reality.* We are all volunteers.

If you like to fish, you need someplace to do it. We look forward to your support and participation as SVTU works to restore the

**Noel Gollehon, President SVTU**

## 2026 SVTU Social Meeting & Event Schedule

- January 12 SVTU Chapter Meeting: Lou Digena  
Designing Trout Flies; Zoom only
- February 2 Fly Tying: Introduction Session
- February 9 SVTU Chapter Meeting & Elections  
Jeff Selvin: Techniques & Tactical  
Approaches to Fishing New Trout Waters
- February 16 Fly Tying: Check website for pattern
- March 2 Fly Tying: Check website for pattern
- March 9 SVTU Chapter Meeting: Alan Burrows:  
Trout in the Classroom (TIC)
- March 15-16 Lancaster Fly-Fishing Show
- March 16 Fly Tying: Check website for pattern
- March 22 Maryland Fly Fishing Show-Towson
- March 30 Fly Tying: Check website for pattern
- April 13 SVTU Chapter Meeting: Check website  
for information
- April 6 Fly Tying: Check website for pattern
- April 20 Fly Tying: Poppers
- May 11 SVTU Chapter Meeting: TBD  
Chapter Picnic / Outing

The original schedule for fly tying was changed due to the weather system that moved in on January 26.

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 2026 Chapter Educational Programs

### January 12 Chapter Program

**When:** Monday, January 12, 2026

**Venue:** ZOOM only

**Sign-in:** 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

**Start Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** Lou Digena

**Program:** Designing Fly Patterns

Lou Digena, a Life Member of Trout Unlimited, former NJTU President, TU's National Leadership Council, representing New Jersey, and served on NJTU's board for over 25 years. His formal fly-tying training started in 1988 at NJTU's Beginners fly-tying course.

Lou uses his fine arts background to produce patterns with a simple and studied elegance. Lou follows the KISS rule (Keep It Simple Stupid) when designing patterns. His primary target is trout throughout the United States. Lou's home waters are in the northeast, where he fishes for native Brook Trout, wild Browns, Bass, Panfish, and toothy critters. He enjoys tying traditional patterns like Frank Sawyer's Pheasant Tail and Killer Bug and creating new patterns, like his Lou's Stonefly Creeper, Tiger Baetis, Bubble Pupa, CE Crayfish (Close Enough), SP Baitfish (Simple Perch), and KISS Crane Fly Larva.

Lou is on the Solarez Pro, Ewing Feather Birds, Regal Vise Pro Staff, and Tenkara USA Ambassador. He also guides for South Branch Outfitters in Califon, formerly Shannon's Fly Shop.

For more, visit: Rob Giannino's Fly Fishing Journeys interview: <https://flyfishingjourneys.com/louis-digena-the-art-of-fly-tying/>

## February 9 Chapter Program and Elections for Officers and Board Members

**When:** Monday, February 9, 2026

**Venue:** ZOOM and in-person

**Location:** IWLA-R Chapter House

**Sign-in & Social:** 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

**Start Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** Jeff Selvin

**Program:** Techniques and Tactical Approaches to Fishing New Trout Waters

Jeff Slevin has been an avid fisherman since a child, mainly fishing for warm water species. In 2013, when he and his family moved to England for two years, he started to focus on trout. Since returning and living in Pittsburgh, PA, he has considered central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and western Maryland his "home" streams.

Since January 2023, he has been traveling the country with his wife in an Airstream travel trailer in his pursuit of catching a trout in all 50 states, along with visiting the high point of each state. During that time, Jeff has caught a trout in 39 states and 3 Canadian provinces while fishing 77 different streams and rivers. He has been successful on 75 of those 77 waters, i.e., only been skunked twice the first time he fished them, and his story is that there were extenuating circumstances in both instances.

Topics will include:

- Pre-trip planning and research
- Approaching the water upon arrival
- Adapting once on the water
- Rigs and Setups
- Confidence Flies



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## March Chapter Program

**When:** Monday, March 9, 2026  
**Venue:** Zoom and in-person  
**Location:** IWLA-R Chapter House  
**Sign-in & Social:** 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Start Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Speaker:** Alan Burrows (PPTU) Trout in the Classroom (TIC) coordinator  
**Program:** **Alan will talk about the Trout in the Classroom program**

Alan has been a member of TU since 1999 when I started fly fishing. I converted from golf!

He began his TIC history two years later joining the Kamloops express delivering eggs and coordinating TIC in Howard County. In 2013 he took on a larger role coordinating Montgomery County as well and taking a leadership role as Jim Greene retired from active involvement.

MAC TIC expects we will touch over 4,000 students each year. I've been helping run the program that has exposed close to 50K students to trout and clean cold fishable water.

## April Chapter Program

**When:** Monday, April 13, 2026  
**Speaker:** To be scheduled

## May Chapter Program Possible Picnic

**When:** TBD  
**Where:** TBD  
**What:** TBD

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

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.

## 2026 Fly Tying Sessions

**January 26 thru April 6, 2026**

**When:** **Mondays**  
January 26 Introduction | February 2 & 16  
March 2, 16 & 30 | April 7  
**Where:** **In-person classes only**  
IWLA-R Chapter House  
**Time:** 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

*Summary by Andy Iams, Board Member*

SVTU is excited to announce the 2026 fly-tying series this winter and spring! The series will be hosted at the Izaak Walton League of America Rockville (IWLAR) Chapter House upper-level meeting room, from 7 pm to 9 pm, for the following dates: January 26, February 2 and 16, March 2, 16, and 30, and April 6 and 20. The sessions will offer a great opportunity for both new and experienced tiers to share skills, refresh fly boxes, and prepare for the upcoming fishing season.

The first session (January 26th), Introduction to Fly Tying, will kick off the series and is designed especially for beginners. Participants will learn the fundamentals of fly tying, including how to use essential tools such as the vise and bobbin, as well as techniques for thread and material control. The class will also cover tying a basic fly; The Green Weenie. This hands-on lesson is perfect for anyone who has wanted to create their own flies or better understand the craftsmanship behind them.

Each subsequent meeting will build upon the last, introducing new techniques, materials, and patterns tailored to local waters. Sessions will cover tying nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. Some of the flies to be tied are Elk Haired Caddis, Hare's Ear, Foam Grasshopper, and the Wooly Bugger, in addition to others.

All equipment and materials will be provided, free of charge. However, if participants have their own gear, they encouraged to bring it.

Whether you're new to tying or a longtime angler, these sessions will be a fun and social way to connect with others who share a passion for fly fishing and conservation. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first session on January 26! Watch the website for more information on flies, materials needed and other details and updates.

## 2026 Fishing Shows

### Rapidan TU 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly Fishing Show—February 14, 2026

**When:** February 14, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Highland School, 597 Broadview Ave., Warrenton VA 20186

More information: <https://rapidantu.org/>

### The Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster PA March 14-15

**When:** Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15  
**Where:** Lancaster County Convention Center, 3 East Vine Street, 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.

Get more information at the [Show website](#)

### Maryland Fly Fishing & Collectible Tackle Show—March 21, 2026

**When:** Saturday, March 21, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** West Village Commons, Towson University 424 Emerson Drive, Towson, MD

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.

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

## Fall 2025 Chapter Program and Events Recap

Following, is a brief description of some of the recent 2025 SVTU Chapter activities. December through September.

### December Program

**When:** Monday, December 15, 2025  
**Speaker:** Taylor Hess  
**Program:** **Endless Opportunities on PA's Diverse Fisheries**

Taylor Hess, owner of Appalachian Fishing Guides in Lock Haven, PA, provided an engaging presentation to SVTU members about the wide variety of fly-fishing opportunities in Central Pennsylvania. He began by taking us through each of the four seasons and provided a broad overview of the opportunities and challenges of each.

He then walked us through the details of fishing Penns, Spring, and Big Fishing Creeks for trout, and the Juniata River for trophy smallmouth. His presentation [PDF] is attached [here](#), and he can be reached at [appalachianfishingguides@gmail.com](mailto:appalachianfishingguides@gmail.com).

### November Event

**When:** November 22, 2025  
**What:** SVTU Swap Meet & Rod Demo Day

In place of the November meeting, SVTU held a successful community building event with our first-ever combined gear sale and fly rod demo. The event scored a double win by both helping attendees get quality equipment at low prices, and giving them the chance to compare 12 different fly rods of all different weights, sizes, and actions.

The swap meet attracted almost fifty members and guests to shop for bargains and bring their own lightly-used equipment to sell on consignment. Several club members used the opportunity to clear out their burgeoning storage lockers, giving new folks a chance to benefit from high-quality rods, reels, and other equipment at very favorable prices.

The core of the merchandise offered at the swap meet came from a generous donation to SVTU by the widow of a local fly fisherman. SVTU members were glad that this fisherman's excellent life-long collection



of gear and lures could find good homes with younger fisherman who can continue to use them.

The fly-rod demo gave attendees the chance to test hands-on twelve different rod and reel combinations. The options included everything from a 2-weight, 6 foot rod best for brook trout in very close quarters, to a 9 foot 9 inch 9-weight rod which would work well for salt-water fly fishing or steelhead.

As he so often does at SVTU events, expert instructor Dave Cleaves was on hand to offer tips on casting form with the different rods. Club members particularly appreciated the chance to try out all these rods at once and compare them to each other. Since several local fly shops have closed in the past two years (with the latest loss being Beaver Creek's Fly Shop), it has become increasingly difficult to find places where one can test-drive equipment before purchasing it.

Because of the success of the gear swap, there is already talk of holding a similar event in the spring, combining an equipment sale and a casting class. Stay tuned for details!

### Fly Fishing 101—Intro to Fly Fishing

*In place of October Chapter program.*

**When:** Saturday, October 25, 2025

**What:** An Introduction to Fly Fishing

*Article by Joe Walther, SVTU VP*



SVTU held our annual Fly Fishing 101—Learn to Fly Fish course on October 11, 2025. We hosted 16 excited students and 11 SVTU volunteers that participated 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 to the hands-on sessions in the afternoon. 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 for all! You can see all the handouts from the course at:

[https://senecavalleytu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/FF101\\_Handout-web.pdf](https://senecavalleytu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/FF101_Handout-web.pdf)

## September Chapter Program

**When:** Monday, September 8, 2025  
**Speakers:** Michael Kashiwagi and Kevin Haney  
**Program:** **Trout and Coldwater Monitoring Surveys in Frederick and Washington counties**

Maryland DNR Freshwater Fisheries Biologist Michael Kashiwagi will present an overview of trout population trends in the Catoctin Mountain region streams. He discussed fish and stream surveys that can be used to identify, re-designate, and protect coldwater resources.

Kevin Haney is the coordinator of the Big Hunting Creek Working Group, a group created to address issues regarding Big Hunting Creek and the surrounding Catoctin trout streams. Kevin provided an update on the group's activities, plans, and engagement. The group includes representatives from local fishing organizations, and state and Federal interested parties. The group is trying to present a united front on Big Hunting Creek and other Catoctin streams to improve habitat and the fishing opportunities.

## Volunteers Needed

### Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Needs Volunteers!

*By Noel Gollehon, President SVTU*

The trout in the classroom program needs volunteers for Montgomery County. On January 21, 2026, a group including volunteers from SVTU will deliver trout eggs to 12 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. Volunteers are mostly needed at the trout releases starting in late April and continuing into late May when the 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 12 schools. If you have some time during the school day (generally from about 9:30 a.m. to 2:00) p.m., teaching 30-60 kids 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 (or dates) that work for you. No experience or special skills required except the ability to untie knots (an inexperienced 12-year-old can do things with a fly line you cannot believe!)

## SVTU & Conservation

### Beaver Creek Workday

*By Doug Hutzell, SVTU Board Member*

On Saturday November 7, 2025 SVTU had its annual stream workday. Once again the weather cooperated with sunny skies and average temperatures.

Volunteers from SVTU, Antietam Fly Anglers and St. James School attended to get the work done. A wood chipper was donated by a local rental company so the crews started the day removing and trimming trees. Wire tree guards were removed and replaced with plastic tree guards to protect young trees from deer damage.





Another crew worked on upgrading the parking lot sign by digging new post holes and reattaching the sign.



Once we finished the morning with those assignments, we had lunch donated by the Beaver Creek Watershed Association. In the afternoon we went at it again and crews split up to several locations upstream on both Beaver Creek and Black Rock Creek to pickup trash which hasn't been done in several years. The crews filled six large plastic bags of trash. By 3:00 we were finished **with a job well DONE!**

## 2026 Upcoming Event

### 2026 SVTU Shad Extravaganza

*By John Smith, Board member*

Please consider joining your fellow SVTU members for the 3rd annual shad fishing outing on Conowingo Creek this spring (date to be determined, keep an eye on the website).

You might be thinking, why shad fishing?

- It's incredibly fun. When hooked, shad behave like puppies with zoomies—they pull hard and often jump repeatedly before being netted and released. (I don't advocate hooking and netting puppies, only shad).
- You can use the gear you already have—a 5 or 6 weight rod and line work just fine.
- You have the possibility of catching many dozens of fish in a single day (if you hit the run at the right time).
- The fish can get pretty big. Hickory Shad average 12"-20" and American Shad average 20"-24" and can reach 30".

- You have good chance to see many bald eagles and ospreys. If the fish are in, the birds will be there.
- All shad fishing in Maryland is catch-and-release and has been since 1980 to support the fishery.



*The 2025 Shad outing group*

Both Hickory and American shad are anadromous fish, which means they live most of their lives in the ocean, and return to freshwater rivers and streams to spawn in the spring. Adult shad return to the river or stream where they were born. There are two different shad runs in the spring. Hickory shad come in first, usually starting in March, and spawn between mid-April and May. American shad usually come in starting in April, and spawn between late-April and June.

The exact date of this outing will be determined later this spring depending on water temperature, flow level, and water clarity. Based on the shad runs of the past few years, the outing will likely take place in late-April to early-May. We will post information well in advance of the trip on the SVTU website and send out notifications via email and social media.

If you have any questions in advance of the trip, please reach out to us by clicking the "Contact us" link in the top navigation.



## SVTU Member Story

### Bahamas on the Fly Two Trips to South Andros Island

*By Jack Higgins: SVTU Board Member*

I hadn't fished in the Bahamas since 2015. I took one of George Layton's Orvis sponsored trip out of the Tysons Corner Store. I had been anxious to get out of the area for warmth and a change of pace. Fishing South Andros seemed like a good change of scenery. I had previously fished North Andros but I had been told that this would be different and better. I had forgotten that my casting skills in windy conditions left something to be desired but the getting away was all the motivation that I needed.



A two hour flight into Nassau and a twenty minute shuttle hop on a twin engine plane operated by flamingo Air took me to South Andros Island. The island is dotted by small lodges and air B and B's and pock marked by the effects of Storms.

I stayed at Swain's Cay Lodge. It is operated by a Bahaman woman, Cheryl Bastian. The lodge is clean, close to the water, air-conditioned, has excellent food, a friendly staff, and a comfortable bed. It was perfect.

Situated twenty yards from a narrow beach, there is an expansive flat that reaches out to open water. It is great for practicing the double haul or kayaking. A short walk up the beach will end at a point where mutton snapper can be caught and prepared by the lodge's chef. I very quickly realized that my double haul was going to make fishing a bit challenging, especially with nineteen to twenty-one mile per hour winds. That being said, I was now on Bahamas time. Sit back, enjoy the day, don't be in a hurry, and *Be*



*Happy, Don't Worry.*

Cheryl hand picks a number of local guides that have an array of different talents. There are some that can cast a hundred yards with either hand and the wind is not an issue. There are some that are good teachers and some that have excellent boats. It is a small island and every one of the guides know each other or are related.

My first trip left me with the desire to return. On the last day I had a conversation with Cheryl. I wanted to return before the end of the spring season and I wanted a specific guide. Randy had a set up that was designed for success all I needed to do was vastly improve my casting. She arranged for me to return the first week of June. I spent my windy days improving my casting and my nights tying #4 and #6 Gotchas. When I returned in June, the lodge was empty because a large party had cancelled.

This was a bonus. I had solitude, good meals, the sounds of the waves and the warm breezes. I was wondering if I was going to want to go home. My guide was a good teacher and very patient with any of my poor casts.



We fished the Middle Bight for three days. The main island is a maze of little creeks and channels that are sandwiched by the mangroves. There is an outer barrier island shelters the creeks and channels. I spent a good part of the day trying to sight fish, read the water, as well as casting to the elusive bone fish. With sharks in the water and lots of fishing pressure the fish are naturally skittish. The first cast has to be on target or it's a miss. I saw more large single cruising fish than I saw schools. There were plenty of sea turtles and birds nesting in the mangroves to be a pleasant distraction. Every time Randy would change flies he would rub a slurry of sand on them to clean off any oil or foreign scents that would be detected by wary fish.

I was beginning to see more fish, my casting had improved, my flies were fishing well, and I hadn't missed as many fish as on my previous trip. A good guide that was a teacher made all the difference. I hooked and landed some big fish. There was one that had bent one of my flies as he took off with my reel spinning out of control. Unfortunately, he wrapped my line around a mangrove and released himself. This was a memorable trip and I can't wait to go back.

## Lessons Learned

Even though you think you can see the fish swallow the fly, don't set until the guide says "set". He can actually see the head move so he knows the fly is in it's mouth. I had a guide in New Mexico tell me he knows to set when the gill plates move.

Before you start fishing let the guide know what your goals are, show him your cast and ask him how to improve it. This makes for a good day. Spending three days with the guide one on one I got to know him very well. And...**Remember to Strip Set!**

## Other News

### Maryland DNR News: Trout Stocking 2026 Pre Season & Season

*Edited from the DNR website*

The fall 2025 Put and Take trout stocking season wrapped up in late October. In total, crews stocked 15,700 brown, golden rainbow, and rainbow trout averaging one pound each into 29 waterbodies

Though stocking was completed, the work is not over for hatchery crews. The cycle of production never ceases. Recently hatched brown and rainbow trout fry were transferred to indoor circular tanks to grow. Once large enough, they will be transferred to outdoor raceways where they will be cared for daily to meet the needs of the next season and beyond.

With improved water conditions during 2025, the production goal for the 2026 season is to increase by approximately 20%, helping us meet our trout management and stocking goals.

Anglers are encouraged to check the [MD DNR Fisheries website](#) for stocking updates as pre-season stocking gets underway early in 2026

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, 2026.

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](#).

## Don't Forget to Renew Your Fishing License!

With the New year here don't forget to renew your fishing license. Purchase your license through the DNR website / COMPASS portal. See links:

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

## Support SVTU Make 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.

## Learn About Chapter Happenings

### Website

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

### Join our eMail

Our email is a secure opt-in email used only by the SVTU 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 the National TUs email system. If you wish to opt-in or opt-out to our email list, please use this link <https://senecavalleytu.org/email/>

### Follow us on Social Media

We are now on social media, follow us on [Instagram](#) and/or [Facebook](#). The links to our social media are in the footer.

## 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.

**Make sure your TU database information is current by logging into [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) and verify your profile information is current!**

### Note from the Editor

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**We hope to see you at future meetings & events!**