

November 2019 Newsletter

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Antietam Fly Anglers

Meeting Minutes 10/17/19

Attendance

Attendance was taken; 7 members were in attendance along with 2 guests.

Meeting Minutes

Ken summarized the September 19 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved without objection by voice vote.

Financial Report

Walt distributed the October 17, 2019 Financial Report; incomes and outputs were summarized; current balance is \$1896.23. Financial Report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Fly Casters' Rendezvous:

Rendezvous date has been established as April 25, 2020. Phil Gay will participate and provide casting instruction.

Conservation:

Doug Hutzell advised that on November 2, 2019 the Beaver Creek Watershed Association will be holding a Beaver Creek Riparian Maintenance Day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Meet at the DNR parking lot. Consult Doug for details.

Program Ideas:

November 21 AFA Meeting Guest Speaker:

James Harris from the Beaver Creek Fly Shop will be giving a presentation on Tenkara Fly Fishing.

Penn's Creek Wade Fishing will be scheduled in the 3rd week in May. Please provide Bill Ruland if you are interested in participating so we can get a head count and finalize details.

Adopt-a-Highway Program

Bill advised that a one mile section of MD 66 adjacent to the Beaver Creek Fly shop was available for adoption. AFA's name would be posted as the sponsor on an Adopt-a-Highway Sign posted at both ends of the adopted section. The measure was not put forward for a vote as of yet.

Bamboo Fly Rods Renovation for Fund

Bill has arranged for two bamboo fly rods to be renovated and offered for fund raising purposes. One was repaired for gratis and the other at a cost of \$150. The expenditure was put forward for approval and expenditure was approved without objection.

October's Guest Speaker

Michael Abramowitz gave an excellent presentation on "Getting Home Safely from Fishing". Every aspect of fishing safely was discussed and some not thought of before. The presentation was a very well thought out and delivered.

painting by Tom Renner

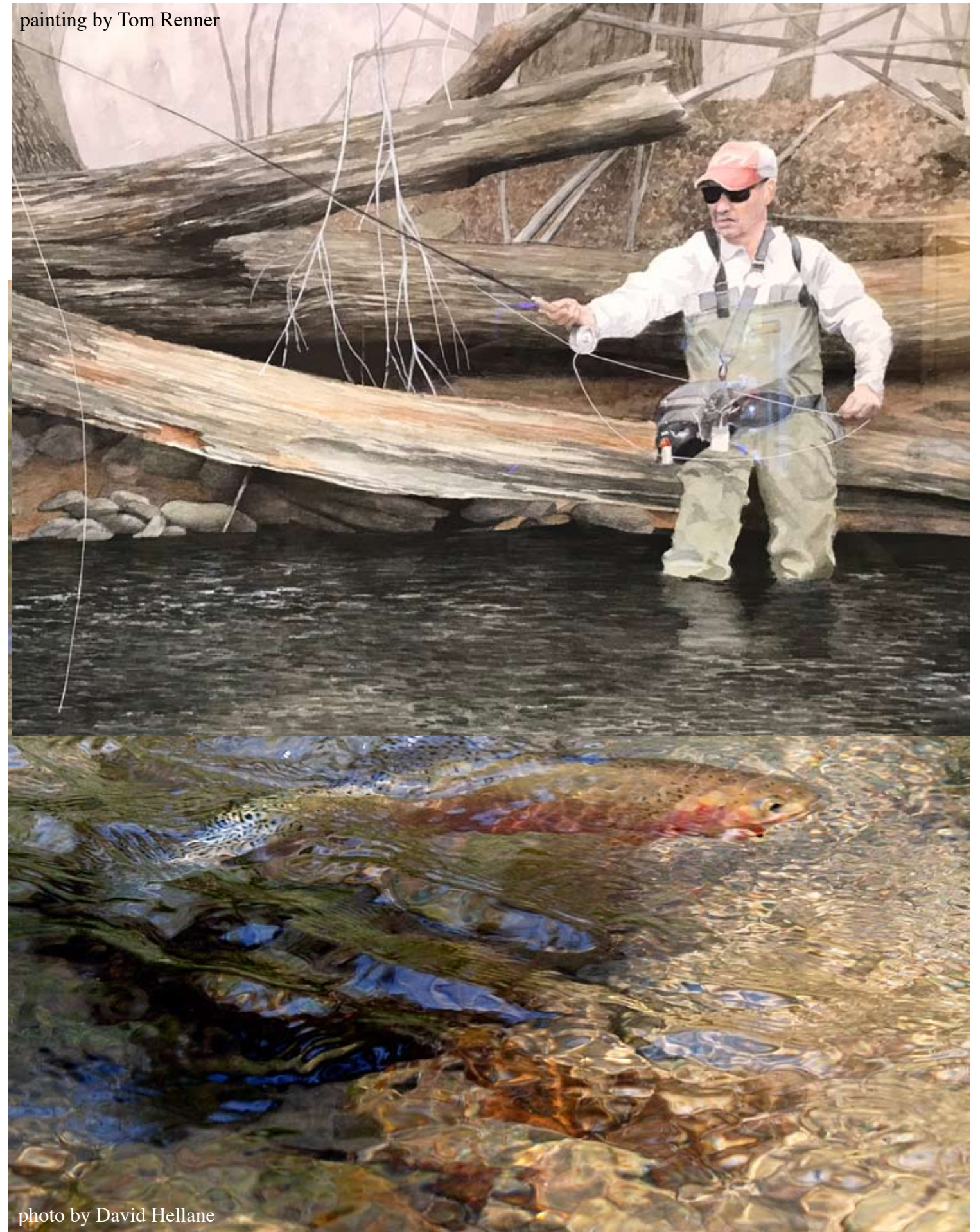


photo by David Hellane



Guide Tom Martin holds a nice rainbow that Walt landed.

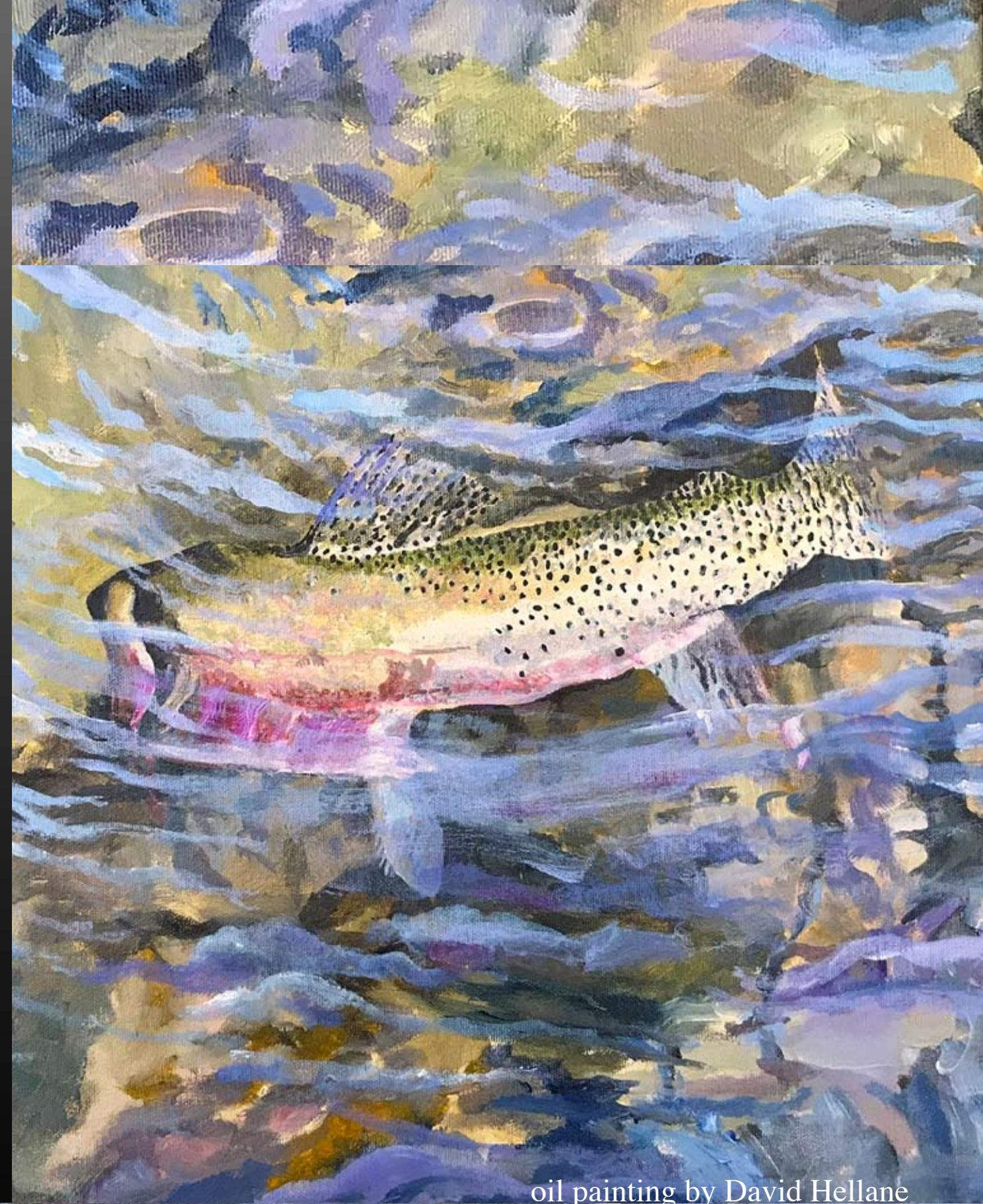
This past October 23, Walt and I (AKA Ken) floated the North Branch of the Potomac River with Heavy Water Anglers. Our guide, Tom Martin, assured us that we were going to have a good day. The bite was on. Tom advised that we needed to start a little later than usual because the water was a little stained from the rain the previous day, but the river clears quickly. We were lucky, the miserable cold, wet weather from the previous day had cleared and we were greeted with a beautiful, crisp, fall day in Westernport, MD. We were on the river fishing by 8:30 am and the fishing conditions looked good.

Because the fishing tactics were different, Tom asked us do we want catch a lot of fish or do we want to go for fewer but larger fish and maybe even some big pre-spawn Browns. That's a no brainer, we opted for the latter. We were set up with a double fly rig with a colorful attractor fly on top such as an egg pattern and various beaded nymphs on the bottom. Sometimes a subtle change in color made all the difference. All were fished under an indicator. Tom cautioned that the bites were slight and a subtle movement of the indicator was a bite and a quick response was the key to success. Boy was he right. Seeing the bite and reacting before the fly was spit out was a fraction of second. We missed a lot of bites but we also caught plenty, mostly rainbows, some with good size. And there was the fish that got away. We did hook up with some large Browns but didn't bring them to net. All in all, we had a very successful fishing trip with a bonus of experiencing a beautiful fall day on the North Branch of the Potomac.

written by Ken Oldham

Hackle and herl, hurled at the sky,
lays upon the water, a dead lie,
luring the linker from its lie.
A sidelong swirl betrays the act,
one dark lie abandoned for another.
Lies anglers tell are told trout first,
and should the trout unwittingly unwarily,
swallow the lie,
the same lie will be told, times without number,
to other trout and other men.

Little something something from Scott Robinson



oil painting by David Hellane

On behalf of the club, I presented Doug with the sieves for the benthic sampling next year. We submitted the photo to the Herald-Mail, which included it with a short description. Consider coming out and helping with the sampling next spring.





AFA information:

Next AFA Meeting

Mt. Aetna Retreat/Nature Center 7:00 PM.

Mt. Aetna is located off I 70 at Exit 35.

Take Route 66 N and then Right on Mt. Aetna Road.

Address is 21905 Mt. Aetna Road

Calendar:

November 21: **Tenkara presentation by Beaver Creek Fly Shop's James Harris.**

December (no meeting) **We need ideas for the programs.**

January 24 to 26, 2020 –Fly Fishing Show, Edison, NJ, .

March 7 & 8, 2020 –Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA, .

March 14th –Maryland Fly Fishing Show and Collectible Tackle Show, Towson, MD, .

Spring 2020—start benthic sampling

April, 25th– **Annual Fly Casters Rendezvous**

May 18 through 21 2020—**trip to Penn's Creek Club members notify Bill to let him know if they plan to come and which days. We need to make the reservations soon since it is a popular fishing time in central PA.**

June, 27th–AFA picnic

Shawnee State Park trip this summer

July, Potomac float trip?

AFA information:

Just a reminder.

Bob Davis organizes the Bob Abraham Fly Casting Club every Saturday at River Bottom Park at 9 a.m., weather and other fishing plans notwithstanding.

We typically go to breakfast beforehand at 7:45 a.m. at the Farmers' Market in Hagerstown, Come join us. All you might lose is your tailing loops!

Scott Robinson is the contact for the fly tyers' roundtable and beginners' fly tying instruction. Come to the meeting, meet Scott, and arrange for some fly tying instruction!

Don't forget to support your local fly shops:

Beaver Creek Fly Shop 301-393-9090

Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333

White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

