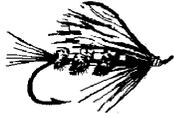


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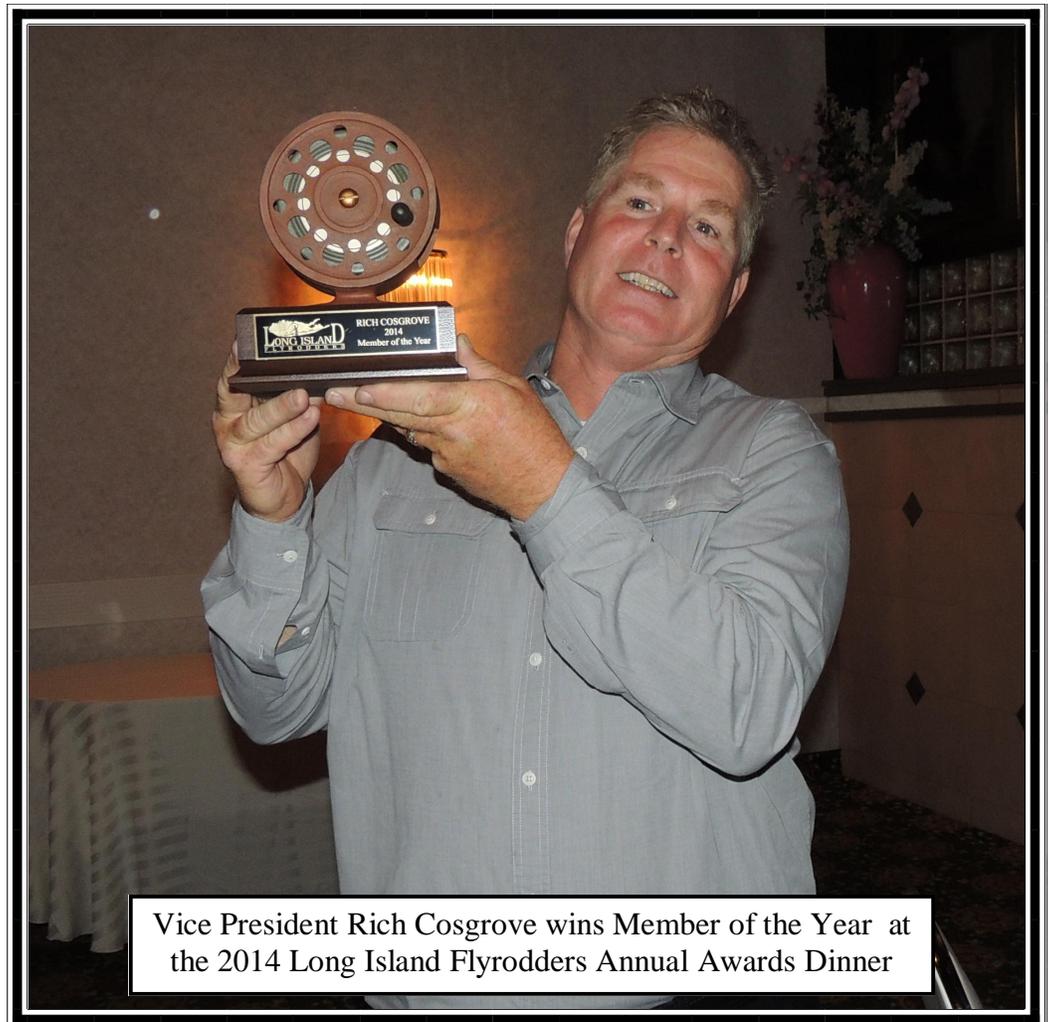
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Vice President Rich Cosgrove wins Member of the Year at the 2014 Long Island Flyrodders Annual Awards Dinner

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**õFly Fish Wild Browns and
Rainbows in Patagonia, Chileö**

2014 LIFR Annual Awards Dinner

Flyrodders gathered at Pompeii Restaurant for the Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet. It was nice to see new faces in the crowd.

Gordon Mueller, who was our webmanager until his move to the Rochester area, was given a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. Embracing the technology that Gordon always advocated, we were able to Facetime with him from his new home upstate and present him with his award in person.

The many trip captains were thanked for their hard work and we're hoping that the gifts they received will entice them into running trips again in the coming year. Awards of Appreciation were given to those who have gone the extra mile for the Club.

Rich Cosgrove, who we all agree did an outstanding job this past year, was awarded Member of the Year.

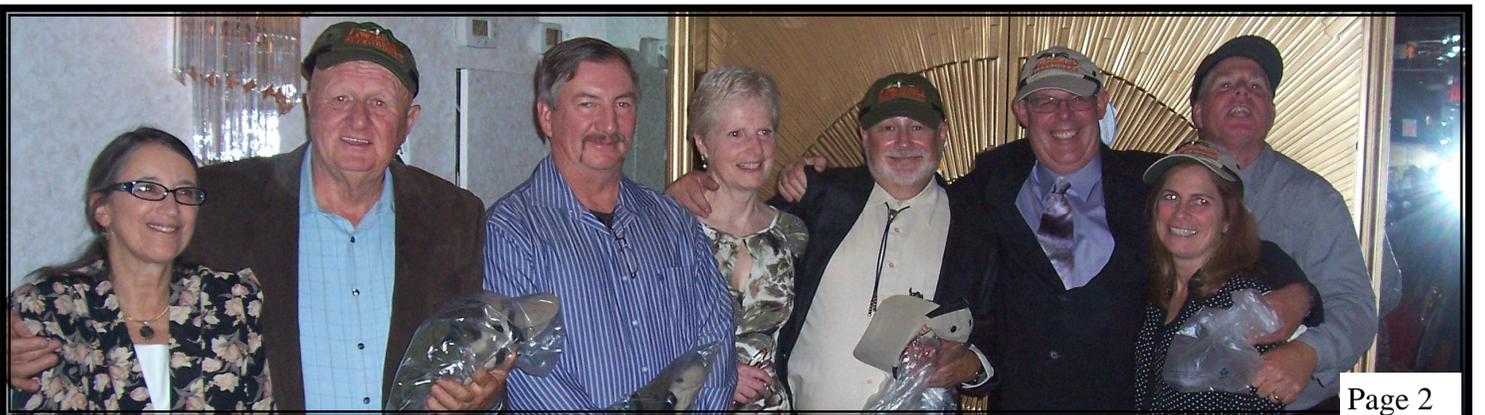
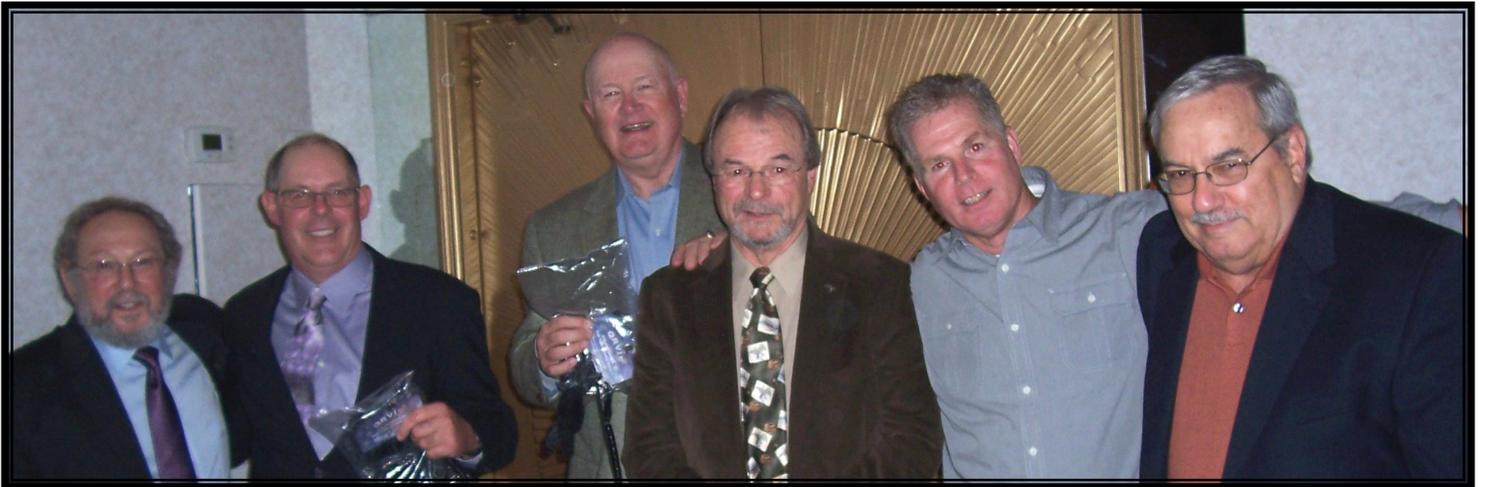
The evening was not just about awards. It was a chance to get together and have a good time with good friends. Also, to see what they look like when they're dressed up!



Gordon Mueller on Facetime



Lifetime Achievement Award





2014 Long Island Flyrodders Annual Awards Dinner at Pompeii Restaurant





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On A Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday, September 21st the Long Island Casting For Recovery retreat culminated in a beautiful day of fishing on the Connetquot River. Fourteen breast cancer survivors participated, after receiving a whirlwind day and a half of fly fishing instruction at the Hilton Garden Hotel and Caleb Smith Park. Although they had never fly fished before, they headed out to the river well equipped, and accompanied by some great folks, the River Helpers.

Every year since 1999 the Long Island Flyrodders and LI Trout Unlimited have joined forces to provide one-on-one guide service for these ladies. We are blessed to have volunteers who make the time on a Sunday afternoon and do their part to get their participant into a fish. The staff does their best to match up each lady with the right River Helper, and it's amazing how well it works out. As I walked up and down the river I could hear the laughter and conversation and saw how much everyone was enjoying themselves.

When someone caught a fish the cheering announced their success and the joyful congratulations were passed along. Pictures were taken of not only fish, but many precious smiles. Friends were made and memories for all of us, even those who have done this so many times. It never gets old.

We couldn't provide such a quality experience without the River Helpers, and on behalf of the Long Island Casting For Recovery staff I would like to thank them again. And a special thanks to our recruiters, Sol Harz and Mike Gelber. God bless you all.

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The Brotherhood of Bob

By Susan Solomon

The October club trip to the Housatonic provided just the right elements to end the season of trout fishing on a high note.

If you don't count the rainy day we had on Saturday, the weather was perfect. The trees were wearing their autumn colors, yet there weren't too many leaves falling on the river. The evenings were cool for sleeping and the days were comfortable for fishing. The river, which had been recently stocked, provided fish to all who wet a line. Everyone came off the river happy.

What made this trip different from the others was the fact that it was run by a committee; a group of six men operating as a well-oiled machine. Under the watchful eye of **Bob Heppler, Andy Richman, Peter Brower, Jerry Estelle, Joe Zaffuto and Tucker Lynam** worked in harmony to get their assigned tasks completed. There was the clean-up crew, the fire crew, the cooks and the servers. Watching these men interact while they toiled away was pure pleasure. In fact, people pulled up chairs to watch them go about their chores. Their wise cracks and amusing repartee provided us with endless entertainment. When the ground under the food table got saturated from the rain, the men provided white glove waiter service. There wasn't anything they didn't think of.

If Bob and Crew decide to run a trip again next year, sign up right away. Rain doesn't matter when you're in such good company.

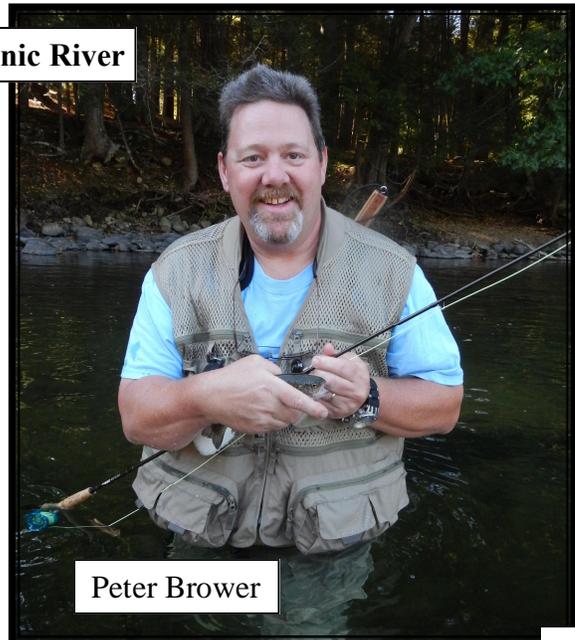


(L to R) , Peter Brower, Tucker Lynam, Bob Heppler, Joe Zaffuto, Andy Richman, Jerry Estelle



Housatonic River

Nora Solomon



Peter Brower

Bamboozled by Bamboo

Early in my fly fishing phase of life I had heard of Bamboo rods. I was told that they expensive, fragile, hard to cast and really old fashioned. A close friend of mine lived so far up in the country, that we kidded him that to get to his cabin, you first had to get lost and hope someone found you. When he got married for the second or third time, someone gave the couple a Leonard bamboo fly rod for a wedding gift. I was in awe. When my family visited him, the wives would go about their business, visiting farms, picking berries, horse riding, my friend who owned the gas station/mechanics shop in town went to work and I would go fishing, trying to learn to cast a fly. Once he even told me to use the Leonard.,

“What are you crazy?” I said.

“What if I break it?”

“Are you going to break it?”

“No, because I am not going to use it.”

So went my first brush with Bamboo, years later Gian Padovani gave my son Peter an old cheap Japanese made fly rod, 9 foot long made of three sections with two tips, very heavy, old wimpy with indiscernible line weight. With whatever fly line we put on it, it couldn't be cast. We took it fishing with Gian once, so that he saw us use it and then that was that. End of story, or so I thought.

Later Gian had an Orvis bamboo fly rod that shattered on a trip to the Adirondacks, which he replaced with one built by Ed Fody, a member of the Long Island Fly Rodders. He always raved about the rod, how exquisite the hand craftsmanship was, what a pleasure to cast, how fish came alive once hooked on it. I always remembered his praise of it.

A few years later while at the Fly Fishing Show in Somerset, I was talking to Herb Schneiderman about bamboo fly rods, which he had a few of, and asked for his opinion as to buying one. Don't you know that he knew exactly what I needed and it just so happened he had the exact rod (Walton Powell, 7'3", 5 wt., 2 pc.) and was willing to sell it to me just about at cost. Well what do you do when a friend like Herb makes an offer like that? After some negotiation, little of which I remember much of, we arrive at a price for the rod and a "special" matching reel and line. Now the only problem it to get "The Keeper of the Check Book" to sign off on the deal. Well who hasn't stretched the truth a tad when it comes to fishing? An initial check for \$200 heads to Florida. Within days Florida calls, "Dan, there seems to be a misunderstanding." Time to tell she who is "The Keeper of the Check Book" the truth, after much pleading and crying on my part and a promise that an equal amount of discretionary cash will be at her disposal a second check (this time in four figures) is off to Florida. About two weeks later the bamboo rod, special reel and line arrive (well after the check has cleared), no fool Mr. Herb Schneiderman.

Now it's down to the park to try the bamboo rod, special reel and line. Seeing as the new rod is 7'3" and designated as a 5 wt., I bring along a 7'3 wt., a 7'6" 5 wt. and 8'6" 5 wt. to compare. Within moments the bamboo is out casting all the plastic, yes you have to SLOOOOOW down the cast, but cast it does. Also the rod is really pretty, a real piece of art. Of course now I am extremely afraid to use it should it break. Finally about two years later I bring it on a trip to Maine. One evening Gil Padovani (Gians brother), Morty Schneiderman (Herbs brother) and I go to the Brassau Dam on the Moose River, Gil and I wade out to an island and Morty fishes below the island. This turns out to be one of those magical fishing trips that make you believe you know what you are doing. Typically on this island close to the dam you fish streamers, actually flies that imitate smelt to Land Locked Salmon. There are also Brook Trout and Lake Trout feeding on the smelt also, but mainly it is LLS. What do I cast? Well it's Maine so the first fish has to be caught on a Royal Coachman and catch fish it does. The rod casts the dry perfectly and hits start coming and coming and coming. At the end of the night I land at least 5 or 6 Brook Trout, the smallest around 14". The fish lost could have been other trout, LLS or even Lake Trout, who knows. Gil and Morty also caught fish that night so everybody is happy. Well the guys fishing from the other shore were not happy as they never even had a hook-up. Funny thing the next night everybody is fishing from the island, but still not catching.

Now this winter at either the February or March Trout Unlimited meeting someone mentions that the next night there is an auction on the other side of the river that is the estate of a fisherman and there will be lots of fly rods and reels available. Going home that night and checking the internet my son Peter and I see there are 236 rods

and 175 reels for auction. Most of the rods and reels are fly fishing models and at least half of the rods are bamboo. Needless to say, Peter and I show up at the auction early and check out the items and yes there are 236 rods and 175 reels mostly for fly fishing with many rods being bamboo. We get a copy of the catalog and start taking notes on what we like. Besides the two of us there are at least 80 other people checking out the merchandise. I meet someone I know that is an antiques dealer who lives on a spring creek I fish and we all end up sitting in front. He is looking for treasures, we're looking for cheap bargains maybe some bamboo for Peter. He helps us to understand the goings on. Well the auction starts and within 20 minutes Peter and I are the proud new owners of previously fished bamboo fly rods. Actually they look like they have never been fished at all. One is a 7'3 - 4 wt. reproduction of a Garrison No. 201, the other is 6' built on a Herter's blank marked 1951. All for a total of \$200, not bad, not bad at all.

A couple of weeks later we bring the bamboo rods to a section of the Yellow Breeches to fish small wild browns. Peter uses the 7, 3 - 4 wt. with 4 wt. line and I use the 6 footer with 4 wt. line. His casts nicely, if slow and mine casts like a pool cue. After fishing and I must say catching, we return to the car and start disassembling the rods, when I notice the ferrule on Peter's rod is loose and moving on the shaft. Trouble in River city! The next day I'm checking the internet for Bamboo Rod Makers to fix the problem. The first guy I contact, once I explain the problem and who made the rod says that he wouldn't work on that guy's rod for anything, those rods are crap! Actually that is not exactly what he said. The second guy I contact listens, and agrees with the first guy about there being known problems with this maker's rods, but they can be corrected. We agree that I will send the rod to him and wait for his evaluation. I send him both rods, think if there are problems with one, there may be problems with the second. A week later he calls with the verdict. The rod with loose ferrule has the start of water damage in three places due to missing varnish and improper sealing, the ferrule themselves are not bad, but the rod was undercut too much to mount them and must be delaminated and enlarged. The second rod has a start of some water damage. He feels the rods (especially the #201) is basically a good fishable rod and with a little work can last for years. His estimate is reasonable for the work required I feel, so the "Go Ahead" is given. I tell him to take his time as he is busy and to work on the rods as time permits.

Four or five weeks later the rods are back and look terrific and are taken fishing with great results. On the second trip I notice the ferrule on the #201 again slips, again another call and the rods are returned for an evaluation. The result is no real problem just that the ferrules have to be pinned, which is done.

The rods are back and in action on the small local spring creeks. The #201's casting is being mastered, once fish are hooked, you can feel the whole fight. As for the 6' rod, I found using a 5 wt. line helps with the casting and it roll casts like a champ.

Overall two special bamboo rods for the cost of a mid-priced graphite rod, a relative small price for what may end up being Heirlooms.

So from none to one to three, I feel there are enough bamboo rods in my quiver to do all my local small stream fishing. Now back to the plastic rods for some bigger water. Yes I've been Bamboozled by Bamboo and I'm LIVING THE LIFE.

The Long Island Flyrodders Fly Tying Classes

We will begin our Fall / Winter fly tying classes in a few weeks, so sign up at the next meeting for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced tying.

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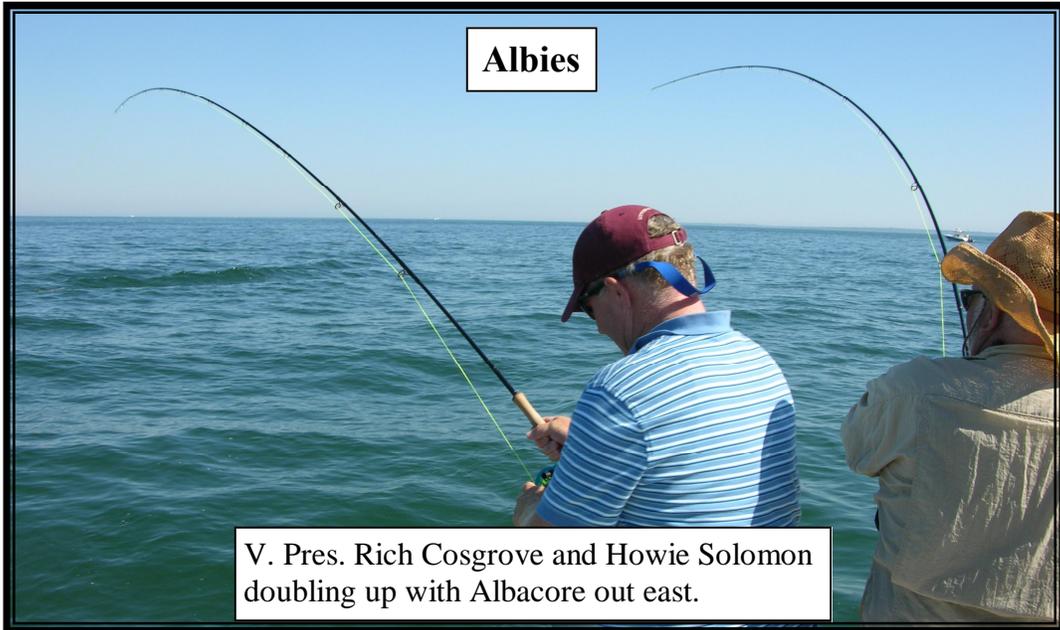


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V. Pres. Rich Cosgrove and Howie Solomon doubling up with Albacore out east.

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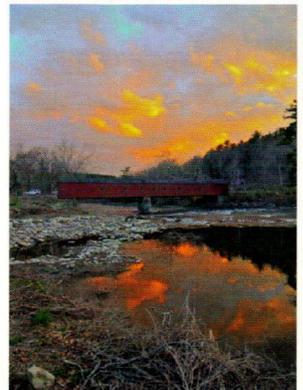
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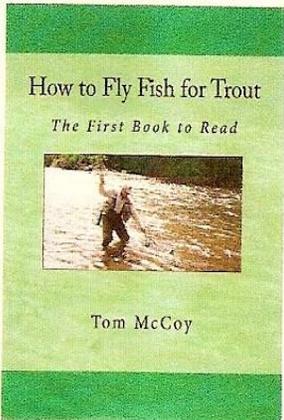
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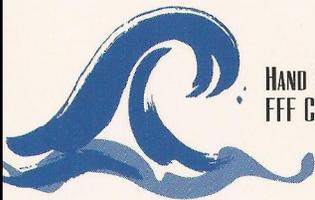
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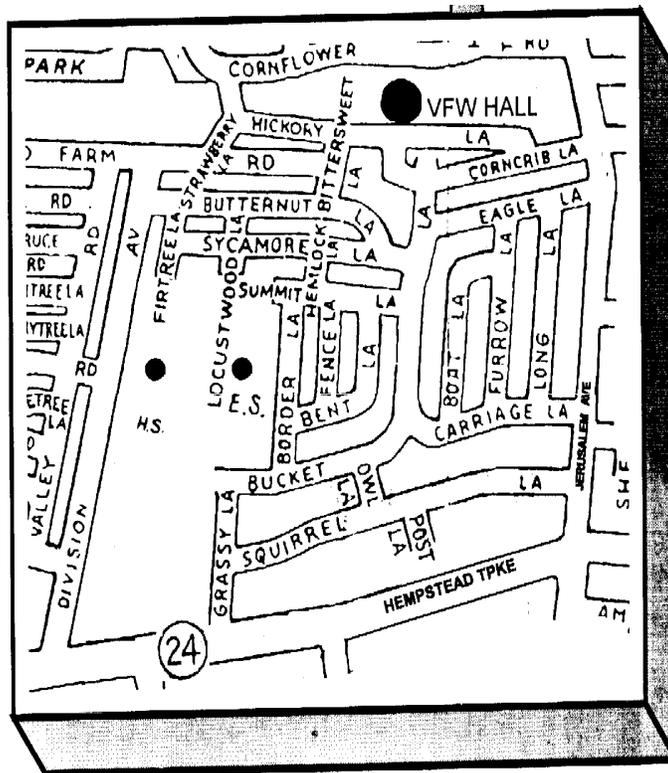
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- November 8 **Fly Tying Show - Danbury, CT**
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