



# Trout Unlimited

## Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

# Stream Lines

*The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers*

September 2022

### Chapter Events

#### Upcoming Events

You may have noticed that many TVTU events now have a click function to "buy a ticket". By Buying a ticket (they are free), it helps to plan on how many folks will be attending. You do not need to print the ticket!

#### **Sept 20th Meeting Connecticut DEP Conservation Officer presentation**

Click [here](#) to register.

#### **Saturday, Oct. 1st Yantic River Cleanup Meet at 9.00 AM at the parking lot on Stockhouse rd, Bozrah**

click [here](#) to register

#### **Oct 18th Meeting George Jacoby - Long-time TVTU member, author, and artist George Jacobi will read some of his fishing stories and essays from**



### Thames Valley Trout Unlimited Monthly Meetings

Doors open at 6:00 PM for social hour and fly tying. Meeting gets underway at 7:00 PM.

#### **Directions to the Franklin Firehouse:**

Our meeting location will be at the Franklin Firehouse on 5 Tyler Drive (just off Rt 32) in Franklin. The meeting entrance is on the left as you enter the facility. The Franklin Firehouse is located just north of Route 2 ,exit 27. Go 6 miles north on Rt 32 and Tyler Drive is on your right. [Google Map Link to Franklin Firehouse](#)

We are always looking for fly tyers at our meetings. If you would like to volunteer to tie flies, contact Ray Schaefer @ 860-617-9948 or [email](#).



### *President's Message....*

Greetings all!  
Welcome back to our 2022/23 season. Hope you all enjoyed your hot dry summer (and that the hot part is over). I think I said 2 years ago that I'd never seen our rivers so low, but this year

unfortunately I'm saying it again. Hopefully, some of the trout managed to find cold seeps and thermal refuge so they could hold over until the water levels and colder temperatures return. How

anybody can observe what's going on around us and still deny climate change is beyond me.

Over the summer, I attended the TU Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine. I have to say, they really go the extra mile and put together an excellent program that is interesting, informative and a lot of fun that definitely exceeded my expectations. Their multi-track sessions ensure that there is always a program going on that you will be interested in. Their only drawback is you might sometimes want to be in multiple places at once. Every session I attended had one or more key speakers, each of which was knowledgeable, enthusiastic and engaging. Seeing the Conservation and Mortensen award recipients get their awards and hearing from them in person seemed far more impactful than reading about it in TROUT Magazine. And finally, hearing Chris Wood giving the keynote was truly inspiring. He really reminds you of what TU is about and the great work being done by fellow members across the country. If you're every considering attending either a National Meeting or Regional Rendezvous, I'd highly recommend it. You won't regret it and will almost certainly come back with a deeper commitment to the conservation cause. We are hoping to be able to have a few fishing events this fall. The board has discussed possibilities including at the Shetucket, Farmington and Housatonic. Thanks to George Jacobi who already put one together for the Farmington a few weeks ago. While we had hoped for a slightly larger turnout, with only five people there, we were able to all stay and fish together in the same area. It was a fun day and we're hoping to do more like it. Of course it will be dependent on water conditions, so it will likely come together with short notice. We'll send an invitation to all with at least a couple days notice and hope you get a chance to join us.

See you soon at the firehouse.

Tight Lines!



## September 20th Meeting

September meeting will feature a ConnecticutDEP Conservation Officer who will speak about the career of a Conservation Officer.

***past newsletters, and his Joshua's Trust blog posts, along with an appropriate 'slide' presentation.***

Click [here](#) to register.

**Nov. 15th  
- Presentation by  
Tim Flagler**

Click [here](#) to register.

**Dec 20th  
Christmas Party  
- Refreshments  
will be provided  
by TVTU Board  
of Directors**

click [here](#) to register

**Jan  
17th meeting  
2023  
Presentation by  
Brian Eltz - State  
Fisheries  
Biologist Brian  
Eltz - Latest  
Trout Sampling  
Data**

click [here](#) to register

**Feb 21st  
meeting 2023  
"Annual Flies  
and Pies"  
Raffles, fly tying,  
displays and lots  
of pizza**

click [here](#) to register

**March 21st  
Presentation by  
Darby Hittle**

click [here](#) to register

# Special Drawing for Our September Meeting

THAMES VALLEY TROUT UNLIMITED

## TROUT WALL CLOCK

When is it time to go trout fishing?  
Whenever you can!  
Our new TROUT Wall Clock  
reminds us of that every day.



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Welcome back to our monthly chapter meeting  
Special Drawing for this TROUT WALL CLOCK  
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### Event/Meeting Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

In the event that we need to cancel a scheduled meeting due to inclement weather, an announcement will be published on the website (click [here](#)) by 4:00 PM on the day of the scheduled meeting or event.

Additionally, it will be announced on WFSB (Channel 3) [WFSB](#)



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## Raffle Prize for the September Meeting



# SEPTEMBER DOOR PRIZE

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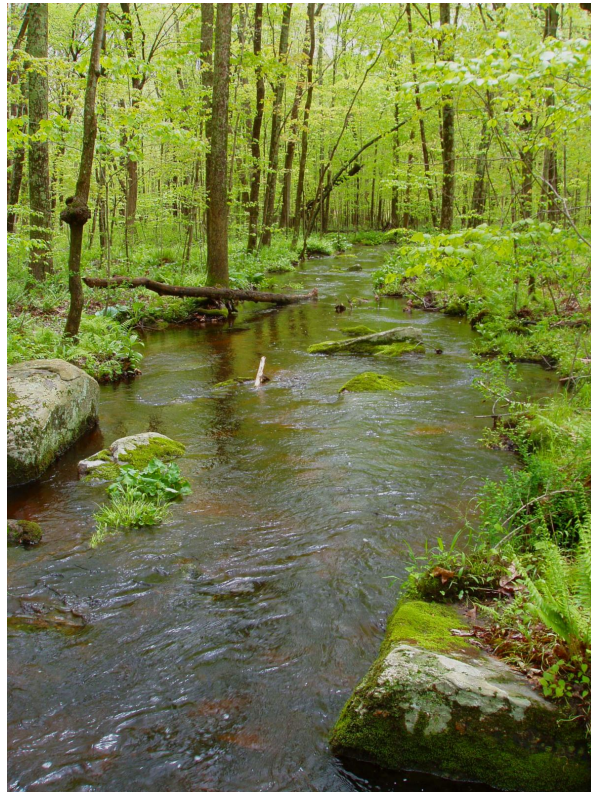
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## **Erosion Remediation Work on the Fenton River**

On Friday, 9/16, TU will be doing the first phase of an erosion remediation project on the Fenton River just above the Gurleyville Grist Mill. We plan to anchor a tree or two in a washed out section of the bank. After Christmas, we plan to collect some discarded

Christmas trees which we fill in around the anchored tree sometime in the spring. This will create the basis of a brush mat that will later fill in naturally with sand and silt washing down the river which will build up over time to create a new section of bank to replace the washout. At some point, we hope to be able to do a tree planting once the bank has been restored.

This work will actually be led by Jeff Yates (National Volunteer Operations Director) and a couple of other TU National members, utilizing a grip hoist to anchor the trees. We are inviting all chapter members to come out and observe to see how this process is carried out. While Jeff and his team can likely handle the job, feel free to bring your waders and work gloves just in case an extra hand is needed. We are looking to learn how to do this restoration so that we can be able to do it again in other locations.

Jeff and his team will be on site early to scope out the site, plan their approach and set up the equipment. Actual work likely to begin between 830 and 900, so you should plan to arrive by 830 or so if you don't want to miss anything.  
Hope to see you there.

Please click [here](#) to register

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## "What's Going On" in the World of Trout Unlimited



many people to expect.

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Connect with the TU community across the country at these local in-person and online events hosted by TU staff, state councils and local chapters. You'll find fun, engaging activities like tree plantings, trash cleanups, fishing trips, community science projects, youth education activities and veteran and first responder programs close to you. All TVTU events are scheduled on this webpage. Check it out at [TU Events!](#)

By **buying a ticket** for TVTU events (they are free), it helps the event planners know how



## Open Positions

**TVTU is in need of some volunteers to help keep the chapter active. We need volunteers for the following Board of Director positions:**

**President** – *The President shall serve as general executive officer of the Chapter and shall appoint the chairs of all Chapter committees. The President shall oversee all activities of the chapter, preside at all membership and board meetings, manage the business and affairs of the Chapter. The President may sign and execute in the name of the Chapter all contracts, agreements, and other obligations of the Chapter subject to approval of the Board. The President shall have general supervision of all the other officers of the Chapter and shall see that their duties are properly performed. The President shall report to the members of the Chapter and to the Board on matters which may be of interest or concern. The President shall receive and review all bank statements of Chapter accounts and shall pass them to the*

*Treasurer after review.*

Vice-President - *The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to perform the President's duties. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors and the President.*

Secretary - *The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the membership, and is the custodian of all official records of the Chapter*

Program Director - *Coordinates monthly meetings including meeting speakers and other chapter activities.*

Fly Tying Coordinator - *Board of Directors membership is optional. Maintain the chapter fly tying class material and schedule fly tying classes. Also coordinates fly tyers for monthly chapter meetings.*

Please contact Gary Lussier at [gelconn@yahoo.com](mailto:gelconn@yahoo.com) or 860-861-9344 if you would like to help out the chapter and volunteer for these needed positions.

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## A Call for Newsletter Content... Contribute to "Stream Lines"

Are you a budding photographer or inspired writer? Are you interested in conservation and have news to share? We would like to include your work in Stream Lines, the TVTU newsletter. Don't be bashful, any and all related content will be considered, including, poems, stories, gear reviews, photographs, paintings, conservation news, fishing & tying tips, etc.

Visit Charley McCaughtry's [website](#)



Our goal is to get the membership involved in the newsletter and provide an outlet for creativity and sharing information. We have some very talented members in our chapter and Stream Lines is a great way to share information, stories, and art work.

**To submit content, please contact Bruce Danielson (Editor) [email](#)**

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## Donations Wanted



You can help our TU chapter by donating your unused fly fishing and fishing equipment including rods, reels, flies, books, fly tying and other reusable items. We will auction or raffle the items off and used the money raised to support our chapter's programs including conservation projects, stream clean up, stocking, TIC, speaker fees, and other operating expenses. Email [Pat Gaynor](#) or call **860-319-1690** if you have something to donate or bring the item(s) to the



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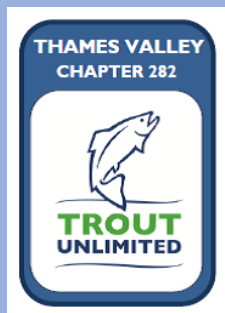
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### About Us

#### TVTU Chapter's Mission

*To conserve, protect and restore Eastern Connecticut's trout and salmon and their watersheds.*

#### Our Vision

*By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.*

Questions or comments on the  
Newsletter contact Editor [Bruce  
Danielson](#)



### Place an Advertisement in "Stream Lines"

Looking to reach a new and diverse audience? Presently we have over 450 members in Eastern CT and the newsletter is published September through May (9 issues). If you have a service or product and would like to reach out to our outdoor and conservation minded readership, consider placing an advertisement in the chapter's newsletter "Stream Lines" and website. The cost is only \$50 for the entire year (9 Issues).

For more information and to place an ad, contact [Daniel King](#).

**Thanks for your support!**

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