



# Main Line Fly Tyers 2010-2011

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## Happy New Year !

### Looking West

#### Special points of interest:

- **Montana Fishing**
- **Casting Clinic**
- **Upcoming Classes**

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This month's meeting of the Main Line Fly Tyers will be 7pm on Thursday January 20th at The Greater Plymouth Community Center in Plymouth Meeting PA. The focus this month will be fly fishing in Montana, particularly the western part of the state. Our guest speaker will be outfitter and guide Joe Cummings. He comes to us with high praise from several members of our club who make annual pilgrimages each September to fish with Joe.

Joe is owner of A Classic Journey Outfitters and is a 4th generation Montana native who has spent his life either working on the Stevensville family ranch or with his feet wet in Western Montana waters. After Joe spent 5



seasons playing professional football, he went back to Missoula and opened up his own outfitting business - A Classic Journey Outfitters. Joe is an English Degree graduate of the University of Wyoming. Joe has over a decade of experience in the outdoor industry that has encompassed commercial fly tying, managing retail fly sales, owning a Belize

adventure travel agency, guiding bird and big game hunters, and founding A Classic Journey Outfitters in Missoula, MT. A Classic Journey Outfitters specializes in Dry Fly Fishing for wild trout and spectacular Riverfront Lodging. The Bitterroot, Rock Creek, Missouri, and Blackfoot are the core Rivers in Joe's area of Western Montana.

Visit our website: [MainLineFlyTyers.net](http://MainLineFlyTyers.net)

## Casting Clinic with Lefty Kreh

On April 21st our guest speaker will be fly fishing great Lefty Kreh. Lefty will be doing a two hour clinic on the afternoon of the meeting for 15 lucky members of the Main Line Fly Tyers. The class will cost only 40.00, which is a great deal to spend an afternoon with one of the sport's legends, getting first hand instruction in the art of casting. The sign up for this

event will be at the January meeting. In order to sign up you must have the fee of 40.00 ready to be paid up front in cash or by check. If more than 15 people are interested then we will have a lottery to pick the 15 winners (at which time they must pay the fee). Don't miss out on this unique opportunity. The 40.00 fee is to help defer the cost of Lefty's visit and will

go back into the club's treasury.



## Elections Looming

Just a reminder that elections for the Main Line Fly Tyers Executive Board will be in March. Our organization has been around for a long time and continues to grow each year. New ideas with



new energy will keep us moving in a positive direction. Members sharing their skills and drive will enable us to keep the course. We are still looking for interested candidates. All positions are up for grabs. All members in good standing are eligible to run. This is your chance to take part in helping shape and guide the organiza-

tion's future. Also, consider nominating someone you feel may be a good selection for a post on the executive board. We are also looking for a couple of people to serve as board members to fill slots that will be opening up in June. Please see or contact any of the current officers or board members if you are interested.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 20th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Joe Cummings
January 21st-23rd	Fly Fishing Show Somerset NJ	
February 17th	MLFT Meeting	Guest Speaker : Don Bastian
February 17th-20th	Sportsman Show Oaks PA	

## Back to School !

As winter takes hold and the icy winds blow, all but the hardest and perhaps most insane of us put away our gear and settle in to wait out the chill. It's not long before cabin fever sets in and we grow restless and weary of the confines of our homes and work places. Luckily for the fly fisher there is work that can be done to prepare ourselves for the upcoming season. The only thing that compares with hooking a trout on a fly is hooking one on a fly which you yourself crafted.

Perhaps you've never tied a fly in your life. Or, you've tried before but couldn't quite "get it". Maybe you have taken up the craft and are ready to take it to the next level. Well there are classes coming up at several locations which are being taught by long standing members of the Main Line Fly Tyers that might be of interest to you

Sam Vigorita and Dave Shillington will be teaching fly tying at the Upper Moreland High School. The classes are on Thursday night beginning on January 27<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks (7pm-9pm). Dave will be teaching the beginners class. This course goes over the basic tools and materials required for this hobby. Students will begin tying basic flies by the second class. Everything including nymphs, wets, dries, and streamers will be covered.

An advance class will also be offered and is going to be taught by Sam. For this class Sam has promised that he intends to "give up some secret flies for a couple of very misunderstood hatches that most people are never prepared for". Sam will also focus on the techniques required to tie the classic married wing wet fly.



He also promises to teach another secret of what gives his nymphs the edge over the original classic patterns.

A Fly Fishing Tactics and Strategies class will also be offered at the Upper Moreland High School and is taught by Sam Vigorita. This class meets beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> and runs for 5 Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 pm. Sam has been teaching this course for quite a while and it has been very well received. Sam is also going to be teaching this course on Wednesday nights starting February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Sporting Gentleman Fly Shop in Media. It will be a two hour class that begins at 7pm and runs for 5 weeks. Those interested should contact the fly shop at (610) 565-6140 as soon as possible to register as space is limited.

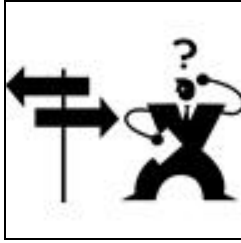
Those interested in attending the classes in Upper Moreland should preregister by contacting Gail Rosen of the Upper Moreland Township Parks & Recreation Dept at 215-659-3100 x. 1038.

Mike Ebner and Ed Emery will also be teaching fly tying in Lower Providence. This course is through the Lower Providence

Parks and Recreation Department and is held at the Shoemaker House which is next to the Lower Providence Library. The class will be on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9 pm beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run for 6 weeks. Information and brochure is available at the Parks and Recreation website : [http://www.lowerprovidence.org/parks\\_recreation.htm](http://www.lowerprovidence.org/parks_recreation.htm)

Ed will be directing the beginner class which is pretty similar to the course mentioned above being taught by Dave Shillington. In it he will be providing the beginner with the basics needed to get them started tying their own flies. By the end of the class the student will have learned to tie the basic flymph series used by club members and have all the flies necessary to start off the spring trout season. At the same time, Mike Ebner will be teaching an intermediate level course that is designed to take those completing the beginner course to the next level. Mike will poll the class on the first night to see which flies the group would like to learn to tie based on their fishing preferences.





Directions to:

**Greater Plymouth Community Center**  
**2910 Jolly Rd, Plymouth Meeting PA 19462**  
**610-277-4312**

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276)

Take Exit 333 (Norristown - old exit 25). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Plymouth Road. At the light, turn right onto Germantown Pike West. Continue approximately one (1) mile, through four (4) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Blue Route (I-476)

Take exit for Germantown Pike West (Exit 20). Continue on Germantown Pike west for approximately one (1) mile, through five (5) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Route 202

Follow Route 202 to Germantown Pike. Travel EAST on Germantown Pike, through five (5) traffic lights. At the next traffic light, approximately half a mile, turn left onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

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***Please let me know if there are any others that I am missing !***