

Just One More Thing Before You Go . . .

Submitted by Smitty Smith

Before you load the canoe for one of Maine's fabulous wild brook trout ponds, or hitch of the camper for the West Branch, or pack your bags for that long-anticipated trip to Canada, Alaska, or Montana, there's something more to be done:

THE MMBTU BANQUET—Saturday, April 29 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Brunswick

I've got my eye on a few things on the block at this year's auction. Things like fly collections tied by our very own Dave Martel, Tom Jewett, Peter Smith, Ben Hunsberger, Dick Soucy, Nancy Conary, Steve Heinz and others. And there's the Streamlight rod & reel outfit from LL Bean for my friend Emily. And the two night stay at Canal Side Cabins at Grand Lake Stream.

Everything at the auction is available because of the generous support of the businesses and individuals who donate cash, in-kind merchandise and their time. Without them we wouldn't have the Banquet & Auction to look forward to, but much more importantly, we wouldn't be able to continue doing our great work with local schools to get kids involved and educated about Maine's cold water fisheries. So please come to the Banquet, have some fun, get some good stuff, support the kids, and support our supporters:

Angler Sport Group, Angler's Book Supply, Anvil U.S.A., Canal Side Camps, Castle Arms, Chandler Pond Outfitters, Chota Outdoor Gear, Clear Creek, Dave Footer, Delorme, Fly Fishing Only, Fly Rod & Reel Magazine, Jim Hall Books, Jim Teeny Inc., John Swan, Kathy Scott, Kittery Trading Post, L.L.Bean, Loon Outdoors, Mike Holt, Fly Fishing Only, Morris Communications, Mustad, Namakhanta Camps, Ninety Nine Restaurant, North Country Rivers, Orvis, Outcast Sporting Goods, Ronnie Hammer, Scott, Sean McCormick, Sunday River Ski Resort, The Mooring B&B, Thomas & Thomas, Umpqua Feather Merchants, Uncle Henry's, Whiting Farms



Audrey Nichols – The Queen of Quilts Returns

Submitted by Tom Jewett





In 2004 we were privileged to have Audrey Nichols at the banquet. She was a great hit and she's coming back! She is well known in quilting circles and beyond for her magnificent work. At the banquet you will be able to see original work, framed prints and prints for you to frame. Her beautiful work has been showcased at Maine State Museums, many craft and quilting shows. She enjoys a reputation that brings her many commission pieces. Please join us to see the work of this extraordinary Maine artist.

Space Available for Chapter Trip to Grand Lake Stream

Submitted by Lois Cunningham

Members who have taken this trip in the past report that the LL salmon 'stack up like cord wood,' in Grand Lake Stream in June.

That is surely reason enough to sneak away for a weekend! If you need more incentive, consider:

-  Lodging at Canal Side Cabins
-  Camaraderie and experience of MMBTU members
-  Beautiful scenery, both on the way and on the water
-  Biking, Birding, Hiking, Canoeing

Contact Tom Jewett @ tomj@mainetalk.com



Welcome New Members to Merrymeeting Bay TU

Rev. Jeremy Trainor, Wales
Edward Lanciani, Topsham
Fred Rusczyk, Harpswell

Annual Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Banquet and Auction

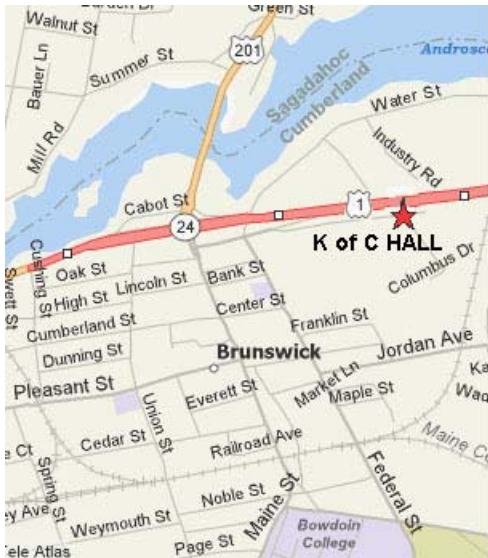
Saturday, April 29, 2006

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 Columbus Dr., Brunswick
(Watch for Signs)

Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffles

Catered by GRAZIANO'S

Doors open at 5 PM



The Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 2 Columbus Dr. Take Cressey Street off of Mason St. Look for signs pointing to the MMBTU Banquet & Auction

LIVE AUCTION



Full-Day on the Kennebec with **TOM ACKERMAN**

1 Night, 2 People at the **MOORING B&B**
includes breakfast

Fishing Lodge Quilt
Handmade by Wendy Hines

FLY BOX

2006 Banquet Ticket Order Form

Your Name (s): _____

Mailing Address:
Street : _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____ *PLEASE! Enter your phone #*

Please reserve tickets for:

Quantity	Name
()	_____
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Total () @ \$25. each = \$ _____

Mail to:

Dick Soucy
69 Highland Shores Rd.
Casco, ME 04015

NEW THIS YEAR

Order tickets by phone

Call 207- 627-7399

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make payment by check, money order or credit card. Make Checks & Money Orders payable to: MMBTU

Orders must be postmarked & prepaid by April 25, 2006 to get the \$25 advance sale price. Ticket price at the door is: \$30.

Payment Method:

() Check Number _____

() Money Order

() Credit Card

Type: (VISA) (MasterCard) Expires on: ___/___

Number _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address (if different from mailing address)

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature: _____

Auction Items - as of April 5, 2006

GIFT CERTIFICATES

- ◆ Chandler Pond Outfitters
- ◆ Wheatley Fly Box
- ◆ Marryat Fly Reels (2)
- ◆ Jim Teeney

RODS

- ◆ LL Bean Angler 6wt Fly Fishing Outfit
- ◆ Kelly Baker Bamboo
- ◆ Thomas & Thomas
- ◆ Scott
- ◆ LL Bean Streamlight 5wt. Fly Fishing Outfit
- ◆ Castle Arms
- ◆ Loomis 8 Wt, 9'
- ◆ Loomis 4 Wt, 9'

FLIES & BOXES

- ◆ C&F Design Small Fly Box
- ◆ C&F Design Large Fly Box
- ◆ MMBTU Assortments: Mayfly, Caddis, Nymphs, Stimulators, Streamers, and more
- ◆ Rounded Corner Fly Box
- ◆ No-Rust Fly Box



- ◆ Lightweight Floating Fly Boxes

FLY TYING

- ◆ Big Eye Hooks
- ◆ Gallows Parachute Tool
- ◆ Brown Saddle
- ◆ Tiemco Hook Starter Kit
- ◆ Daiichi Sample Hook Assortment
- ◆ Silver Saddle Dark Dun
- ◆ Gold Midge Saddle Light Dun

GEAR

- ◆ Mach Large Arbor Reel & Spare Spool
- ◆ Battenkill Mid Arbor III Reels
- ◆ Wonderline Trout Line WF3F
- ◆ Assorted Fly Fishing Tools
- ◆ Fly Fishing Hip Pack
- ◆ Fly Fishing Vest
 - ◆ Katahdin Teardrop Landing Net
 - ◆ Remote Waters Fish-pack Backpack
 - ◆ Fly Gear Lanyard
 - ◆ Illuminator Micro Pliers
- ◆ Magnifier Snips
- ◆ Horseshoe Double Zinger
- ◆ Wire-Corded Zinger

- ◆ Tippet Spool Holder
- ◆ Stream Thermometer
- ◆ Quick-Type Hook-Eye Threader
- ◆ Firefly Magnifier and Light
- ◆ 30# Dacron Backing
- ◆ Mirage Tippet
- ◆ Super Strong Tippet
- ◆ Instant Sink Tip - Loop to Loop heads
- ◆ Clear Sided Dry Bag

OUTDOOR GEAR

- ◆ LL Bean Medium Size Adventure Duffle
- ◆ Hunters Large Tote Bag
- ◆ Two-way Radio & Wall Plaque
- ◆ LED Head Lamp
- ◆ Fishcat Deluxe Float Tube
- ◆ Fins
- ◆ Double Action Pump
- ◆ Princeton Tec Corona LED Headlamp

TRIPS/TRAVEL

- ◆ Two people, one day western New York Browns, Salmon & Steelies w/Mike Augat

- ◆ tickets—Sunday River Ski Resort
- ◆ \$25. Gift Certificate to 99 (2)



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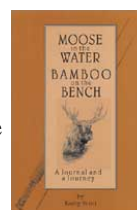
- ◆ "Daybreak on Cold Stream Pond" Framed Original Watercolor by Ronnie Hammer
- ◆ "Steep Bank Pool" Framed Print by Dave Footer
- ◆ "Catch and Release" Framed Print by Dave Footer
- ◆ "Rangeley Morning" by John Swan

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ Maine Atlas and Gazetteer
- ◆ Maine Lake and Pond Depth Map Book
- ◆ Full Year Subscription to Uncle Henry's Weekly Swap or Sell it Guide
- ◆ Uncle Henry's ON LINE Swap or Sell it Guide
- ◆ Hannaford's Topsham—\$20. Gift Certificate
- ◆ Dell Dimension 4550 Computer (Used)
- ◆ Aiwa Boom Box MP3 CD Tape Radio (Used)

BOOKS, GIFTS

- ◆ Fly Rod & Reel Magazine—1 year subscription
- ◆ American Angler—1 yr
- ◆ Gray's Sporting Journal—1 yr
- ◆ "The Stream" - Brian Clark



- ◆ "Cover Girl and Other Stories of Fly Fishing in Maine" - Jim Hall
- ◆ "Moose in the Water, Bamboo on the Bench," Kathy Scott

About Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Merrymeeting Bay TU Chapter 329 serves a membership of 200+ in the mid-coast area of Maine. For more information e-mail: info@mmbtu.org, visit the web site, <http://www.mmbtu.org>, or mail PO Box 191, Richmond, ME 04357.

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- ◆ Two-night stay for two people—Namakhanta Lake Camps

- ◆ Full Day Guided Fishing For Two with John Arcaro - Grand Lake Stream

- ◆ One person one day guided fishing on the Kennebec with Sean McCormick

- ◆ Two Night Stay For Two People At Canal Side Cabins

- ◆ Full Day Guided Striper Fishing with Tom Ackerman - Kennebec River

ENTERTAINMENT, DINING

- ◆ \$35. Gift Certificate to Graziano's (2)

- ◆ One night stay at The Mooring B&B

- ◆ Two(2) one-day lift

Events: 2005-2006 MMBTU Year

Annual Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

BANQUET and AUCTION

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Knights of Columbus Hall—Brunswick, ME

Look for Directional Signs to the K of C HALL

AUCTION ITEMS & MORE INFO INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER!

Election of Officers & Board of Directors for 2006-07 Year. Nominations Taken from the Floor:

President: Gordon "Smitty" Smith; Vice President: Orman Hines; Secretary: Dick Soucy; Treasurer: Brian Cody; At-Large Members: Sean Baker, Nancy Conary, Lois Cunningham, Terry Estey, Steve Heinz, Ron Jack, Jim Smith, Peter Smith

The general membership and the general public are welcome at all meetings including Directors' Meetings. Meetings are held at

May 13: CTF Field Day Durham Rod and Gun Club, Durham

May 13: Casting Clinic II Durham Rod and Gun Club, Durham

June 21-23: Chapter Trip Grand Lake Stream

Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, Maine unless otherwise noted.
Phone: 353-4335, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Directors' Meetings

April 12

May 13

Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!