

Liaison 2010

2009 – A Report for members

The Canadian Fly Fishing Museum concludes its fourth year of existence.

On the 7th & 8th February 2009 the Museum shared a kiosk with the fly fishers of the Haute Yamaska (PMHY), displaying certain items from its collection in the exhibition hall at the Forum de pêche à la mouche Québec/Maritimes, while promoting the Museum and its objectives.

The Forum's banquet on Saturday the 7th February was the occasion to announce the recipient of the **Honorable Mention of Paul Plante'** to a Québécois who has done much to promote fly fishing in Québec; the recipient of the year 2009 was none other than the president of the organizing committee of the forum, and treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Fly Fishing Museum, **Gérald Lefebvre**.

During this same banquet the announcement was also made of the recipient of the **Jean-Guy Côté Award**, given to a Canadian who has done much for the promotion of fly-tying; the winner for the year 2009 was **Paul Leblanc**.

Several thousand visitors to the Forum were able to discover and get to know the Museum and its objectives. Among these visitors about fifty became new members.

On the 22nd March, 25 members were present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Museum at the Waterloo public library. A modification to the rules of the Museum was adopted, in order to bring the number of members on the Board of Directors from 7 to 11. Almost all the work achieved for the Museum is done by volunteers. Having more directors will allow a more even sharing of the tasks.

Several door prizes were drawn and snacks were served.

Our webmaster Gilles Beaumont has done a superb job of improving the presentation and of updating the content of the Museum's web site. <http://www.mpmc-cffm.com>

A pamphlet in French has been conceived and prepared by Benoit Gaucher as a prospectus.

This first version has been distributed in several tourist offices in the Eastern Townships.

This edition being out of print, it has been agreed to develop the prospectus, to prepare a version in English and to assure a wider distribution.

It has been decided to contact our members mainly by e-mail rather than by the post, thus reducing the expenses of the Museum.

We have received important financial aid from our major sponsors, which are: the **Town of Waterloo**, the **Caisse Populaire de Waterloo** and the **Forum de pêche à la mouche Québec/Maritimes de Granby**.

Once again this year the team of 16 volunteer monitors have managed an activity of Fly Fishing for Youngsters' (Pêche en Herbe) from the Fondation de la faune du Québec for 30 young people from the Waterloo region, in collaboration with the Town of Waterloo and the Municipality of the Canton de Shefford. The session has four modules – the biology of fish, the dynamics of flowing water, the collection and entomological identification plus with releasing their specimens alive into the water, and the best way to fish in a stream.

For a third year, Jean-Pierre Martin was at the Museum for a session of fly-casting training. This year the activity ran on both days of the week-end, on Saturday with a 'back to basics' approach followed on the Sunday by much more elaborate notions. It is foreseen that this training will be held again in 2010. You may subscribe already to safe-guard your place. The activity will be held in March.

On the 4th May the executive committee of the Museum met with Richard Dubé, an expert in museology, over a dinner at the Auberge Quilliams. He explained about the different values of our culture/heritage. He gave us a formula and a typical letter to be used when receiving donations or the deposit of objects. It has been agreed to create a committee responsible for the acquisition and evaluation of the objects deposited at the Museum, as well as establishing the pertinent criteria for the evaluators. The following people have been designated as evaluators of the objects given to the Museum: Jean-Marc Lacroix, René Longval and Léon Larocque. They will be supported by Gilles Beaumont, Claude Bernard and Benoit Gaucher.

On this occasion Mr. Dubé mentioned the importance of finalizing the process of the Canadian incorporation of the Museum. The legal councilor of the Museum, Me. Serge Racine undertook this step a while ago. All the official documents have been filed and deposited. Upon reception of the federal incorporation documents the Museum will proceed in sending a letter to the donors explaining the value of their donations, followed by receipts for income tax purposes.

For the summer, George Chartier prepared the time-table for the animators for the days and hours the Museum is open. In the summer of 2009 visitors were welcomed on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 5pm.

A large part of Jean-Guy Coté's collection has arrived at the Museum. Last March with the aid of two vans we drove to Ste-Mélanie to gather more than 20 cases of objects and books. After loading the vans a visit to the UNIP products factory, previously Jean-Guy Coté's business, was undertaken.

Before that we had made a short stop at Louis Tanguay's residence in Trois-Rivières; he donated many books and collectable objects.

Following an agreement with the fly fishing boutique and manufacturer Torrent of Sherbrooke, you may now use their link on the Museum's web-site which is: <http://www.mpmc-cffm.com> to make your purchases on-line. A commission will be paid to the Museum for all purchases made on-line via the Torrent link on our web-site.

Due to the large number of books that have been donated to the Museum covering the wide domain of fly fishing, you are invited to come and browse, or even do some research. If the need is

sufficient we could open the Museum two Friday afternoons a month, and organize the loan of certain books as is done at the Waterloo Public Library.

You will understand that certain volumes are precious and that they must be manipulated only when wearing white gloves. We are in the process of creating a logical classification for these fly fishing books, because the Dewey classification system gives no precision for this subject. When this undertaking is complete the list of these volumes could be displayed on our web site.

During the summer months the visitors to the museum could admire an impressive group of framed flies from the collection of Championship flies from the Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique (FQSA). Except for the flies of the last three years they were all on view, as were certain new pieces from the collection of Jean-Guy Côté.

Details of the dates and opening hours for 2010 will be available soon on our web-site. *At the last meeting of the BD it was agreed to open the Museum for the afternoon of the second and fourth Fridays of each month starting in January.*

Thank you for joining the Canadian Fly Fishing Museum, helping us to preserve this important Canadian heritage.

Come and visit us at the Forum de pêche à la mouche Québec/Maritimes at the Castel de l'Estrie in Granby, the week-end of the 6th and 7th February 2010.

Thank you to all our volunteers.

Claude H. Bernard, President

Suggestions for Gifts from the Museum

For any reason or festive occasion, to offer a gift coming from the Canadian Fly Fishing Museum would be a most unusual choice!

Any fly fishing enthusiast would be delighted to receive a gift from among the promotional items that the Museum has to offer.

A gift of membership to the Museum would surely be appreciated by your best fishing friend or your fishing partner. What an excellent way to confirm your friendship! This membership to the Museum comprises the card, free entry to the Museum during its opening hours, the possibility to visit the Museum with friends with a special appointment, the magazine *Pêche à la mouche/Destinations*, and the help of staff for any research within the Museum's resources.

For information about joining the Museum and inscription, click [here](#).

Musée de pêche à la mouche du Canada
Canadian Fly Fishing Museum

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There is even more at the Museum

We can offer four groups of flies, one from each of the vast areas of Canada: flies of the Atlantic, from central Canada, from the prairies and from the Pacific. Each collection holds six flies made in Canada by Jean-Marc Lacroix, vice-president of the Museum. They are presented in a transparent plastic box accompanied by a leaflet describing the construction and materials used as well as a color photo of each fly.



Any river fisherman concerned with their security often uses a wading stick both on the trails and in the water. Offer a stick to your fishing friend or even for yourself - another suggestion from the Museum. These sticks are artfully hand-made in oak, in maple, in curly maple and even bird's eye maple.



By request, a stick could be made from a wood of your choice. They are treated to three coats of Tung oil. The handle is encircled with a white cord, and an extension with a clasp attached serves to clip it to your belt. If needed, a strap with hook and ring is available to make the connection on the belt. The advantage of a wooden stick is that it floats when free and it makes very little noise.

In March 2010 we will again have the pleasure of welcoming to the Museum Jean-Pierre Martin, coach of fly-casting, for a conference/instructional week-end. Treat yourself or a friend for a day or even better for both days. The date of this event will be available in another bulletin.



As well as all the suggestions above, four books are available to add to your collection: among others, "Compendium of Canadian Fly Patterns"; "Le Saumon, 400 ans d'histoire et de passion"; "Pêche à la mouche pour la truite"; and "Atlantic Salmon, a Fly Fishing Reference". For more information click [here](#)

The brooch/pin of the **Waterloo Spey**, the emblem of the Canadian Fly Fishing Museum, is offered for you use as a gift or to decorate your hat!



Buy Now! When you purchase one of these gifts you are helping the Museum to attain its goals.

The delivery of your purchases could be made while you visit the Museum's kiosk at the Forum de pêche à la mouche at the Castel in Granby on the 6th and 7th February 2010.

If you prefer home delivery the mailing cost will be extra.

Thank you!

Click [here](#) for access to an order form.

Would you like to sponsor this bulletin? While displaying your products you are supporting the Museum. To become a sponsor of the bulletin contact us or click [here](#).

At Last!

Following the many efforts of members of the provisional Board of Directors and of the museum's legal counselor we received notice on Thursday the 3rd. December 2009 from Me. Serge Racine of Séguin Racines Avocats, that the documentation relative to the federal incorporation of the Canadian Fly Fishing Museum has arrived at his office.

The Canadian Fly Fishing Museum is now legally registered!

This first stage having been resolved, with the assistance of Me. Serge Racine we will undertake the next – to seek the authorization to issue receipts for income tax purposes to donors of fly fishing objects for the permanent collection of the Museum.

At the General Assembly of March 2010, we will elect the first official Board of Directors of the Canadian Fly Fishing Museum at Waterloo.

What is the value of your collectibles?

The fly fishing heritage is all goods inherited from our forebears and is the *raison d'être* of the Fly Fishing Museum of Canada. All these objects are part of a heritage of great national wealth.

Different values are given to collectibles. An historic value for objects with society or family information or that bear witness of past times. With this in mind, the value of an object is enhanced by the degree of conservation and authenticity since this will inform us of its era.

An historic value is also invoked when an object belonged to a well known person. This object may not be a very valuable work of art but since it is tied to a famous person or an important event will give it a special character.

An innovative invitation!

Bring your fly fishing collectible to the Museum kiosk during your visit to the Forum de pêche à la mouche Québec/Maritimes to obtain an evaluation of its history and value. (See the inscription form)

Our three evaluators, René Longval, Léon Larocque and Jean Marc Lacroix will be happy to receive you at the kiosk, they will take a picture of the object and ask questions. After a study of your object, a written summary will be forwarded to you. This service will eventually be available at the Museum on the second and fourth Friday of each month of this winter and spring.

New! At the Museum!

The Museum is opened since Friday January 8th to visitors from 1 to 4PM every second and fourth Friday of the month.

The library section of the Museum has a great number of books on diverse aspects of fly fishing. With the arrival of the Jean Guy Côté collection there is a great variety of reading material at your disposal.

The FQSA's collection of championship flies are still on display with many other exhibits.

Gisèle Dupuis will be on hand to welcome and answer all your questions.

Our volunteers may be classifying objects and other donations for the advancement of the Museum.

Exclusive Fly Fishing Rods in support of the Museum!

Members of the Board of the Directors are using their talents for the Museum.

After establishing a number of promotional objects for the financial support of the Museum, Gérald Lefebvre, treasurer, and Jean Marc Lacroix, vice-president, conceived quite a project!

Starting in 2009, Jean Marc Lacroix assembled 5 rods, numbered 001-005. Available in 7 foot 6 inches, 8', 8'6" and 9 feet, the rods are assembled of IM6 graphite blanks, wooden barrel reel seat, cork handle and cloth rod bag.

The good looks of each of these rods realized with delicate burnt orange wraps sealed in epoxy securing the stripping and snake guides, a small decoration with jungle cock feathers placed to simulate our wild blue iris along with gold rod specifications, the origin of the rod, all this from Michel Villeneuve's artistic hand.

The first five are dated 2009 and numbered 001-005. Two are reserved, 001-002. The rods will be available at the Museum kiosk at the Forum de pêche à la mouche Québec/Maritimes de Granby on February 6th and 7th 2010.

Cost:

- 7', 6", 8 feet : 175\$

~8'6" : 200\$
~9 feet : 255\$

While you visit our kiosk at the Forum, Jean Marc Lacroix will be assembling rods for the Museum's benefit.