

Newsletter March 2022

News from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU

Visit our website for the most current information about Volunteer Opportunities, Conservation Projects, and more!

[SCCTU Website](#)

ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION & SWEEPSTAKES!

LAST CHANCE!

Our annual fundraising Auction and two Sweepstakes for fishing rods are now live! Bidding will end on March 19th.

All proceeds benefit local conservation, youth education programs, veteran outreach, and more. There is something for everyone!

[Click Here to Bid!](#)



Contact Ford for more information: fordstryker@gmail.com


CONNECTOR

PennDOT.gov/SCAC



PennDOT is in the beginning phases of a multi-year process to improve traffic flow between Potter's Mills and State College. They are using a process called a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study. Their study area is bounded roughly by Potter's Mills, Pleasant Gap, and State College. The study team is in the process on narrowing the alternatives routes down to three and will present these to governmental officials in March and the public in April. There will be two public meetings, on April 5th and 6th. One will be in Harris Township and the other in Centre Hall. Please visit the Penn DoT SCAC website for more information on these meetings. Information on the shortlisted alternative routes will be available on the website, and citizens are able to also comment via the web if they can't attend one of the in-person sessions. We encourage all SCCTU members to pay attention to this large project and provide any comments you may have to PennDOT. Following input received in March and April, they will select a route to advance to detailed design. Now is the time to provide meaningful input on the route of any new highway.


Centre Gives



**Our 11th annual Centre Gives
will be on May 10 and 11, 2022!**

Give where you live
#CentreGives

**Centre
gives**

 **Centre
FOUNDATION**

The 36-hour online giving event will take place on May 10 and 11, 2022. This event is designed to support the amazing work of local non-profits serving Centre County. Please consider supporting the Chapter during this time!

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date!

Family Fishing Picnic

Sunday, June 5th 1pm-5pm

Chilly winter day? Think warm thoughts...
A warm, Sunday afternoon in early June. Sun glistening on the [Tussey Mountain Pond](#), in Boalsburg, PA, Hot Dogs grilling under the pavilion where friendly folks offer information, experience touch and explore table activities, or sip lemonade. Tony the Trout brings smiles to faces and

treats for the young at heart! The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission provides Rods 'n Tackle, handouts and expertise. Bait your hook on us, cast and catch a fish. Volunteers provide help with fishing, demo knot tying, fly casting, and a variety of other family oriented activities. Mark your calendar, tell you friends and consider how you might help make this day special as we partner others for this [Centred Outdoors](#) public event. Actual event is Sunday, June 5th, 2022 from 1 to 5 PM at Tussey Mountain Pond. Set up before or pack up after; all help appreciated.

Contact Hazel Stryker to offer your time or with questions.
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April General Meeting

Colleen DeLong: Clearwater

Thursday, April 7th at 7:30pm

In-Person at Comfort Suites near Penn State



Colleen's presentation will highlight the accomplishments, lessons learned and plans for the future for ClearWater's Riparian Conservation Program, which began in 2004. ClearWater has planted and stewards over 200 acres of streamside forests. Our riparian restoration work includes working with partners and landowners to install Agricultural Best Management Practices, restore streambanks and in-stream habitat, plant native trees and shrubs and control invasive species to ensure success.

May General Meeting

Thursday, May 5th at 7:30pm
In-Person at the [State College YMCA](#)



Tiffany London with [Farm Girl Graphics](#) will be talking about how fly fishing has inspired her art work! Participants will also get some hands on art experience with trout inspired printmaking. Tiffany was recently featured in Pennsylvania Angler & Boater Magazine, check it out!

[Angler & Boater Magazine](#)

Women Anglers

The Women Anglers had a great start to 2022! On January 30, Ashley Wilmont shared with 16 women, via Zoom, how her fly fishing journey - from the beginning all the way to being on the first United States Women's Fly Fishing Team. On February 27, 15 women attended the 12th Annual Joe Humphreys Film Festival at Schlow Library. Joe provided behind the scene stories about his video and gave demonstrations of the bow & arrow cast and various rolls casts. See attached pictures. Of the 55 attendees for the March 10 Steelhead Fishing in PA virtual workshop with Amidea Daniel, 18 were members of the Women Anglers. I. Our April 24 fishing will be exciting as we are first meeting at the Feathered Hook Fly Shop in Coburn before having Tom Doman guide us on Penns Creek. If you would like to attend or to learn more about the Women Anglers, please contact Diane Brown at dmb490@gmail.com.



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Spring Creek TU Needs Your Help!



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Guadalupe Chapter Trout Fest



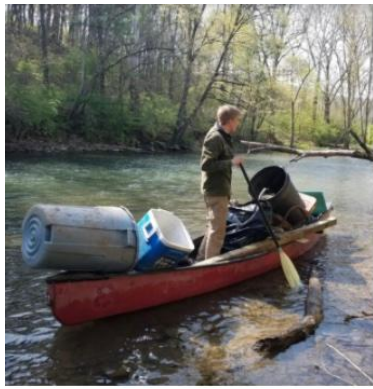
On February 19 & 20, 2022, The Spring Creek Chapter of TU was represented in Texas! The largest TU chapter in the country, the Guadalupe TU chapter (4,000+ members) put on their annual Trout Fest near Canyon Lake along the Guadalupe River. The photo shows Beverly Smith, TU Vice President of Volunteer Operations, Franklin Tate, Director of the TU Headwaters Program, and Judi Sittler, SCCTU Committee Member and National TU Trustee, holding up one of our chapter's stickers saying Spring Creek Chapter, Pennsylvania.

Watershed Clean-up Day

Volunteers needed!

Watershed Clean-up Day is the morning of Saturday, April 23rd.
Times and locations are TBD.

Contact Jim to volunteer: jrp5357@gmail.com



SCCTU VSP: Fly Fishing 101



Attention Fly Fishing Enthusiasts!

Announcing The Winter 2022 Fly Fishing Program Classes, Sponsored by
The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Veterans Service Program

Intro to Fly Fishing - "Fly Fishing 101"

Saturdays, March 19, March 26 and April 2, 1:00 - 3:15 PM

Classes will be held at the South Hills School of Business & Technology in State College. Classes are open to everyone. For more information about this free class and a **Class Schedule** please see the contact information below.

Fly Fishing 101

March 19, 26 and April 2, 2022
1:00 – 3:15 PM

South Hills School of
Business & Technology
480 Waupelani Drive
State College



Announcing the 2022 SCCTU VSP
Winter Fly Fishing Program Classes:
Intro to Fly Fishing – "Fly Fishing 101"

This Program will include an introduction to all the aspects of fly fishing, including: the proper fly fishing equipment and setup, flies and hatches on local trout streams, identifying different types of trout and the insects that they feed on, techniques for catching trout in our local streams, and manners on the stream. Classes are open to all who are interested.

Registration is required.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3LCGqpl>

To register and to see a Class Schedule, please go to the Internet
and click on: <https://bit.ly/3LCGqpl>

For more information on Trout Unlimited and the Veterans Service Program
please visit us at www.springcreektu.org/vsp.html
and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SCCTUVSP/



Please see the reverse side
for addresses and directions
to class locations.



[Click Here for more Information](#)

Youth Education Committee

Judi Sittler represented the SCCTU on February 7th, packing eggs with the PA Fish and Boat Commission for the State wide TIC trout egg distribution at the CRO.

Trout in the Classroom Update

The SCCTU-sponsored Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program, on hiatus since 2020 is scheduled to back in operation by February 2nd. The TIC is an environmental education program in which students in grades k-12 learn about the care and protection of cold-water fisheries by raise trout from eggs to fry. Most programs end the year by releasing their trout in a state-approved stream near the school or within a nearby watershed.



Annual Winery Event
SAVE THE DATE



Our Annual Winery Event will be on Thursday, September 8th at 5:30pm at Mount Nittany Vineyard & Winery. More details to come!

The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

Title: Crayfish in Spring Creek

Author: Dr. Robert Carline

Among all the invertebrates in Spring Creek, crayfish probably have the most profound effect on the ecology of the stream, yet they are among the least noticed. During the day, you can carefully observe a small area of stream bottom and never see a single crayfish. If you were to go back to that location at night and shine a flash light on the bottom, it would be crawling with crayfish ranging in length from one to four inches.

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