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**From the President by Ann Miller**

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I hope you've had a wonderful summer, enjoyed some fly fishing, and hopefully were able to land a few (if not many) good fish. We are always interested in your adventures, so feel free to send Mary Lou a photo and caption for the newsletter. Your stories are welcome and encouraged, too!

Before long, it will be time to put away trout rods and transition to bigger rods and reels for salmon and steelhead. Cooling temperatures and changing leaves are welcome by most Midwesterners, perhaps especially by the angler that chases our larger anadromous fish. Flygirls will be hosting our fall event this year at Barothy Lodge in Walhalla, October 28-30. The Pere Marquette River runs the length of the extensive property, and hiking, birdwatching, and of course fishing are all available options for the weekend. I'm sure a few fly tying vises may show up as well. If you don't own a big rod for salmon or steelhead, please let us know in advance and we will rustle up a loaner outfit and help you get rigged up.

The fall outing is always a fun event and a chance to reconnect with or make new friends. We will have some fantastic meals provided by the Pere Marquette Catering Company as well as our own Michelle Yelovina. Of course, Saturday evening is capped by a great fundraising raffle, and an opportunity to win great prizes. We have three lodges reserved, but don't hesitate in registering for the event, as the rooms will likely fill fast. Please refer to the article and registration form in the newsletter. If you haven't been to a Flygirls event before, we would like to welcome you by Zoom and meet you, answer questions if you are uncertain what to bring, or help you to find someone to carpool with. More on this when you register for the event.

Finally, we were saddened by the loss of James D. Schramm, husband of Dorothy Schramm, friend and longtime member of Flygirls. When Dorothy and I co-founded the club in 1996, Jim provided the legalese for our bylaws, non-profit filing, FFI 100% charter, and helped us to navigate more than one legal issue over the past 25 years. He was the legal arm and president of the Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (now FFI) for years, working towards better conservation practices for our rivers in the Great Lakes region. There's much more that can be said, but for now, raise a glass and toast a friend. We will miss him.

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Event	Location	Cost	Date	Contact
Winter Retreat	Pere Marquette River Lodge Baldwin, MI	\$200	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Sheila Bergdoll sbergdoll@msn.com
Midwest Fly Fishing Expo	Warren, MI	Volunteers Needed	March 12 – 13	Lisa Paisley lmpaisley@yahoo.com
Spring Steelhead with Feenstra Guide Service	Gerber Guest House Fremont, MI	\$415	April 1 – 3	Susan Sears sstefano.54@gmail.com
Southeast Tie-a-Thon	TBD	Volunteers Needed	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Lisa Paisley lmpaisley@yahoo.com
Fullers Hendrickson Trout Outing	Fullers NBOC Lovells, MI	\$210	May 20 – 22	Joy Lind Joy@spectero.net
Wa Wa Sum	Wa Wa Sum Grayling Twp, MI	\$225	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Colleen Jenkins crowjenkins@comcast.net
Camping Trip	Northern Exposure Campground	TBD	June 10 – 12	Karen Kleinheksel K2edits@gmail.com
DNR Fisheries Day	DNR Adventure Center Detroit, MI	Volunteers Needed	June 25	Jenn Nelson Matukajenn@yahoo.com
Grayling Panfish and Au Sable Trout	Old Au Sable Fly Shop Grayling, MI	\$85	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Lisa Paisley lmpaisley@yahoo.com
Casting for Recovery	Barothy Lodge Walhalla, MI	Volunteers Needed	August 28 8am-3pm	Ann Miller Info@flygirls.ws
Au Sable River Clean-up	Gates Au Sable Lodge Grayling, MI	Volunteers Needed	Sept 10	Mindy Barricklow-Vesoulis sweetmindylee@gmail.com
Fall Fishing Event	Barothy Lodge Walhalla, MI	\$225 single room \$205 double occupancy \$180 shared loft space	Oct 28-30	Michelle Yelovina kcyel@msn.com

**BY PROVIDING A DEPOSIT YOU ARE COMMITTING TO AN EVENT. IF YOU CANCEL, YOUR DEPOSIT MAY BE FORFEITED IF YOU OR FLYGIRLS CANNOT FIND ANOTHER PARTICIPANT FOR THE EVENT.**

## Flygirls Annual Fall Meeting October 28-30

It's that time again... The Annual Fall Meeting! This event will be held at the Beautiful Barothy Lodge in Walhalla, Michigan, October 28-30.



The Barothy property has the Pere Marquette River running through it, so you don't have to go far to throw a line and the possibility of a salmon or steelhead hookup is always a thrill.



**Friday night** we will have soups and snacks at the main lodge—feel free to bring a dish to share if you like, but not required. Then we can get settled and catch up with each other.

**Saturday:** Full Breakfast at the main lodge, followed by an open day to fish or whatever your heart desires. We will have a modest offering so that you can build/pack a sandwich for lunch. After a delicious dinner, we will have our raffle and lots of fun.

**Sunday:** Grab and go Breakfast, pack up, and good byes... you are free to fish the property all day but need to have luggage out of your room by 11:00 am.

Please bring an item for the general raffle table. It doesn't have to be fishing related, \$15-20 value .....in the past we have had a wide variety of stuff including household items, books, gently used (and new!) fishing items, and even a bottle or two of wine or bourbon. Perfect opportunity to regift that thing you have dusted and moved multiple times, but still haven't found a use for.

You can look at their website to view the lodges and find a map of how to get there:  
<https://barothy lodge.com>

There are 3 different rooming options available to try and cover all comfort levels.

\$225 - for a single room; only 9 available

\$205 - double occupancy rooms (2 twins in the room), only 8 available

\$180- shared loft space (huge open loft area with 8 twin beds in the room BUT only 4 people will be housed up there.)

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS! If you pick a single room it may not be guaranteed that you will get it, but I will try my best to accommodate all and will notify you if I cannot. Sending in a deposit ASAP will confirm your lodging.

**Deposits are non-refundable unless you (or Flygirls) find someone to take your place.** Flygirls **MUST** pay for the lodges in full, regardless of whether all beds are filled, so we must have a no-refund policy. We do our best to work with you to fill your slot if you can't make it.

## Fall Outing October 28th-30th Registration Form

Registration form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate choice (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Please select an option from below; understand it is a first come basis on availability, so note a 2<sup>nd</sup> option as well.

\$225 single room +food \_\_\_\_\_

\$205 double room+food \_\_\_\_\_

\$180 open loft single+food \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Dinner only \_\_\_\_\_ (food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_)

PLEASE NOTE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES/SENSITIVITIES. This allows us to let the caterer know and accommodate you.

\$125 deposit due by September 1, 2022 and remainder of balance due by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO FLYGIRLS**

PLEASE MAIL TO:

FLYGIRLS

C/O MICHELLE YELOVINA

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HARRISON, MICHIGAN 48625

If you have any questions please reach out to Michelle Yelovina at [kcyel@msn.com](mailto:kcyel@msn.com) or 239-776-0009

## Au Sable Clean-up September 10th

Hello Flygirls of Michigan!!

It's almost autumn and once again time for a great volunteer opportunity!!!

The Anglers of the Au Sable are sponsoring the annual cleanup of the Au Sable River on September 10th from 10am to 3pm. This year we'll be cleaning both the upper and lower Au Sable and a delicious barbeque lunch will be provided for us.



This is a wonderful way to spend some time with other Flygirls while beautifying one of the rivers we all love to fish!! We need volunteers and each and every one of you make a difference! Please check your calendars and make time to help us out!



Thank you

To sign up, or for more information contact:  
Mindy Vesoulis  
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## Why I Love To Flyfish by Joy Lind

I heard this at the end of a fishing show I was watching on TV and thought I would share it with you.

*Do you ever get asked why you flyfish?*

*We answer because the waters call, because of the places it takes us, because of the people it surrounds us with, and it reminds us of what it means to be alive.*

*Like ripples, these moments come to life, broaden and eventually fade, but the water remains calming.*

I probably would have never traveled beyond Michigan if it wasn't for joining Flygirls in 2012. After joining the Flygirls board, I strengthened friendships with a handful of gals. Soon they were like family. To answer the water's call, for the last ten years we have traveled to Pennsylvania, Montana, Alaska, Wisconsin, New York, Colorado and Maine. You can imagine the fun we have had together, the fish we have caught and released and the stories we love to tell.

## Camping Trip Recap *by Karen Kleinheksel*

The 2022 Flygirls Camping trip may have been small, but we had big fun! We tried a new location, Northern Exposure Campground, in Mesick, Michigan. The campsites were big, and right on the HUGE Hodenpyl Dam Pond.



Ben!

April Tang, husband Bob, and adorable little Ben joined Karen & Jack Kleinheksel. We planned to share a campsite, but April's tent had a big problem and we all ended up sharing the Kleinheksel trailer! Flygirls make it



Bob, April & Ben

Kayaking was fun, and we also fished the Manistee River by the swing bridge, about a five minute drive.



April bringing one in.

work!

The weather and location were awesome - come join us next year! The date will be the weekend after Wa-WaSum.



April, Jack and Karen

## Thank you from GLC



July 11, 2022

Ms. Ann Miller  
Ms. Nancy Lounds

The Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International would sincerely like to thank Flygirls of Michigan for their \$750.00 donation to the Council's James D. Schramm scholarship fund for a fisheries graduate student in one of the universities in our region. Your gift will help us continue to assist students in their fisheries careers.

For several consecutive years we've provided a scholarship/grant to at least one or more students. The Great Lakes Council is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization and your donation may be tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Please express our thanks to all the members of your club and let us know how the Council can help support your organization in the future.

Regards,

Terry Greiner  
President, Great Lakes Council

# Thank you from CRA



## Conservation Resource Alliance

03/10/2022

Flygirls of Michigan  
Nancy Lounds  
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Dear Friends at Flygirls of Michigan,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 (received 03/10/2022) to Conservation Resource Alliance! With your help, we are healing the spectacular watersheds that make northern Michigan a special place to unwind or find adventure.

Because of your generosity, the streams, forests, and wildlife that we all cherish will be preserved for future generations to enjoy. Specifically, your gift is helping to:

- *Completely "free" the Maple River by replacing the last remaining barriers to total connectivity in the river's East Branch and Van Creek.*
- *Preserve the high-quality waters of the Jordan River with the replacement of three undersized stream crossings in Deer Creek and the river's mainstem.*
- *Connect the Ottaway (Boardman) River to 30 miles of pristine, diverse habitat in the watershed's upper reaches with a new timber bridge crossing at Broomhead Road.*
- *Stabilize an eroding railroad embankment and prevent a catastrophe that threatens to undo four decades of habitat improvement work on the Pere Marquette River.*
- *Restore diversity to Michigan's forests by planting 100,000 native trees & shrubs.*

On behalf of everyone who loves this extraordinary little corner of the world as much as we do - *thank you.*

With Great Gratitude,

*Amy*  
Amy Beyer  
Director

*Thank you so much, FlyGirls!  
You are rocking our conservation world  
here, and we are so grateful.*

Your donation to CRA, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. No goods or services were provided in return for your contribution.

*Hi to Anne* ♥

*Thank you for all that you  
do for conservation and  
women!*

♥  
*Summer  
Streeter*

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## Thank You From Lovells

**Lovells Township Historical Society PO Box 2505 Grayling, MI 49738**

March 13, 2022



Flygirls of Michigan Inc.  
Nancy Lounds, Treasurer  
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Dear Flygirls,

The Lovells Township Historical Society would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$700.00, check #1146, dated 1/31/2022.

Your contribution will be used for the continuing effort to identify, acquire, preserve, exhibit, store and present the rich history of Lovells Township and the Fly Fishing History of Michigan.

We appreciate your donation very much and will put it to good use.

Sincerely,

Eric Bankhead  
LTHS Treasurer

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## Being A Good Float Trip Partner *by Lisa Paisley*

Priorities: Be safe, Have fun, Catch fish.

The guide is focused on the angler in the fresh(untouched) water position. On a float trip, that is often the bow (narrow) part of the boat. Everything the guide does is focused on getting fish to the person in the fresh water position. That person has access to everything in front of the boat (or 180 degrees). When the fly reaches to about 3 or 9 o'clock, pick up your line and recast to the front. Don't poach the person's water in the back.

It's nice for everyone to catch fish. It's a bonus if the other floater catches a fish but the guide will focus on the person in the fresh water position.

Don't hog the good water. Similarly, don't give it away by giving your float partner the good seat all day. Many switch positions at lunch... do whatever seems fair to keep it fair and fun for everyone.

Be ready early so that you start the day relaxed. Decide upon your positions before approaching the boat. At the boat ramp you want to get in & out quickly as others may be waiting. Once in the boat put your gear where it won't trip anyone. Keep your gear tidy, don't explode it all over the boat.

If you want pointers, let your guide know at the start of the day that you welcome instruction - and thank them and use those pointers to the best of your ability. Bring a brief list of what you want to learn - either in your head, or on an index card. Most guides will offer advice to those that want to receive it, and that make best efforts to use it.

It's okay to sit down and take a break. It's your day, enjoy it however you would like!

Downstream caster casts first, then the upstream angler casts.

The upstream caster is responsible for timing of their cast after the downstream caster. This will prevent crossed lines.

Best for anglers of similar ability to fish together. A beginner may be frustrated by waiting for an expert to retrieve a long cast, and vice versa.

Don't hook your guide or float partner. Sometimes you will need to cast to the outside of the boat.

Let the guide do their work. They can tie on a fly or unsnarl a knot better and faster than you. That will get everyone back to fishing quickly.

Take a couple of fish pictures but enjoy your day. Me? I take a picture of one fish per day. Your float partner wants to catch fish - not take your picture. Don't pressure your partner to catch a fish. Exchange pictures before heading home for the day.

Guides are usually independent contractors. They may be associated with a shop to coordinate their bookings and payments - but that's usually the extent of the relationship.

If the guide is providing lunch, let the guide know of any dietary restrictions at least 10 days before. Turkey sandwiches are popular. On multi-day trips, you may eat a lot of turkey sandwiches. Snacks are always welcome. Bring enough for the guide and your fishing partner. Bring a water bottle or two.

If you are going after steelhead, browns... and your fishing partner catches a fish, pull your line in and get ready to take a picture. The guide will be in charge of advising, netting, moving the boat... your job is to stay still and out of the way. For smaller fish, such as Au Sable brookies, it is easier to land the fish, follow the advice of your guide.

Wear layers. Trips are cut short when people are cold. Bring a dry bag - unless items are in a dry bag, expect them to get wet.

Don't rock the boat when you are casting. It's not a good casting technique. Also, there are 1-2 others on the boat with you-and they may lose balance.

## Being A Good Float Trip Partner (*continued*)

Don't wear studs on boats or in guide cars - even with mats/rugs - they rip up the mats or boat. It's disrespectful to the guide's equipment.

Guide days are long days. Their days start long before yours, and end long after yours. Be respectful. Tip your guide.

Focus on having a good day and an enjoyable time with others on the boat.

Remember the Priorities: Be safe, Have fun, Catch fish.

### BOOKING A TRIP

Float trips allow you to move to fresh fish, and to fish places that you cannot wade. They allow for long drag free drifts (little mending). You can relax while you are transported from one good fishing spot to the next.

A good float trip starts before the float trip!

#### Share

What you would like to do  
 What would be a good day  
 Abilities of each angler  
 Mobility issues  
 Dietary restrictions

#### Ask

Should we wear waders?  
 Are we wading at all?  
 What food/beverages should I bring?  
 Will we be in the water? Do we need studs? A wading staff?  
 If no, are waterproof shoes or boots needed? This question is key for lunch and bathroom stops  
 Are you using your gear? or the guides? If using the guides gear, most will be set up for right handers/reel up on the left. Ask if you need a different setup  
 Who provides flies? Do you pay for lost flies? Do you pay the guide or shop for flies?  
 What are typical times for being on/off the water?  
 What are driving arrangements?

Have a beverage, dry bag. TP, wipes, trash bag, fishing license for that state/fish.

Float fishing trips make up the bulk of guided days, for good reason. Float fishing keeps you over fresh fish with long drag free drifts while you sit back and relax. They also allow you to fish waters that are deep and those that are remote.

What is drag free? When you are floating you are moving the speed of the water. Fish expect to see food coming down the river as if on a predictable conveyor belt, not speeding sideways across the river when your fly is dragged in a tug of war between the current and fly line.

Float fishing trips begin by meeting your guide to drive to your river of choice. You may drive with the guide or may drive separately.  
 Typical drive times range from ten minutes to about an hour.

On full day excursions expect a riverside lunch, refreshments and about 8 hours on the water. Half days are light snacks and drinks during about 4 hours of fishing.

Covid has changed everything. Guides that used to provide lunch, may no longer do so.



Traci Menoch-Berger

Susan Dollar

Tiffany Leuthold

Patty Small

Emily Craig

Jess Gray

Sandra Mrachina

### Fly Fishing Clubs in Your Area

Flygirls! There are many regional fly fishing clubs that meet monthly or bimonthly that you might want to check out. Many offer fly tying classes or even casting classes. Here are a few that you might want to consider. This is by NO MEANS a comprehensive list and we hope to grow it with subsequent newsletters (so send us your submissions if a club you frequent is not listed!).

Michigan Fly Fishing Club: <https://mffc.org/news> Offers speaker/presentations as well as activity nights. Meets in Livonia.

Red Cedar Fly Fishers: <http://redcedarflyfishers.org> Monthly meetings on the campus of Michigan State University.

West Michigan Hacklers: <https://www.facebook.com/westmichiganhacklers> Primarily a fly tying club, meets bimonthly at Crystal Valley Township Hall (Pentwater area).

Michigan Trout Unlimited: <https://www.michigantu.org/> Select the Michigan Chapters tab to find a chapter near you.

### Membership Info

To become a Flygirl you must first be a member of Fly Fishers International. To join FFI, go to the website [flyfishersinternational.org](http://flyfishersinternational.org) and click on the link at the top of their page to JOIN. You will be issued a card in the US Mail with your FFI# that is needed to join Flygirls. Sign on to the Flygirls website and provide your personal contact information there. There is no cost to join Flygirls after you have paid to be a member of FFI.

### Flygirls Policy on Event Deposits

When Flygirls runs an event it often has to commit to lodging and/or guides well in advance of the event and make down payments toward the final cost. We then ask for deposits when you sign up for an event. In the event you decide to cancel your attendance at an event, your deposit will only be returned to you if you or Flygirls is able to secure another participant for the event.