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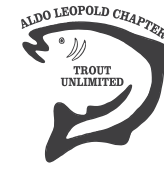
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**Never been a member of TU but maybe you would like to become one?
Call any board member and ask about our FREE one-year membership to ALCTU.**

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*By Mike Barniskis
President, Aldo Leopold Chapter*

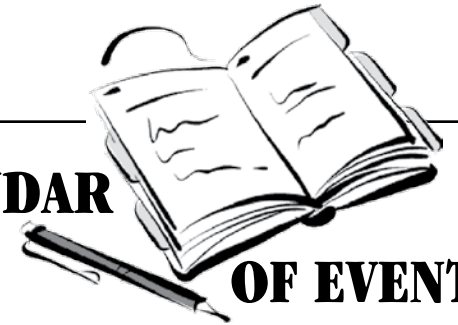
As noted elsewhere, we are looking to build up an e-mail list for chapter communications. This list can help us save money on newsletter printing and mailing, and can help in work day planning and notification. Sign up is easy, so please consider doing so today.

Now that winter is an approaching reality and not a memory, I am looking forward to our fly tying class. This year we will be back in Beaver Dam for the five-week class, at the Community Library. While our main instructors are pretty well set, we can use additional assistants. Assistants work one-on-one with students during the class, helping answer questions and guide hands as students tie the patterns. If you would like to help, give me a call.

Annual chapter elections will be held in February, so give consideration to joining the Board or Officers. Volunteering to help run the chapter is a great way to help the resource, and it is a lot of fun.

The Bear Creek restoration project, I am happy to report, is moving ahead. We are working along side a number of county and state agencies to obtain plans, surveys, stream data, budgets and the like. Progress is dependent on all of these contributors and so are our very necessary grant-writing efforts. We do have a preliminary estimate of the project scope: about 5,600 feet of stream length, 4,500 cubic yards of stone (250 – 18 cubic yard dump truck loads), 70 luncker structures, 14 cross logs, 60 stone weirs, 160 boulder placements, 5,000 feet of riprap, and 6 acres of native prairie planted on stream banks.

Project cost, based on similar projects, is estimated at around \$165,000. That is a large number, but it is about \$30 per foot which is a pretty normal cost. We anticipate breaking up the restoration into a multi-year effort. Because most of the dollars for 2010 were allocated earlier this year, it looks like 2010 will find us applying for funds for work to start in 2011. A project of this size takes time, but in the end I am confident it will be a project we can all be very proud of. 



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
ALCTU Fly Tying Demonstration at the Beaver Dam Community Library. 311 N Spring Street, Beaver Dam, Phone: 920 887-4631.

December 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Monthly meeting held at Ponderosa, 1520 N Spring Street, Beaver Dam.

January 13, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Five-week beginners' fly tying class held at the Beaver Dam Community Library. 311 N Spring Street, Beaver Dam. Class dates are as follows: Jan. 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 3 & 10.

February 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Advanced fly tying class held at the Beaver Dam Community Library.

February 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Monthly meeting held at Ponderosa, election of officers and board, 1520 N Spring Street, Beaver Dam.

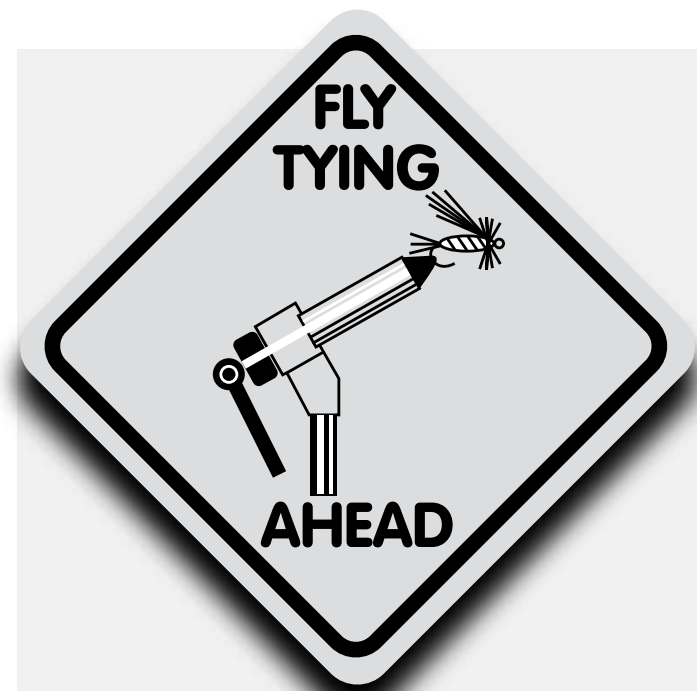
March 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Monthly meeting held at Ponderosa, 1520 N Spring Street, Beaver Dam.

April 21, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Monthly meeting held at Ponderosa, 1520 N Spring Street, Beaver Dam.

May 12, 2010, 5:00 p.m. until dark.
ALCTU Fund-raiser Picnic, Habermann Park on Fair Street, Lodi.

Note: to check on calendar updates or last minute cancellations, call 920 206-8433 and ask for "Trout Unlimited Messages."

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ALDO LEOPOLD OF TROUT UNLIMITED
or visit us at
www.alctu.com**



Beginners' Fly Tying Course

Five consecutive classes

January 13, January 20,
January 27, February 3, and February 10, 2010
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Beaver Dam Community Library
311 N. Spring Street, Beaver Dam 53916

All five classes for \$30 per person

Patterns for multiple fish species will be taught by experienced instructors. Students should bring a fly tying vise, basic tying tools and black thread. All materials and hooks will be supplied by the chapter. All proceeds go toward habitat improvements. Make check payable to Aldo Leopold Chapter. Send to Steve Hill, 107 S. Fifth Street, Watertown, WI 53094. For more information contact Steve Hill, 920 261 4005

ADVANCED Fly Tying Course

Saturday, February 13

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$20 per person

Beaver Dam Community Library
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For more information contact
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PROJECT HEALING WATERS

By Steve Hill

Three members of your chapter partnered with disabled veterans from Milwaukee for a morning of fly fishing at Lakeshore State Park in Milwaukee. Southeast Wisconsin's TU chapter has taken the lead on Project Healing Waters and asked other chapters for help. Zoan Kulinski, Tim Hood and Steve Hill from ALCTU volunteered.

The morning started off with rain and then turned to partly cloudy by mid-morning. Inclement weather and lack of hungry fish did not dampen anyone's spirit. Joking, learning, swapping war stories were the order of the day. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

I made a new friend and came away with a sense of giving something back.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of November 1, 2009

Checking	\$4,246.07
Savings	\$1,119.86
Total	\$5,365.93

Steve C. Hill, Treasurer

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ALDO LEOPOLD CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

The Aldo Leopold Chapter's mission is to conserve, protect, restore and enhance trout and salmonid fisheries, watersheds, the groundwater that sustains them, and the doctrine of public trust that defends them, in Columbia, Dodge, and Sauk Counties. We do this through education, cooperation, rehabilitation, and advocacy using an extensive and dedicated volunteer network.

Help ALCTU keep our costs down
and you can win a
\$25 gift certificate
to The Fly Fishers shop in MKE.

We want your e-mail address so
we can save money and better
communicate with you.

Send Eric Lorenzen an e-mail at

aldoleopoldtu@gmail.com

Tell him you want to win, and he will
enter your name in the raffle drawing for
the \$25 gift certificate.

One entry per e-mail address.

Drawing will be January 1, 2010 and we
will notify the winner by no other
than, e-mail!

THANK YOU! TO THE FRIENDS OF THE ALDO LEOPOLD CHAPTER

The following people have contributed \$25
or more to our chapter's fund-raising drive,
which brought in over \$500 this year.

Edward Brockner, Robert Brown,
Tom Brownrigg, Victor Connors, Robert
Feldman, Tom Gawle, Peter Grimm, John
T. Hood, Lee Hooker, Elek Nagey, James
Peters, Kevin and Theresa Searock, Jerome
Sommer, Mike Stupich, Peter Van Ness and
Dr. Kenneth Yarnell.

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our picnic prizes and raffles. Ron Benish,
Russ Bouck, Clint Byrnes, John Doucette,
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