



Hammond River Angling Association Fall 2022 Newsletter 2022 EVENTS

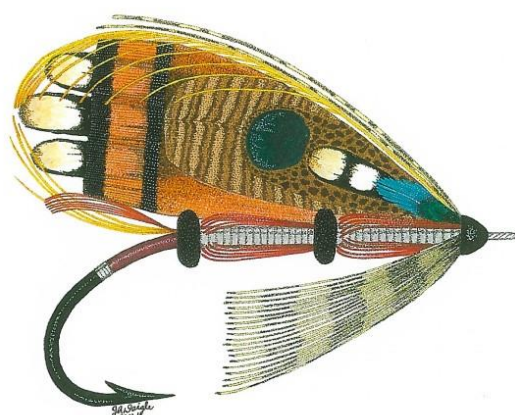
Happy
Holidays

*From the Board & Staff at the
Hammond River Angling Association*

ONGOING EVENTS

Fly Tying Nights

Our Fly Tying Nights are back up and running! Join us every Tuesday evening at the Conservation Center at 6pm- no experience necessary! All equipment is provided, and you'll learn how to tie flies from some of the best tyers around! There is nothing like catching a fish on a fly you've tied yourself! (Ages 12+)



Fly Tying is back!!

Join Aurele Daigle and Jack Cole as they host Fly Tying Evenings! Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm at the Conservation Center.

2022 Classes
November 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th
December 6th & 13th
FREE
No experience or gear necessary
(Ages 12+)



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RECENT EVENTS

1) HRAA Partners with Gerry Munn to Teach Fly-Tying in Labrador

“In the vast lands of the Labrador there are numerous lakes and rivers awaiting the opportunity to cast a fly. Over the past twenty years I have visited Labrador and fished many of these rivers and lakes. Last year I met a guy from the community of St. Lewis, and he told me a story of having left his community without learning how to fly fish, only to learn how to fly fish once he moved to Newfoundland.

A profound thought crossed my mind. Why not teach some local folks how to tie flies and fly fish. Thanks to the support of the HRAA that is what I did this past July. Unfortunately, Covid did affect our final attendance but those who participated were keen to learn. One participant tied his Hammond River Bug, then proceeded to the river and caught his first salmon of the year!

The obvious challenge is that these folks have not had an opportunity to fish other than with a net or spin rod. Introducing fly tying and fly casting is a small start on a big challenge to change a cultural practice. So, next year I want to repeat the fly tying and introduce fly casting.

I wish to call upon the membership to consider supporting this endeavor. Here is how you can help. You can donate your used rod, reel, vice and/or fly tying equipment. Also for the ones who wish to continue to use their spin rod, some donated fly bobbers would be appreciated. Please attach your name so a personal thanks can be made. These items can all be dropped off anytime at the HRAA.

Thanks for your consideration.”

Gerry Munn

(Gerry is a Past President of the HRAA)





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RECENT EVENTS CONTINUED

2) Redd Count Survey (November 6th, 2022)

Thank you to all the volunteers who joined us for our annual Redd Count Survey- it was a wonderful success! We had teams survey Hillsdale, Hammondvale, Tabor Bridge, and Firehall and each team documented redds during their surveys! We were also joined by the Kids Fishing Club, who got to use our Water Rangers testing kits to test the water quality before helping us do a redd survey along the French Village section, and we got to see 1 redd! Once the survey was complete, the Kids Fishing Club assisted our staff in doing a riverside cleanup- great job to all!





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2022 FALL PROJECT UPDATES

1. Carbon Capture Collective

We've had a very busy fall planting trees in riparian areas as part of our World Wildlife Fund-Canada partnership project! We planted native trees and shrubs in four different locations in the watershed, and we had lots of help from some amazing volunteers!

1 & 2) We planted along Twin Brook and O'Dell Brook, in areas where erosion is starting to occur.



3) We were then joined by the 1st Kennebecasis Valley BPSA Scouts group and the Hampton Fresh Air Collective for some planting along the main stem of the Hammond River at the Conservation Center! This area is prone to ice shears, and this past spring, we lost several large trees on the property. Planting these new, native trees will help replace the ones we lost, while helping to protect the banks of the river.





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2022 FALL PROJECT UPDATES CONTINUED

Carbon Capture Collective Continued

4) Our biggest planting initiative took place along the main stem of the Hammond River near McGonagle Brook, in a former hayfield that was completely lacking a riparian buffer. We were joined by the Essential Skills Class from Kennebecasis Valley High School, and we planted over 200 trees in no time at all!



2. Electrofishing

Usually, we use the fall newsletter to update everyone on our electrofishing findings; however, this past year, we experienced some technical difficulties with our backpack unit, and we were unable to complete the majority of the electrofishing. We were able to survey a portion of the Upham Gypsum Mine Discharge Brook as part of our ongoing Environmental Compliance Monitoring, and we were able to survey a portion of Porter Brook. To the best of our knowledge, Porter Brook has been void of all surveys since approximately 2008- it wasn't until this past summer when we discovered the highest abundance of freshwater mussels in the entire watershed within Porter Brook that we knew we needed to have a closer look! We ran the backpack for 10 minutes or less and found a juvenile Atlantic salmon parr! We'll be adding Porter Brook to our upcoming water quality monitoring program and will further investigate Porter Brook in 2023-2024!



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