



# RipRap

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*Rainbow Trout*  
*Brook Trout*  
*Steelhead*  
**Restoration, Improvements and Preservation through Research and Projects**

## NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S LINES

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BY KYLE AMUNDSON

### Chapter news

It is real honor to announce that the chapter has been awarded the National Silver Trout Award in regards to all of our terrific stream work. Our successful stream projects have been going on as long as I can remember, and that includes such projects as: assisting in the River Falls Storm Management Plan; cleaning up tires from the Trimble River; volunteering for the annual Rush River Cleanup day; and of course, our current and past stream restoration projects. Credit goes out to both our current and former board members for their dedication and planning, and to all of our chapter members for their hard work. Thank you everyone for giving so much. Tom Henderson traveled to Asheville, North Carolina to accept the award and give an acceptance speech, thanks Tom. The award will be shown at the banquet where we will also hear from Duke Welter, who drafted our National nomination. Thanks Duke.

We are scheduled to have Byron Karns from the National Park Service give a talk on Asian Carp in the St. Croix River for November's meeting. Please join us at Bob Smith's Supper club on November 7th.

The Chapter banquet will be held at a new location this year, the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. The date will remain the same, the first Thursday of December.

### Stream Projects

We are currently planning for the Trimble County Rd W project and plans are going well as we were just awarded the "Bring Back the Natives" grant. We will keep members posted of our progress, and a budget review/status will be given at our March business meeting.

**Welcome New Members:** Matt Anderson (Prescott), Eric Dueholm (Luck)

***Kiap-TU-Wish meetings are held at Bob Smith's Sports Club,  
the first Wednesday night of the month.***

***The November meeting is on the 7th.***

***Dinner begins at 6 PM, Meeting to follow at 7 PM.***





# The Kiap-TU-Wish

## HOLIDAY CONSERVATION BANQUET

BY DEB ALWIN

***It is just around the corner . . .***

The last issue of RipRap provided some general information about this year's upcoming banquet. The banquet committee has been working hard to bring you a LOVELY and FESTIVE evening! A summary of banquet details, including how to register, follows:

**DATE:** **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012**  
**PLACE:** **LAKE ELMO INN EVENT CENTER**  
3712 Layton Avenue, North (Hwy. 5), Lake Elmo  
**TIME:** **6:00 PM** *doors open, socializing/cash bar, silent auction bidding*  
**7:30 PM** *dinner – plated and served at your table*  
**COST:** **\$45.00 per person; walk-ups or late reservations will be \$60.00** **Reservation deadline: noon, Monday, December 3.**

Reservations for the banquet will be taken at BOB MITCHELL'S FLY SHOP, **651.770.5854**. When you call to reserve, please indicate your choice of entrée:

**LIMONCELLO CHICKEN** (Tender breast of chicken, sautéed and served with limoncello butter, macadamia nuts, and candied lemon zest)

**TOP SIRLOIN STEAK** (10 oz. choice steer with sautéed mushrooms)

**SALMON RAVIDA** (Fresh herbs and shallots top this filet along with Ravida Estates extra-virgin olive oil.)

\*All dinners come with a first-course dinner salad, rosemary roasted baby red potatoes, fresh vegetable medley; rolls & butter; coffee and tea. The cash bar will be available all evening.

**\$\$ PLEASE NOTE: \$\$ Cash or check only \$\$ We can not accept credit cards, however, an ATM machine is on site for your convenience.**

We think you will thoroughly enjoy our guest speaker for the evening's program. She is **Angie Hong, Washington Co. Conservation Education Specialist**. Streamside gardening on Valley Creek, and Lake Pepin water issues will be the focus of Angie's presentation.

The Conservation Banquet is our most important fundraising event of the year, and this year's silent auction promises to be exceptional. Some of the items offered will be **private fishing access and gourmet cabin lunch compliments of Judy Lutter, a wine-tasting event from the Lake Elmo Wine Company, beautiful fish art, a much coveted smallmouth float trip courtesy of Hayward Fly Fishing, and much more!** You may drop-off donated items at Bob Mitchell's Fly Shop.

**So, don't wait . . . call NOW to reserve your spot!**



**W**inter is right around the corner. As I am writing this, it is raining out, but the rain is supposed to be turning to snow at some point later this morning. Some of my friends on facebook posted photos of the snow in their yards this morning, and they live here in the Twin Cities, too. We haven't gotten any in Oakdale yet, but I'm sure it's only a matter of time. Snow is inevitable, whether you like it or not.

The fact that winter will soon be upon us also means that the Kiap-TU-Wish Holiday Banquet will be happening soon. I presume that you have already checked out Deb Alwin's write-up about this year's event on the previous page. I am very excited that the banquet will be at a new location this year, the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. The Lake Elmo Inn always has excellent food, so I'm sure everything will be delicious. Make sure you decide what entree you want before you call in your reservation!

I am always eager to get new flies sent in for our Fly Tying Corner feature. If you have a fly you'd like to have featured, let me know at [scott@yes-tech.com](mailto:scott@yes-tech.com). If you don't feel comfortable photographing your flies, I would be happy to do so. You can mail me your flies, and I will take care of the rest. Let me know, and I will tell you where to send them.

Have a great month!



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# HELP WANTED

BY TOM HENDERSON



**W**e need a couple of volunteers to install and occasionally tend some of our stream monitoring devices. Job requirements include visiting a trout stream from time to time, mostly on your own schedule. Must not be allergic to water. Training and instruction from one of the best: our own Kent Johnson, with some assistance from Marty Engel of the Wisconsin DNR. Employment equality: we are an all-volunteer organization, so you will get the same zero monetary pay as everyone else and the same satisfaction from making our world a better place. Of course, you will also learn more about streams, flow, etc. This could be a family activity, such as father-daughter, or a couple of fishing partners, or simply individuals.

Contact Tom Henderson or any other board member or the contact us button on our website [www.kiaptuwish.org](http://www.kiaptuwish.org)

“Remember: We are all in this together.” Red Green, PBS



*Rainbow Trout*  
*Oncorhynchus mykiss*

*Elaine Klatt 2009*  
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# THE HATCH THAT WASN'T

BY KYLE AMUNDSON

**A**s president, I am obligated to attend the state meetings, and one of the benefits in traveling and attending these meetings (at the varying locations) is the opportunity to fish on new waters. September's meeting was in Viroqua, and as you may or may not know this area is blessed with myriad coulee streams, including Timber Coulee Creek.

The long three hour drive down was quite pleasant due to a continuous slide show of fall colors displayed in valley after valley. I had thought it would be a little too early for fall colors but I guess the recent cool weather down in the valleys had spurred on the color change with the usual brilliant reds, yellows and oranges brightening my day. I had fished Timber Coulee Creek once before with fellow board members Tom Henderson and Greg Meyer, and I planned on going back to that same spot, hopefully arriving before anyone else. As I arrived at the parking area I was relieved to see I was the only one there, so I rigged up and walked the path down to the river. The river was low and extremely clear and the streamside brush was much higher than when we had last fished it in the early season of a year and a half ago.

I surveyed the stream for bug activity but nothing was happening. This year (as well as the last few years) has required a lot of nymph fishing, so my heart was set on some season ending dry fly fishing. Since nothing was hatching, I'd do the next best thing and dead drift a soft hackle just beneath the surface. The first hour and a half was fairly slow and produced two fish (although one was a stunningly beautiful 13 incher). At that time, some midges started hatching and I was debating the switch over to midges (and the agony that goes along with fishing them), or try something else. While combing through my flybox I noticed a spinner buzzing about, approximately size 16. I know there is generally a sparse hatch of Blue Quills (*paraleptophlebia* sp.) in September, but I had not seen any duns. None the less, I threw caution to the wind and tied on a size 16 sparkle dun. Figuring I'd give it chance for an hour or so, it turned out the browns loved it. As long as I was very careful with my approach and got off a drag-free float, those beautiful butter yellow browns rose to the dun emerger uninhibited. For the next three hours I raised over 2 dozen fished and landed a good 15 - the largest being not quite 14 inches.

I don't know think I've ever seen trout rise so willingly to a fly where no actual hatch was taking place, but it sure made for a pleasant day. Oh well, a president is deserved of some good fortune every now and then isn't he?....and then it was on to the business meeting.



A LOVELY PHOTO OF A PARALEPTOPHLEBIA MAYFLY. COURTESY OF JASON NEUSWANGER AND TROUTNUT.COM



# MORE ON STREAM MONITORING

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BY TOM HENDERSON

Regarding the need for restoration monitoring:

All parties involved with stream restoration projects, from grantor to practitioner to land manager, are vested in the outcomes of these projects and therefore benefit from feedback on project successes and failures. Documenting changes in site conditions before and after restoration project implementation is critical to determining whether a project has achieved its objectives. Planning a monitoring program in conjunction with a restoration project facilitates the development of realistic, measurable project goals and objectives and the use of suitable protocols to assess project outcomes. In addition to documenting intended beneficial effects, consistent and systematic monitoring may also highlight inadvertent effects of restoration on target ecosystems. The information obtained through monitoring provides critical feedback to project participants and grantors. Furthermore, qualitative and quantitative monitoring outcomes can help restoration professionals understand the reasons behind project successes and failures and apply those lessons to their practice. When project outcomes and the resulting lessons are presented and shared, they help fine tune restoration techniques, enhance maintenance regimes, increase the overall knowledge of stream ecosystems, and shape the growing science of stream and watershed restoration. Also, by directing the maintenance of existing projects and improving the design of future projects, such evaluation may increase the credibility of restoration efforts in the eyes of participating landowners. More formally, grant administrators are requiring an increased level of accountability from grantees, including documentation that financial resources were used for the purposes requested and that they produced the desired results (Reeve, T., J. Lichatowich, W. Towey, and A. Duncan 2006 “Building science and accountability into community-based restoration” *Fisheries* 31 (1): 17-24 ). Blatantly plagiarized by Tom Henderson

Well-documented data, collected with calibrated instruments, will tell us if our work has been successful. It will also establish baseline information as development encroaches on our waters. St. Croix County is the fastest growing county in Wisconsin due to its proximity to Minneapolis-St Paul. The data collected on the Kinni is one of the longest-running continuous data sets in the state. It was important in the creation of a storm-water system for River Falls, and may similarly help to encourage a better system for Ellsworth.

Elsewhere in this issue is a “help wanted” ad. Please consider responding.



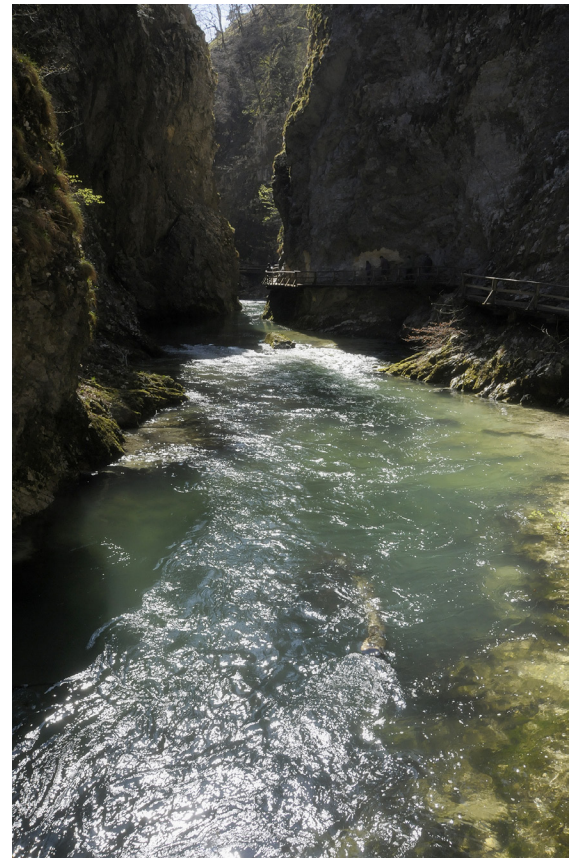
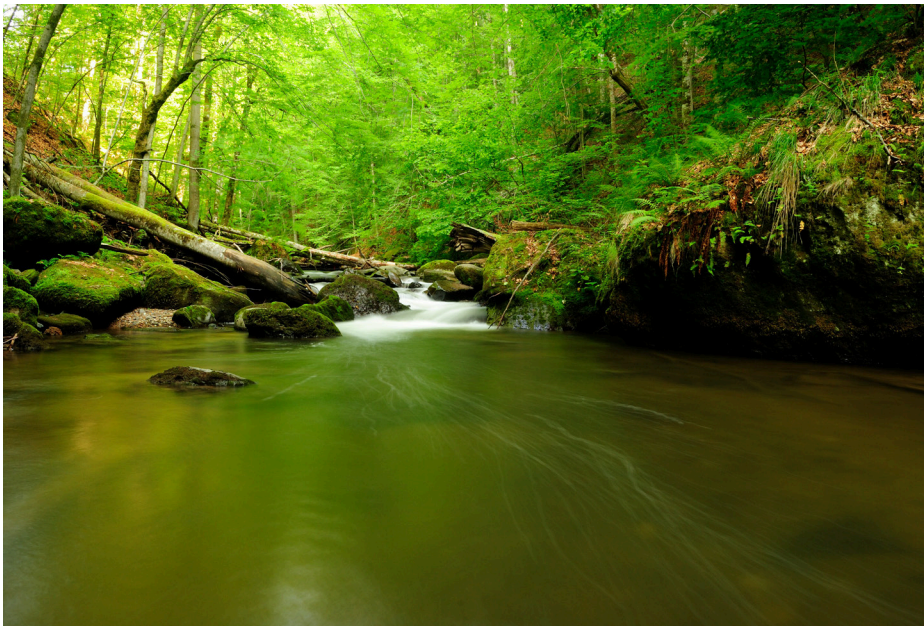
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# A FEW PICS TO HELP YOU GET THROUGH THE LONG WINTER

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[WWW.KIAPTUWISH.ORG](http://WWW.KIAPTUWISH.ORG)



**DON'T MISS THE NOVEMBER MEETING!!!**

Wednesday, November 7th  
@ Bob Smith's Sports Club  
in downtown Hudson, WI

The deadline to make submissions for the  
December issue is Wednesday, November 21st.  
Thank you!

