

# The Hatch

**Tuesday March 14th Meeting – 7:00 PM at the American Museum of Fly Fishing**  
(Route 7A in Manchester, immediately south of the Orvis Flagship Store)

Refreshments will be served.

Steve Roy, the Fisheries Program Manager for the Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forest will present details of the planned project on the Batten Kill slated to start in 2006. Steve will discuss what will be done on the river and explain the value of the various methods. Steve will also discuss how our chapter may be of assistance with the upcoming Twin Farms project.

Steve is nationally recognized for his trout habitat studies and projects. The Batten Kill is very fortunate to have his skills and experience available.

In addition, Ken Cox, District Wildlife Biologist will be attending the meeting.

Steve and Ken will be available to answer questions.

Please plan on attending, we look forward to seeing you there.

**Opening Day Pancake Breakfast April 8, Battenkill Inn Sunderland, VT**

The Chapter will be hosting an Opening Day Pancake Breakfast at the Battenkill Inn Barn in Sunderland on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 am – 10:30 am. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to a tree planting project we have scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>; Green Up Vermont Day (see below for details).

In order to make this event a success we will need cooks, hosts, tables and chairs as well as hungry anglers and their family members and friends.

If you can assist in any way please contact Eric Rickstad at [President@TUSWVT.org](mailto:President@TUSWVT.org) or Doug Lyons at [VP@TUSWVT.org](mailto:VP@TUSWVT.org) or Doug via phone at (978) 897-3728.

Even if you cannot cook or otherwise assist, please stop by for some breakfast for the Battenkill!

**Green Up Vermont Day Tree Planting**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> the chapter will be planting trees along the Battenkill behind the Battenkill Inn. The Edmunds, Innkeepers of the

Battenkill Inn will be cost-sharing in this project as well as allowing us to plant as many as 39 trees along the ‘kill and it’s riparian zone. The more volunteers that we get, the faster the job will be done.

Please come out and spend a couple hours planting trees as just a little work will go a long way towards helping ensure the vitality of the river for future generations.

Tentative start time will be 8 am and refreshments will be served upon completion of work.

Note that the project day may be moved back if ground or river conditions dictate.

**Twin Farms Habitat Restoration Kicks Off**

The much anticipated Twin Farms project kicked off in January with the formal announcement of fund raising efforts in the 2006 Orvis catalog.

The project will introduce a significant amount of woody debris to the stream channel. The goal of the project is to narrow river flows, create deeper holes and add a degree of complexity to the in stream habitat.

Of course no project like this can be accomplished without adequate funding, and to that end, Orvis has established a matching fund program along with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that will contribute two dollars for every dollar raised. A contribution of \$100 from an individual is matched by Orvis and NFWF for a total of \$300 going to the project.

The project funds recipient and caretaker will be the Battenkill Watershed Alliance and the design and implementation of the project will be done by the Green Mountain National Forest Service and Vermont Fish and Wildlife.

This project has caught the attention of a lot of people and it should be noted with our thanks that the Greater Boston Chapter of Trout Unlimited recently made a donation of \$2000 towards the project. Our chapter will discuss what contribution we can make at the upcoming March meeting.

Thanks GBTU!!!!

If you wish to support this project you may do so by sending a check made out to BKWA Wild Trout to the following address:

BKWA – Wild Trout  
PO BOX SF  
Manchester Vermont  
05254

Yet another way to contribute will be to go see **Jonathan Edwards** at the Burr and Burton Riley Center for the Arts on Sunday, 3/19 at 7pm. For \$15 you get to see a performance by a great musician as well as another terrific performer, local favorite Rick Redington.

Proceeds raised from the sale of the tickets will go towards the Twin Farms project. This program is being sponsored by Orvis and yet again highlights their commitment to environmental work that is benefiting the local community. For tickets call (802) 362-8643.

### **Our Chapter Web Site is Up and Running – Check it Out and Contribute Too**

Our chapter has a great website (at <http://www.TUSWVT.org>) thanks largely to the efforts of chapter secretary Peter Bellamy. Please take the time to check out this site and make use of it. Newsletters are available on-line for download in PDF format.

We are asking for your writing and photographic contributions to help us make the site as useful, informative and interesting as possible. We need your written updates on local rivers as well as general local/regional river information and characteristics, your favorite local fly patterns and recipes, local photos of fish and scenery, chapter history, etc. We might even carve out a place to post fish stories as told by local anglers traveling in far-off and fabulous places. You get the picture. If you have some information that would be useful, interesting to others, or appropriate to post on the site, please forward it via email to [Secretary@TUSWVT.org](mailto:Secretary@TUSWVT.org) or bring it in person to the next chapter meeting.

The attractiveness and value of the site is limited only by the enthusiasm, contributions and creativity of the membership of the chapter.

Please make use of the website, mention it to others, and contribute where you can!

### **And Finally....**

There are a lot more things going on with the chapter and there are terrific opportunities for individuals to get involved. Among the ideas circulating are a Riverkeepers program, regular Fishing Nights starting in May, and organizing a “Battenkill Summit” in order to keep the momentum of current projects going forward, helping with organize our chapter meetings.

In order to find out more about this you will have to come to the March meeting!!!!

### **OK .... Really Finally ....**

#### **We Need Your Email Addresses**

Help us save chapter resources by signing up for the electronic version of our newsletter. Please email us with your contact info and we will save paper and mailing costs by emailing our newsletter to you.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact any of the Chapter E-Board members:

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**We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months!**