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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On November 8th the board of directors attended a planning retreat to review the Central Oregon Flyfishers FY 2014 and prospects for FY 2015. The Club continues to grow. We are 307 strong and are probably the largest single fishing club in the State. Retention continues to be a challenge even with our growth. Kokanee Karnival is having trouble getting volunteers we need to sustain the program at its present level. Next Cast is growing and is adding equipment to handle the growth. The library has never been in better shape with funding to continue to update our resources. Education classes are expanding with a beginning fly tying class to complement the winter fly tying classes which are targeted to the more advanced. The banquet is scheduled for the River House again this year. Our membership have requested more outings which will happen. A big challenge will be the need to support the National Federation of Fly Fishers national convention which is being held in Bend during August. The Club is in good financial health unlike a few years ago.

As I finish my third term as President, I want to thank the Board for their support. To all the volunteers, a big attaboy for all you do. I know you will continue to turnout as Lee Ann Ross takes over as the new President.

— Dave Dunahay ([president@coflyfishers.org](mailto:president@coflyfishers.org))



## GENERAL MEETING

Dec. 17 | 7:00 p.m. annual holiday meeting | Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING

Fly tying demonstrations: a great opportunity to mix and meet while picking up tying tips

Potluck of snacks: please bring your favorite cookies, chips, dip or other treats and beverages for the holiday munchies.

Equipment swap: there will be no club intermediaries - just bring your gear labeled with your asking price and name. Leave on one of the tables - the buyer should connect with the seller directly.

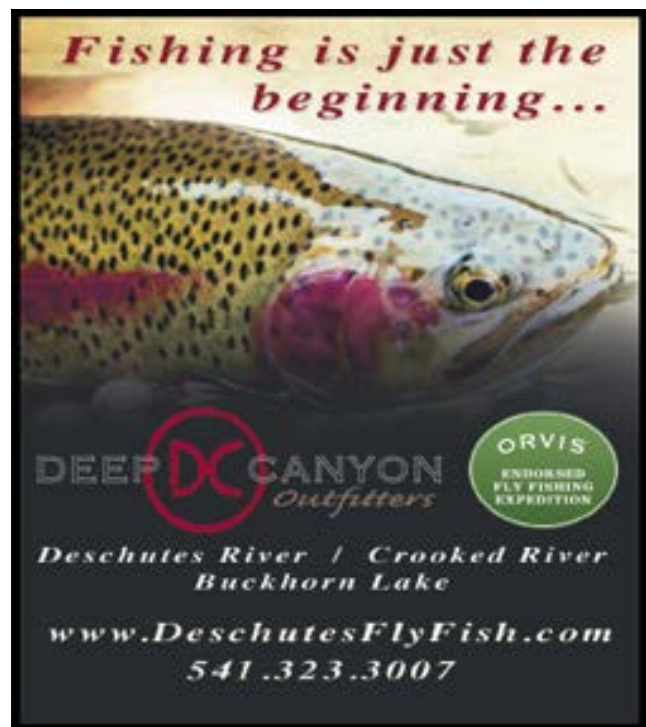
## OUTINGS

### New Year's Day outing - Crooked River

Jan 1 | Meet at Jake's Diner at 9:00 A.M. | Leader: Kathleen Schroeder

The first outing of 2015 will be the traditional New Year's Day outing to the Crooked River. Meet at Jake's Diner on the east side at 9 A.M., have breakfast with fellow COF members, and decide if the trip to the river is for you. If there's no snow, temperatures are above freezing, and the roads are clear, this trip is on. Be sure to get your 2015 license before hand. After breakfast, meet at Big Bend Campground between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. Fish for a couple of hours, gather around the campfire for hot chocolate and cookies, and get home before dark. For more information about the outing, flies, and gear, contact

-Kathleen Schroeder (541-480-3185, [kathleen.s.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.s.schroeder@gmail.com))



## OUTINGS 2014/2015

Month	Day	Destination	Leader
Jan	01	Crooked River	Kathleen Schroeder

## Call for 2015 outings destinations and leaders

Your outings coordinator would like to hear from you! Which outings are most desired in 2015? What destinations would you like to go to? I am also seeking members who are willing to offer, organize, and lead COF outings during the coming year. Experienced trip leaders are encouraged to again volunteer their valuable and much appreciated services to the club membership. Club members who have never organized and led a fishing outing, but have the knowledge and skills to introduce others to a new fishing destination, are strongly encouraged to become a trip leader. If you are interested in sharing your ideas or acting as a 2015 outing leader, feel free to contact me at the monthly meeting, by phone (541-549-2072) or email ([outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org)).

-Eric Steele, Outings Coordinator

## It's coming - 2015 Annual Banquet and Fundraiser

**When: Saturday, April 11, 2013**

**Where: RiverHouse Convention Center**

For more information contact:

**Chairman - Peter Martin - 541-388-8956**

[pcmartin@bendbroadband.com](mailto:pcmartin@bendbroadband.com)

**Donations/Raffle/Auction - Roger Vlach 541-382-6400**

[roger.vlach@wellsfargoadvisors.com](mailto:roger.vlach@wellsfargoadvisors.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

You or your spouse should have received, on November 1, an email from COF with your annual family membership or out-of-the-area renewal invoice attached. If you haven't done so, please renew online and pay by credit card using PayPal or mail a check to the club's PO Box. Renew before January 1 and pay \$30; after that, the cost is \$36.00. If you have any questions about the renewal process, please contact me. We have COF logo hats, Wild Women of the Water hats, and fleece caps for these cold wintry days. All styles are \$15 each and make great stocking stuffers. Also pick up free COF logo decals and business cards at the Membership table.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lou Degregorio

Mary Ann Dozier

Kim Hillis

-Tim Schindele ([membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org))



## EDUCATION

### THE COF WINTER FLY TYING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

COF's Winter Fly Tying begins January 6 and will run through March 31. We'll meet every Tuesday night at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 pm.

This is an opportunity to re-stock your fly box with effective, fishy flies. Each session will be led by an experienced instructor who will teach a couple of flies. There will be enough materials available to tie several of each pattern.

The class is open to current COF member (guests are welcome). Just bring your vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying.

I'm creating an email list of participants, so let me know if you are interested. I send out pattern sheets early so you can see who the instructor is and the featured flies.

Hope to see you in January!

*-John Kreft (503-559-3811, jckreft@gmail.com)*

### KOKANEE KARNIVAL CERTIFIED ANGLING INSTRUCTOR CLASS

The Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program will be offering a one day Certified Angling Instructor class in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on Saturday, January 17.. The mission of Kokanee Karnival is the education of our youth to become good fishermen and environmental stewards. The primary way we accomplish this mission is through volunteerism. Kokanee Karnival volunteers teach our Fall Stream-side and Spring Angling Clinic field programs and our classroom

programs including; Angler Education, Fish Dissection and Fish Eggs to Fry. The lead instructor for the classroom programs must be a Certified Angling Instructor. Kokanee Karnival has made a positive impact on thousands of children in Central Oregon since 1996 and as a result, the Kokanee Karnival has earned praise and respect in not just Central Oregon but throughout the state.

The Certified Angling Instructor class is a part of the ODFW Angler Education program. Many of you have completed the class and are Certified Instructors. We are seeking additional volunteers and are making this class available at no cost to those who are interested. We are coordinating with Mr. Shahab Farzanegan, the head of the ODFW Angler Education Program to come to Bend to teach the Certified Angling Instructor class. This is a one day class and ODFW provides all materials and lunch.

If you are interested, please contact Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us (541) 388-6366 or Frank Turek at waldo1ft@msn.com (541) 318-7507 or Dan Pebbles pebbles@tyeeinl.com (206) 618-8917. We will provide you with a Certified Angling Instructor application. When the application is returned to ODFW, the State conducts a background check of the applicant. The next step is attending the one day class. When you complete the class you will receive an ODFW Angling Education instructor hat, shirt complete with ODFW logos as well as your own name tag and ID card. With the uniform, you have instant credibility for whatever volunteer program you choose to participate.

*Frank Turek (waldo1ft@msn.com)*

## WINTER SEMINAR

Saturday and Sunday February 21 & 22, 2015 | Bend RiverHouse & Convention Center

The Winter Seminar is a two-day event conducted every other year and hosted alternately by COF and the Sun River Anglers. This coming event will be hosted by COF and we are pleased to have world renowned angler & conservationist Craig Mathews of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop, West Yellowstone.

Craig and his wife Jackie have won numerous conservation awards for their environmental work such as "The Protector of Yellowstone National Park Award" presented by Yellowstone National Park, both The Nature Conservancy and Greater Yellowstone Coalition's coveted conservation business of the year awards, and many more. Craig was Fly Rod and Reels "2005 World Angler of the Year", Trout Unlimited's "Stream Champion" in 2011

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Craig has authored and co-authored 9 important books on fishing. His latest, "Simple Fly-Fishing with Tenkara" was released in April 2014 and co-authored with Patagonia Inc. founder, Yvon Chouinard.

Craig co-founded 1% for the Planet an alliance of businesses donating 1% of their gross sales to researched and approved conservation causes. To date 1% for the Planet has donated over \$135 million to conservation and environmental programs.

Craig still ties 500-750 dozen flies each year. Craig enjoys writing and is working on another book this winter.

Registration will begin December 10, 2014. Look for upcoming announcement via email on the 10th.

- Eric Steele, (541-549-2072 [steelefly2@msn.com](mailto:steelefly2@msn.com))

## ■ IFFF 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Bend, Oregon | RiverHouse Convention Center | August 11-15, 2015

In 2015, IFFF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, a landmark event that celebrates both the history and the future of the federation. The celebration will take place in Bend, Oregon, the ideal time to welcome global affiliates to our U.S. home and to showcase our international credentials. Our IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair in Bend includes international participants at every level of the program. We want a global perspective in as many forums as we can, from fly tying to casting demonstrations and even competitions.

We are looking for members of local fly fishing clubs who would be willing to host our global members by participating in the IFFF's Homestay Program. The IFFF meeting will be held in Bend from August 11 to 15, 2015 at the Riverhouse Convention Center.

The Homestay program will involve hosting an IFFF member from a foreign country during the week of the IFFF's International Fly Fishing Fair, probably from August 10 to 16. In exchange, the host member would be able to stay as a guest in the foreign visitor's home for a week. Participation in the program would also include taking the foreign guest fishing on a local

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stream or lake during the week and providing transportation from the host's house to IFFF events. Presently, the IFFF is expecting about 18 people from foreign countries including Japan, England, Norway and Australia.

This would be a great chance to host a fellow angler, meet some interesting people, improve international (fishing) relations and get a chance to travel to a foreign country to fish. Volunteers should contact Marv Yoshinaka at [mpyosh@chamberscable.com](mailto:mpyosh@chamberscable.com) or 541-593-5461. They can also contact Kuni Masuda, (IFFF Board of Directors) at [klmasuda@yahoo.com](mailto:klmasuda@yahoo.com), 360-573-3310 or 408-406-8830 cell.

## ■ CONSERVATION

### CONSERVATION YEAR IN REVIEW

2014 was a busy year in the conservation department. Here's a quick review and some updates. There were numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year. These included the ever-popular Crooked River clean up organized by Bill Seitz as well as a variety of calls for help from our friends at ODFW and other agencies. COF donated \$3,500 to ODFW for chub control at East Lake, associated signage, and purchase of equipment

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for tracking studies of fish in the middle and upper Deschutes. We made official comments on ODFW's next proposed budget which helped change some preliminary decisions and preserved local field staff from elimination. Club member and Oregon Council IFFF president Sherry Steele worked to secure a \$3,000 donation to the Deschutes River Alliance, an organization working on water quality issues in the lower river.

We solicited and coordinated comments from other angling organizations asking the Mirror Pond Ad Hoc Committee to change their opposition to fish passage as part of their deliberations, an effort that yielded excellent results. The latest plans for Mirror Pond now list fish passage as one of the "seven community interests" for the project. See [www.mirrorpondbend.com](http://www.mirrorpondbend.com) for more information. This project has years left to completion but it now seems to be on a good path from a fisheries perspective. We also provided comments on the Riley Ranch Nature Preserve, a new endeavor by Bend Parks & Recreation that will offer angler access to the Deschutes upstream from Tumalo State Park.

Finally, we made an important impact on the efforts to provide fish passage over the dam at Opal Springs on the Crooked River just above Lake Billy Chinook. As has been detailed in earlier columns, the successful reintroduction of anadromous fish into the upper Deschutes basin above Lake Billy Chinook hinges on this fish passage. Virtually all returning steelhead and Chinook want to go up the Crooked River and have been willing to die trying. We organized multiple fishing and conservation groups to make the case that fish passage be prioritized over other projects and got some existing funds reallocated to the project. We also worked with ODFW to help create additional funding for the project. It looks like \$3M of the \$4M needed has been allocated and there is a team working on the last \$1M. Again, completion of this project is a few years off, and some squabbling between various groups must be overcome, but significant progress has been made this year due in part to our efforts.

On the subject of anadromous fish reintroduction, as of November 20th, 35 steelhead, 24 Chinook, and 20 sockeye adults have been passed upstream into Lake Billy Chinook this season. They have been fitted with tracking devices. As in years past, the steelhead and Chinook are all trying to go up the Crooked. We need that passage at Opal Springs.

Final note: I'm sure many of you have been reading about or experiencing the Chinook run in the Columbia and up the Deschutes this year. It is amazing how many salmon are in the Deschutes. On November 12 I fished the upper stretch of the lower river. It was almost impossible to get out of the boat with-

out stepping on a Chinook. There were fish on reds everywhere you looked. A feisty one even took my swung steelhead fly in the mouth which was about all my 7wt Spey rod could handle. I also landed the largest redband trout I have ever seen on the Deschutes. At first I thought it was a steelhead, it took my MOAL leach on the swing and fought like a steelie, but it was clearly a 24"+ redband once in hand. (Yes, I know they are genetically the same thing, but even a steelhead that's been in the river for months does not look like a resident redband.) I have heard similar stories from other anglers fishing this stretch of river. The hypothesis is that the trout are getting quite large after feeding for two years in a row on plentiful salmon eggs and carcasses. It could be very interesting for trout anglers next spring.

—Yancy Lind, *Conservation Chair*

## ■ WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### WILD WOMEN CAN FISH IN THE SNOW!

Wasn't the first snowfall of the year beautiful? Well, it was for those of us with warm houses, warm clothes and 4 wheel drive!! And even if you don't catch fish, it is great to get outdoors with a fly rod. But wait.....some people do catch fish in the snow! It might be more challenging, but it is possible. And Wild Women of the Water can catch with the best of them!! Get out there and give it a go!!!

Friday, Dec 12 is the date for the Wild Women of the Water to get together and celebrate a wonderful fishing year with a potluck. If you haven't heard all the details, send Kari a note. Great fun will be had by all!

Need a fishy holiday gift? How about a COF or Wild Women hat? They are quite stylish and a very reasonable price. Pick one up at the membership table at the monthly meeting

—Kari Schoessler ([wildwomen@coflyfishers.org](mailto:wildwomen@coflyfishers.org))

## ■ NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Join us December 17th for our monthly COF meeting—featuring fly tying! Several of our club members will be tying flies for demonstration. This is a casual evening without a formal program, allowing everyone to socialize and watch fly tying in action. You may get some great information for our local waters, and who knows, maybe the tyer will give away a couple of flies!

There will be a table for beginners to learn how to use a tying vise and create their very own fly! We have lots of equipment you are welcome to use.

We will also have a table for intermediate tyers (those that have completed some beginner classes). The intermediate ty-

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ers will add some new techniques and tie a more complex fly! PLEASE let me know if you plan to attend so I can make sure we have enough spaces set up.

In addition, our members will bring in some of their excess equipment to sell or swap. This is a great way to pick up some needed equipment and materials. Be sure to bring your cash!

And, there will be cookies and other holiday treats!

This focused fly tying session is a great opportunity for our young fly tyers. Several of them have just completed the beginner fly tying classes offered by COF. During the month of November, the group met weekly to progress their fly tying. With the mentoring and teaching of COF member and fly tyer, Pete Martin, the tyers completed Hare's Ear Nymphs, Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Soft Hackles, Deer Hair Caddis, Griffith's Gnats, and an Adams.

They are filling their fly boxes with a few new favorites!

Thanks for Cliff Price and Steve Stevens for coordinating the sessions and extra thank you to Pete Martin for providing weekly materials preparation, teaching and support of the young tyers!

We hope to see many of our tyers at the December 17th meeting! Please let me know if you plan to attend!

Remember, there will be cookies!

-Karen Kreft ([nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org), 503.409.0148)



Ian and Mr. Pete watching Branson tie his fly at the beginner fly tying class

## TENKARA

For all you tenkara enthusiasts out there, check out this blog post on how to land big fish on a tenkara rod.

### Guest post: Fixed Line Fly Fishing for Big Fish by Rob Worthing

<http://castingaround.anthonynaples.com/2014/11/guest-post-fixed-line-fly-fishing-for-big-fish-by-rob-worthing>

- Lee Ann Ross ([rossleeann@yahoo.com](mailto:rossleeann@yahoo.com))



Ian and Jett concentrating on getting the materials right on their flies

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Have you "Liked" the official COF Facebook Page??

If not, do it today! Thank you again to everyone who has supported this exciting new venture. It is vital that our club continues to gain strength and remain relevant in the world of fly fishing - You all have so much to teach the younger generation of anglers out there! As a reminder, please do not hesitate to email me any pictures of your outings or of the fish you've caught. Adding to that, if anyone needs help setting up, managing or navigating Facebook, I am here to help via email or in person. Again, a big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped support the COF Facebook Page thus far!

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-Molly Vernarecci ([mollyvernarecci@gmail.com](mailto:mollyvernarecci@gmail.com))



Mr. Pete watching Max tie a fly at the beginning fly tying class

## TYER'S CORNER

### Fly of the Month – A review:

This is my final installment for the COF Fly of the Month. Rather than provide you with a new pattern, I thought I would provide a review of my past patterns. Frequently I get emails asking about fly patterns for the Crooked River or central Oregon lakes. Even though the patterns have appeared in past newsletters, it is difficult to wade through the newsletter archives searching for a specific pattern. The club sells a CD of newsletter patterns but frequently the most recent patterns are not on the CD. Keep this newsletter handy for future reference. So, for new members and “old” members who need a refresher, here are my patterns (month and year in newsletter) by water type and “insect” group:

#### Rivers & Streams

Midges	Mayflies
Deep Blue Poison Tung (Sept 2013)	Good and Plenty (Sept 2014)
Mercury Midge (Dec 2013)	WK's Thread Body Mayfly (TBMF) (Jun 2014)
Miracle Midge (Feb 2013)	RS-2 (Jun 2013)
Caddis	General Purpose
Mercury Cased Caddis (Feb 2012)	Lights Out (Sep 2011)
	Hot Pink Cougar (Sep 2012)
	Bling (Mar 2007)
	Ray Charles (Jun 2012)
Eggs	
Loop Nuc (Dec 2011)	
Ham'n Eggs (Dec 2012)	

#### Lakes

Midges	General Purpose
OB2 (Jun 2012)	Team Fly (Mar 2014)
Boticoon (Jun 2011)	Tiger Paw (Feb 2011)
Ugly Duckling (May 2010)	

Time for my pep talk: If you don't tie flies I urge you to learn. It is easy to tie simple, but effective flies. The startup costs are minimal; you need very few tools and a vise. You don't need to start with a lot of material – just get the material you need to tie a specific fly. The club now offers fly tying classes for beginners. Fly shops in Bend do as well. For me, the biggest advantage of learning to tie your own flies is that you can learn patterns that are not sold in the local shops. John Kreft, a club member and excellent fly tier, organizes a great winter tying program for intermediate and advanced tiers that utilizes the skills of local tiers. The winter session is designed to tie flies that participants want to tie. If you tie flies but are a little rusty, I encourage you to regularly attend the Tuesday sessions to sharpen your skill. It will make you a better angler because it will make you aware of the important aspects of a fly (size, shape, action, and color). There are a number of great books and DVDs that provide instruction on how to tie and fish flies. I have identified several that I like in my fly of the month installments. Of course, there is the Internet. A Google search (or other search engines) yields instructional videos on hundreds of patterns. If I see a fly pattern mentioned in a magazine article, rarely am I disappointed on finding the pattern on an Internet search. There are a number of web sites like Charley's Fly Box ([www.charliesflyboxinc.com](http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com)) that provide step-by-step instruction for lots of today's popular patterns. John Kreft now has a great web site of patterns for central Oregon waters and beyond (River Keeper Flies, [www.johnkreft.com](http://www.johnkreft.com)). Wes Wada, a club member and excellent tier, also has a great web site ([www.flyfoundry.com](http://www.flyfoundry.com)). Check them out. Bottomline: This winter get started and learn a new skill. There is a great sense of accomplishment when you catch a fish on a fly you created.

Some general observations about flies: Almost all the anglers I talk with while fishing on the Crooked River (and other rivers such as the Madison in Montana) are using flies that are too large. They just don't have a chance for much success with flies that, many times, are twice the size of the natural insect in the drift. On the Crooked River, with few exceptions, you should use flies no larger than size 18. On a tailwater fishery such as the Crooked, the macroinvertebrates (bugs) in the river's drift are no larger than an 18 and most are smaller – size 20 and 22. John Anderson's (a club member) macroinvertebrate study on the river showed that during all seasons in the upper and lower river sections, midges were predominant in the drift and the stomach samples of collected fish (redbands and mountain whitefish). The Crooked River is a MIDGE river; use them for success. The other important insects in the seasonal drift are mayflies (BWOs and PMD) and Mother's Day Caddis. Most of the individuals in these groups are size 18 or smaller. I see the same trends on central Oregon's lakes, the midge, mayfly, damsel, dragon fly, and leech patterns that anglers commonly use are too large.

I hope to see you on a stream or lake in central Oregon in the future. Again, if you don't tie flies I urge you to learn – it's not hard. Most of my patterns and those of the other members of the Fly of the Month group require only a few materials and are not complicated to tie. So, tight lines and fish on!

–Bill Seitz ([wseitz@bendbroadband.com](mailto:wseitz@bendbroadband.com))

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## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2014

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
<b>Dec 4th</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b>	Environmental Center	Dave Dunahay
<b>Dec 12th</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Wild Women Winter Potluck</b>	Lee Ann's Home	Kari Schoessler
<b>Dec 17th</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Bend Senior Center	Cliff Price
<b>In the future</b>				
January 6, 13, 20, 27 , COF Winter Fly Tying , 6:00 pm , Bend Senior Center , Contact John Kreft (jckreft@gmail.com)				
Winter Seminar - Craig Mathews; February 21 & 22, 2015, Bend Riverhouse & Convention Center, (Eric Steele steelefly2@msn.com)				
Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, March 13&14, 2015, Linn County Fair Grounds, Albany, OR				
COF Banquet, April 11, 2015				
IFFF 50th Anniversary, August 11-15, 2015, RiverHouse Convention Center, Bend, OR; Contact: Sherry Steele steelefly@msn.com				

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