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**Franz Dutzler Sculpture entitled "Home Waters"
Steelhead is for sale. Contact Michael Riley at
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Notice: eNewsletter Editor Wanted

A volunteer to assemble our Newsletter on ConstantContact is needed. No special computer skills or article writing required. If you can help, we can train. Contact Michael Riley at rileym@missouri.edu or 573-808-4828 or Scott Gerlt at gerlts@missouri.edu or 573-256-9521.

Meetings and Events

Tuesday October 6, 7:00pm MMTU Monthly Meeting at Jack's. MDC photographer Nappadol Paothong will discuss outdoor photography.

Friday-Saturday October 9-10. Ozark Council meeting in Branson. Contact John Wenzlick at (573) 821-6813 if interested.

Wednesday October 14, 7:00am Stream Team Survey of Little Piney. Meet at the AC commuter lot off Hwy 63 and car pool. Bring lunch and rods. Back around 5:00pm.

Friday October 16, 6:00pm. The Gateway Chapter of Trout Unlimited cordially invites you to its first annual fundraising dinner at Tapawingo National Golf Club in Sunset Hills, Missouri. For details see [Gateway TU - Fundraising-Dinner](#)

Sunday November 1, 2:00pm Trout Fishing with Mentees at Bethel Lake.
Mentors needed.

President's Corner by Scott Gerlt

October's speaker is going to be a special treat. We will have **Noppadol Paothong** doing a photo presentation. I'm sure most have seen his work in the Missouri Conservationist as he is the outdoor photography for the Department of Conservation. Some of his work can be seen at <http://www.nopnatureimages.com/>. Mr. Paothong has also published a book with Joel Vance, Save the Last Dance, about the battle for survival of the grassland grouse. I hope to see you there for this great presentation!

State of TU: Highlights from Annual Meeting in Sept 2015 by Jeff Witten, Ozark NLC Rep

TU's Mission is to Protect, Reconnect and Restore coldwater fisheries in the US. TU utilizes Members, Staff and Money to accomplish our Mission. Revenue continued to increase in 2015 exceeding \$50m. Paid Staff was flat and consumes only 3% of total expenses. Membership provides about 18% of revenue, Foundations provide more than 25% and Government sources about 44%, the balance comes from major gifts.

TU has 148,000 members in 380 Chapters.

Look for increased oversight of Chapter spending when new guidelines are issued this year. The new guidelines will require multiple sign-off on checks and expenses over a threshold dollar amount.

Also look for newly introduced logo and labelling. TU has updated the 15 year old logo.

Strategic Plan Goals for the Grassroots

- Increase volunteerism to ~ 7 volunteer hours/ member annually. We are currently reporting 4.5 volunteer hours/ member
- 15 percent increase in chapter activities. Chapters reported 3,067 chapter meetings in FY14 (with an average attendance of 21 people,) and held 1051 conservation projects and 1,554 education projects.
- 15 percent increase in chapters/councils with leadership succession plans. The updated chapter effectiveness initiative will address this question for the first time.

Chapter Member averages -

30% Under 55 - 70% over

93% Men - 7% Women

Top Three Reasons members joined TU - The TU Mission, Environmental and Water Quality Concerns and Fishing Information, learn to fish better. A common theme "I joined for the Fishing and stayed for the Conservation"

For a complete report click here [TU Annual Report](#)

Book Reviews by Bill Lamberson

I picked up a couple books during winter visits to Hargrove's. The first, Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs, was written by Kent Cowgill, a Nebraska acquaintance of mine from many years ago. You may have seen some of his writing, and some of these stories, in Fly Rod and Reel. This book is a collection of fishing stories, some very entertaining and some not so much. Cowgill relates with good humor experiences that most of us have had, trying to figure out the fishing in a new locale, run-ins with rude fishermen who walk through the run you were fishing (maybe I was the person who walked through?), loss of friends, perhaps one whose wife considered you a bad influence on her husband. It is a thin book, not one that will educate you on how to catch a fish, or make you spend much to thinking (unless maybe you are that bad influence), but entertaining for some winter evenings.

The second book on my list is Steven Hawley's, Recovering a Lost River. This book focuses on dam removal to recover salmon and steelhead runs on the Snake River. It is a powerful book that reviews the history of the development of dams for hydroelectric generation and water diversion for human and agricultural use. I have recently been involved in or at least audience to recent discussions of the positive and negative effects of dams at the Trout Unlimited Embrace-a-Stream (EAS)

meetings and at the Mid-South regional meetings. On one hand, dams can give us access to fishing, Tanneycomo, Norfolk, San Juan and many other rivers would not have trout without the dams that provide cold water to feed the tailwaters. Most of those, of course, replaced some other fishing opportunity available before the dam was built. On the other hand, EAS allocates money each year for removal of antiquated dams that cut off sections of streams and prevent fish from reaching spawning habitat. In this year's awards, requests came from Colorado, Maine and Oregon for that specific purpose. Hawley looks at dam removal on a grand scale, describing the prospects for removal of four major dams on the Columbia River system that could restore historic runs of anadromous fish that are currently nearly extinct. If you have an interest in fish, and not just fishing, this is a book that you should read.

I'll mention a third book that I am looking forward to reading, but don't yet have in my hands, but today is my birthday and I hope it comes my way! It is Guy de la Valdene's new fishing memoir, described by Chris Camuto as "the best fishing memoir in a generation". If it lives up to the standard of his previous books, *For a Handful of Feathers* or *The Fragrance of Grass*, it should be a good one.

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Meeting Place

Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, except for July and August. The regular meeting place, except June, is in the Wine Room at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, located on East Business Loop 170, across from the east tide Westlakes Hardware in Columbia, MO.

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