



Cross Currents

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March 2017

Tuesday March 7, 6-8pm
regular meeting at
Hy-Vee
2nd Floor Meeting Room
25 Conley
Columbia MO.

Program: Jim Karpowicz,
Director and Producer of
Spence Turner: "A Life Well
Cast" will be in attendance to
give us a behind the scenes
look at the films he has
produced including Spence's
film.

Individuals can purchase any
food or beverage they want from
the variety of Hy-Vee options
including the Market Grille.

Meeting at 7 PM with
conversation starting at 6 PM



Spence Turner

Announcements

Tuesday March 7, 6 pm. Program: Jim Karpowicz: Director and Producer of Spence Turner 'A Life Well Cast' will be in attendance to give us a behind the scenes look at the films he has produced including Spence's film, If you have not seen it, watch it now.



For the past 30 years, Jim has combined his passion for wildlife, wild places and environmental issues with high-quality video production. Transforming complex scientific concepts into compelling stories has become his hallmark. The numerous awards and honors his work has received speak to the popularity of his programs with the general public.

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President's Corner by Ryan Verkamp

Another successful banquet is behind us and I thought it was the most successful banquet yet. It was a sold out crowd and was ran flawlessly by Curt and Dean as the emcees and coordinators. I can't thank those two guys enough along with the entire banquet committee for the great success we saw this past Friday night. There were several individuals in our organization that chipped in during the night of, several gathering items for auction prior to the event, and several even donating their own time, skills, and resources to ensure the success of this event this year, and year end and year out. THANK YOU to all of you for your hard work and dedication to the chapter and to coldwater conservation.

March's program is one program you will not want to miss. We are delighted to welcome Jim Karpowicz from The Documentary Group. Jim is locally located in

Columbia and is going to give us a look into how he goes about producing an outdoor film. I can't wait for this presentation.

Each year we try and take the time to look back during the prior year and award two deserving individuals for their dedication to conservation and our local chapter. This year we changed the name of the MMTU Conservation award in perpetuity to honor our gone but not forgotten friend Spence Turner. This year we recognized Brandon Butler, Executive Director of CFM, with the Spencer Turner Conservationist Award for his remarkable contributions to conserving, protecting, and restoring Missouri's resources. Brandon rolls his sleeves up everyday for conservation and continues to battle in Jefferson City the good fight for the good of conservation in our state. The chapter honored Michael Riley with the Nello L. Donati Memorial Award for his notable contributions to the chapter. Michael has served in every facet of the chapter and his dedication the past several years has been second to none. We thank Michael for his support and wish there were more like him as we have lots of holes to fill in his departure. Speaking of, if you would like to replace him as the Newsletter Officer, please let me know ASAP. Michael is moving to the state west of us that most of us don't associate with, so it was nice knowing you Michael, we wish you the best.



Spencer Turner Conservation Award

Brandon Butler, executive director of CFM, is the recipient of the 2016 Spencer Turner Conservation Award. Brandon works with Missouri legislators to promote conservation in the state. MMTU's annual conservation award has been renamed in honor of Spence Turner, a founding member of MMTU. Spence was a fish biologist who dedicated his life to bringing wild trout fisheries to Missouri. It was only fitting that Brandon, Executive Producer of the video "A Life Well Cast", a tribute to Spence's life and trout, received the award. Brandon comments that it is an honor to tell the story of a personal hero of mine who made such a big difference in our state for trout fishermen of today and tomorrow.

Nello L Donati Award

was given to Michael Riley. Michael commets- I have been pleased to serve MMTU in a variety of capacities: Treasurer, Banquet Chair, President, Stream Team Leader, Mentee Director, and eNewsletter Editor. I certainly didn't do everything by myself; I was only part of a team. Over the years I've learned a lot about coldwater conservation and I'm proud of MMTU's contributions. The fellowship shown to me has been gratifying. I have fished with several of you (wished it had been more) and some have become my most cherished friends. I encourage MMTU members to get involved; it's most rewarding experience.



Meeting Place: Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm, except for July and August. The current meeting place is Upstairs Meeting Room at HY-Vee off Conley, Columbia MO. In June the meeting is held at Stephens Lake Park, Gordon Shelter at 5:30pm.

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