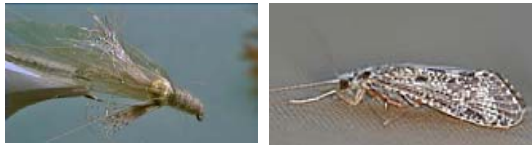


**Fly of the month:  
Diving caddis wet fly**



**Hook:** 16, with a gold bead  
**Wing:** elk hair, antron  
**Thorax:** grey thread w/ hares ear dubbing  
**Legs:** brown partridge  
**Egg sac:** bright green or yellow dubbing  
*This fly imitates an egg-laying female caddis diving to the bottom Use a wing material that holds bubbles .*

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**Upcoming Events**  
**October Chapter Meeting**  
 Tuesday, October 27, 7:00

**November Chapter Meeting**  
 Tuesday, November 24, 7:00

**Trout Unlimited - Our Vision**

*By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.*

**Monthly Meeting**

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**, however members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier and participate in informal fly-tying. Bring your own vice and materials.

**Directions:**

**From Rt. 3:** Take the Rt. 113 Exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113, 6.5 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. The VFW Hall will be located on the left side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

**From Rt. 495:** Take the Rt. 119 Exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119, 9 miles, through Groton and into Pepperell. Turn right onto Rt. 111, and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

**From Rt. 2:** Take the Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on Rt. 111, approximately 12 miles (total, to the Pepperell rotary), through Ayer and Groton to Pepperell. Route 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Once in Pepperell, Rt. 111 bears to the right (off of Rt. 119). Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

**Email - Sign up**

*All Squan-a-Tissit Chapter members are asked to please sign up for the Email announcement list:*  
<http://www.squanatissit.org/newsletters.php>



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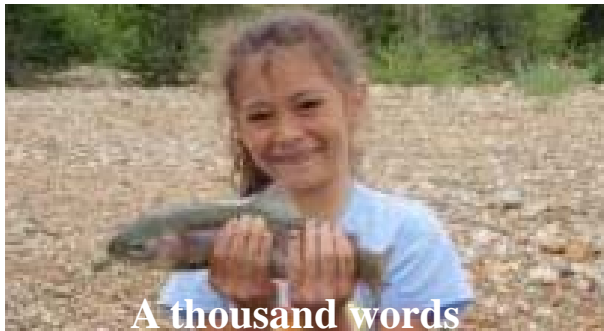
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 Presenting

**Rock Snot and other aquatic invaders**  
 Join us !

**Squan-a-tissit Chapter News**  
**A Note from the President**

The leaves are turning color and starting to fall. Wood smoke permeates the night air. In the woods and fields there is a change happening. As temperatures drop in our streams, Brook Trout take on the colors of autumn and begin their annual spawn. This ritual has occurred since the Ice Age. Brook trout are native fish and they connect us to the past, the moment and the future.

The Chapter’s work through the Brook Trout Initiative insures that these fish will continue to swim these waters for years to come. Get out and catch a glimpse of these beautiful fish in their natural habitat and marvel at your surroundings. *Michael Rosser*



A thousand words

**Name that Fish !**



**Golden shiner**

**ID:** Deep body with a small head. Silvery with an olive back, and yellowish-reddish fins. Larger fish are golden.

**Size:** up to 8-10 inches but generally ~ 3-5

**Habitat:** lives in slow streams, marshes, ponds

**Behavior:** a schooling fish, commonly found around aquatic vegetation in quiet waters.

**Sucker Brook Restoration Project —almost complete !**

On 2 successive work weekends in September Chapter members M. Rosser, R. Schott, J. Wilson, S. Hraba, and D.Armstrong placed several large rocks and woody debris along the banks and in the channel of Sucker Brook and seeded the stream banks with native wetland vegetation.



The Sucker Brook Restoration project was undertaken in partnership with MassWildlife with the goal of restoring the banks of Sucker Brook at 2 sites that were damaged by ATV crossings. The project is almost complete—one additional work weekend is planned for site cleanup— with the date to be announced. Take a trip to the Niss and check it out !



**Guest Speaker**

*Jim Straub*

**Rock Snot,  
and other aquatic invaders**

Have you heard of Rock Snot ? Curious to learn more ? Join us to hear the latest on this invasive species from Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Aquatic Biologist Jim Straub. Your help is needed to prevent Rock Snot from spreading.



The diatom *Didymosphenia geminata*, known as “didymo” or "rock snot," threatens rivers by disrupting the lives of aquatic insects. While didymo is not harmful to people, it is believed to spread by human activity.

Didymo has been found in the upper Connecticut River in NH, and in portions of the White and Battenkill Rivers in VT, the East and West Branches of the Delaware River, in NY and PA, and in Esopus Creek, in NY.

**Operation of ATVs is illegal in Wildlife Management Areas.**

To report violations of off-road recreation vehicle, environmental, or wildlife laws please contact the Environmental Police Radio Communications Center 1-800-632-8075.

**How to recognize Didymo**

	YES	NO
<b>Where found</b>	Mostly clear flowing water with rocky bottom, may attach to plants	Deep silty areas with no rocks or plants, highly colored waters.
<b>Color</b>	Tan, light brown or whitish	Green or dark brown/black or transparent
<b>Texture</b>	Clumps or ropy strands, rough cottony feel, fibrous	Thin layers, slippery or gelatinous
<b>Looks</b>	No leaves/ roots. Sometimes mistaken for fiberglass, or tissue.	Has leaves or roots, looks like an aquatic plant

**How to prevent the Spread of Didymo**

Didymo is single cell organism that is easily spread to other waters by felt-soled waders and other equipment.

**CHECK** - Inspect all surfaces and remove all clumps of algae and plant material from waders, clothing, fishing gear, canoes etc.

**CLEAN** - Scrub boats and other "hard" items and soak boots and soft items in HOT tap water and lots of soap for 30 minutes.

**DRY**—Make sure all items are dry before using in another water body.