



50th ANNIVERSARY OF TROUT UNLIMITED 1959 – 2009

PERRIN / LANSING CHAPTER #018 SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

The Perrin / Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited congratulates Trout Unlimited on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary. This hard-working, cold-water conservation organization was started 50 years ago on the banks of the AuSable River in Michigan and has grown to encompass all of North America with over 140,000 members, organized into 430 chapters and 35 state councils.

In honor of this event, this chapter is offering the following unique items for the purposes of supporting chapters nationwide and raising funds to work on conservation, protection and restoration work in Michigan. 10% of the net proceeds from this effort have been designated to help support the operations of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited.

ANNIVERSARY LAPEL PINS:

Commissioned and designed exclusively for the Perrin / Lansing Chapter, these two pins recognize both the past and present. The all gold toned 7/8" diameter pin is a retro design incorporating the early TU logo on its face. The contemporary pin picks up on TU's current logo and color palette accentuated with gold highlights.

These pins are for sale individually for \$5.00 each. A special offer is being made to TU chapters nationwide at a rate of \$3.00 each if ordered in groups of 50. These pins make ideal give-a-ways and thank you gifts. Quantities are limited.

LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE FLY BOXES:

Offered are a numbered edition of 50 wooden fly boxes constructed of Spruce, Birch and Red Oak salvaged from the Barbless Hook property, summer home of George Griffiths, where with 15 other dedicated individuals met on 18 July 1959 to found Trout Unlimited. The front of the box is inlaid with a gold toned 50th anniversary pin; the back laser engraved with Art Neumann's, "Philosophy of Trout Unlimited" (Art was TU's first executive director and an original founder). Inside each box are 6 flies invented and made famous in Michigan, (The Adams, Borchers, Griffiths Gnat, Robert's Yellow Drake, Smock Sulphur & Skunk). The box is fastened with two gold-plated rare earth magnets engraved with a *TU* and *50*. The thumb catch of the box is made from a section of one of George Griffiths' bamboo fly rods. Each box is accompanied with a special letter of provenance and packaged in a commemorative shipping box.

These unique limited edition items are offered for \$150 each, including shipping and handling.

ONE OF A KIND R. W. SUMMERS CUSTOM BAMBOO FLY ROD ENGRAVED BY DAVID RICCARDO:

From the hands of one of the country's most renowned bamboo rod makers comes this special commissioned commemorative fly rod richly engraved by David Riccardo, known throughout the shooting world as one of the world's most masterful gun engravers. The rod is Summers' model 75, a 7'0", flamed, two section with extra tip, 4/5 weight. The ferrules and reel seat hardware are nickel silver and richly engraved by Riccardo. The reel seat comes from a piece of wood recovered from the Barbless Hook Lodge, site of the founding of Trout Unlimited. The rod is held in a R. W. Summers rod bag and encased in a metal rod tube with the unique R. W. Summers cap made out of stainless steel. Riccardo also engraved the metal tube and caps. The entire package is enclosed in a fine custom walnut box with dovetail corners inlaid with the gold toned retro 50th anniversary pin. There will only be one of these rods made.

This item is being offered as a raffle item with the ticket drawing taking place on September 5, 2009, which is the date of the 50th anniversary of the first TU membership/organizational meeting held then in Grayling, Michigan located on the banks of the famed AuSable River.

For information & purchase inquiries contact the Perrin / Lansing Chapter via their website, @ www.lansing-tu.org or Jim Bedford, chapter president @ gairdneri@comcast.net.

