

# The Fish Tale

## March 2026 Newsletter

### Gunnison Gorge Anglers

Colorado Trout Unlimited  
Fly Fishers International



#### President's Message

Some of the finest fly fishers and fly tiers in our region are active members of GGA, and few are as passionate and knowledgeable as Bill Frangos. On **Saturday, March 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Bill will host a fly-fishing outing on the Uncompahgre River at River Bottom Park in Montrose.** This often-overlooked fishery offers excellent opportunities right in the heart of downtown Montrose. Bill is not only an accomplished angler, but also a gifted communicator with a deep knowledge of fly fishing and a proven ability to help others successfully fish the Uncompahgre River. Register for the event [here](#).

This event marks the start of a new series of monthly fishing outings hosted by GGA. Each month, an outing will take place on a different stream or lake and will be led by some of the best anglers in our area. These outings are designed to help you sharpen

your fly-fishing skills, explore outstanding local waters, and connect with fellow anglers who share a passion for fishing and conservation. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities throughout the year.

Another exciting program currently underway is Trout in the Classroom (TIC), an environmental education program in which students raise rainbow trout from eggs to fingerlings in classroom tanks before releasing them into nearby waters. The program is facilitated by Colorado Trout Unlimited, Gunnison Gorge Anglers, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The TIC program is currently being conducted in several schools in Montrose, Paonia, and Telluride.

Middle school students from Outer Range Middle School and The Peak Academy are active participants in the Trout in the Classroom program here in Montrose. The rainbow trout raised by these students over this school year will be released into the Uncompahgre River near **River Bottom Park on March 25, between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.** This will be a special event celebrating the students' hard work and commitment, and I hope you will be able to attend and help mark this important milestone.

Thank you for your continued support of GGA and for all you do to promote conservation, education, and the sport of fly fishing.

Yours in conservation,

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## Upcoming Events

- **Flies & Lies - Thursday, March 5th** at CB's Tavern in Delta, CO
- **Fly Fishing Outing - Saturday, March 14th** at Riverbottom Park in Montrose, CO [registration](#) **Sign up before March 8th and Bill will bring you 2 flies!**
- **Lower Gunnison State of the River Meeting - Monday, March 16th** at the Montrose Events Center [registration](#)
- **Uncompahgre State of the River Meeting - Tuesday, March 17th** at the Sherbino in Ridgway, CO [registration](#)
- **Flies & Lies - Thursday, March 19th** at Silver Basin Brewing in Montrose, CO
- **Colorado Trout Unlimited Gala - March 19th** at the Cable Center in Denver, CO *Please contact us if attending, GGA has access to a few tickets*
- **Trout in the Classroom Release - March 25th** at Riverbottom Park in Montrose, CO
- **Flies & Lies - TBD March** Jeff is working on a 3rd March meeting, stay tuned!
- **Flies & Lies - Thursday, April 2nd** at CB's Tavern in Delta, CO
- **CTU Spring Rendezvous - April 24th-26th** in Montrose, CO [tickets](#)

- **Fly Fishing Film Tour hosted by RIGS Fly Shop to Benefit UWP - April 24th** at the Wright Opera House in Ouray, CO [tickets](#)
- **Troutapalooza Online Auction - May 10th-20th** online, live event in September
- Check out the Project Healing Waters newsletter for more events

## Projects and Current Events

The **Colorado Trout Unlimited Spring Rendezvous** is this April 24th - 26th in Montrose. The main event will be at the Ute Indian Museum, and there will be multiple get-togethers and chances to fish during the weekend. Follow [this link](#) for more information and to register.

The Montrose Peak Academy and Outer Range School are releasing the trout they have raised through the CTU **Trout in the Classroom** program on March 25th. The release is at Riverbottom Park in Montrose from 8-11 a.m., and GGA will host fly tying and/or casting demos. The students have also organized an Adopt a Trout Fundraiser to purchase a new tank chiller for future TIC generations, \$5 per trout. Cash or check accepted at the event. Email us if you are interested in attending or volunteering! [gunnisongorgeanglersctu@gmail.com](mailto:gunnisongorgeanglersctu@gmail.com)

The Telluride TIC Program is also coming to a close. The trout will be released in early April at Lawson Field, we will let you know when the date is finalized. The students recently presented a showcase to teach their parents about the fish, entomology, and watershed stewardship. Students, parents, and teachers are all loving the experience.

We are looking for lead volunteers to support **Delta Heritage Days and Cottonwood Days**. As many of you know, Ed Kehoe has championed both of these events for many years. We appreciate everything he has done, and will miss his leadership. Delta Heritage Days is a 1 day event with casting demos, fly tying, and a fishing derby. Cottonwood Days is a week-long event in September for area 6th graders to learn about recreating on and caring for public lands. This event has a lot of support, and runs very smoothly with a little pre-planning. Please let us know if you want to get more involved with GGA and youth education.

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CTU Event Calendar: <https://coloradotu.org/events>

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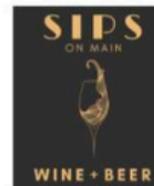
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