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Trout Unlimited Canada



Northern Lights Fly Fishers



**Welcome to Northern Lights  
Fly Fishers Newsletter  
September 2023 News & Upcoming Events!**

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*Get Involved!*

**Upcoming Programs**

We will meet in person at Queen Mary Park Community League Hall ([10844-117 Street](#)), as well as continuing to stream our meetings on ZOOM when possible. We will be meeting on the second and 4th Wednesday of the month. The meetings start at 7:30 pm.

- September 13: Roundtable for sharing your stories and pics.
- September 27: Fly Tying Material Sale and Free Tye.

- October 11: TBA
- October 25: Mike Rodtka from the ACA on 'Stocking Alternative Species'. This meeting will also be available on ZOOM.
- November 8 and 22
- December 13

As always we are looking for program ideas so please send any suggestions to [program@nlft.org](mailto:program@nlft.org)

# Volunteers Needed!



## Hasse Lake Cleanup - call for volunteers

We will meet on Sunday October 1 at 10:00 am to clean up around Hasse Lake. You will need work gloves and rubber boots, and optionally tools like rakes or a reach extender if you want to use them. We will supply garbage bags.

Bring a lawn chair if you want to sit for lunch. We will provide food and soft drinks.

**Notify Dick Slobodian at [events@nlft.org](mailto:events@nlft.org) if you are coming so we can bring enough food**

# Fly Of The Month



The **Adams** is a standard dry fly in nearly everyone's box. The standard pattern is as follows:

- Hook: Dry fly 10-22
- Thread: Black or grey
- Wings: Grizzly hackle tips, divided
- Tail: mixed brown and grizzly hackle fibres
- Body: grey dubbing
- Hackle: Grizzly and Brown

This [video](#) from Orvis shows that you don't always need to tie beautiful flies.

The fly was originally created by Leonard Hallyday for Charles Adams in 1922. Since then it has been subject to many variations but the only constant seems to be the mixed grizzly and brown hackles. These give a suggestion of motion to the fly as do the grizzly hackle tip wings.

Two of the most common variations are the Parachute Adams, with the hackle tied horizontally around a post, and the Bastard Adams, with white calf tail wings and a moose hair tail. The Bastard is much easier to see on the water than the original with its dark colours. Bob Scammell in his book *The Phenological Fly* shows a Bastard Adams in appropriate sizes to imitate every mayfly he describes. The Parachute version has the body in the water surface and suggests either a hatching mayfly or a spent spinner.

The Adams Irresistible does away with the grey body and uses a clipped deer hair body like the Rat-Faced McDougall. The Delaware Adams uses an olive body with a palmered grizzly hackle through the body. The Female Adams uses the standard pattern but adds a yellow dubbing “egg sack” just in front of the tail.

You can tie it with downwings or spent wings or any other variation you want to try. Finally here is a variation tied with Wallywings and photographed by Wally Lutz.

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