



## The Oak Brook Chapter of Trout Unlimited 2nd Annual Driftless Area Outing September 18-20, 2009

This weekend is designed to be a free-form weekend of fishing for our Chapter members and their spouses. Other than the optional events on Friday and Saturday evenings, there is no set schedule.

Stay where you're comfortable, come and go as you please, fish when and where you wish. This is a spectacular time of year to fish this incredible part of Wisconsin where there are miles of trout streams. The stream and air temperatures have cooled off and the hoppers are kicking.

Joseph Meyer & Jo Changelian will host a get-together Friday, September 18th starting at 5:00 at the Mayfly Lodge just outside of Viroqua. Meet your fellow Chapter members and join us for some hors d'oeuvres and some local wine and plan the weekend's fishing. Ken and Nancy Voight have graciously offered to host a cookout at their cabin near Viroqua on Saturday, September 19 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Accommodations for the weekend are on your own. Some of our members are camping at Sidie Hollow County Park (608.637.5485) and all are welcome there but if you choose not to camp, there are some motel/lodge/B&B recommendations on page 4.

**IMPORTANT:** If you wish to attend the cookout on Saturday night you must sign up in advance no later than Monday September 14th. Sign up by calling Joseph Meyer at One More Cast Fly Shop 708.482.4990.

Directions to both the Mayfly Lodge and Ken & Nancy Voight's cabin will be emailed to you when you have signed up.

Info about lodging can be obtained from Joseph Meyer at One More Cast or by calling or emailing Stan Zarnowiecki.

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### August guest speaker Dave Barron

Our August guest speaker will be Dave Barron. He will be speaking to us about fly fishing the Driftless area. This topic should be helpful to all of us who will be attending the September trout season closing trip that the chapter has planned.

David Barron began fly-fishing in 1960 on the spring creeks of the Missouri and began tying flies a few years later. He began teaching fly-fishing in 1985 and has conducted classes, schools and seminars through out the US. In 1993 he became one of the first Federations of Fly Fishers certified casting instructors and became a Master certified casting instructor in 1998. Dave has been teaching fly casting clinics for many years and has helped to introduce many people to the joy of fishing with the fly rod, through his workshops and seminars. In 1991 he was awarded the Southern Council FFF Teacher of the Year. In 1999 he received the FFF President's Award. In 2000 he was awarded the

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## Future Meetings and Events

Go to your 2009 calendar and mark down the following meeting and event dates:

### August 1, 2009

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class  
location TBA, 8:30-4:00

### August 12, 2009

Directors' meeting

### August 17-23, 2009

Trout Unlimited's 50th Anniversary National Meeting at Grand Traverse Resort, MI.

### August 19, 2009

Membership meeting at OBPD Recreation Center-7:00 PM-Dave Barron to speak about fly fishing SW WI

### September 9, 2009

Directors' meeting

### September 12, 2009

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class  
location TBA, 8:30-4:00

### September 16, 2009

Membership meeting at OBPD Recreation Center-7:00 PM  
speaker TBA

### September 18-20, 2009

WI season closer fly fishing trip, Viroqua, WI

### October 9-12, 2009

Columbus Day weekend Scout fly-fishing trip, Coldwater River & Tyler Creek, MI.

### October 14, 2009

Directors' meeting

### October 21, 2009

Membership meeting at OBPD Recreation Center-7:00 PM  
speaker TBA

### November 2009

Fall Steelhead Trip-location & dates TBA

### November 11, 2009

Directors' meeting

Please see our website for a full listing of calendar events. [www.obtu.org](http://www.obtu.org).



**Letter from the President**

Dear Members,

This month the keynote celebration of Trout Unlimited's first 50 years will take place at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa near Traverse City, MI. During the week of August 17-24, a full plate of events and activities are scheduled to commemorate the founding of Trout Unlimited, which actually took place on July 15, 1959 at the Barbless Hook. Opportunities will be available to test your angling skills by both hosted (or on your own, as it probably should be) trips to any one of a number of streams that made Northern Michigan so famous. A watershed conservation tour will be conducted to view Dair Creek, a trib of the Betsie and the scene of a recent Embrace-a Stream grant that grew to \$360K in habitat improvements, as well as to see the effect of the millpond dam removal on the Au Sable in downtown Grayling. Vendors and sponsors will be present; TU50 gear is available on line at [www.TU50.org](http://www.TU50.org). Bring the family for a number of specially planned activities. Expect to be feted to a series of barbeque, luncheons, and dinners, where you can rub elbows with fishing and conservation notables or just some ordinary TU members, perhaps not so notable, but as enthusiastic and hard working as any one of "the top 10." The week certainly will bring on a carnival atmosphere to be enjoyed by all.

The airs of a medieval-like fair, however, ought not to detract us from what initially drove the founding fathers of Trout Unlimited. Although there were many signers, the two Georges, Mason and Griffith, were driven by their love of the Au Sable. Spend an evening on those Holy Waters, where black current tongues wind seemingly silent, but with a magical subtle melody of their own through dark hemlock, cedar, and jack pine, and you'll come to understand what drives Trout Unlimited. Preserving trout habitat over stocking trout may have been the call to arms, but it would have never been heard had not those two founding fathers listened to that call from the river of sand. For Mason and Griffith, it was their home river, the Au Sable, which brought it all to fruition.

Our own chapter is struggling for its identity. What really makes strong chapters is a home river, a river for which the members care and over which they agonize. In the land of Lincoln, a prairie state, trout are hard to come by. A few of our counties were untouched by the drift. Yet, they are still untouched by the power that could dare help their streams recover, much as the streams to north and west of that watershed are doing. We could just continue to partner with chapters in other states. Our work with the Schrems chapter on Tyler and Coldwater in Michigan, as well as our work with the Iowa Driftless chapter of TU, should continue, but we need desperately

a home water to call our own. Mike Love, long an Illinois TU member, captured that need in his delightful little tome, "Diary of a Small Trout stream."\*

Chris Camuto in his article in the summer edition of Trout, "The Next Best Thing", recognized an inner struggle within TU itself. From the banks of the Au Sable, TU has repositioned itself on the banks of Congress. Environmentalism on a Grand National scale has dictated that change of position much in the same manner as the decision made to create the national park that we have come to know and love as Shenandoah within a few hours drive of the capitol steps. Camuto also recognized that solving environmental problems on a small scale, rolling rocks, building check dams, planting trees, building fences, creating buffer areas, and all manner of simpler labors do have a place in the scheme of things. For these are the things that build character, cement wills, and build chapters. This is the home where the grass roots grow. And for these things, we need a home river.

On a lighter note, we do still have TU50th Anniversary pins left. Be sure to come and learn about fishing the Wisconsin driftless area with Dave Barron at our August 19 chapter meeting. Very regretfully, I will be missing that meeting in order to attend the national meeting as your NLC representative. If you have anything you would like aired at national TU, let Ed Michael, your Illinois TU Council Chair, or me know.



Greg



\*Mike's home stream was in fact 400 miles away in Michigan; we need to look closer.

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# Mining company targets Oneida County sulfide deposit

## Controversial chairwoman leads Canadian firm

Richard Moore, Investigative Reporter

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**T**amerlane Ventures of Blaine, Wash., a publicly traded international mining company, is petitioning the Oneida County Board of Supervisors to open county forest land to mineral leasing in what would be the first step toward mining a massive sulfide deposit in the town of Lynne.

Discovered in 1990, the majority of the deposit lies beneath county forestlands. It boasts at least 5.6 million tons of zinc and lead ore, as well as silver and gold, as reported by Noranda Minerals, another Canadian company that sought to mine the location. Facing vocal opposition to a mine near the Willow River, Noranda abandoned the project in 1993, citing wetland concerns. No further attempt has been made to extract the ore.

Tamerlane is led by one of the most visible and controversial executives in the industry, Margaret Kent. Tamerlane's chairwoman, Kent also serves as the chairwoman, president and CEO of Century Mining. The two companies share the same Blaine, Wash., address. Kent is perhaps best known for her tenure with Royal Oak Mines Inc. and the aptly named Giant Mine in the Canadian Northwest Territories, where, then known as Peggy Witte, she presided over a protracted mining strike in 1992 that led to the sensational murders of nine replacement workers. Royal Oak ultimately went bankrupt in 1999, and no ore processing at Giant Mine has occurred since then. The abandoned mine site is highly polluted.

A meeting of the Oneida County Mining Oversight Committee will convene Thursday, May 7, at the Oneida County Courthouse to discuss Tamerlane's draft proposal. The session will take place at 1:30 p.m. in committee room #1.

### Details

According to the company's draft proposal, Tamerlane wants to re-evaluate the economic potential of the site. It is asking the board to open the land for public bid to conduct mineral exploration and potential mining.

"Tamerlane would like to petition the Oneida County Board to re-examine the possibility of opening up the County Forest lands overlying and surrounding the Lynne deposit to conduct mineral exploration, and possibly future mining," the proposal states. "... Tamerlane Ventures would like to acquire these properties to confirm the existence of Zn-Pb-Au (Zinc-Lead-Gold) mineralization, conduct additional exploration work, and determine the potential to conduct underground mining of the Lynne deposit."

The company is specifically asking the county to publicly auction mineral leasing rights, and, if Tamerlane is the successful bidder, is

proposing a two-phase project. The first would embody confirmation drilling, using past holes drilled by Noranda, and additional exploration to identify mineralized zones that might be present.

The second phase - depending on the results of the first phase, the proposal states - is to execute a mining lease option with the county and to submit a Notice of Intent for a DNR mining permit application. Company officials believe the project is both economically viable and environmentally feasible.

"The Company feels comfortable in this approach knowing that a similar deposit, the Flambeau deposit, has been successfully mined by the Flambeau Mining Company," the proposal states. "With the present worldwide economic situation, the rise in gold and silver prices and the forecast for increasing base metals prices in the near future, Tamerlane Ventures is actively pursuing the acquisition of known mineral resources/reserves worldwide."

As for the proximity of wetlands and other environmentally sensitive habitats that proved fatal to Noranda, Tamerlane says technology has improved since the early 1990s.

"Noranda's original plan to mine Lynne was by the utilization of open pit method," the proposal states. "... With [Tamerlane's] underground experience with newer technologies such as freeze ring technology, dense media separation and vertical conveyance systems, Tamerlane will focus initially on underground methods for the Lynne deposit."

Freeze ring technology cuts groundwater infiltration by forming an ice wall around an ore deposit, reducing the need to pump water out of mine areas and thus diminishing mine water treatment and discharge, the proposal states. Likewise, the proposal continues, dense media separation uses inert, environmentally friendly substances to separate ore from waste material, and condenses the size of the processing facility. The bottom line is, the mine's footprint would be smaller than it would have been in the past.

**"All work will be conducted in such a manner as to mitigate any environmental impact on nearby streams and rivers; conducting work under winter conditions further negates any environmental impact."**

Phase one exploration would have negligible environmental impacts, the company asserts.

"Work will be confined, if possible, to existing roads, trails, cut-lines and structures with minor work to clear overgrowth where needed," the proposal states. "All work will be conducted in such a manner as to mitigate any environmental impact on nearby streams and rivers; conducting work under winter conditions further negates any environmental impact."

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**Dave Barron** *continued from page 1*

Southern Council FFF Man of the Year. Dave is the past VP of Education for the Federation of Fly Fishers (1996-1999) and has held many other positions with local and national organizations.

Dave is a member of TU and the FFF he is also a member of the Ross Reel Pro staff, associated with Sage fly rods and Simms wader company.

Dave has been guiding for the past 20 years, and in 1999 through 2003 he guided for Iliaska Lodge in Alaska. In the year 2004 Dave guided in Alaska for Alaska West. From 2005 - 2007, Dave guided in Alaska for Alaska's Rainbow River Lodge (July-September). In 2008, Dave will be guiding FULL time in Wisconsin from Early Spring through the Fall season.

Be sure to come to our next chapter meeting on Wednesday, August 19. Dave will share with us his extensive knowledge of fishing the Driftless Area of Wisconsin with that added insight of all his years of angling experience. 🐟

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**Non-Fishing items of interest near Viroqua**

**Driftless Area Art Festival**

Saturday, September 19, 10:00am-5:00pm  
 Sunday, September 20, 10:00am-4:00pm  
 Beauford T. Anderson Park in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin

Join us for the fifth annual Driftless Area Art Festival to be held in Soldiers Grove, near the geographical center of the Driftless Area. No matter which direction you are coming from, you are sure to experience a wonderful journey through wooded hills and deep valleys. [http://www.crawfordcountywi.com/art\\_festival/index.htm](http://www.crawfordcountywi.com/art_festival/index.htm)

**The Arts**

The beauty and tranquility of the Driftless Area makes it a haven for artists of all kinds. Around the curve or tucked away are the homes and studios of writers and poets, potters and painters, weavers and woodworkers. You can visit their studios, go to galleries that carry their works, or attend festivals focused on the arts. Here are some suggestions:

**Studios**

Avalanche Looms, Avalanche, Joseph Schwarte Custom Furniture-Gays Mills, Kay's Potiques-Ferryville, Ken DeWaard Fine Art-Viroqua

**Galleries:**

The Carriage House, Boscobel, The Pump House, La Crosse, The Red Door Gallery, Richland Center, State Street Gallery, La Crosse, VIVA Gallery, Viroqua

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## Mining Company *continued from page 3*

Drill sites would be kept clean, the company promises, and all drill holes and access roads would be reclaimed and reseeded after the work was finished.

### The company, the chairwoman

Tamerlane Ventures is itself a relatively new company, incorporated in May 2000 in British Columbia, with base metal development projects in Canada and Peru. Its operations thus far have centered on the Pine Point Mine in Canada's Northwest Territories. At one time, the company's website states, Pine Point was the largest and most profitable base metal mine in Canadian history. Tamerlane not only controls that property but also a large contiguous property to the west, which it has explored for minerals.

Tamerlane has secured permits for the Pine Point project from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, which concluded that, because of the company's intention to use newer nonintrusive mining methods, the mine was not likely to have any significant adverse environmental impact or be a cause of significant public concern. The company is also engaged in a copper project on the Los Pinos property in the Coastal Cordillera of southern Peru.

But if Tamerlane's record is seemingly spotless, that of its chairwoman, Margaret Kent, is more controversial, her history much longer. She is certainly accomplished, as Tamerlane's biography of her observes.

"Ms. Kent has founded, financed and operated two publicly traded mining companies and four private companies, and has completed a number of mergers and acquisitions," her website biography reads. "She has raised over \$1 billion in the U.S. and Canadian public and private equity and debt markets to fund the acquisition and development of mining projects."

She is no less infamous than skillful. Kent, then known as Margaret "Peggy" Witte, founded Royal Oak in 1990 as a gold mining company. The firm quickly established a reputation, acquiring holdings in Canada, the United States and China.

Soon, though, gold prices began to fall, and the company became embroiled in a nasty fight with union workers at its Giant Mine in the Northwest Territories. Witte demanded pay cuts, while the union accused management of cutting corners on safety. Though the union planned a strike, Witte beat them to the punch, locking out the workers. The company airlifted replacements in, marking the first time in nearly half a century that a mining company had tried to break a strike, Maclean's Magazine reported.

The stand off lasted 18 months, and included the killing of nine replacement workers when a bomb planted by a union employee blew up the transport car carrying them. The incident is still considered one of the greatest mining tragedies in Canadian history. Witte herself survived the turmoil of the early 1990s, but ultimately her company would not stand. In 1999, the company entered receivership, and ore processing at Giant Mine ceased.

However, over the years mining operations there produced 237,000 tons of arsenic trioxide - one of the most toxic arsenic forms in

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existence - most of which remains stored underground in 15 chambers. The abandoned mine's footprint includes eight open pits, millions of cubic feet of contaminated soils, and approximately 100 buildings highly contaminated with arsenic and fibrous asbestos.

The Canadian government is undertaking a remediation effort expected to cost taxpayers a minimum of \$250 million. According to MiningWatch Canada, Royal Oak held a surface lease without any security required for clean up and reclamation, and the company failed to comply with licensing requirements for a management plan for the arsenic trioxide.

Royal Oak Mines Inc. ran into other compliance issues as well. In 1999, for example, in the months preceding its bankruptcy filing, the government had ordered Witte's company to close its Kemess mine in British Columbia for failing to meet tailings dam standards.

More recently, in 2007, as chairwoman of Century Mining, Kent has run into tumult in Peru. In that matter, Sulliden Corporation contested Century Mining Company's acquisition of a gold project known as Shahuindo, filing criminal complaints against the president of Century Mining Peru and Kent alleging fraud.

That case was settled in 2008. Century Mining - which has partnered with Tamerlane and which shares Kent, who is each company's chairwoman - denied any wrongdoing but terminated its purchase and interest in the Shahuindo property.

### Controversy meets controversy

If the past is any indication, hullabaloo could be meeting hullabaloo in the town of Lynne, where Noranda's proposal to mine the site sparked public outrage back in the early 1990s. At the time, Noranda appeared to be positioned well. The DNR did its best to help - even moving the ordinary high water mark in some cases to benefit the company - but in the end too many wetlands surrounding the site turned out to be lakebed.

Public opinion turned quickly, too. The Natural Resources Board nominated Peter Peshek to be DNR secretary, but protests over his industry connections caused him to withdraw. Then, too, by 1993, a public outcry over the mine itself was fever-pitched, with environmentalists joining sportsmen, who were afraid the mine would ruin habitats in the Willow River, especially walleye spawning beds.

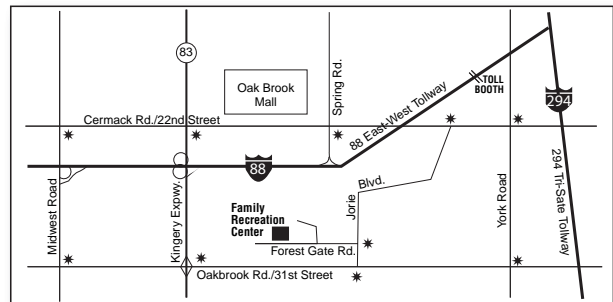
Perhaps the most vocal protest came from the Lac du Flambeau tribe, located about 25 miles from the proposed mining site. 🐾



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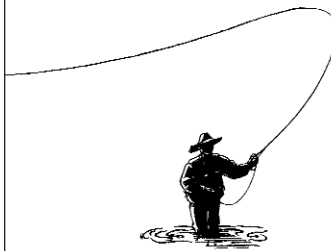
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