

THE JERRY BARTLETT ANGLING COLLECTION

presents

SPORTING LEGENDS OF THE CATSKILLS

Casting Memory

The Legendary Ed Van Put

A Talk by Judy Van Put

Sunday • November 2, 2025 • 1-3pm
at the Phoenicia Library

“Ed was a quiet, brilliant fly fisher — a friend to Catskill rivers and a generous friend to thousands of flyfishers, in person and in his four essential books.” — Nick Lyons

Of the many people that speakers have discussed in our Sporting Legends series, Ed Van Put is surely one of the most truly “legendary.” In November, Ed’s wife, Judy Van Put, will join us for a memorable discussion of her late husband’s remarkable life and career.

Many know Ed as the celebrated author of books such as “The Beaverkill,” which chronicles the social and environmental history of America’s first famous trout stream, and “Trout Fishing in the Catskills.” First published in 1996 and 2007, respectively, both remain definitive resources for the serious angler and fly fishing historian.

Ed was also an avid conservationist and worked for over 40 years as a Fish and Wildlife professional for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC). During his time with the DEC, he was instrumental in researching and regulating stream flows on the Delaware River and identifying and purchasing public fishing rights as part of the DEC’s Public Access Program. Today’s anglers have Ed to thank for many miles of public access on their cherished Catskills rivers and streams.

Ed and Judy married in 1981 and shared a passion for fishing and a love of the Catskills. Judy will share memories of their life together, as well as his multifaceted career as a Fisheries professional, environmentalist, innovative and superb fly fisher and fly tyer, historian and author, and father and grandfather.



Above: Judy and Ed Van Put in 2010. (Photo by Lee Van Put) Right: Ed with his favorite one-piece Vince Cummings rod and Hardy Princess reel. (Photo by Christian Anwander)



This free event is open to the public. Copies of Ed’s latest book, “Flyfisher’s Revelations: Practical Tips, Strategies, and Wisdom from Fifty Years Experience” will be available for sale.

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