



SUPPORT THE FRESH WATER FISHING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM, Hayward, WI

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IN 2023 WE CELEBRATE A SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE FRESH WATER FISHING HALL OF FAME MUSEUM IN HAYWARD, WI. THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTING YOUR CONSERVATION, HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES, THE SPORT OF FISHING, HISTORY, GENERATIONS OF ANGLERS AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS. ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A CUSTOM ROD MADE BY HALL OF FAME JIM GRANDT, WHO CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN BUSINESS! THE DRAWING IS IN NOVEMBER OF 2023. IT'S OUR HONOR TO WORK WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMMETT BROWN AND THE HALL OF FAME ON THESE PROGRAMS.



AS A BONUS OFFER, YOU CAN WIN A FABULOUS GUIDE TRIP WITH CAPTAIN BILL KUTKA! EXPERT WALLEYE ANGLER, LONG TIME WALLEYE PRO, and LEGEND. This includes a shore lunch with Bill and Kelly Kutka, creating a terrific fishing experience. EXPERT Captain Bill Kutka -- Hayward, WI -- U.S. Coast Guard Master Captain, <https://billkutkaangling.com>, Direct Email : bill@billkutkaangling.com, or call 715-699-4833. Special Thanks Go out to Bill and Kelly Kutka for their support.

FINALLY, AS AN EXTRA BONUS OFFER, YOU CAN TAKE 20% off any GRANDT ROD with the purchase of any size membership to the Fresh Water Hall of Fame. This discount offer is off our already discounted internet costs at www.grandtrods.com. Call 847-577-0848 to order your special purchase at 20% OFF. We have supported this program for years and have raised thousands of dollars for the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum. We thank each and every one of you. It's so important to support our Great Outdoors, the Preservation of Fishing and the Industry. It's Jacqueline and my honor to run this program again as Grandt Rods will be giving away a \$500.00 Custom Rod Celebrating our 40th year Supporting the Industry at Grandt Industries, Inc. To enter just purchase a membership for as little as \$30.00 in the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum, which includes many items. Click the link <https://www.freshwater-fishing.org/member-benefits/> After you donate to the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, simply email your receipt to jagbigdog@gmail.com.

In this year's sign up please feel free to push the memberships and support our next generation, as well as supporting the future of fishing. Here's how the memberships will go; when you purchase a membership, depending on the type, we will put a certain amount of tickets into the minnow bucket. In November we will draw first for the \$500.00 Grandt Rod, then we will draw for a 1-day guide trip with Captain Bill Kutka. We will post this on both our Jim Grandt and Grandt Rods FACEBOOK PAGE, as well as Bill Kutka's Page. Email your receipt to jagbigdog@gmail.com.

PURCHASE MEMBERSHIPS at <https://www.freshwater-fishing.org/member-benefits/>



As an additional bonus, if you go to the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame Museum in Hayward, Wisconsin and personally take a picture of yourself at the Museum, then forward the pic to me at jagbigdog@gmail.com, I will add 3 more tickets into the minnow bucket with your name on them. I have provided a couple of links for you to purchase and support our industry. If you would like to CALL THE FISHING HALL OF FAME MUSEUM DIRECT WITH YOUR DONATION, PLEASE CALL 715-634-4440, and be sure to mention the **2023 GRANDT RODS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** so you get included into the drawings. YOU NEED TO CALL US AND LET US KNOW YOU PURCHASED by CALLING THE MUSEUM. Please support this awesome 501 C3 Organization. CLICK <https://www.freshwater-fishing.org/member-benefits/> **Be sure to send your EMAIL to jagbigdog@gmail.com WHEN YOU PURCHASE, and the appropriate amount of tickets will go into the minnow bucket' Here is how many tickets you get for the following memberships:**

Bronze Package \$30.00 gets you 1 ticket * Silver Package \$35.00 gets you 2 tickets *** Gold Package \$45.00 gets you 3 tickets
Platinum Package \$55.00 gets you 4 tickets ** Lifetime Individual Package \$350.00 gets you 10 tickets** Lifetime Business \$400.00 gets you 13 tickets
Annual Business \$100.00 gets you 5 tickets *** If you visit the Museum and take a pic of yourself 3 additional tickets.
If you are a Lifetime member already and donate in any amount to the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum you receive 10 tickets**

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Your membership packages include a World Record Book, Hall of Fame Calendar, Quarterly Splash Magazine or online version with the \$30.00 membership. With Memberships over \$30.00, you receive a mailed Hard Copy of the Splash Magazine quarterly. **DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE GIFT SHOP ONLINE AND AT THE MUSEUM. They have lots of very cool offerings!** <https://www.freshwater-fishing.org/online-store/>

Look up Hall of Famers in the Gallery and follow history: <https://www.freshwater-fishing.org/inductees-list-gallery/>



INDUCTED
VIRGIL WARD
1992 - Missouri

Virgil's "Championship Fishing" show has been a fixture in the broadcast media for numerous years. It is broadcast on over 200 radio and television stations. His show has been rated number 1 over 21 times by the Nielsen and Arbitron rating services. Virgil is a true pioneer angler and communicator of the sportfishing world.



INDUCTED 2018
Jim Grandt - Illinois

Jim Grandt has served as president of Grandt Industries, an Illinois-based outdoors equipment manufacturing, engineering and marketing firm, for 34 years. The company is best known for its American-made custom fishing rods and golf clubs. Grandt is also a supporter of countless conservation causes, including Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Trout Unlimited, Salmon Unlimited, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, and Safari Club International, with an emphasis on programs for promoting youth involvement in conservation and the outdoors. Grandt was honored with admission to the Illinois Conservation Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Illinois Conservation Foundation presented Grandt with their Youth Conservation Award in 2015 as recognition for his leadership in youth activities.



INDUCTED 1995
TED WILLIAMS

Ted was the last 400 hitter in baseball (406 in 1941). Upon his retirement from baseball, he wanted to do the things Zane Grey had done. Therefore, he fished all over the world. Ted, while never catching a world record, has made many memorable catches. Ted was one of the earliest promoters of "catch and release." He was active in programs which introduced and promoted fishing to youngsters. Ted was active in the sport fishing industry through his many product endorsements. He was an unparalleled ambassador of sportfishing. He was known as the "Splendid Sportsman" of sportfishing.



INDUCTED 2005
CURT GOWDY

Curt started fly-fishing with his father at age 8 in the rivers of Wyoming. He started doing sports broadcasts in Chicago in 1943 during a local football game. He went on to be the broadcaster for the Boston Red Sox baseball team. A result of his broadcasts, he met many people who were interested in fishing. When ABC introduced "The Wide World of Sports", Curt and Joe Brooks suggested a fishing segment. The fishing segment was so well received it led to the "American Sportsman" show, which ran for 20 years.



INDUCTED 1986
JOAN WULFF

Joan's involvement in the sport of fishing began at age 10, when she convinced her father that women could not only catch fish, but also could be competitive. Joan was instrumental in introducing many women to the sport of fishing, through her development of tackle and clothing specifically designed for women. Joan has authored numerous articles and books about fly-fishing.



INDUCTED
SPENCE PETROS
1989 - Illinois

Spence's knowledge of sportfishing and writing elevated Fishing Facts magazine to one of North America's top outdoor publications. He has spent decades conducting sportfishing seminars of both an informative and entertaining nature. Spence has proven time after time that he can consistently catch fish on any lake, whether it's his first or one hundredth time on it.



MINNESOTA
INDUCTED 1986 | AL LINDNER

Al was a fishing guide who became one of this nation's most recognized fishing educators and ambassadors. He has authored numerous sportfishing "how-to" and technical books. He was co-founder and director of In-Fisherman magazine, from which the In-Fisherman radio and television shows developed. This diverse media has made his tips and techniques available to millions of anglers. Al is a highly sought after personality on the sport show trail. The Camp Fish Education Opportunities Foundation, founded by Al, still introduces countless youngsters to sportfishing. It encourages their participation in the outdoors and helps preserve the environment for all of us.



INDUCTED
BOB MEHSIKOMER
2009 - Minnesota

Bob began fishing as a youngster and developed his fishing methods to make him a successful angler. Willing to share his knowledge with others, Bob began to conduct seminars and speaking engagements. Bob further promoted "Please Practice C.P.R. - Catch, Photo and Release, the Future Depends upon It." Bob is the holder of several world record catches. Bob's nationally televised program, "Simply Fishing," enjoys a large viewing audience.



INDUCTED 2006
TEDDY ROOSEVELT

Teddy was the twenty-sixth president of the United States, from 1901-1909. Through his efforts, millions of acres of western lands were acquired and added to our national forests. These were reserved for the public's use and enjoyment. Teddy enjoyed the outdoors and left a legacy of conservation minded stewardship of our natural resources.



INDUCTED 1983
CARL LOWRANCE

Carl Lowrance was an early developer of electronic depth finding for fishing. Through trial and error, Lowrance developed the magic title "red box" in 1956. This innovation has since evolved to an instrument of great accuracy. It has developed an industry whose application of electronic depth finding is almost synonymous with sportfishing today.



INDUCTED 1980
IZAAK WALTON

A mid-1600's conservationist angler and author, Walton penned the near four-century-old fishing classic, "The Compleat Angler," which for many years was the textbook for the angler and conservationist. Often referred to as the "Father of Angling," his name was adopted as the title of the Izaak Walton League of America. It is one of the nation's leading natural resource conservation organizations.



INDUCTED 2023
Karen Eppinger - Michigan

The Eppinger tradition began in 1908 when Lou Eppinger began fishing with a lure of his own design: a spoon weighing two ounces. The metal was hammered out so that it was thinner in the middle and thicker toward the edges. By 1912, Lou turned his prototype into a finished lure, the Ogepey. It caught fish, lots of them. In 1918, Lou's nephew Ed came to work in his Uncle's shop. They changed the name of the Ogepey to Dardene and that name is still used for Eppinger's most successful line of lures. In 1937, Ed's daughter, Karen, took over at the helm of Eppinger Manufacturing and has been instrumental in successfully leading the company into the 21st century. In 1994, Karen was joined by her daughter, Jennifer Bortman, keeping this remarkable family owned tradition alive. Eppinger celebrated its 100 year milestone in 2008 as the leading company and innovator of high quality fishing lures. Over the years, Karen filed many reels, from flying hatchets and feathers, working booths at sports shows and fishing in tournaments. She is proud that the company has always been a family business, and she's even more pleased that it continues to be based in Michigan. Eppinger Manufacturing is one of only a few manufacturers to still make their lures in the United States and according to Karen Eppinger, "We build performance, value and tradition into each and every Dardene lure."

Please email Jim Grandt at jagbigdog@gmail.com your receipts for your support of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum. SUPPORT THE FISHERY, OUTDOORS and HISTORY. Enjoy going up to Hayward and see the Museum its pretty special and voted the # 5 Hall of Fame Museum in the US. Please show your support, if you need additional information you can contact me directly for your donation instructions at 847-577-0848.

THANK YOU,

Jim Grandt, President
Grandt Industries, Inc.
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Illinois Outdoors Hall of Fame
Pinnacle Award Recipient
Hoffman Estates IL Gold Key Recipient
Illinois Youth Conservation Award Recipient