

Rod Building Class – Call for Interest

We are pleased to announce that PPTU is planning to hold a **Rod Building Class** starting in February. This is a great opportunity to beat the winter blues and learn how to build the rod of your dreams with **Project Healing Waters Program Leader and Rod Building Instructor**, former PPTU President Larry Vawter as the lead instructor. We would like to have 1-2 assistant instructors also, so let me know if you can assist.

We will focus on single grip fresh water rods, but you are free to attempt whatever style you desire.

This class is contingent on at least 8 people signing up, and we may have a capacity restraint. At this point, we are trying to gauge the degree of interest so we can schedule a room accordingly. A future announcement will be made regarding final schedules and cost, and a call for final signups. Preference is given to PPTU members in good standing (who have paid their TU dues and PPTU ASC (Annual Supporting Contribution) for 2019-20.

Classes will likely be held on one or two consecutive Saturdays in February or March. Location to be determined based on enrollment, but likely the Margaret Schweinhaut Center, where we hold our monthly PPTU meetings. Since these classes will likely be held on Saturday, and the fly tying class is likely to be on weeknights, you can enroll in both.

Cost to enroll is estimated at \$75-100. Participants must supply all their own materials, including rod blank, cork grip, reel seat, guides, threads, glues, etc. Participants must also supply their own rod wrapper bench (sorry, PPTU does not own any of these), such as this one: <http://store.hookhack.com/Forecast-Hand-Rod-Wrapper/productinfo/4201099/>. These range in cost starting from about \$40 and up. You can get as plain or fancy a rod kit or bench as you please.

Rod dryers may be available for use, with a deposit for those who need take them home. If we are able to do this, there will be a time limit on how long they may be kept, since others will be in line to use them.

Rod components, rod kits, varnishes and glues, and the tying bench are readily available on-line from sources such as Hook and Hackle, Mudhole, Acid Rod, CTS Fishing and others. We may or may not be able to pool an order and seek a discount from a vendor.

If you're interested in signing up, please contact Bob Kaiser at: RGPKii@gmail.com by November 1, 2019 so we can plan accordingly.

After a final announcement, payment will be required before you are enrolled for the class.

