

Fly fishing festival set for Stirling



Fly tying demonstration at the recent opening of the salmon season on The Clyde. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

What is claimed to be the largest dedicated festival of fly fishing and fly tying to be held in Scotland takes place in Stirling on March 10 and 11.

Over 40 trade exhibitors plus 40 outstanding fly tyers from Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland and Europe will be there.

Tuition and casting demonstrations from ten outstanding casters from the UK, America and Australia are also featured along with lectures and painting.

The venue is the Stirling Court Hotel on the University of Stirling Campus and there are over 1,800 free parking spaces.

Tickets are £10 and available at the door or online and all children 15 years and under are free.

Details of the event are available on www.scottishflyfair.org and exhibitors include Deer Creek, The Essential Fly, Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Magazine,

Fulling Mill, Loch Lomond Angling Improvement Association, Salmon Fishing Holidays Scotland and Simba rods.

Nearly every style and fly tying discipline will be featured and organisers have deliberately made up the majority of the tyers from Scotland including Allan Liddle

Some of the top names from abroad are tying Peter Scheffler (Sweden), Bjarne Lauraen (Denmark), Simon Johansson (Poland) and Remigijus Jonas (Lithuania).

Leading casters scheduled to be there include David Mateer, Hywel Morgan, Jen Kugler Hansen, Jessica Callihan, Michael McMenamin and Alaister Peake.

The Scottish Youth International fly fishing team will be at the show on Saturday and a raffle will help raise funds.

Prizes include two days fishing on You Fish Scotland's private loch with one night in a stunning lodges for two.