

DAVID A. FOOTER

Fall - Winter Newsletter

2011 Wilderness & Wildlife Artist – Artistic Fish Mounting

My Big News update may come as a bit of a surprise to some: but last fall I met a lovely woman, Annette Picher and fell in love. I asked her to marry me (she answered “Yes” on February 14th) and we are newly weds as of July 2nd!

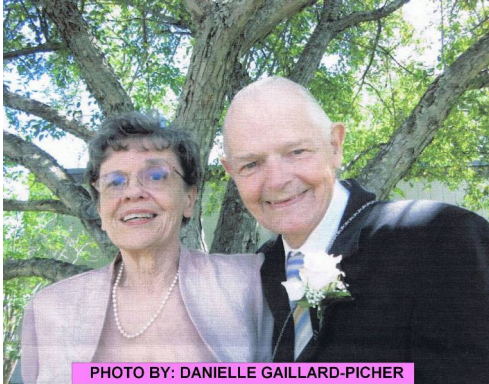


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We took a trip to Quebec City for our Honeymoon and also spent some time visiting the Maine coast with Annette’s family who traveled in from, France, Chicago and Massachusetts for the wedding.

JUNE 2011 AT



ART IN THE BARN



CUSHING, MAINE



Tom & Pam Johnson and family, welcomed us into their lovely hearts & home; making the event down to the Art in the Barn in Cushing, better than we ever could have imagined it would be. Thank you to everyone at the Cushing Historical Society that helped to make our weekend there possible.

We had the chance to see old friends and customers & meet lots of new folks as well. What a wonderful time!

We took a trip down to PA’s Antique Attic in Oxford, ME (Paul “PA” Cote’s) place along Route 26. This summer, Paul put together a wonderful collection of Local Wildlife Carvers work which now includes one of my Brook Trout Carvings.

It was an absolutely fascinating experience.



Paul gives a personal tour of the exhibit, you and your family and friends should not miss.



Somehow amidst the excitement, I managed to get a batch of customer’s fish mounted and into the drying stage, started painting on fish carvings, painted paddles and panels like this Birdseye Maple panel of a five pound Walleye that was special ordered...one of its kind! See page 2.

Julie was excited to get her own autographed copy of Tom’s book “*Life on the Fly*”. She’s just finished reading it and having thoroughly enjoyed it, highly recommends it to everyone.

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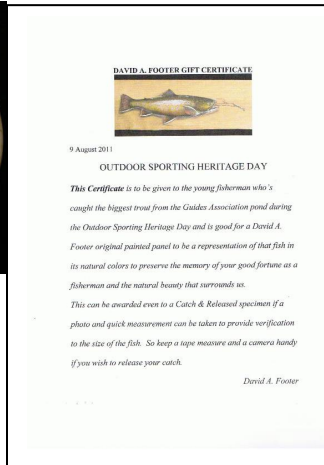
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I also began working on a special commission for the State of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. which I finished up in September..plus prepared a batch of repair/restoration mounts for Julie to do the sculpting on. Before we knew it the first week of August had arrived. August 9th, Annette and I were welcomed as visiting docents for the day up to the Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum in Oquossoc.

Don & Stephanie Palmer were so good to invite us to stay over with them at Sagamore Lodge & treated us to dinner at the Gingerbread Restaurant (as our wedding gift). We would also like to extend Congratulations to the both of them on this being the year of their Golden 50th Wedding Anniversary! That day Julie represented me with a table at the Guides Association Club for their Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day Event.

The question of what special offering to bring to the event this year arose as we prepared for the trip North. We recalled the trout brought in for restoration around the year 2000-2001. The owner had been the winner of the 1956 Fishing Derby in Auburn, ME at Pettingill Park when he was twelve years old. Now a grown man, he still cherished his mount. Recalling the lasting value the owner placed on it, Julie suggested perhaps a similar tribute to the winner of the prize fish from the Guides Association pond – which only the children are allowed to fish that day. .



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The Gift Certificate for a custom Painted Panel with the winner's prize catch to be recreated in oils was offered connecting past and present. A young girl from Spain was in Rangeley visiting with her family and this her first try at fishing. She won the certificate after catching the largest trout and she kept on fishing for the remaining six hours with the hope that her fish wouldn't lose first place to another larger specimen being hauled in by one of her competitors. Her determination paid off

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Celebrating completion of "Katahdin Trout"



Dave signing a copy of L/A Magazine



**Best Wishes to You All,
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