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## ***Tenkara - How a Japanese style makes fly-fishing simple. February 15, 2012***

According to Tenkara USA, Tenkara is a traditional Japanese fly fishing method and has been used for centuries in Japan's high mountain streams. It reduces fishing to three basic elements – a rod, a line and a fly. Tenkara is all about simplicity. It is described as ideal for those fishers who fish for brook trout in mountain streams.

Tom Sadler, our program speaker, has a number of roles. As a dedicated conservation activist he runs a public relations business, the Middle River Group, LLC, often working to protect fish, fishing and fish habitat. Tom sits on the board of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association and chairs the Government Affairs and Affiliates committee. He guides tenkara trips in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley for Mossy Creek Fly Fishing. Recently he was asked to join the Tenkara USA's Tenkara Guide Network, a new directory of guides using tenkara as their preferred method of fishing. Tom was one of the first guides asked to join the network and considers it both a great honor and recognition of his experiences and support for tenkara fishing. You can read more about Tom, his business and his tenkara experience on his web site, [MiddleRiverDispatch.com](http://MiddleRiverDispatch.com).

Needless to say Tom's A to Z knowledge of tenkara will provide an unforgettable experience and you will come away wanting to try this new old method on trout. Come with a couple of extra dollars for a raffle ticket on a complete tenkara outfit at the meeting.

– *Nick Weber*

### **Monthly Chapter Meetings**

**Time and Day: 7:00 PM, Third Wednesday except June, July, August and December**

**Place: Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, Maryland**

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE SENIOR CENTER**

**From Capitol Beltway: North on Georgia Avenue (Rte. 97). First Right on Forest Glen Road, then go past Holy Cross Hospital and across Sligo Creek Parkway. The Center is on the right.**

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