



Newsletter

New England Fly Tyers

It seems hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is already behind us, hopefully we've survived Black Friday and Cyber Monday and we are marching toward the heart of the Holiday Season. And with that in mind, we are about to enter our busiest and most important part of our NEFT calendar.

Although we are going to miss a couple of meetings this month because of the holidays, we never the less do have another great line up of activities for our Monday Night meetings. After open tying on December 3, our Macaroni and Meatball supper will be on December 10 with Guest Speaker Dylan Callahan. The month will wrap up for the NEFT with a Favorite Fly Presentation on December 17. We will not be meeting on Christmas and New Years Eaves.

And then January begins! January is huge for us at NEFT which seems a little incongruous for a fly fishing club in the middle of winter, but it's the core period for our recruitment efforts, fundraising efforts and general opportunity to deliver our message to the fishing world (at least here in New England). During our first couple of January meetings we'll be recruiting members to tie flies and greet the public at our table at the Marlboro Fly Fishing Show and the New England Fishing and Outdoor Expo. This is a great opportunity to show your support for the Club, so please look for the sign up sheets at the upcoming Monday night meetings.

As always, on the heels of the

two shows will be will be our first open house on January 28 with the second quickly following on February 4. These are both great opportunities for us to pass along to potential members the benefits of membership and our mission of promoting fly tying and fly fishing. New membership is essential for the health of the club and January is our best opportunity to improve that health.

These two shows are also our best opportunity to promote our Fly Tying and Rod Building Classes and also the Youth Outreach Program. The Rod Building and Fly Tying Classes are certainly integral to our recruiting efforts whereas they reach to the core of the interests of potential members. Our opportunity to recruit for the Youth Outreach Program and sell raffle tickets in support of that program is also a mandate for success.

I just want to also remind everyone that signed up to tie flies for us to sell at the shows and use as raffle prizes at our various activities as we move forward through the season that now is the time to fulfill that commitment so we can begin to put together our displays.

In summary, things are beginning to heat up and some of the best of what we do is right around the corner, so jump in and be an active participant and support your club.

Merry Christmas,

Joe Simone, President

December 2018

Events to plan for:

- December 3 - Open Tying
- December 10 - Macaroni and Meatball Supper, Guest Speaker - Dylan Callahan
- December 17 - Favorite Fly
- December 24 - No Meeting
- December 31 - No Meeting



NEFT Calendar

- December 10 - Macaroni and Meatball Supper
- December 24 - No Meeting
- December 31 - No Meeting
- January 7 - Board of Director's Meeting, Banquet Meeting
- January 14 - Favorite Fly
- January 28 - Open House
- February 4 - Open House, Open Tying
- February 11 - Fly Tying Class, Rod Building Class,
- February 18 - Fly Tying Class, Rod Building Class, Banquet Meeting



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Macaroni and Meatball Dinner

New England Fly Tyers is certainly recognized for its dedication to everything fly tying and fly fishing, but a close second is our ability to put forth great dining experiences and this month is no exception with our Macaroni and Meatball Dinner on December 10. Once again Jim McKenney will provide us with a great meal as he always does which will certainly be a highlight of our 2018 - 19 season.

And in keeping with our new format for these social evenings the meal will be accompanied by a presentation by Dylan Callahan. Dylan grew

up in Concord and has been fishing since a young child. As he grew up his fishing adventures initially expanded to the rivers of Western Massachusetts and eventually to the larger Rivers in Western New York and striped bass. He has now returned to his roots in Concord and especially enjoys fishing smallmouths in Maine, stripers on the North Shore and still loves the rivers of Western Mass. Dylan's presentation will focus on all things fishing and his love for the sport.

Please make sure December 10 is on your calendar for a great evening.

Favorite Fly: Lefty's Deceiver, Clouser Minnow, Half and Half



This month's favorite fly presentation will actually be a three fly night which will provide tyers with a collection of flies that will catch fish in nearly if not all waters the world over. Lefty's Deceiver is probably the most versatile saltwater fly ever created and will take fish anywhere. The Clouser Minnow which was originally created as a smallmouth bass fly has also taken fish in nearly every environment. The Half and Half is a combination of the best of both flies and the variety of sizes and colors of all three patterns makes for a formi-

dable arsenal where every you may cast a fly. Materials needed to tie this combo include:

- Hook: 04 - 3/0 Stainless Standard-Thread
- Thread: White
- Tail: White Strung Hackle
- Flash: Pearl Crystal Flash/Flashabou
- Body: Silver or Pearl Braid
- Wing: Bucktail (color of your choice)
- Optional: Red Crystal Flash Gills
- Eyes: 3/16 Oval or Round, Red Barbell
- Head: your choice of finish

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Reminder:

NEFT will again be able to purchase advanced, discounted tickets to the Marlboro Show Jan 18-20 2019.

If you would like a ticket or tickets (no limit on #) Scott Mentzer will be collecting the \$10 per ticket at our Monday Meetings thru and including the December 10 meeting.

Tickets will be ready for pickup 12/17 if the Show folks get them in the mail in time as well as Jan 7 and 14 for sure.

If you prefer, you can provide a self addressed stamped envelope and Scott will mail them as soon as he receives them. Given the unpredictable New England weather this is a great option to insure you get your tickets.

December Calendar

December 3- Open Tying

December 10 - Macaroni and Meatball Dinner, Presentation by Dylan Callahan

December 17 - Open Tying, Favorite Fly (Lefty's Deceiver, Clouser Minnow, Half and Half

November 19 - Closed for Holiday

November 26 - Closed for Holiday



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays



To all the members of the New England Fly Tyers, their families and friends, and all who take the time to read this newsletter we, the editorial staff of your newsletter want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. No matter how you celebrate the holidays, may you be blessed with loving family and great friends with which to share this special time and may your days be filled with joy and peace.

Please consider signing up for the 25 fly donation effort to help support the club. This is a great way to do what we love to do and contribute to the club also. Sign up on Monday nights.



To Promote Fly Fishing and Tying

Our mailing address is:
PO Box 164
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The NEFT meets every Monday evening at 7 PM from the Monday after Labor Day to the Monday before Memorial day. We meet at the Singletary Rod & Gun , 300 Sutton Ave., Oxford Ma.

NEFT is a non-profit organization of fly fishers and fly tyers. The purpose of the organization is to foster the art of fly tying, to promote the challenge of fly fishing, to encourage conservation and sportsmanship.

NEFT began in Worcester, MA in 1972. Our current membership comes from over 50 cities and towns in Worcester County. We believe that the NEFT is one of the most active clubs of its kind. We meet every Monday night from the Monday after Labor Day to the Monday before Memorial day, a total of 36 meetings in 9 months.

We're on the Web

www.newenglandflytyers.org

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Membership Renewal Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Regular Member: _____ \$30.00 Junior Member: _____ \$15.00 Life Member: _____ Donation

Paid by Cash: _____ Amount: _____ Paid by Check: _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____

Personal Contact Update:

Mailing address: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Membership Questionnaire:

Please Print all Information so it is legible

___ In an effort to keep NEFT activities current with the interest of membership, please take a minute to fill out the following questionnaire:

What species of fish do you primary fish for? _____

What type of flies do you most often tie? _____

Do you travel to fish and if so where? _____

What's your Favorite Fly Shop? _____

What is your Favorite Style of Fishing? _____

Would you be willing to share your fly fishing knowledge with other members of the
New England Fly Tyers: _____

What fly fishing or fly tying experience would you like to try that you have not yet to experience or
learn: _____

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS OR COMMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO SHARE:

As you all know, a club is only as strong as its membership. Please check off any of the following volunteer activities you might be willing to assist in:

Board of Directors _____ Club Greeter at Activities _____ Favorite Fly _____

Favorite Fly setup and take down _____ Banquet Committee _____

Banquet Set Up or Take Down _____ Membership Outreach _____ Youth Outreach Program _____

Monday Night Setup or Take Down _____ Coffee Setup and Take Down _____

Newsletter Contributor _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND HAND IT TO US AT OUR MONDAY NIGHT MEETING OR MAIL IT TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB ADDRESS.

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