



WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS *Fly Fishermen*



FREE Fly-Tying Classes for 2020

The Western Mass Fly Fishermen's club (WMFF) FLY TYING classes were started by Joe Berkowicz, currently they are organized and run by Manny DaSilva. WMFF has continued the Fly-Tying class since 1971 as a combined activity for both adults and children 9 years or older. We educate adults and children through our free fly-tying classes beginning on the second Thursday in January and continuing for eight consecutive Thursdays. Currently the classes are held from 7:00 P.M. at the Ludlow Elks Club, 69 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA.

All classes are directed by Mr. Manny DaSilva as the lead instructor tying the demonstration fly's. He is supported by many of the experienced WMFF Club members who assist the students with "hand's-on" guidance whenever necessary. The classes are open to the general public and those who express an interest in this life long and fascinating hobby. There are NO costs to the students, the only stipulation is that whenever there are youth involved, that they be chaperoned by an adult family member. All materials and tools are supplied for the class. If you have your own tools feel free to bring them! Students are expected to start with the first class and progress through each week. If you have some experience and looking to improve your skills, please sign up for the classes.

INFORMATION CALL: Manny DaSilva @ 413-283-2915 or Gil DaCosta 413-323-7896

Sample of some fly's that will be tied by the students:



The 2020 Free Fly-Tying classes will begin on Thursday January 9th and continue every Thursday evening until Thursday February 27, 2020. This year the flies that will be tied are:

Class 1. January 9th Wooly Worm & Wooly Bugger, both in Olive and Black

Class 2. January 16th Gray Hackle & March Brown Nymph

Class 3. January 23rd Lead Wing Coachman & March Brown Wet

Class 4. January 30th Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph & Tellico Nymph

Class 5. February 6th Deer Hair Nymph & Muddelr Minnow

Class 6. February 13th Hornberg & Mickey Finn

Class 7. February 20th Gray Ghost & Black Ghost

Class 8. February 27th Elk Hair Caddis & March Brown Dry fly

**** This is the last class of the season that is followed by a Graduation Certification Ceremony and a RAFFLE of Fly-Tying equipment and/or materials.