

The Tyer's Vise

"All the news that's fit to be tied"



United Fly Tyers of Rhode Island

Wednesday, December 7th, 2011, 6:30 PM, at the Warwick Knights of Columbus

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President's Message



Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a good Turkey Day. If you had a wild turkey, I hope you saved the wing feathers and turkey flats for fly tying.



According to Wayne Mumford, the secondary feathers closest to the bird's body are best. Think armpit (wingpit?), which have the best colors.

Mike Maddalena

Directions to Warwick Knights Of Columbus

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Christmas Dinner

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner, with a presentation by Paul Pezza on "Prospecting for Wild Trout in Southern New England."



Paid members only; \$30 yearly membership dues will be collected at the door. Please stop at the door to make sure we have the correct information.

International Fly Tying Show

John O'Meara, Jerry Charpentier, Russ Ahlgren, Harry Templeton, and Dick Pearce drove down to the International Fly Tying Symposium in Somerset, New Jersey, which took place on November 19th and 20th.

The International Fly Tying show is the only fly tying show in the world--2 full days where you can watch tyers from Sweden, Belgium,

Switzerland, Montenegro, the UK, and Canada, as well as the United States. And there are also classes and programs.

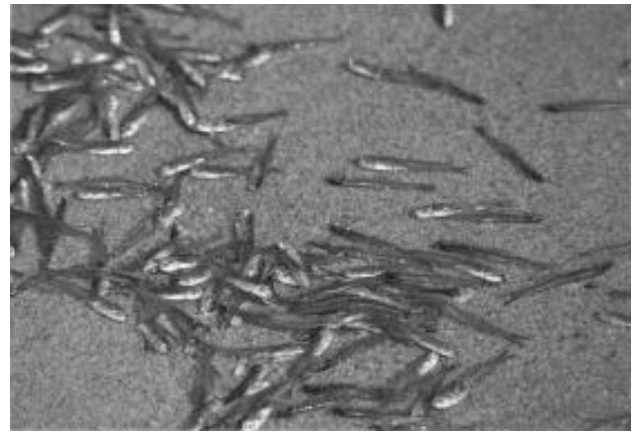


In one of the programs, Bob Popovics talked about “Bait Profiles,” which are necessary to know when designing and tying your flies. The program consisted of well-chosen pictures, videos, and advice.

Most important is careful observation of the the surroundings, water and the baitfish.



Small baitfish swimming in the ocean are translucent; baitfish larger than 3 inches are opaque. Most of the baitfish we imitate are 2-4 inches. What is most obvious in the swiftly moving sand eels and silversides in the video he showed us were the dominant eyes and midline stripe, almost the color of tinfoil. These features should be prominent in the flies you design or tie.



Baits washed ashore give anglers a chance to study and imitate them. Notice the coloring and body shape.



After careful observation of fast-moving baitfish, shape your fly to imitate its shape.



And choose materials to imitate its movement. Although more and better synthetics are being developed, deer hair is still the best, since it's tapered and breathes in the water.

Returning home from the show, we talked about renting a van next year so that any interested members of UFTRI could join us. Please let one of us know if you're interested.

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