



# LINES AND LEADERS

CFFA

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## Annual Banquet

- Program: CFFA Annual Banquet.
- Place: Sphinx Temple (next to the Grantmoor) on the North-Bound Lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. See page 5 for directions.
- When: Saturday, February 8, 1986.
- Time: Cocktails--6:00 P.M.  
Banquet --7:30 P.M.

Our 16th Annual Banquet will feature John Merwin, Executive Director of the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, Vermont. John will present a program on the history of flyfishing.

The winner of the newsletter article prize will be selected at the banquet, and we will have our usual conservation drawing. Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the drawing should contact either Elmer Latham at 742-6584 or Richard Smoragiewicz at 569-0364.

If you are bringing your prize to the Banquet, please bring it to the special table where a member of the Banquet Committee will record it along with your name and address. All Banquet donations will be acknowledged in a future issue of Lines and Leaders.

### Random Casts

This will be your last newsletter if you do not renew your membership before February 15th. Anyone not renewing by that time will be dropped from the mailing list before the March newsletter is sent out.

Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association



'An active member club of the Federation of Fly Fishermen'



# Board of Directors

The club balance as of December 31, 1985 is \$2530.45. The report was accepted as submitted.

The state will be stocking 1500 Bitterroot Browns in our rearing pool. One thousand of these will be stocked in the Willie. The rest will be stocked elsewhere.

We would like the state to come and explain their Urban Angler program to us and tell us exactly what they have in mind.

Pete Trani, Corresponding Secretary

## Fishing Expo at the Civic Center

CFFA will again have a booth at the Fishing Expo at the Hartford Civic Center, and volunteers will be needed from mid-morning through evening March 20-23. Come and tie flies or just to discuss CFFA. You'll meet a lot of interesting people and get a free admission to the Expo. Anyone interested should contact Elmer Latham at the banquet or at 742-6584.

## CFFA Fly Fishing School

The 1986 Fly Fishing School will begin on Friday, March 7 and continue for three weeks. This will be followed by a casting practise session on April 12 and an on-stream session with an instructor in May. See page 6 for details.

### FEBRUARY 1986 CALENDAR

Feb. 5 Board of Director's Meeting  
7 Fly Tying-Class 6  
8 CFFA Annual Banquet

Note: All BOD meetings will be at the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse.

### COMING EVENTS

Mar. CFFA Fly Fishing School  
7 Class 1  
14 Class 2  
21 Class 3

20-23 Fishing Expo-Civic Center

Don't forget to renew your membership!!!



## FLY-OF-THE-MONTH: Boulder Flycasters, Boulder, Colorado

Selection of a fly of the month is loosely based on criteria such as effectiveness, ease of tying, and usefulness in the current season of the year. Late winter and early spring usually tend toward nymphing activity. However a streamer pattern known as the Woolly Bugger can also be effective this time of year. In fact, Norm Leighty praises its virtue for all seasons.

I talked to Norm recently to get some history of the pattern. Apparently an old timer in New Hampshire originated the pattern. Barry Beck, an eastern tier who used to tie for H.L. Leonard, picked up on it and passed it on to Doug Swisher. Doug was very enthusiastic about the effectiveness of the pattern, and passed on the information to many friends, including Norm.

The fly is basically a streamer and is best fished as one. The procedure is to cast it to the stream bank and then retrieve it in strips. Norm recommends a sinking line with a short leader, and an unweighted fly for better casting. It can be fished dead drift as a nymph or teased in and around pockets. This pattern is an excellent fish finder during those times when fish aren't rising, and can even be fished successfully during a hatch.

### Tying Instructions

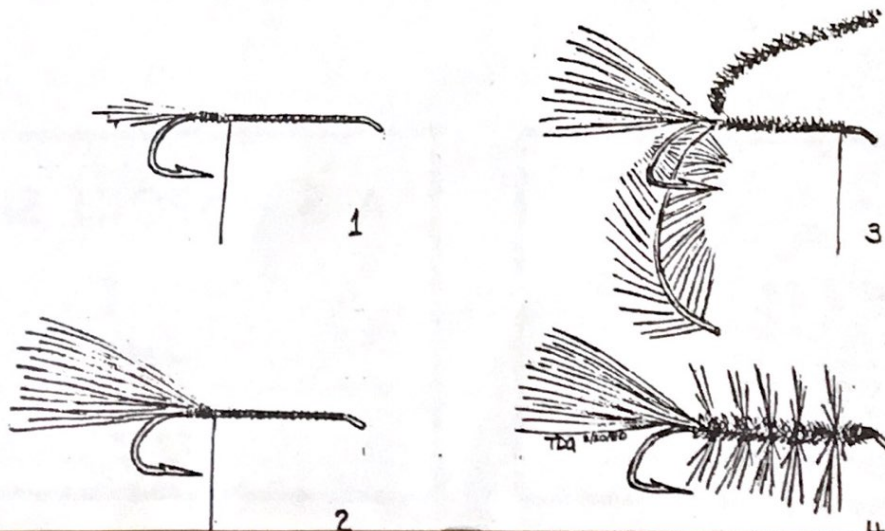
#### Materials

- Hook - can be 79580 (4x long) or 3665A (6x long)
- Tail - bear or moose body hair plus marabou
- Body - chenille
- Rib - palmered soft hackle

#### Steps:

1. Tie in at eye and wind to about barb.
2. Tie in bear or moose body hair as shown in figure 1 to help prevent marabou from wrapping around hook when fished.
3. Tie in fairly full marabou bunch in proportions shown in figure 2.
4. Tie in chenille body and hackle feather. Wrap thread over chenille over the entire length of underbody as shown in figure 3 to provide uniform base.
5. Wrap chenille and tie off. Palmer the hackle and tie off. Finish head.

The most popular color combination has been olive chenille with black marabou and hackle. Other good combinations are silver and white, brown and yellow, and all olive.



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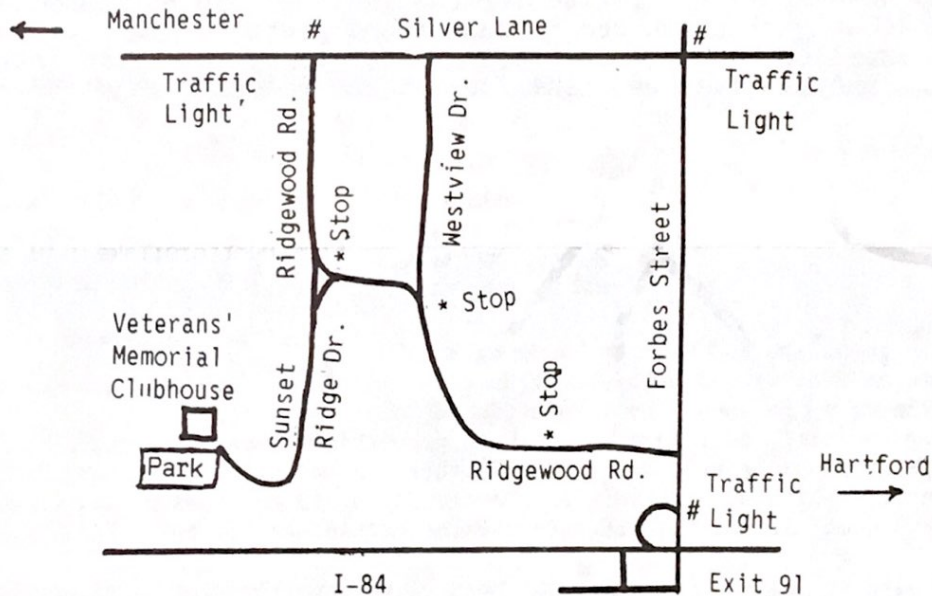
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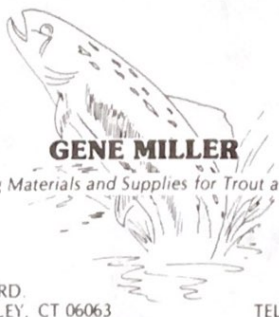
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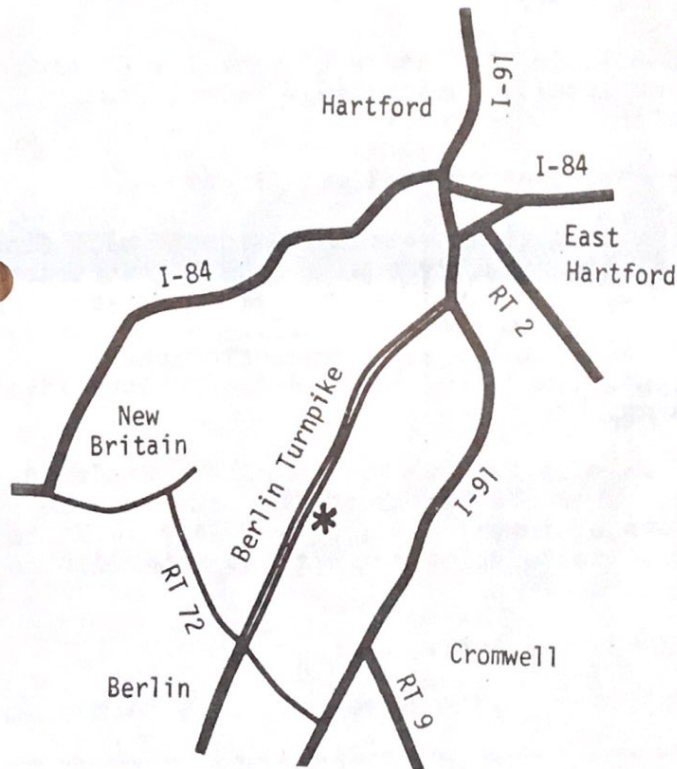
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# Banquet Directions



The CFFA Annual Banquet will be held at the Sphinx Temple located between the Grantmoor and Bradlees on the northbound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington.

From Hartford: Take I-91 south to the Rt. 15-Berlin Turnpike exit. Travel south on the Turnpike approximately 5.8 miles. Bradlees and a Grantmoor sign will be seen on the other side of the road. Make a U-turn at the next light and drive into the Grantmoor entrance.

From Berlin: Traveling north on the Berlin Turnpike from Berlin, the Grantmoor will be on your right, just past Bradlees, approximately 2.8 miles north of the Rt. 72 junction.

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	2	3-14-86	Flies and Fish
	3	3-21-86	Water Types and How to Fish Them
	4	4-12-86	Casting Instruction and Fishing (pond)
	5	May	Fishing a Stream - (3-5 students per instructor)

LOCATION: (Class 1,2,3).....7:00 P.M. in the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse (lower level), Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut

(Class 4).....A private pond stocked with trout

(Class 5).....During this final session, students will fish the Willimantic River with a CFPA instructor and practice course techniques (approach, wading, stream reading, etc.). NOTE: Students must supply their own transportation and equipment, and have a valid Connecticut fishing license.

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CLASS SIZE: Average class size is 35 students.

TUITION: CFPA Members.....\$ 25.00 Non-Members.....\$ 30.00

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CFFA 16th ANNUAL BANQUET

On Saturday, February 8, 1986, CFFA will hold its 16th Annual Banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be John Merwin, executive director of the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, Vermont. Details of his program will be announced in the next newsletter.

The banquet will be held at the Sphinx Temple (next to the Grant Moor) on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. Directions and a map will be printed in the January and February newsletters. Your choice of dinners this year will be baked stuffed shrimp or roast prime rib of beef. Included with the meal will be fruit cup, salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and dessert.

Your Banquet Committee has worked hard to provide you with an enjoyable evening, and we have been able to do this for \$20.00 per person. We will also be holding our conservation drawing that evening.

Fill out the reservation form and mail it as soon as possible. Your Banquet Committee and Board of Directors are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for our drawing may contact Elmer Latham at 742-6584 or Dick Smoragiewicz at 569-0364. All prizes will be greatly appreciated, and all donations will be acknowledged in "Lines and Leaders."

DINNER RESERVATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will require reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$20.00 per person.  
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