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Fly-Tying Workshops Will Be Held at UNH

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DURHAM, N.H. -- What's a woolly bugger and how in the heck do you tie one? How do you tie a soft hackle fly and when should it be used? How does an angler fill spare time before trout season begins?

Starting Saturday, Feb. 5, a three-part fly tying workshop at the University of New Hampshire's Dimond Library will provide answers to these and many other questions.

Bill Cass, assistant director of Career Services at UNH, will teach the series of three, four-hour sessions. A lifelong fly fisher, Cass was formerly technical director at Orvis in Manchester, Vt., where he also taught in its world famous fly fishing school. He will introduce the basics of fly tying, from the selection of materials and equipment through the introduction of a number of standard patterns that each participant should master.

Subsequent sessions are scheduled for Saturday, March 4, and Saturday, April 1. All three classes will run from 1 to 5 p.m. The Milne Special Collections and Archives Department in the Dimond Library will host this series of workshops. Special Collections is located on the first floor of the library.

The charge for the three workshops is \$45. The fee covers the cost of all materials, plus a copy of *Dick Talleur's Basic Fly Tying* which will serve as text for the course. Participants are expected to supply basic equipment and tools, which should include a vise, bobbin, dubbing needle and scissors. The workshop is limited to 10 participants.

The Milne Special Collections and Archives Department maintains the Milne Angling Collection, one of the largest collections of angling literature in the United States. The collection, which now numbers more than 3,500 volumes, is particularly rich in

materials relating to fly fishing for trout and Atlantic salmon, with special emphasis on fishing in New England and eastern Canada. Beyond containing the classics of angling literature, such as numerous editions of Izaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler*, the collection boasts a vast array of books on fly tying, rod making and stream tactics. The collection is open to the public and will be available for use by workshop participants.

For information about the beginner fly tying workshops or about the Milne Angling Collection, please contact Bill Ross, Milne Special Collections and Archives, at (603) 862-0346.

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