

The Emerger



Catskill Fly Tyers Guild Meeting

**June 18, 2022, 1:00 P.M.
Wulff Gallery at the CFFCM
1031 Old Route 17
Livingston Manor, New York**

Agenda: Terrestrials and Sulphurs

Our meeting will begin with the question, “What makes a good Sulphur pattern for our area?”

Along with the discussion, we ask that members share their go-to flies for the Sulphur hatch.

For anyone who missed last year’s discussion, or who would like a refresher, the following link will take you to the June 2021 meeting notes, which contain several excellent Sulphur patterns and recipes: [Sulphur notes from June 2021 Guild Meeting](#)

The second part of the meeting will focus on terrestrials, namely ant, beetle, and cricket patterns. Terrestrials are an important part of a trout’s summer diet, and although our Catskill waters are known for their abundant hatches of aquatic insects, a well-presented terrestrial can often do the trick on a fussy fish.

Special Fly Tying presentation:

We will have the distinct honor of member Jose Venalanzo tying a very unique and effective ant pattern. Ant patterns, usually Black or Brown, can be sizes 14 to 18, tied as a parachute, wound hackle in the middle, or as in a flying ant, which at times is the go-to fly on a stream.

Some examples:



Flying Ant



Parachute Ant



A basic beetle pattern using peacock herl and foam

From our good buddy Tim Flagler on You Tube comes this on the Fur Ant:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjS7qBhumTA>

And the Foam Beetle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKWbufRBh68>

Here is a description of an ant fly that Jose Venalanzo posted with the pictures that follow:

“Tying some crazy Ants for the dry fly box. Ants are an all-year hatch. One of fly fishing's best-known phrases is ‘Ant the Hatch.’ Ants have the sole honor of being so relished by trout as to divert their attention during selective feeding, and that's why they have to be in your fly box. They can be tied in sizes 18 to 22, but the one shown here is a size 16. I don't think trout will refuse a size 16”

