



Catskill Fly Tyers Guild Winter Tying Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM

This week's starting fly is the Hendrickson

One of the most iconic Catskill-style dry flies is the Hendrickson. This fly has stood the test of time for more than a century and was tied to match the *Ephemerella subvaria* hatch, which is still a very prolific hatch on our Catskill waters and many places in the US.

The fly was designed by Roy Steenrod in 1916 on the banks of the Beaverkill River, and he named it after his friend A. E. Hendrickson. Roy Steenrod is often reported to be the only person to ever have been taught to tie flies by Theodore Gordon. Steenrod went on to spread the art of fly tying, and taught many young people how to tie flies at Camp DeBruce.

There are some color variations in the classic versions of the Hendrickson. The Dette version (listed here) does not have the pale, pinkish cast of urine-stained vixen fox that is used in Art Flick's version. Feel free to try both dubbing blends for this fly if you are lucky enough to have some of the pinkish fur available.

Dressing for the Hendrickson dry fly:

(Dette version)

Hook: Sizes 10 to 18, Mustad 94840 or equivalent

Thread: White

Tail: Medium Dun hackle barbs

Wing: Wood duck flank, upright and divided

Body: Red fox belly fur

Hackle: Medium blue dun

Attached are photos of two versions: the first being with the Flick version with the pinkish cast, and the second photo is of the tannish Dette version.

(Flies tied and photographed by John Apgar)

