

Featured Member Tyer

Terry Herron

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For our Spotlight Featured Tyer this month, we have none other than master tyer, Terry Herron. The fly he will be demonstrating to us is a just amazing pattern. I am talking about “Ben’s Stone,” by Jeff “Bear” Andrews.

If you are unfamiliar with Terry, here is a brief river report on him: He is a Royal Oak resident, a retired school teacher, works with Royal Oak High School Fly Fishing Club, lends a hand with Project Warriors tying flies, and is very active in Michigan Fly Fishing Club with the Midwest Expo tying with kids, or passing his knowledge on at our various schools. Along with all of that, Terry also has the distinction of being honored with the “Howard Geller - MFFC Volunteer of the Year Award.”

In the past you have seen Terry grace the Spotlight Featured Tyer nights by tying BWO Spinners, BWO Emerger’s, Spey Flies, and Jack Gartside’s Sparrow. This year, he is going to wrap up the Spotlight Featured Tyer night for the fall with Jeff “Bear” Andrews’ famed “Ben’s Stone” pattern. Rumor has it, that his fly was designed and named when Jeff got the wire for this fly from the now defunct “Ben Franklin Stores.” If you don’t remember these amazing stores, they carried about anything and everything in



their on their shelves. I know from fishing this fly for Steelhead and Trout it is a great producer of tight lines.

If you want to learn more and tie it, bring your vise, tools, and note taking materials, to sling bobbins with master fly tyer Terry.

HOOK: 2x long nymph size 6-10

TAIL: Black pheasant tail

ABDOMEN: 28ga. Black wire

WINGCASE: Treated turkey tail

THORAX: Peacock herl

HACKLE: Black hen

EYES: Black mono or bead chain

Directions

1. Attach thread and tie in tail
2. Tie in the wire on the side then double it over and tie in on the near side, then wrap the abdomen. Go on to the thorax.
3. Tie in the wing case
4. Tie in 3-4 peacock herls and wrap the thorax. Leave room for the eyes.
5. Tie in the eyes.
6. Tie in the hackle behind the eyes, then 2-3 wraps
7. Fold over the wing case and tie off
8. Whip finish