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Fly Tying with Scott Biron at Woodcrest Village

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How do fly fishers catch a fish's attention and get it to strike? They use a fly – not a house fly – a fishing fly. A fishing fly is an artistic combination of feathers, furs, colored wire, and thread crafted to imitate a bug or bait fish's color, shape, and movement through the water.

Handcrafted fishing flies are created by skilled craftsmen like Master Fly Tyer Scott Biron, the featured speaker at the Adventures In Learning Community Enrichment Program at Woodcrest Assisted Living on October 9, 2024. Scott has a strong interest in historical NH fly tyers and their lost patterns and has published, researched, taught, and demonstrated many of the lost NH fly patterns.

Program attendees leaned in close to watch Scott tie a Purple Smelt streamer fly. As the beautiful light purple feathered fly formed on the vice, he told stories of the “old timers” in New Hampshire who developed hundreds of fly patterns, the materials and colors they used, and how their work contributed to the psychology of fly design. Scott explained that, like many traditional crafts, fly-tying is perpetuated by people who dedicate themselves to mastering and teaching the art to the next generation. He recounted his apprenticeship, achievement of Master Fly Tyer, and experience as a fly fishing and fly-tying instructor.

No fishing-related presentation would be complete without fish stories, and Scott told a few! He spoke about Lake Sunapee and Pleasant Lake fishing experiences and how theories and practices of stocking the lakes have changed over the years.

Scott has taught several Adventures in Learning courses on fly fishing, fly tying, tyers, and their history. Watch for registration details for his next fly-tying course. It will be offered during the Winter 2025 session. Until then, you can [visit his website](#).

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