

BRODHEAD TU APRIL MEETING!



Wednesday, April 13, 2016 — 7:00 PM

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Road, Bartonsville

John Shaner Reveals **SOFT-HACKLE SECRETS!**



John Shaner: I have been fly fishing for as long as I can remember and caught my first trout on a fly I tied myself in 1965. I grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York and was fishing the Catskill Rivers as soon as I could drive.

Over the years I have fished for trout extensively across the US and have made several trips to England to fish the famous Chalk Streams and other rivers. I have a special love for Montana and Wyoming and I lived in West Yellowstone, MT for a number of years. My favorite rivers are; The West branch of the Delaware and Beaverkill, in New York, the Firehole and Madison system in

Yellowstone Park, and the Rivers Itchen, Eden, and Eamont in England.

I have also fished the Bahamas, Belize, and Florida for saltwater species.

I have worked in the fly fishing business since 1985 and have managed fly shops, guided, and worked as a sales representative for Orvis, Cortland Line, and is now Regional Fly Fishing Manager for Pure Fishing, covering the Hardy, Fenwick, Hodgman, and Pflueger Brands.

My interest in fly tying goes back to boyhood. I am mostly self-taught but have studied many techniques over the years and have a special interest in reproducing traditional trout fly patterns. I enjoy experimenting with new patterns, but am a bit of a traditionalist in my use of materials, and seldom incorporate synthetics into my flies, preferring natural silk, fur, and feathers.

About twenty years ago I developed a fascination for "Spiders" (Americans call them soft hackles), and enjoy tying and fishing these simple, elegant, and deadly flies.

Another interest is collecting classic tackle and angling books. My "library" (which is getting out of hand!) is primarily devoted to books detailing the development of flies and tying techniques.

Currently, I live in southern New York State, just a few minutes from the West Branch of the Delaware and Beaverkill.

This is a great event, and we're looking forward to seeing YOU!

n.b.: The Rim Rock Road Bridge is under construction; thus, the KCEEC is inaccessible from Rt. 611.

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