



# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



## Safety Pin Flies-Update

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This year the Insect-o-rama was a success and thanks to the members who tied a bug on pins. The Nature Center had 9 tying station set up.

Mike Jaegers from Jefferson City, MO stopped by with his wife to get ideas of how we were doing this. He thought it might be something the Capital City Fly Fisher might do in their area.

So based on that, I thought you should know a few more things just in case you would like your club to do something like this.



If you can work ahead, make as many flies at home before the show. Have a bunch of cut foam and eye available.



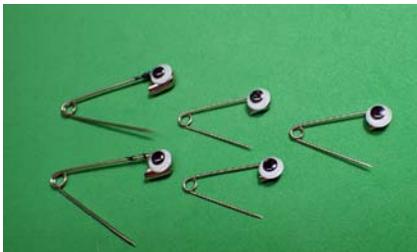
Many of the tiers would ask the young boys and girls what their favorite colors were, and then would tie up a fly while they watched it being done.



Other boys and girls would ask if they could have a fly and pick out one of the ones already made up. Patti got patriotic.



Bill had a great idea, but was having problems with gluing the eyes on a hook. Remember, you only have to have one eye on the pin. I used epoxy and placed the eyes on the hook and eliminated the problem Bill was having. They look great and now you can tie some of you favorites.



I used 7mm doll eyes that I got at Joann's or Wal-Mart.



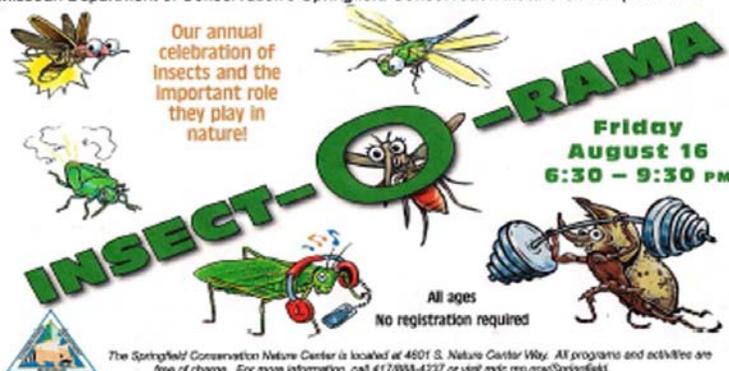
Remember the fly I was tying. It required a lot of work, tying the eyes on and the many steps in paint.



With an eye epoxy on the hook will greatly speed up what I was doing and it looks great.

Watch the parent. They are always looking for something their kids are interested in. You might even pick up a new member or two.

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