

Jeff “Bear” Andrews

- Michigan native Jeff “Bear” Andrews has been fly fishing and tying flies for 48 years.
- In 1998 he was the recipient of the “Buz” Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a fly tyer by the Federation Of Fly Fishers. At the time he was the youngest to have ever received the award and only the third from the Midwest.
- From 1977 until 1984 he ran Bear’s Fly Shop in Grand Ledge, Michigan.
- He has tied flies commercially for 34 years, producing as many as 2000 dozen flies a year.
- Annually Bear travels throughout the United States and Europe sharing his tying skills through demonstrations and classes. He has taught 1000’s of people to tie flies.
- Bear created the “Tyathon” for the Federation Of Fly Fishers, and for ten years held a 24 hour tying marathon to raise money for the FFF’s conservation projects, raising over \$140,000.00
- Bear’s flies are sought after by both collectors as well as fly fishers.
- His flies have appeared in numerous books, and magazines as well as limited edition artwork.
- Bear has set 3 IGFA World Records for Brook trout during his 27 years of fishing Labrador.
- He is currently the Fly Fishing Editor for “Michigan Out-Of Doors” magazine and has been for over 20 years.
- In 1999 he released his first in a series of fly tying instructional videos, currently available in DVD format are “Best Of The Bear Steelhead” “Best Of The Bear Steelhead II “ and “Best Of The Bear Tying Traditions”
- Since 2000, Bear’s flies have been available in fly shops through the Umpqua Feather Merchants Fly Tyers Royalty Program.
- Currently Bear works as a Fly Fishing guide for Fuller’s North Branch Outing Club in Lovells, Michigan guiding for trout, salmon, steelhead, and carp on the fly.
- Annually he hosts trips to Labrador and Ontario in pursuit of his favorite trophy brookies, as well as Alaska.

