

**Curriculum Vitae  
Tom Tripi - Fly Fishing Enterprises  
Folsom School of Fly Fishing**



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**CURRENT STATUS:**

Sole Proprietor - Fly Fishing Enterprises - 1990 to present, a full service endeavor providing education and consulting services involving all aspects of fly fishing.

**TEACHING / EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:**

BA Education - Fine Arts / Education, Minor in Science, Northeast Louisiana State College, 1970; plus 30 hours post graduate education

Licensed - primary through secondary level teacher, States of Louisiana and New York (certificates not current)

Fly casting and fly tying instructor - Tulane University and Delgado College Continuing Education Departments 1992 - 1995

Curriculum Administrator - New Orleans School of Fly Fishing - 1992 - 1994

Fly casting and fly tying instructor - New Orleans Fly Fishers

Fly casting and fly tying instructor - ("Shop Pro") Southern Sporting Goods - 1990 - 1997

Fly casting and fly tying instructor - ("Shop Pro") Bayou Specialties - 1996 – 1999

Private fly casting, fly tying, and fly fishing instructor – 1975 - present

Fly Casting and fly tying instructor - Orvis Lakeside Outfitters - 1999 - 2002  
(Special Techniques Instructor - Orvis Lakeside Fly Fishing School)

### **PROFESSIONAL - CORPORATE AFFILIATIONS:**

The Orvis Company - Company association - 1977 – 2009; Promotional Affiliation 1999 to 2009 – fly casting and fly tying instruction

Thomas & Thomas Rod Makers - Company association - 1985 - 2002, Promotional Affiliation - 1997 - 2000

BREITLING Watch Company - Promotional Affiliation - 1996 - 2003

Member G. Loomis "Pro Staff", G. Loomis, Inc. - 1994 - 1999

Member Ross Reel-USA "Pro Staff", Ross Reel Co. - 1994 - 1998

Member Scientific Anglers "Pro Staff" 3M Corporation - 1994 - 1999

Member St. Croix "Pro Staff" St. Croix Rod Company - 1997 - 1999

Member Teton Fly Reels "Pro Staff" - 1997 – 1999

Member "Dr. Slick" Fly Tying Instruments "Pro Staff" - 1998 - 1999

### **WRITING - PUBLISHING - MEDIA:**

Casting Column and contributing features writer 2007 to 2016 - FLYFISHER, Journal of The Federation of Fly Fishers

Past contributing writer - FISHING ALONG THE GULF COAST MAGAZINE, Mal Mowbray Publications, Bay St. Louis, MS (4 state coverage) - 1999 - 2003

Contributing writer - THE WATERMARK, publication of the Southeastern Council - International Federation of Fly Fishers (15 state coverage) 1992 to 2005

Contributing writer - GREEN TROUT GAZETTE and THE RED LETTER, publications of IFFF New Orleans and Baton Rouge chapter fly fishing associations (four state Coverage 1992 to 2004

Monthly contract writer - "Louisiana On The Fly" column published in LOUISIANA OUTDOORS, (4 state coverage) 1995 to 1997

Unpublished manuscript - 1,000 hand painted watercolor illustrations of flies and short histories - completed in 1980

Scientific Illustrator - flies and marine life for identification purposes – 1970's

Featured in numerous newspaper and periodical articles, fly tying publications including:

Field And Stream Magazine ("Bass High and Dry" - Sept. 1996 - six pages)  
Greys Sporting Journal - (Green Trout of the Bayou - Oct. 1999 -six pages)  
Warm Water Fly Fishing – (December 1999 – Featured in Full Cover Photo)  
Fly Tye Magazine – (Featured Flies and Photographs- fly fishing for alligators Summer, 2008)

Fly Tying Books – Fly Pattern Representations:

**Fly Tying Patterns of the Masters**, 1999

**Fly Pattern Encyclopedia** – December 2000

(Chapter writer and 28 original Fly Patterns)

**Innovative Flies and Techniques** 2005 Amato Press; new fly patterns and biography

Featured in various local radio and television broadcasts.

### **PROFESSIONAL FLY TYING EXPERIENCE:**

Master Level Custom Fly Dresser - specializing in imitation insect, aquatic and marine life flies for exhibitions and personal collectors; fly tier of all varieties of dry, wet, nymph, saltwater, steelhead and international fly patterns (Two class world records "Rainbow Runners" established on custom designed saltwater flies). I have designed and tied flies for customers in six foreign countries.



## FEATURE FLY – IFFF LEGENDS OF FLY TYING 2003 PRESENTATION CASE

Exhibition Fly Tier - Southeast Council IFFF Conclaves

Exhibition Fly Tier - New Orleans Superdome Sportsman Shows

Exhibition Fly Tier - New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival

Exhibition Fly Tier - International Sportsmen's Exposition - San Mateo, CA

Exhibition Fly Tier - International Federation of Fly Fishers National Conclaves, Montana and Tennessee

*Remembering 9/11*



## **PROFESSIONAL FLY CASTING EXPERIENCE:**

Fly Casting Instructor Certification Program – Gulf Coast IFFF Conclave 2007

Casting Co-Chair Southeast Council IFFF Conclave 2001-2004

Certified General and Master Fly Casting Instructor by The International Federation of Fly Fishers - 1993 to present (repertoire includes approx. 60 casts - right and left handed)

Exhibition fly caster - New Orleans Superdome Sportsman Show - 1992 to 2002

Fly Casting Certification and Education Programs - International Federation of Fly Fishers - 1995 to present

Developed fly casting programs for the disabled and handicapped, and for cancer rehabilitation



**Big Casting Pond – Folsom, LA**

## **FLY ROD BUILDING EXPERIENCE:**

Bamboo fly rod construction (raw bamboo to finished product) 1975-1980

Bamboo fly rod restoration/repair/refinishing business, 1975 - 2004 (output was approx.



24 rods per year)

### **OTHER FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE:**

Fly fishing instructor for the Options – Rehabilitation Program for The Handicapped Hammond, Louisiana 2014 - present

Fly fishing guide - Adirondack Mountains - Brook Trout (1970's)

Stream and fisheries management programs - State of New York (1970's)

### **EXHIBITIONS:**

A collection of over 100 imitation insect “flies” have been made part of the permanent public display collection of the Audubon Nature Institute’s Insectarium in New Orleans – 2004, updated in May, 2014

Exclusively represented by The Crabnet Gallery in New Orleans, LA, 1985 – 2005

Represented on the Gulf Coast in The Bonner Collection Gallery – Pass Christian Miss. 2004 to 2005 (Katrina destroyed the gallery)

Lakeside Orvis Outfitters - Metairie, LA (2000 – 2002)

Past Exhibits in Adlers Jewelers, Wildwing Gallery, Wildlife Unlimited, The Orvis Company - Manchester VT, and numerous sporting goods stores in the Southeast

### **RESOURCES:**

Personal collection includes over 100 fly rods (40% bamboo or earlier rod building materials); over 60 reels and 300 fly fishing related volumes. My fly tying materials collection is one of the largest in the Louisiana.

### **ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

International Federation of Fly Fishers (Life Member)

National Rifle Association (Life Member)

Trout Unlimited

Catskill Fly Fishing Museum

Atlantic Salmon Federation  
American Museum of Fly Fishing  
Pontchartrain Basin Fly Fishers  
Louisiana Outdoors Writers Association (Past)



### *Fly Tying Studio*

**RECOGNITION:**

Man of the Year – Pontchartrain Basin Fly Fishers – 2011

Man of the Year - New Orleans area Chapter International Federation of Fly Fishers – 1998

An original pattern – Doctor Chris' Crab was selected as the centerpiece fly in the IFFF Legends of Fly Tying Presentation Case - 2003