

Curriculum Vitae Tom Tripi - Fly Fishing Enterprises



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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 University, 1970; 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 Adult 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 – present; Promotional Affiliation 1999 to present – fly casting and fly tying instruction

Thomas & Thomas Rod Makers - Company association - 1985 - present, 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:

Contributing Writer - FLYFISHER, Journal - Federation of Fly Fishers - (national coverage)

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 - Federation of Fly Fishers (15 state coverage) 1992 to present

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

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 to present

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 Tying Books - 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 full dress salmon streamer flies and exact 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 established on custom designed saltwater flies). I have designed and tied flies for customers in six foreign countries.



FEATURE FLY – FFF LEGENDS OF FLY TYING 2003 PRESENTATION CASE

Exhibition Fly Tier - Southeast Council FFF 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 - Federation of Fly Fishers National Conclaves, Montana and Tennessee



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PROFESSIONAL FLY CASTING EXPERIENCE:

Casting Co-Chair Southeast Council FFF Conclave

Certified General and Master Fly Casting Instructor by The 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 - Federation of Fly Fishers - 1995 to present

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

FLY ROD BUILDING EXPERIENCE:

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

Bamboo fly rod restoration/repair/refinishing business, 1975 - present (output - approx. 24 rods per year)

OTHER FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE:

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

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

EXHIBITIONS:

An exhibit of 50 exact imitation insect “flies” have been made part of the permanent public display collection of the Audubon Nature Institute’s Insectarium in New Orleans - 2004

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

Represented on the Gulf Coast in The Bonner Collection Gallery – Pass Christian Miss. 2004 to date

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 Southeast.

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

Federation of Fly Fishers (Life Member)
Trout Unlimited
Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
Atlantic Salmon Federation
American Museum of Fly Fishing
Coastal Conservation Association
New Orleans Fly Fishers

Red Stick (Baton Rouge) Fly Fishers
Louisiana Outdoors Writers Association
The Nature Conservancy



Fly Tying Studio

RECOGNITION:

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

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