



## *"Featured Guest Tyers"*

### **2019 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo**

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**Tim Cammisa** *Lives in Western, Pennsylvania and has been a fly tier and fly fisherman for more than 25 years. His favorite rivers include the mighty Delaware and Missouri Rivers. His passion is small streams with wild trout. Tim takes to social media to promote and teach the sport of fly fishing and tying. He has appeared in over 200 videos on many different fly fishing and tying topics and he has over 15,000 subscribers with over two million video views. You can view his fly tying and fly fishing videos at: <http://wwtroutandfeather.com/>.*

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**Gunnar Brammer** *grew up in Traverse City, MI and has relocated to Duluth, MN. He loves to target any fish species who wants to chase down and tackle a streamer, and he has love for the natives like Smallmouth, Pike, and Brook Trout. Gunnar started fly fishing when he was 15, but did not really dive into the sport until he turned 21. He has done a little bit of everything from chasing carp on Lake Michigan flats, to spear fishing Hog Snaper in the Bahamas, to jigging deep water Lake Trout on Lake Superior. Gunnar is a St. Croix Rods Pro Team Member, HMH Vices Pro Team Member, Hedron Inc. Tying Team Member, Deer Creek Pro Team Member, Ambassador for the Flymen Fishing Co, and a Friend of Ahrex Hooks. You can contact Gunnar at Brammer's Custom Flies <https://streamersbygunnar.com/>*

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**Eric Austin** *grew up tying and fishing Catskill dry flies in the Adirondack Mountain region of New York State. Even in his youth Eric loved the old fly fishing books at the library, by the likes of Preston Jennings, Ray Bergman, Al McLane, J.Edson Leonard and George La Branche. Later, this love of history led to his reviving a column on the flyangersonline.com website called "Just Old Flies". Each week Eric would tie and photograph a fly and recount the history of it. The Just Old Flies column spurred Eric's historical flies by American classic tiers and the old masters of the U.K. Eric has been featured in the series of books published in London, "Fly Tiers of the World". His website is [www.traditionalflies.com](http://www.traditionalflies.com) .*

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**Jim Reed** *is a world class deer hair tier that is from Howell, Michigan, and has spun many amazing deer hair bugs. Back in 2006 in an FFF competition Jim was awarded 6 world champion medals on all 6 entries of his flies that he submitted. Besides being a master at the spinning of Deer Hair, Jim is also a master in other fly tying areas; as he is a very versatile tier. He has demonstrated and taught around the Great Lakes region & Midwest, plus tying out at the FFF Conclave in Livingston and has demonstrated out at the Somerset Symposium in New Jersey.*

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**Steve Wascher** caught his first Trout at the age of 3 ½, on a DRY FLY!! Steve is a third generation tier from Greenhurst, NY; and received basic instructions and guidance from his father; along with his grandmother in regards to tying. Steve is a well rounded tier, and enjoys all aspects of the art of fly tying; from creating a unique nymph, wet flies for steelhead, or his famed deer hair bugs for those Warmwater surprises. Besides tying Steve guides during the summer months for a wide range of Warmwater species and he enjoys writing articles as well; which have appeared along with his flies in Hatches Magazine, American Angler, and Mid-Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide. Steve is on the Pro Staff of Dyna King Vises; plus many others.

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**Jerry Regan** a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fly tier; is one of the true keepers of Michigan's Fly Fishing History; along with being one of the best commercial fly tiers in the business. Just like Trout Unlimited, Jerry was born along the fabled Trout Waters of the Au Sable River near Grayling. As a kid he learned fly tying and fishing from Michigan's Genuine Legends like Earl Madsen and Ernie Borchert. One thing unique for the patterns Jerry ties, he has never went with synthetics that have flooded the market place, but have stuck with the original materials that were used.

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**John Satkowski** resides in Toledo, Ohio, where he fishes for all fish that swim in the rivers and lakes of southeastern Michigan and northwest Ohio. An artist, fly tying demonstrator, and fly tying instructor, John shares his love of fly tying and fishing as often as he can. John is an accomplished realistic tier and always tries to add a little realistic flare to his patterns. John is a pro tier for Flymen Fishing Company and a commercial tier for Rainy's flies with patterns ranging from dry flies, nymphs, steelhead, streamers, and flies for the salt. John's patterns often use creative fly materials and unconventional tying styles. You can find him at River Raisin Fly Company.

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**Paul Beel** is owner/writer and fly tier of the website and fly tying business Frankenfly ([www.frankenfly.com](http://www.frankenfly.com)). His passion of fishing was from watching his grandfather create homemade lures as a kid. He felt he could continue in his grandfather's footsteps as a fly tyer. Paul's tying specializes in Modern Streamers and Classic Michigan Dry Flies. And he enjoys fishing for Bass and Trout. He is a Commercial Fly Tyer for Gates Au Sable Lodge and Fly Shop; he is on the Regal Vise Pro Staff, Partridge of Redditch Pro Team, Engrico Puglisi Pro Staff, and Deer Creek Pro Staff. And his Patterns have been picked up by Orvis to be sold nationwide. You can contact Paul at [www.frankenfly.com](http://www.frankenfly.com)

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**Dennis Potter** started tying over 30 years ago before fishing on the Ausable River in Northern Michigan. He has spent 4 seasons at the Gates Ausable Lodge as a Fly Fishing Instructor and he still enjoys teaching fly tying instruction. His fly designs are fished extensively and with great success throughout the U.S. Dennis does have various Fly Tying Videos on the market and he is the owner of Riverhouse Fly Company. You will be able to find him tying at the show, with his well known high resolution video tying Demo show. Dennis's web site is: [www.riverhouseflyco.com](http://www.riverhouseflyco.com) .

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**Mike Schmidt** is owner & Fly Tyer for Angler's Choice Flies, based out of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; which started out from encouragement and influence from his dad. His fly tying consists of Winged Wet, Warmwater, Coldwater, and Saltwater patterns. Some of the accomplishment's of Mike, would consist of Orvis Fly Designer, Contract and Fly Tying Instructor for Mad River Outfitters, Signature Tyer for JagFly Company/Steelhead Alley, and has articles published in Hatches on line magazine. Mike's web site is: [www.anglerschoiceflies.com](http://www.anglerschoiceflies.com) .

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**Eli Berant** grew up and lives in Michigan, so he has been surrounded by big water all his life. After getting his first fly tying kit at the age of 15, fly fishing and fly tying has been a passion of his ever since. Even though he really likes the "traditional" fly fishing experience; he has taken the concepts of the huge saltwater flies and began to apply them to his exploits here back in the big waters in Michigan. If you are interested in "Big Flies" for Lake Trout, Musky, Bass, or whatever will consume them, you can order these flies at Great Lakes Fly ([www.greatlakesfly.com](http://www.greatlakesfly.com)).

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**Todd A. Schotts** is a custom production fly tier through Grizzly Flies by Schottsie. He is a very active member of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, where he writes the "Fly of the Month" featured column for the clubs newsletter, chairs and helps out with various outings, schools, and events. He has had 2 of his flies appear in Eastern Fly Fishing Magazine in 2 different featured articles back in 2015, and 5 of his own designs appeared in 2017 Spring issue of Fly Fusion. You can find his flies at The Painted Trout in Dexter, Michigan and Red Fox Outfitters in Fenton, Michigan. His passion is being a Bass Bum, (chasing Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass in his Kayak); but also enjoys chasing Trout, or whatever will take a fly. You can contact him at [GrizzlyFlies@yahoo.com](mailto:GrizzlyFlies@yahoo.com).

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