

THE LOOP



Andy Kitson, Editor



Wednesday, Feb. 15 at The Sixth Floor of the Ramada, Downtown South Bend.

SJRVFF WELCOMES ROB FIGHTMASTER Owner of Fightmaster Fly Fishing

- Owner and primary guide, Fightmaster Fly Fishing. Business offers guided wade trips to roadside and backcountry destinations in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and surrounding areas. Float trips on a number of area tailwaters are also provided.
- Instructor at Little River Outfitters School of Fly Fishing.
- Freelance writer and regular columnist for The Contemporary Sportsman.
- Author of "Hatch & Fly Guide: Smoky Mountains and Southern Appalachians."
- Custom fly tyer. Patterns currently available at Little River Outfitters and soon available at www.fightmasterflyfishing.com.



Rob Fightmaster

2012 GUEST TYERS

Mike Schmidt

When: Saturday February 18th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Mike is the owner of Angler Choice Flies; a decade old commercial fly tying company based out of Dublin Ohio. With a variety of established patterns. Mike strives to push the limits of materials on the market to create " the next generation of flies". Every pattern that is designed at his vise is thoroughly water tested. Mike will be instructing us on streamer patterns that he has created.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

Dennis Potter

When: Saturday March 17th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Dennis is the owner of Riverhouse Fly Company and has been a fanatic fly tier for 30+ years. Dennis has developed a variety of must have flies which work in well in almost any situation. This class will help to expand your repertoire and refine your tying techniques.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

All of the guest fly tying seminars are open to anyone that would like to participate, however, these seminars are not intended to be a "first time" learning to tie flies class.

Some basic fly tying techniques are required. What these seminars will do is help take your fly tying to the next level with instruction from some of the best in the industry.

Please contact me at [\(574\) 202-0255](tel:574-202-0255) or m3plus2@hotmail.com if you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot.

Thanks,
Todd Ezzell



HEALTHY RIVERS LECTURE SERIES

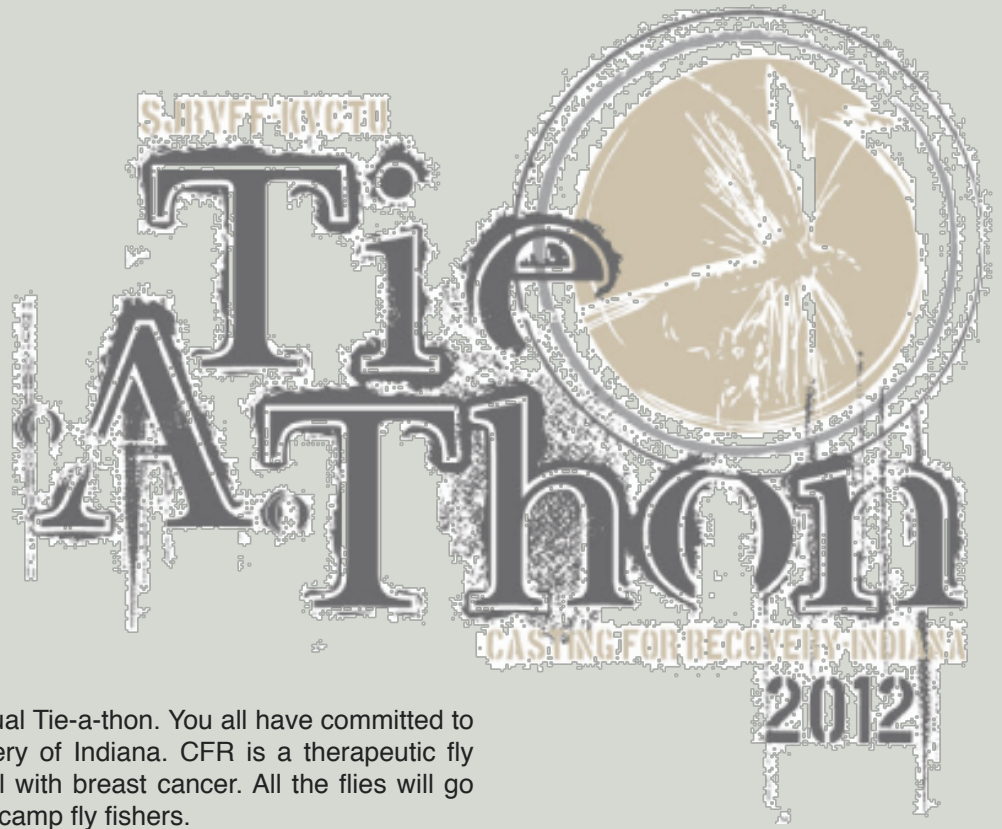
The Healthy River Lecture Series is presented by the Valparaiso University Biology Club and the Duneland Fly Fishers

February 21, 2012 @ 7:00 pm
Ann Miller- Midwestern Hatches

March 20, 2012 @ 7:00 pm
Dean Hansen- The Living River

April 17, 2012 @ 7:00 pm
Dick Pobst

All presentations will be held at the Neils Science Center; Building 10; Rm. 234 on the Valparaiso University campus
For more information see the Valparaiso University Biology Club's blog site: <http://blogs.valpo.edu/vubioclub/>



We are 26 days from the 6th annual Tie-a-thon. You all have committed to 6,100 flies to Casting for Recovery of Indiana. CFR is a therapeutic fly fishing camp helping women deal with breast cancer. All the flies will go toward promotion and use for the camp fly fishers.

With 26 days remaining we need your input. If you have not let us know what pattern and how many flies you are donating, please do so. If you have not decided on a pattern or someone you know wants to tie, here are some patterns we could use more number of: Pink Ladies, Griffith Gnats, Elk Hair Caddis, Caddis Nymphs, Hare's Ears, Clousers and Mickey Finns. We appreciate all the flies you all tie.

We hope to see all of you at the Elkhart Conservation Club on March 3rd. If you plan on attending, let us know, so we can get a count for lunch.

I will not be at the Celebration of Fly Tying, Feb. 25th, but if you want to donate flies then; please see Jeff Stanifer at his table. To date you all have tied over 38,100 flies in 6 years. I would love to break the 40,000 mark this year....

Sincerely
Terry and Tim

Tim Scott
[\(574\) 289-6392](tel:5742896392)

MEETING INFO:

Wednesday January 18, 2012

Doors open at 6:30 PM meal at 7:00,
Meeting starts about 7:30.

Location: Sixth floor of the Ramada in
the Chase Building Downtown South
Bend, 213 W. Washington Ave.

BYOB: Due to a temporary
technicality with its liquor license, The
Cellar Door can no longer serve alcoholic
beverages until further notice. Members
of SJRVFF may bring in their own
alcohol to consume. The Cellar Door
regrets this and will inform us when the
license is reinstated. As always, please
drink responsibly.

4th Annual

CELEBRATION OF FLY TYING



SATURDAY • FEB. 25, 2012 • 9AM-4PM • GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Hosted by The Grand River Fly Tiers

Special Presentations by:

Dennis Potter, Chris Helm, Julie Nielsen, Jeff "Bear" Andrews,
Christopher Soule, Kevin Feenstra, Jim Reed & Ray Schmidt

Close-UP Video Tying Theater with 2 - 32 inch monitors

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

5830 Clyde Park Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 25, 2012 • 9 AM - 4 PM

Instructors welcome adults and youths to learn how its done.
Demonstrations throughout the day: how to make nets, bamboo rods, and graphite rods

\$10 FOR ADULTS • \$5 12 YEARS TO 17 • 11 AND UNDER FREE

Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co. and the Hex Shop will be selling fly tying materials, and supplies.

• Plenty of seating • Lunch and snacks will be available

For more info. contact Terry Walker 616-204-1669 at ixlox7@hotmail.com

Grand River Fly Tiers are a Charter Club of Great Lakes Council of The Federation of Fly Fishers





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-Photo of Huge Winter Amish Bow by Beach

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