

Gary Pheabus

I am a member of Fly Fishermen of North West Florida, and an instructor/participant in Project Healing Waters. 20 year Navy Veteran. Grew up fly fishing in Western Maryland. Been tying 30 years.



Matt Bennett is a full-time commercial fly tyer and the owner of Fly Geek Custom Flies. While having a varied interest in many different types of fly fishing, Matt most enjoys both tying flies and fishing for the native bass species of the Texas Hill Country, and most of his flies were created to fool these specific quarry. However, most of Matt's patterns have a broad universal appeal to fish species all over, and he very much enjoys sharing his tying and fishing knowledge with others. Matt is a member of the Umpqua Feather Merchants Signature Fly Designer program, and his initial pattern, Bennett's Lunch \$, is available in fly shops all over the country. Matt currently serves as the Conservation Chair of the Austin Fly Fishers, the Vice President of the Texas Council FFI and was awarded the 2015 Charles E. Brooks Memorial Award by the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Matt resides in Austin, TX with his wife, Amanda, and Welsh Corgi, Winston. You can view more of his work at his website, flygeek.net or on Instagram @flygeekmatt.

Fred Hannie is a published author that has written an in-depth book on fly tying and has flies featured in numerous books by other authors. Has written articles for numerous national and international fly fishing and fly tying magazines including the cover of Fly Tyer magazine, the largest circulated magazine in the world dedicated to fly tying. His flies are featured in the two largest fly fishing museums in the country and have also caught the eye of Hollywood where his flies have been used in television series and most recently an independent film. Winner of numerous fly tying awards the most notable being the "Charles E Brooks Lifetime Achievement Award" which is an award given by Fly Fishers International. His flies are more imitative than suggestive unlike most flies and single flies of his often sell for hundreds at auctions.

