

The Texas FlyFishers Presents
**The 28th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo
Fly Tying Festival**

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:30 am 'til 4:30 pm

Bethany Christian Church

3223 Westheimer Road

Houston, Texas 77055

texasflyfishers.org

Featured Guest



Gunnar Brammer

streamersbygunnar.com



Texas FlyFishers Houston, Texas

Dear Fellow Fly Fishing Enthusiast,

I hope you are making plans to attend the 28th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival. This year's festival will take place on Saturday, February 8th, 2020 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Road in Houston, Texas. As always, this event is open to the public.

Coming from all areas of Texas and the surrounding states, tyers of all skill levels and all disciplines will be on hand to demonstrate their particular talents, patterns or styles of tying. This great event usually draws upwards of 50 tyers demonstrating cold water, warm water and saltwater flies.

The featured tyer for the Festival will be Gunnar Brammer of Duluth, Minnesota. If you're not familiar with Gunnar, he is one of fly tying's most amazing young tyers. Gunnar specializes in designing and tying predator flies for all big game species, with bait fish patterns ranging from 3-inch Smallmouth patterns all the way to 14-inch BEAST Styled Musky, to Offshore Flies and everything in between. If you would like to learn more about Gunnar along with his patterns and impressive style of tying, visit his website at <https://www.streamersbygunnar.com/> or Brammer's Custom Flies on YouTube. I can assure you, you won't be disappointed.

From its humble beginnings in April, 1993, the Festival has grown into one of the top fly tying events in Texas, consistently attracting the top fly tiers from all over the country. This event could not have reached the level of notoriety it has without the support of tyers like you. With your continued support, it is our hope that the Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival will continue to grow. I hope you will make plans to be at this great event.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Sumers".

Chris Sumers
Festival Chairman

For additional information or inquiries about the Festival, please email me at csumers@comcast.net

28th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival Featured Tyer

My name is Gunnar Brammer. I live in Duluth, MN where some of the greatest warm water streams of the Midwest converge with the cold waters of Lake Superior. I was a late comer to Fly Fishing, and fishing in general. I first became interested in fishing by means of a summer trip to Canada with family friends at the age of 14. The trips quickly became annual, and by the end of our second year, I was the sole member of our group who hadn't caught a Northern Pike. It was that very year that my father and his friend had chased Pike on the fly, and their stories of massive pike rolling over lily pads trying to chase down their frog imitations, captivated me to say the least. Thus, I concluded, that fly fishing would be the answer to catching my first ever Pike. The year that followed was filled with hours of casting practice and time behind the vise, having received my first 5 wt. fly rod, tying vice and tying starter kit. By next season I was caught up to speed having read Kelly Galloup's Streamers for Modern Trout, and was armed with a 6wt and 200 grain full sinking line, and a box full of "unique" streamers....Many Pikes were landed, and fuel was added to the fire!



Years later, I found myself surrounded by mountain peaks with the deafening roar of the waters of the Madison River just behind me as I started my first day at Galloup's Slide Inn. That summer working for Kelly was life changing. I fished 7 days a week, and likely tied flies even more often if that were possible. Each night I would stay awake at the vise, with the same (and only movie I had) running in the background as I would try to create the perfect streamer. As summer waned, I headed back to Michigan for my final semester at Michigan Tech, but the passion for tying streamers never left me.

That following year I remained in the Midwest working as a Wildlife Field Technician, stationed a short distance away from Boulder Junction, WI. Although I enjoyed reminiscing about the aggressive Brown Trout that I left behind in the mountains of the Madison valley, I was far more content to chase the toothy critters that I had fallen in love with from the very beginning. Pike and Musky became an obsession that I still have today and has greatly shaped my tying efforts over the past few years. Later that fall (2015) I started Brammer's Custom Flies and started down the path of becoming a commercial tier.



Today, I specialize in designing and tying Predator flies for all Big Game species alike. My obsession is foremost with Baitfish patterns ranging from 3" Smallmouth patterns all the way 14" BEAST Styled Musky Flies and Offshore Flies, with everything in between. Over the past few years of commercial tying I have thoroughly explored every avenue worthy of being considered a "streamer" from Synthetics to Naturals, Tubes to Shanks, and Single hook to Multi-Articulated flies, and have shared everything worth sharing on my YouTube Channel.

I now have the privilege of traveling the country to teach the art of Streamer Tying and Streamer Design. My flies have been featured in multiple magazines as well as a handful of books over the past few years. You can follow me on Instagram at #gunnar_brammer, Subscribe to my YouTube Channel (the URL is really long...just Google my name 😊), and Visit my Website at <https://www.streamersbygunnar.com/>

I am a member of the Pro Team for St. Croix Rods, HMH Vises, Hedron Inc., Deer Creek, and a friend of Ahrex Hooks.