

26th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival Saturday, February 10, 2018

Saturday, February 10, 2018, the Texas FlyFishers will host the 26th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Road in Houston, Texas. The Festival opens at 8:30 am and tying will be nonstop until 4:30 pm. Fifty, or so, of the area top tyers will be at their vises, exhibiting their talents and, teaching you how to tie a wide variety of flies for fresh and saltwater species of fish. In addition to these great tyers, this year's featured guest is Rich Strolis.

Rich started as a guide on the ever popular Farmington and Housatonic Rivers in Connecticut. He later transitioned his work to commercial tying, speaking engagements and teaching many facets of both fly fishing and fly tying across the Northeast and Eastern seaboard. Rich's fly patterns, although based out of the Northeast, have a strong following and relevancy across the globe and have been tied and fished by many as a result of his library of online videos.



Rich is a signature fly designer for the Montana Fly Company, which currently produces over 25 of his patterns. His patterns have appeared in several national magazines and books, including *Flyfisherman*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Strip Set*, *Fusion Tying*, *Caddisflies* and *50 Best Places*, *Fly Fishing The Northeast* to name a few. His first book was released in January

2016, "*Catching Shadows*, Tying Flies For The Toughest Fish And Strategies For Fishing Them" which details a wide cross section of his patterns and was top 10 seller in its first year on the shelves. Rich is currently a Pro Staff member and advisor for a wide array fly tying and fly fishing companies including Regal Vise, Partridge hooks, Solarez UV resins, Enrico Puglisi materials, Hatch premium fly reels, Thomas & Thomas fly rods and Flycraft. Rich is a very well rounded trout fisherman, but his passion lies in chasing trophy trout and various other apex predators on streamers. He lives in Simsbury, Connecticut, with his wife, Megan, and two daughters, Tessa and Nora. You can see more of Rich's work at his website, www.catchingshadows.com

So, make plans to join Rich and the other tyers at the 26th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival on Saturday, February 10th, 2018. For additional information on the Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival or, the Texas FlyFishers, please visit the club's website at www.texasflyfishers.org

