

Library Thoughts From the Professor Vol 2 Chapter 1

Well the summer is almost over and the professor has been hard at it and is ready to put out a couple of reviews to open the Season.

This time it will be 1 DVD, 1 VHS tape and one Fly Tying Book. What they all have in common is that they deal with tying flies.

They are as follows **The Art of tying the Nymph a 2 hour long tape by Skip Morris**. Now it is important to note that for some reason this tape is not listed in the library but we will strive to correct that error. Not this is pretty much the traditional selection of nymphs including Hare's ear, Pheasant tail, Brassie, Bead head Hare's ear, then a few with different names but somewhat familiar patterns like the Rip Caddis, Serendipity, Partridge & Orange, Morris Stone and one or two others. This starts off with very basic instructions and then has some detail and some interesting use of materials and techniques. This is old school tying but and it is very methodical and a good one for beginners and experience tyers alike. It is a really good one to tie along with if you have established techniques.

The second review is that of a **DVD called Next generation Nymphs by Zack Thurman**. This is a more complex tying DVD but still a number of the flies would be relatively easy for anyone with basic tying skills. Nymphs tied are Zacj's October Caddis, Zack's Pseudo May, Zack's Interogato, Zack's Zaddis and Zack's Thurmanator Stone and Zack's Lucent Larva. Now they say that name flies after yourself is a no no but Zack didn't read the book on that

one. These flies are varient's of flies you have tied but with a real different slant on materials and in some cases the techniques used. The resulting flies do have a very different look in some cases and might be just the right fly on those waters where nothing else seems to work. This is also a much shorter video and higher quality picture and resolution than the tape.

The final review is of one of the many pattern books that we have in the library. The **book is Tying Warmwater Flies by Boyn Pfeiffer** and it is an excellent book. The beginning of the book goes over a number of the methods used to tie the flies in the book and the tools that will be used. It also covers the materials that can be used with descriptions of the materials. Now remember this is warmwater flies not just Bass flies. When you reach chapter 4, where the patterns begin it titles itself as One Hundred Top Warmwater Flies. What follows is a page listing the materials the tying sequence and a little bit about the fly which may include the originator, what it might imitate and the fish that can be caught on the fly. Now these are topwater flies, streamer flies, terrestrials, wet flies and even some flies more know for their saltwater prowess like Lefty's deceiver. Some of these flies have the usual materials while others have quite a different look because of materials. I did tie up some of these flies but unfortunately I did not have the time I would have like to tie more. So..... this is on my return to list to take it out and tie some more flies and ply the waters with a plethora of these flies. Since I plan on revisiting this book you can presume I would recommend it to anyone. It has enough of the more complex flies to make the aficionado

happy and some really easy patterns for the newcomer as well.

I hope you enjoyed my return to the written word for the upcoming club meeting season. I hope to review some more things as we go along. I might even review a few that we do not yet have in the club library. But for now

Tight Lines

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