

GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave Faculty - 2010

John Johnson - John is a retired chemical engineer from Midland who has spent most of his life fly fishing for bass and trout. He has extensive teaching and guiding experience that includes FFF, Orvis and Wellston Fly Fishing Academy schools.

Rich Knoles - Rich started flyfishing seventeen years ago. His wife signed them up for a class at the Wellston Inn and Rich promptly bought a driftboat and quit his job. He was fascinated by the casting. After seeking out instruction through the FFF Conclaves, he became an FFF Certified Casting Instructor. Rich has taught a Flycasting and Flyfishing program at Monroe County Community College for the past seven years. He has been the lead casting instructor at the GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave since 2006. Rich is a Director on the GLC Board and the Casting Chair for the GLC.

Dennis Potter - Dennis has been a fly tying fanatic since he spun his first "bug" over 30 years ago. Every one of the hundreds of dozens of flies he ties through Riverhouse Fly Company reflect his commitment to maintain quality, simplicity, proportion and above all, durability. He has taught and shared his skills as a fly tying instructor for over 25 years. He now specializes in group classes and seminars using studio-quality, macro video equipment. He stresses technique and durability over speed and numbers.

Jon Ray - Jon has been flyfishing since the age of 15 and has guided fly anglers in Michigan and Colorado for the last 11 years. Jon works for Hawkins Outfitters near Traverse City, Michigan. Jon's first love is chasing large resident trout with streamers followed by swinging flies for steelhead with the two-handed rod. The Upper & Lower Manistee, Muskegon and Pere Marquette are among his favorite rivers. He has fly fished around the world including Alaska and New Zealand. Some of his favorite fishing spots outside Michigan are stripers in Maine, trout in Montana, and snook in Florida.

Jim Reed - Jim is an avid tyer who had tied at the GLC Fly Tying Expo and National Conclaves for the past several years. He has been a tyer at the International Symposium in Somerset, New Jersey and also at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. Jim is one of the founding members of the FFF Charter Club, Wooley Bugger Fly Fishers.

Don Sawyer - Don is Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University having served on the faculty of the veterinary college for 28 years. He has been active in fly fishing for the past 24 years holding offices in the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, Great Lakes Council, and the FFF. He chaired this event in 2000 and is presently on the Board of Directors for the GLC and Anglers of the Au Sable and is President of the International Association of Fly Fishing Veterinarians.

Dorothy Schramm - Dorothy has a angling related arts business. She is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor and a founder of Flygirls. Dorothy has been recognized with many awards including FFF's Women of the Year in 1998. Dorothy has been teaching casting and fly fishing for over 25 years. Dorothy also serves as a Director on the GLC Board.

John Van Dalen - John has been involved with casting instruction in one way or another

for the past 40 years . He started as a student of Rod Towsley and was one of the first instructors of the Trout Unlimited schools. He was one of the first FFF certified casting instructors and one of the few individuals appointed to the casting instruction advisory board at the inception of their program. John was then appointed to the Casting Board of Governors, a position he currently holds. For twelve years, he certified and trained instructors regionally and at the national conclave. John is recognized by his peers as one of the best. A resident of Midland, Michigan, John is the manager for Little Forks Outfitters and continues to love to fly fish and pass casting skills on to both the beginner and the advanced casters

Gerry Worden - Gerry is a FFF world champion fly tyer and licensed fishing guide. His home rivers are the Muskegon and Rogue Rivers where he fishes for steelhead, salmon and trout. He has fished throughout the western U.S. His favorite western rivers are the Firehole and Madison. Gerry ties his own flies for fishing and specializes in Spey and tube flies. He has tied at the GLC Fly Tying Expo since its inception. Gerry is a retired school administrator and founder of Crossroads Alternative High School in Kentwood. He has been married to his wife Alyce for 40 years. They have two sons, Gerry and Michael and have 4 grandchildren. Also, Gerry and Alyce own the Marshy River Fly Fishing Company, a small business that sells Gerry's DVDS, flies and fly fishing and tying equipment. Gerry is also a director on the GLC Board.