

Al has fished as long as he can remember and has been fascinated with flies almost as long. Growing up in southern Michigan he fished primarily for warm water species, but remembers feeling magic in trout and trout flies. Al recalls making “flies” including forming his own “hooks” out of pipe cleaners. He took his first formal tying class in 1983 after moving to California. Since then he’s tied flies and fly fished for trout, grayling, bass, pike, panfish, catfish, carp, steelhead, salmon, bonefish, permit, snook, tarpon, redfish and other species.

Currently Al and his wife Diana own and operate Al Ritt Flies. Al is a fly tying instructor and a destination travel host. As Brand Manager for PEAK Fishing, a manufacturer of premium quality fly tying vises and equipment and bamboo rod making planing forms and tools, his duties entail sales/marketing, product development and customer service.

- Al is the Brand Manager for PEAK Fishing and PEAK Outdoors
- Al is Owner/Operator of Al Ritt Flies
- Al is author of the book *25 Best Most Versatile Flies* (Stonefly Press)
- Al is Fly Tying Editor for Fly Fusion Magazine
- Al has written articles for *Fly Fusion*, *Fly Fishing and Tying Journal*, *Fly Tyer* and *Hatches* Magazines
- Al is a domestic/international destination travel host
- Al was profiled in *Colorado Trout Flies; Great Patterns and the Remarkable People Who Tie Them* by Todd Hosman (Streamside Press), *The Master’s Fly Box* by David Klausmeyer (Globe Pequot) and contributed tips for *Better Flies Faster* by David Klausmeyer (Stackpole Books)
- Al has patterns featured in *100 Best Flies for Montana Trout* by Thomas R Pero (Wild River Press), *Modern Midges* by Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka (Headwater Books), *100 Best Flies for Colorado Trout* by Thomas R Pero (Wild River Press) and *A Fly Fisher’s Guide to Rocky Mountain National Park* by Steven B Schwietzer (Pixachrome Publishing), *101 Favorite Dry Flies* by David Klausmeyer (Skyhorse Publishing) and *Tying Heritage Featherwing Streamers* by Sharon Wright (Stackpole Books)
- Al is a fly designer for Montana Fly Company

Al is a member of Trout Unlimited, a life member of Fly Fishers International (FFI) and a life member the FFI Fly Tying Group, A member of the Catskill Fly Tyer’s Guild and The Fly Dressers Guild.

As a demonstration tier Al has appeared at numerous fly shops and expos including The Fly Fishing Show in Denver CO, Somerset NJ, Lynnwood WA and Pleasanton CA, The International Fly Tyer’s Symposium in Somerset NJ, the International Sportsman’s Expo in Denver CO, the FFI Annual Fly Fishing Fair in Loveland CO, West Yellowstone MT, Livingston MT and Spokane WA, New Mexico TU Fly Tying Expo in Albuquerque NM, East Idaho FFI Fly Tying Expo in Idaho Falls ID, Black Canyon Fly Fishing Show in Montrose CO, Western Colorado Fly Tying Expo in Grand Junction CO, West Denver TU Fly Tying Expo in Golden CO, FFI Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home AR and the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo in Warren MI.

Al is a pro-team member with PEAK Fishing, Whiting Farms, Pro Sportfisher, Performance Flies, Flymen Fishing Company, Partridge Hooks, Semperfli and Loop USA.

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