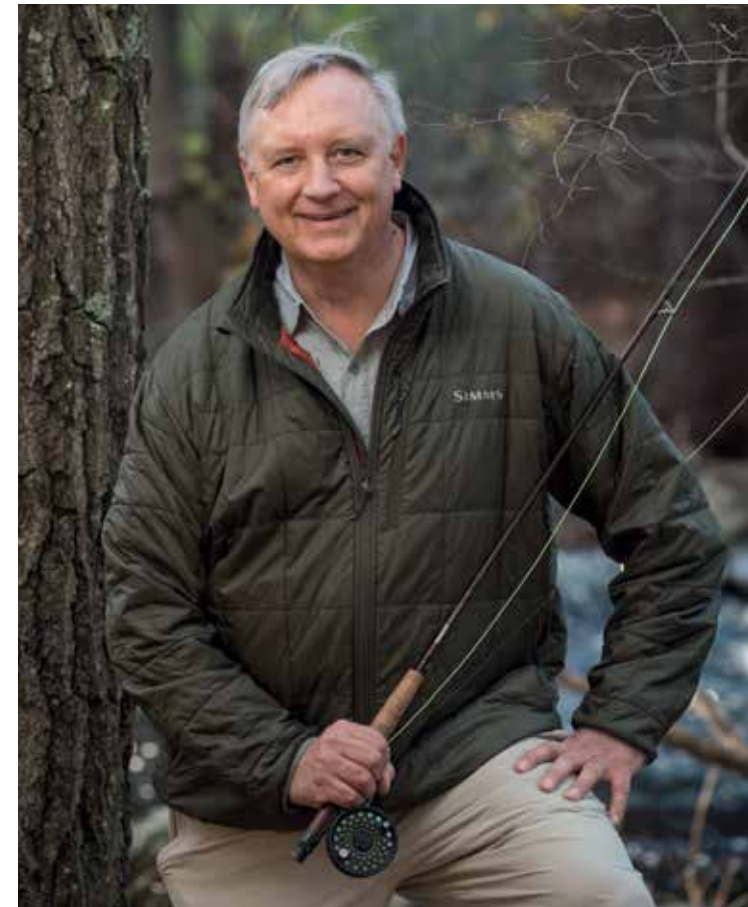


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MEET THE AUTHOR

Steve Woit



Steve Woit has been fly fishing for over forty years and has been an avid collector of antique fly fishing tackle for over thirty years. His current passion includes the collection of antique gut-eyed salmon flies.

He began his collection after a chance encounter with the late Ben Maurice-Jones, who maintained a stall for many years in the famed Portobello Antiques Market in London.

During his regular visits with Ben, Steve started to learn about the finer points of collecting antique tackle. He then continued to meet fellow collectors, dealers and traders at the regular Northeast Antique Angler's Shows in New England run by Ben Clark and at the Lang's auctions.

When the live in-person auctions transitioned online and the Northeast Antique Angler's shows closed, he began wondering how to stay in touch with the community of collectors he had met.

He observed that while many members of the antique tackle collecting community knew a few of the leading figures in the trade, they actually knew very little about them. So, the idea for writing *Fly Fishing Treasures* was formed.

After early encouragement from Hoagy Carmichael, Roger Still, John Drewett and others, Steve then spent over six years meeting and interviewing leading collectors, experts, authors, museum and club curators, craftsmen and auctioneers.

Many of them provided him with invaluable access to private collections that have rarely been seen by others. Their stories were well worth listening to and learning from.

Salmon fly collection with examples from notable tiers including Megan Boyd, Michael Rogan, T.E. Pryce-Tannatt, Paul Schmookler and Mark Waslick. The collection is centered on larger size examples, with most over size 7/0. The Atlantic salmon mount features a 26 lb. fish and was restored by David Footer of Lewiston, Maine.

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Steve has written a number of articles related to antique fly tackle collecting for magazines and journals such as *Classic Angling* and the *Yale Anglers' Journal*. He completed his undergraduate studies at Yale with a degree in Combined Literature in English and French Literature and served as President of the Yale Fishing Club and Captain of the Yale Fishing Team.

He is a member of the Flyfishers' Club in London.

His career in digital media, publishing, strategic intelligence and venture capital has included the launch of many new businesses in high technology industries. When not fly fishing somewhere around the world, he lives in Lexington, Massachusetts with his wife Janet.



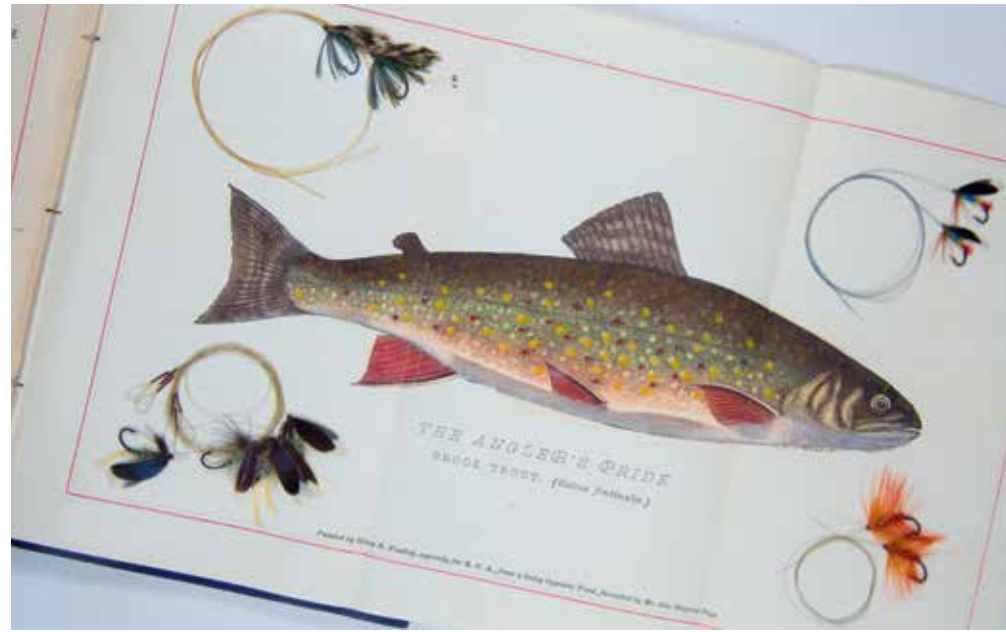
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1. Grouping of salmon and trout flies, with an oversized Farlow leather fly wallet, Paul Schmoekler's deluxe copy of *Atlantic Salmon Fishing* by Charles Phair, 1937, a collection of Land and Water salmon fly cards by George Kelson and salmon reels from Farlows, Eaton & Deller, and F. T. Williams 2. Gold-plated Orvis fly reel from 1876, with a lake fly and Dame Stoddard Bray fly wallet in alligator with sterling clasp and an early British brass knuckle-joint trout net 3. Early British fishing winch with clamp circa 1880s with image of Windermere Charr from *British Fresh Water Fish* by Rev. W. Houghton, 1879 4. Hardy rosewood fly box with gut-eyed salmon flies 5. Early Orvis Parmachene Belle wet flies with Dame Stoddard Bray alligator fly wallet and landlocked salmon prints by S.F. Denton, 1895 6. Orvis flies with Conroy, Bissett and Malleon billhead from 1881 7. Early bass flies 8. Ducharme, Fletcher and Company fishing tackle and sportsman's goods catalog cover from 1882 9. Early Irish salmon flies circa 1880s



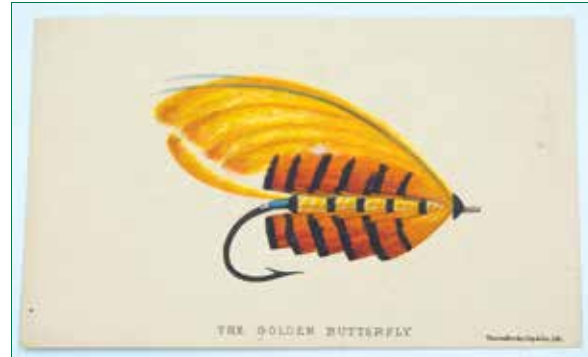
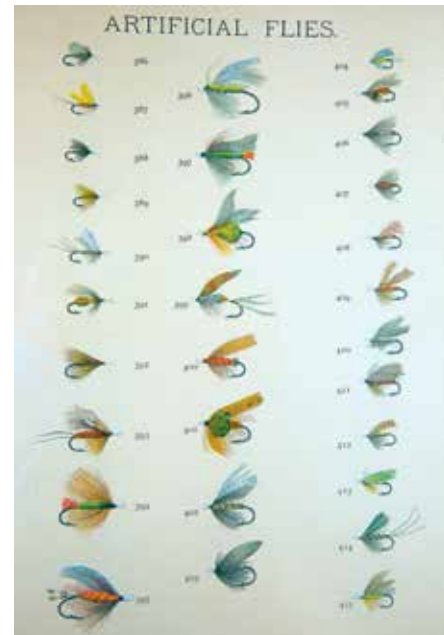
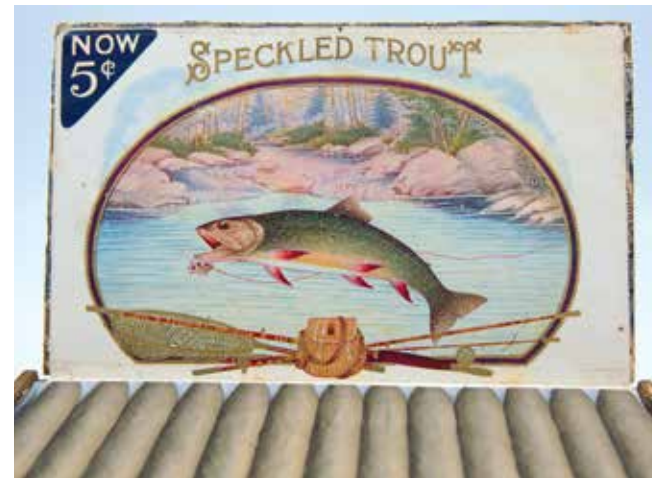
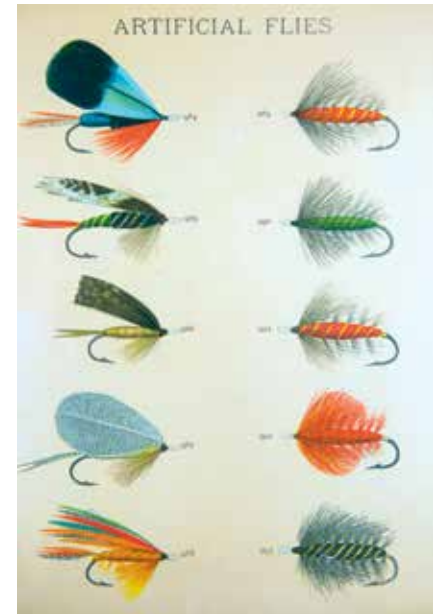
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1. Royal Coachman bass fly hand tied by U.S. President Grover Cleveland 2. J. Bernard salmon fly wallets with early salmon flies circa 1880 3. Dame Stoddard Bray alligator fly wallet with early American wet flies 4. Charles Farlow and Co. fly wallet with early trout flies tied to gut 5. S. Allcock fly display of gut-eyed lake flies from 1905 6. Paul Schmookler Indian Summer fly 7-8. Early Irish salmon flies 9. Large antique 6/0 size double salmon flies 10. Variety of antique gut-eyed salmon flies and Hardy salmon fly packet 11-12. Early Irish salmon flies 13. Popham salmon fly, size 7/0 14. Paul Schmookler St. Elmo's Fire fly 15. Mark Waslick Red Shield fly 16. Early Irish salmon fly 17. T.E. Pryce-Tannatt Summer Grub fly 18. T.E. Pryce-Tannatt Spring Grub fly 19. T.E. Pryce-Tannatt Silver Grey fly 20. Michael Rogan Scarlet Eagle fly 21. Scarlet Ibis bass fly



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1. French chromolith print of salmon flies 2. Jones of London salmon winch with Gillaroo Trout from *British Fresh Water Fish* by Rev. W. Houghton, 1879 3. Eaton and Deller salmon reel 4. Early Irish spike reel 5. Gut-eyed salmon flies circa 1890-1910 6. Early British wet flies tied to gut and brook trout print from R.G. Allerton's *About Brook Trout* from 1869 7. B.R. Bambridge trout reel 8. F. T. Williams salmon reel 9-10. Massive salmon trolling winch marked "Charles J. Heath" 11. Julius vom Hofe #5 size trout reel 12. Size 10/0 salmon fly 13. Size 9/0 Nicholson salmon fly 14. Size 10/0 salmon fly, unknown pattern with J. Bernard ivory salmon fly gauge 15. Chevalier Bowness, London salmon winch



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1-7. Pages from Ducharme, Fletcher and Company fishing tackle and sportsman's goods catalog from 1882 including trout and bass flies 8. Salmon flies with image of Torgoch Welsh Charr from *British Fresh Water Fish* by Rev. W. Houghton, 1879 9. Collection of Land and Water Salmon Fly cards presented by George M. Kelson, author of *The Salmon Fly* to A. Nelson Cheney with card signed in Kelson's hand 10-13. Land and Water Salmon Fly Cards: Phoebeus, The Golden Butterfly, The Chatterer and the Black Prince. There are 85 cards in the original set, which were bound into issues of *Land and Water*. I only know of two complete sets of these cards in the world. 14-15. Speckled Trout cigar boxes 16. Abbey and Imbrie Scarlet Ibis bass fly 17. Hardy Aero salmon flies

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