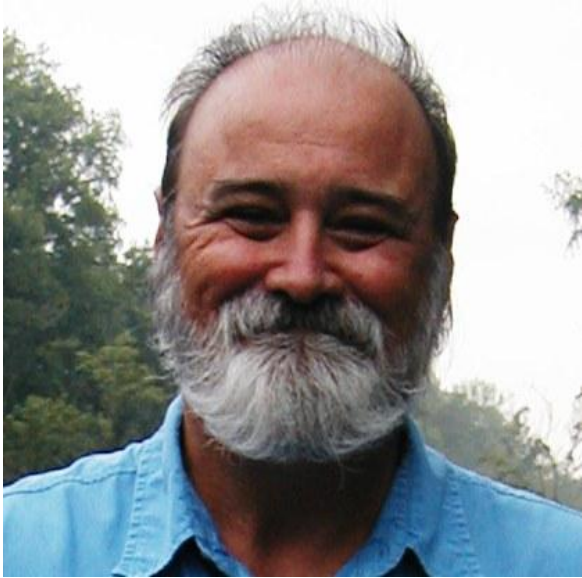


Jim Burchette



At an early age, Jim watched a neighbor practice fly casting and decided to become a fly fisher. He got his first fly rod on his 14th birthday and paired it with a Pflueger Medalist reel that he found on the bank of the St Johns River in Jacksonville Florida. Since those early days, he has caught many species of fish from bluegills to Pacific sailfish.

Jim retired four years ago as an analytical specialist in diagnostic immunohistochemistry from Duke University Medical Center after a histology career in clinical pathology laboratories that spanned over forty years. After leaving Duke, he and his wife moved to the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau in south central Tennessee between Sewanee and South Pittsburg.

Jim and Theresa enjoy traveling to their camp in British Columbia to fish for rainbow trout, the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico for bonefish, local reservoirs for striped bass, chasing redfish in the marshes of Louisiana or fishing local cold and warm water tailwater fisheries. If it swims, it is fair game on the fly. Jim has been tying flies since the mid 70's, but nowhere near the aptitude of many talented tiers. Rod construction is another hobby of JB's.

We all have that fishing trip friend who is known for their snoring abilities.... Jim was nicknamed "Pipes" by his Triangle Fly Fishers friends in Raleigh/Durham NC is a past president of this Trout Unlimited chapter and life member of TU.