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Welcome

No fly rod of any material can match the presentation and the delicacy which is attained by fishing bamboo.

Niemiera Fly rods are made from seasoned Tonkin cane. When you order a fly rod from me, a culm is selected and your invoice number is ascribed to it. My fly rods are available as classic " blond rods " which are oven heat treated, or as " flame tempered " which produce a straw color fly rod having rich beautiful dark amber tints. The culm is then hand split, and layed out according to the Garrison staggering method.

Although I use other staggers on occasion, I prefer the Garrison. This staggering of the nodes uses more bamboo, but it also gives additional strength and added durability without any added weight. These strips are then further split, straightened, and an initial bevel is planed into the strips. For " blond rods " the bamboo is now heat treated to increase its hardness and strength. These eighteen triangular strips, or " the sticks " as Everett Garrison called them, are then hand planed to exacting standards to achieve the specific taper requested for your fly rod.

These " sticks " are then glued, and when cured, the blank is scraped, polished, and fitted with turned nickel silver ferrules. Handles of individually glued AAA+ cork are skillfully shaped. Hand-made snakes, stripping guides, and tip tops are furnished and wrapped with the finest silks. The fly rod is then signed and serialized. Three coats of my special mix spar varnish in the dip tank complete the Niemiera fly rod.

It has been my good fortune to have spent some of the most joyous moments of my life with you, my enthusiastic customers, many of whom have become dear friends over the years. My true reward as a rod maker, are the times spent fishing with you, and seeing myself, the many pleased expressions as you've cast, fished, and landed trout with your Niemiera's in hand. To those who have called, sent e-mails, or personal letters, I want to thank you for your kind words, and for your support of Niemiera fly rods.

From the east coast to the west coast of America, over into Canada, and from as far as Ripley, England, U.K., Niemiera fly rods have performed beyond their owners expectations. Savor your next day on the stream - order a Niemiera fly rod today. It would be my pleasure to make a cane rod for you. You have my guarantee of satisfaction!

Sincerely,
John Niemiera
Rod Maker

Warranty

All rods come with the following guarantee: If you are not satisfied with your rod you may return it (postage paid and insured) within 7 days of the delivery date, unworn and unfished for full refund. After 7 days all sales are final. All rods are covered for workmanship defects to the original owner for as long as they own the rod. All rods are guaranteed against breakage one time. This warranty does not cover damage due to misuse, negligence, abuse, accidents, anglers wear and tear, breakage due to doors, car doors and trunks, or to rods having any modifications.

All Niemiera Fly Rods come with two tips, custom ferrule plug, cloth, rod bag, chamois drying cloth, and aluminum case.

For further assistance or concerns, please contact me.

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Restorations

As a rod maker , I have made a commitment to all Fly fishermen/women who fish bamboo , that not only will I build quality cane rods , but that I will also do quality repair and restoration work on cane fly rods , regardless of their condition, or the maker of the rod. By doing so , the rods of the makers many years past , can be shared on the stream with the rods made by today's makers , and hopefully future generations can experience the thrill of catching trout while fishing bamboo.

After an initial inspection of the rod you will be given a quote on the needed repairs . Some of the services and prices are as follows :

REEL SEAT WORK - \$45.00-\$65.00 :

Cleaning , replacing , re-manufacturing of wood filler insert.

CORK GRIP WORK - \$50.00 :

Cleaning , restoring , replacing with grade a+ rings and re-manufacturing a lathe turned cork handle --(these handles can be sized to your hands grip , ask for details).

DELAMINATION REPAIR - \$125.00 :

Regluing , rewinding with color matched silk's , refinishing.

ROD SECTION REMANUFACTURING - \$225.00 :

Construction of a new section (taper and action retained) , rewinding with color matched silk's , recoating to original finish.

REFINISHING - \$280.00 :

Complete rework of the rod , reel seat , cork handle , stripping rod , straightening of sections , rewinding , and dip varnishing.

What modern fly-line does my bamboo fly rod use?

All rods repaired or restored at the shop will be matched to the correct line size for that rod , and your invoice will include a note stating the best line size suited for your rod. If you send your reel with your repair/restoration we can for a reasonable fee fill your reel spool with new backing , and the fly-line sized to match your rods action. All work is covered as our new rod guarantee policy.

Option #1 : You can use either a Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card. Your card will be billed \$45 for rod repair and restoration evaluation. If I perform the work the evaluation fee is deducted from final bill. The balance due will be billed to your card after the repair/restoration work has been completed on your rod.

Option #2 : Mail a personal check made out to Niemiera Fly Rods Inc. for \$45.00 for the rod repair/ restoration evaluation. If I perform the work the evaluation fee will be deducted from your final bill. The balance will be due after the repair or restoration work has been completed on your rod.

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Model: Brookie

Pieces : 1 piece (special order 6' 0") or 2 piece

Cane Treatment : Flamed or Blond

Rod Lengths & Line Weights : refer below

Hardware: Nickel Silver or Blued

Reel Seat: Down-Locking SlideBand

Reel Seat Spacers: Maple Burl or Cork

Cork Grip Handles: Garrison Grip

Silk Colors: Green

Tipping Wraps at Guides: Available

Agate Guides & Tip-Tops: Available

These delightful small stream fly rods are 2 piece rods, but the 6' 0" is also available as a special order one piece rod.

The 6' 0" 3wt is a very delicate, yet powerful and responsive rod.

The 6' 9" 3wt is smooth, delicate casts, a delightful rod with a taper that protects the lightest tippets- or the rod for wary trout in very clear water

The 6' 9" 4wt is delicate at short distances, but can throw a long line with ease

Sale Terms

One Piece Rods: Special Order Pricing

Tipping wraps at guides: additional \$50.00

Agate guides-tip tops: additional \$75.00

Shipping: As billed

NJ State Tax of 6% if shipped within New Jersey :

Two Piece Rods: \$950.00

Tipping wraps at guides: additional \$50.00

Agate guides-tip tops: additional \$75.00

Shipping: As billed

NJ State Tax of 6% if shipped within New Jersey :

Three Piece Rods: \$1050.00

Tipping wraps at guides: additional \$50.00

Agate guides-tip tops: additional \$75.00

Shipping: As billed

NJ State Tax of 6% if shipped within New Jersey :

The "Slowhand Special"

When you order a "Slowhand Special" a substantial amount goes directly to Eric Clapton's Crossroads Centre in Antigua.

Two Piece Rods: \$1150.00

Three Piece Rods: \$1250.00

Shipping: As billed

NJ State Tax of 6% if shipped within New Jersey :

Although, there are times when rods are available for immediate delivery, custom tapers are produced as orders arrive, and when terms agreed upon. Payment, including shipping/handling and NJ state taxes when applicable are required prior to delivery.

A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit (Credit Card or Check) is required for each rod ordered, at which time your culm of Tonkin will be hand split and the rod making is begun. At this time the customer will be notified of their expected delivery date.

When your rod is finished, you will be notified, If you pay by check an invoice will be sent for the balance due. If you pay by credit card you will be billed the balance of the account. You will have 30 Days from date of the invoice to remit the balance due, or the sale is voided, and the deposit forfeited. the balance must be paid in full before delivery of your rod.

Model: Rainbow

Pieces : 2 piece or 3 piece

Cane Treatment : Flamed or Blond

Rod Lengths & Line Weights : refer below

Hardware: Nickel Silver or Blued

Reel Seat: Up-Locking SlideBand, Down-Locking SlideBand

Reel Seat Spacers: Walnut Burl, Maple Burl or Cork also available with mortised wood spacers

Cork Grip Handles: Cigar, Custom, Half -Wells, Full-Wells, Garrison Grip or Western

Silk Colors: Antique Gold, Brown, Chestnut, Clear, Dark Green, Green, Garnet, Honey, Olive or Other

Tipping Wraps at Guides: Available

Agate Guides & Tip-Tops: Available

Imagine... Finding your pot of gold when you've ordered a custom Niemiera "Rainbow" series flyrod.

From 6' 0" 3wt "midge" rods to 8' 9" 8wt "steelhead" and "salmon" rods- your choice of color for the wraps, we custom design a taper to your specific fishing needs, your choice of reel seats, handle styles, hardware, the combinations are endless.

Model: Fall Favorite

Pieces : 2 piece or 3 piece

Cane Treatment : Flamed

Rod Lengths & Line Weights : refer below

Hardware: Blued Nickel Silver

Reel Seat: 3/4 Wood Insert, Down-Locking SlideBand

Reel Seat Spacers: Maple Burl

Cork Grip Handles: Cigar, Custom, Half -Wells, Full-Wells, Garrison Grip or Western

Silk Colors: Burgundy and Orange : see photos

Tipping Wraps at Guides: see photos

Agate Guides & Tip-Tops: n/a

With its intermediate wraps reminiscent to high grade "President" series flyrods by Horrocks and Ibbotson in the 1930's... The Fall Favorite is just that, a delight to fish anytime, but especially in October and November. The action is crisp as the Fall air, and the flyrod is as pretty as the fall foliage around you.

7'0" 4wt crisp and very responsive.

7'6" 4wt a powerful rod with a faster taper, delicate at short cast, and is there when you need that added distance.

8'0" 5wt has control, and a very smooth, delicate action, nice.

Model: Garrison

Pieces : 2 piece or 3 piece

Cane Treatment : Blond

Rod Lengths & Line Weights : Refer Below

Hardware: Nickel Silver or Blued

Reel Seat: Garrison SlideBand

Reel Seat Spacers: Maple, Walnut or Cork

Cork Grip Handles: Garrison Grip

Silk Colors: Chestnut at grip and ferrules with translucent wraps at guides

Tipping Wraps at Guides: N/A

Agate Guides & Tip-Tops: N/A

These are Garrison reproductions made on the famous Garrison tapers, with Garrison action retained.

193 6' 9" 3 wt
 201 7' 0" 4wt
 202 7' 0" 4wt
 206 7' 6" 4wt
 209 7' 6" 5wt
 209E 7' 9" 5/6wt
 212 8' 0" 5wt
 212E 8' 0" 6wt
 215 8' 6" 8wt
 221 8' 9" 8wt

This new series, the "Slowhand Special" features the following:

Pieces : 2 piece or 3 piece

Cane Treatment : Flamed or Blond

Rod Lengths & Line Weights : refer below

Hardware: Blued Nickel Silver

Reel Seat: Walnut, Up-Locking SlideBand

Reel Seat Spacers: Walnut

Cork Grip Handles: Slowhand Special : see photos

Silk Colors: Green with Garnet Tipping : see photos

Tipping Wraps at Guides: see photos

Agate Guides & Tip-Tops: N/A

This new series, the "Slowhand Special" features the following:

The 6' 9" 3wt is delicate, powerful, and responsive.

The 7' 0" 4wt has a crisp and responsive action, this is it for fishing dry flies.

The 7' 6" 5wt is my favorite, it does it all, line control, delicate casts, and is there if you need some added distance.

The 8' 0" 5wt is a longer version of the 7'6", smooth line control.

The 8' 6" 6wt is a strong, accurate flyrod.

The 9' 0" 7wt is not all that fast, but can cast a 7wt line with authority, very powerful, very smooth.

Model: Slowhand Special

To so many, he is the guitarman, and truly one of the greatest of the blues guitarists. He too, is a gentleman, a flyfisherman, and a master dry flyfisherman.

As a long time devotee of Eric Clapton's music, it was very rewarding, and my extreme pleasure, to craft a flyrod for him as a token of my esteem.

I had the pleasure of hand delivering this flyrod to Eric during the past Reptile World Tour. In presenting Eric with the flyrod, I was elated as he shared a smile with me as he described his Niemiera as "lovely". As he put the sections together, and eyed up the guides he flexed his new flyrod and stated " Oh yeah, that's nice" and again told me " its lovely, just lovely".

As a result of our meeting , and through correspondence this past year, I am pleased to announce Eric's endorsement of Niemiera Flyrods.

The "Slowhand Special" offers to the discriminating angler what has become a Niemiera Flyrod tradition of creating sensitive, accurate, easy casting flyrods. Best described as an extension of the anglers casting hand, these are truly delightful flyrods.

Whether you're into the blues, or just an avid flyfisherman, this is the Niemiera for you, the one that's sure to perform beyond your expectations.

Model: Gorge

Pieces : 2 piece or 3 piece

Cane Treatment : Flamed or Blond

Rod Lengths & Line Weights : refer below

Hardware: Nickel Silver or Blued

Reel Seat: Up-Locking SlideBand, Down-Locking SlideBand

Reel Seat Spacers: Walnut Burl, Maple Burl or Cork also available with mortised wood spacers

Cork Grip Handles: Cigar, Custom, Half -Wells, Full- Wells, Garrison Grip or Western

Silk Colors: garnet or honey with brown tipping

Tipping Wraps at Guides: Available

Agate Guides & Tip-Tops: Available

Named after the Ken Lockwood Gorge in New Jersey.

7' 0" 4wt is a good all around rod, from tiny spring creeks to nice sized rivers, crisp and responsive action, this is the one for fishing dry flies

7' 0"E is a faster, stronger version of the above-my custom taper

7' 6" 4wt is an accurate faster taper, a longer version of the 7' 0" rod

7' 6" 5wt is my favorite, this one does it all, control, smooth delicate effortless casts, a very powerful versatile rod.

8' 0" 5wt is a longer version of the 7' 6"

8' 6" 6wt is a good choice when you need some added distance, a nice Streamer rod.

Photo Gallery

Brookie



Fall Favorite



Garrison



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Gorge



Slowhand Special



Rainbow

