Contributor Guidelines
The American Fly Fisher

The Museum is always looking for talented writers to make fly-fishing history, traditions, and people come alive in the pages of our quarterly journal, The American Fly Fisher. We welcome manuscript submissions, and the following guidelines will help you with this process.

If you have an idea for an article, please first query the editor with a letter or e-mail her at keachor@comcast.net. Manuscript lengths average 2,000–4,000 words (8–16 pages), double spaced, but we welcome shorter pieces for sidebars or spreads, the potential two-part article, and appropriate profiles. All manuscripts sent in for consideration must be typed, double spaced, with each page numbered. An accompanying CD or attachment to an e-mail file is most helpful. We use Microsoft Word 2011 for Macintosh but can convert most formats.

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We look forward to expanding The American Fly Fisher and the community of writers and artists who contribute to our prestigious journal. We look forward to hearing from you.

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