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Oyster named to '40 Under 40' list

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Bill Oyster says his love of fishing, especially fly fishing, is a hobby gone wild, and is the reason he began making fly rods that people all over the country come to Blue Ridge to purchase; rods that take more than 60 hours each to construct.

That hobby, turned full-time business, earned Oyster a spot on Georgia Trend Magazine's "40 Under 40: Georgia's Best and Brightest," a listing of Georgia's most successful and influential younger business, academic and professional people.



photo/Dub Joiner
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Oyster: Hobby turns to full-time business

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Sharing the rod making business is something that Oyster does on a regular basis through the classes he teaches on the craft.
"We have approximately 75 students come through our classes each year," Oyster said. "They come from



Part of the craft of making fly rods is the hand engraving that Bill Oyster adds to each

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