



Reel Women

Fly Fishing Adventures



Long Tall Sally

by Lori-Ann Murphy

Carrying the Torch: Reflections at Season's End

As summer winds down, the light shifts. Mornings come with a cool edge, evenings seem shorter, and rivers begin to whisper their way toward fall. For many of us, this is the bittersweet season — still fishing, still gathering on the water, yet knowing another cycle is closing.

This year, the end of summer feels heavier. We've lost some of the greats — those who helped shape modern fly fishing as we know it.

Flip Pallot opened the saltwater flats to the imagination of every

angler, showing us that fishing could be wild, adventurous, and full of joy. **A.K. Best** elevated fly tying to an art form, reminding us that a simple feather and hook can hold both beauty and magic. And **John Gierach** gave us words that made sense of the way we live — stories that made it okay to say we fish not just for trout, but for our souls.

These were people who gave far more than instruction. They gave us inspiration. They nudged us toward rivers, toward each other, toward the patience and humor that keeps us all coming back.

For me, their influence has been personal. There were times when I wondered if I could — or even should — keep going as a guide and a leader of groups on the water. And every time, the stories, the voices, and the examples of these greats reminded me: yes, this is worth it. This way of life, this calling to be with fish and people and wild places, is worth everything.

Now it's on us. Their voices will live on in the way we teach a friend to cast, in the way we tie one fly just a little neater, in the way we pause on a riverbank and let the whole day settle into our bones. We are the ones carrying the torch, telling the stories, creating new ones, and welcoming the next generation to the river.

As we close this summer and look toward fall, I hope you'll take a moment to remember these legends, and then step into your own role in the long story of fly fishing. Fish when you can, share what you know, and don't forget to laugh along the way.

I'll leave you with the words of **Joni Mitchell**, which feel just right for this moment:

“And the seasons, they go round and round, and the painted ponies go up and down.

We're captive on the carousel of time... We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came.

And go round and round and round in the circle game.”

Here's to carrying the torch, together.

Tight lines,

Lori-Ann





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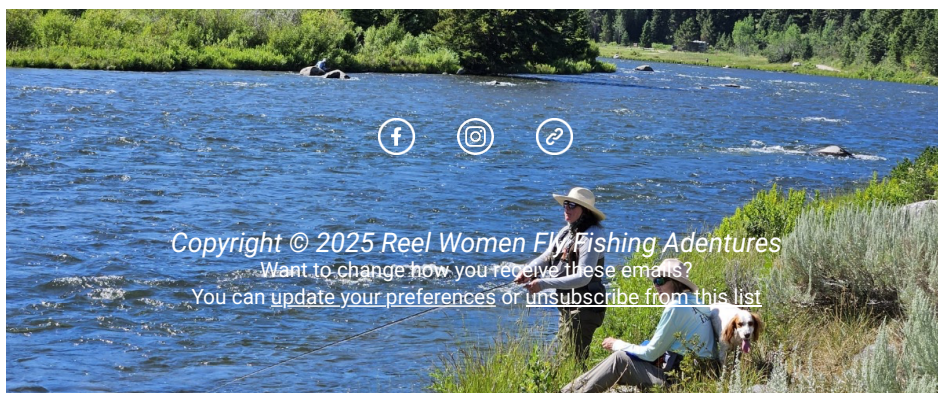


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