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Reel Women

Fly Fishing Adventures



Life on the Fly By Lori-Ann Murphy

Belly laughs and sore butts. Most of us refer to Patty Reilly as just "Reilly." We hadn't seen each other in years and last year Maggie and some others put together a gathering of long time women fly fishing guides from the Jackson Hole basin. It was a really fun event where many of us got see each other and share tales of what has gone on over the years. I think they called it a "Legends" gathering. Much like our pioneer women before us, we got caught

up on our individual world as fly fishing guides. You put together a bunch of women who have all made amazing treks for fish - and ask them to be on their best behavior? We try. But the general personality disorder is one with deep connections. A quick reference to twenty-five years ago when Reilly and I were hosting a RWFFA trip in the Wind River Wilderness. Kimmie was also on the trip. I remember on the way home we stopped in Lander for chicken fried steak and some beer. Lasting memories. Let's just say I have never been able to even try chicken fried steak since.



Kathleen contacted me this week because she was reminded that twenty-five years ago Jerry Garcia died. We were up in the Winds - and then we also heard my father had died in his sleep. She remembers all of this and then we reflected on the amazing storm the last night up there. Reilly was running around securing camp like a mother bird fixing her nest. We had world class dry fly fishing to wild trout. We had weather that made you believe in something bigger than you. We had really sore butts from the long ride in. We still had seventeen miles to get back to the trail head. These were the days that Reilly and I shared a lot of trips together. I tell you, the sky could be falling and you would still be laughing from some one liner that came out of her mouth. Reilly's posture as most experienced guide leading the way with many words keeping us belly laughing the whole way. That's how we endured the real live pain in our butts. Long strings of horses and wild women looking for even wilder wilderness to tame them.

I'm not going to lie. As we cross some big rivers it's hard to know what is on the other side. But I have really learned what gives me joy is hearing from you and all of our connections. This week Bo was telling me about Kajsa - and how when they were wading the flats the guide said, "OK, if I see a permit I'm going to say it's a big bonefish." OK, all agreed. Next step, "OK, it's NOT a big bonefish!" And she landed the biggest permit of her life. Great stuff.

Let's stay tuned into our natural world and let it take over. Let it lead the way! We are looking forward to seeing you on our trips and sharing more stories. Cheers! L-A



Reel Women Flyfishing Adventures & the Henry's Fork Lodge present Ladies on the Mend, with Lori-Ann Murphy and Patty Reilly August 5-8, 2021

Lori-Ann Murphy and Patty Reilly will be teaching and hosting this very special fly fishing trip on the Henry's Fork River at the world renowned Henry's Fork Lodge. As early leaders in women's fly fishing they have guided waters and learned from fly fishing legends around the world. Let them show and share with you on one of their all time favorite and most certainly, legendary fly fishing rivers. Fly fishing history is reflected in the waters of the Henry's Fork. Legendary fly tiers, guides and conservationists have contributed to this watershed legacy. Open to all women who want to up their fly fishing game or just be in an incredible place fly fishing.

Logistics & What's Included

A day and a half of clinics with Lori-Ann Murphy and Patty Reilly, two days of guided flyfishing and three nights at the beautiful Henry's Fork Lodge. The closest airports are West Yellowstone MT, Idaho Falls, ID, Jackson, WY (2 hours) or Pocatello ID (2 hours). We can help you find a room for the night of the 8th at the lodge or closest to your departure on the 9th. All meals included. Alcohol is available for purchase. Additional days of fishing are also available. \$3,299 per person / Double Occupancy

The Henry's Fork Lodge

Reel Women Fly-fishing Adventures is thrilled and honored to hold this event at the Henry's Fork Lodge. If you have not been there, here is a bit of information to help you understand how special this is.

Henry's Fork Lodge has long been acknowledged as one of the world's premier fly fishing destinations. The lodge was one of only two fishing lodges worldwide to be included in The New York Times bestseller 1,000 Places to See Before You Die, and was named fishing lodge of the year by Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report and by Big Sky Journal. Our food has been recognized in Bon Appetit and Sunset magazines, and we've been featured in countless travel and fishing publications, including Men's Journal, Town & Country, Travel & Leisure, Field & Stream, Trout Magazine, Fly Rod & Reel, and many others.

Chef Mathew Dusharme, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, is rooted in farm-table beliefs and he sources nothing but fresh local, seasonal ingredients. His meals are nothing less than exquisite. After dinner you are welcome to relax on the patio overlooking the Henry's Fork or retire to your room with fine linens and other comforts to help you relax before bed. Review the gallery of photos, reviews by Michael Keaton and countless others, or the sample menus to give

you a small taste of this special trip.

Instructors

Lori-Ann Murphy has fished all over the world and has won many competitions -including ISE's Best of the West and IFTD/ICAST distance casting competitions. She was part of team 'Underarmour' winning the Flyfishing Masters. She was the first woman to become an Orvis Endorsed Guide in 1990 and soon went on to launch the first Women's Fly Fishing program for Orvis. In 1994, Lori-Ann co-created Reel Women Fly-fishing Adventures, the first group to offer women's flyfishing trips all over the world. Women's fly fishing schools, casting clinics and the first women's guide school quickly followed. In 2009 she moved to San Pedro, Belize and further developed her women's programs while guiding and managing a local lodge. Orvis awarded her with the "Breaking Barriers" award in 2015 for her achievement as a leader in the fly fishing community. She then led the El Pescador team to their first Orvis International Lodge of the Year Award. Today she operates both Reel Women Flyfishing Adventures and Reel Belize from San Pedro and Montana in the summer. Lori-Ann lives an adventurous sporting life and loves sharing great connections with people and fish. Her sidekick is Panga - a very happy setter.



Patty Reilly took her first two clients down a stretch of river through Grand Teton National Park called Deadman's to Moose in 1979. After having spent significant time in South America, she and an associate opened the first commercially guided rafting companies in Argentina - including fly-fishing trips that same year. She has also guided in Alaska, Yellowstone, and the South Fork of the Salmon. Today she runs her company *Guided Connections* from her home in Wilson, WY; helping her clients with their favorite trips in Chile, Argentina, the Yucatan, British Columbia and of course the Rocky Mountains. www.GuidedConnections.com



Contact us for school & trip details!



Tarpon Quest May 15-22, 2021

Stable conditions and a sea full of poons! Our resident tarpon live around Ambergris Caye all year, but then in May the migratory tarpon come in and stay until about mid October. It's seems like all the tarpon get excited with a full house. A great time to up your chances for landing this magnificent creature. This is the pinnacle for many fly anglers and a great time to make it happen.

Resident Tarpon range from 20-60 lbs and the migratory tarpon usually average up to 120 lbs but we've seen some larger fish come through. These 'big girls' are an amazing pursuit and something folks plan their travel around each year. We're excited to host our first women's event in San Pedro, Belize! Tarpon are one of the most challenging and exhilarating fish to play on light tackle. Of course Permit, Bonefish and new fun fishing buddies also await! \$3,295 Single Occupancy or \$2,999 Double Occupancy



Flyfishing Tipsby Lori-Ann Murphy

Performance and realistic expectations. As adults we really understand the performance part and often get caught up in "I should be landing more fish if I'm going to be good at this" kinda attitude.

Fly fishing offers so much - and we are reminded all the time with our fun stories about what it all brings to us. But the skill part really does take practice. Good guides can get people with little skill into fish - I call these miracle fish, and that might be OK for someone just wanting to test the waters. However, the angler is left not really owning the feeling of perfecting skills to test against a nature experience. And then when skills are gathered to know that sometimes it just isn't happening. But at least you have the satisfaction of covering a piece of water well, and knowing you did the very best you could. Or take away one thing that maybe you will try next time. And that's what makes us better anglers! So enjoy. Take your time with your roll cast - really load the rod with a good back loop before going for the forward cast. And where are you stopping the rod on the forward cast? Hopefully above the water at your eye level. If you throw it into the water, that's where it will go. And what about your line hand? Are you using your line for your hauling? Grab that flyline and really pull it. Keep your casting arm performing snappy stops, don't overpower your cast trying to haul. But when your backcast is all stretched out, go ahead and grab that flyline up by the first guide and really pull forward and down to give that line an extra kick. That's it! We can always work on form, but let's find our power! L-A

Trip & School Details!

Reel Women Flyfishing Adventures *Cast to Your Dreams!*

Our Low Risk Policy: Book a 2020 or 2021 trip with us before the end of the year and we'll require only 25% down. The balance due 90 days before arrival. If your plans change due to Covid or any other reason you can reschedule. That means you can put your down payment toward any Reel Women Adventure trip with open space. We also offer Global Rescue's Cancel For Any Reason Trip Insurance.

We look forward to sharing fly fishing with you someplace special soon.

2021 Schools

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Limited to eight women.
June 26-28

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Ennis, Montana
Limited to ten women.
July 17-21

Women's Guide School

Limited to ten women. 2 spaces left!



July 3-9, New Dates!

July 24-30, Sold Out

Ladies on the Mend!

Henry's Fork -Idaho New

Limited to ten women, eight spaces left.

August 5-8



2020 Trips

4th Annual Women's Permit Quest

November 14-20, 2020

Sold out!

Yellowstone River Couples Trip

September 12-17, 2020 *Sold out!*

Womens Yellowstone River Trip

September 19-23 *1 Space Left!*



2021 Trips

5th Annual Permit Quest

Limited to six women each week.

Feb 12-18 & Feb 19-25

Couples Saltwater Trip Ambergris Caye, Belize

Limited to four couples.

2 couples spaces left!

Feb 27- March 4

Maiden Voyage on the Flats! Ambergris Caye, Belize

Limited to six women.

March 6-10 **New!**

Womens Tarpon Quest

Limited to six women.

May 15-22

Women's Madison River Trip

July 10-17 -Sold out.

Ladies on the Mend!

Henry's Fork -Idaho

Limited to ten women, eight spaces left.

August 5-8

Deschutes River Women's Steelhead Camp Trip

Sold out!

August 25-29, 2021

Women's Yellowstone River Trip

Limited to four women.

2 Spaces Left

September 18-22

Yellowstone River Couples Trip

Limited to four couples.

September 25-30

2022 Trips

Women's Madison River Trip

Limited to ten women.

July 9-15



Request Trip Details



The Reel Women Store

We're excited to be adding new products all the time! Thank you to all of you who are sporting our Reel Women gear and new jewelry. We're glad you love it!

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