



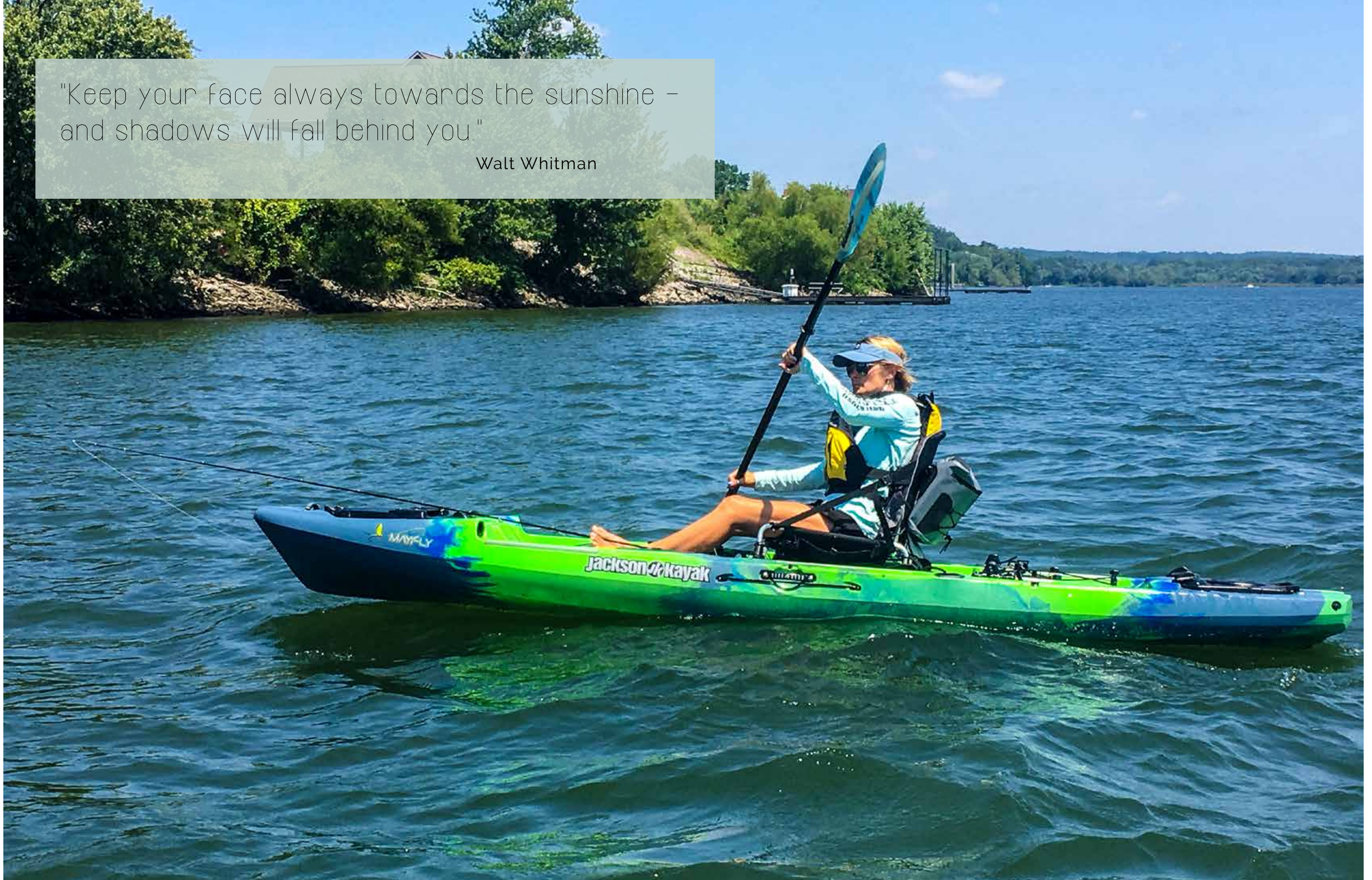
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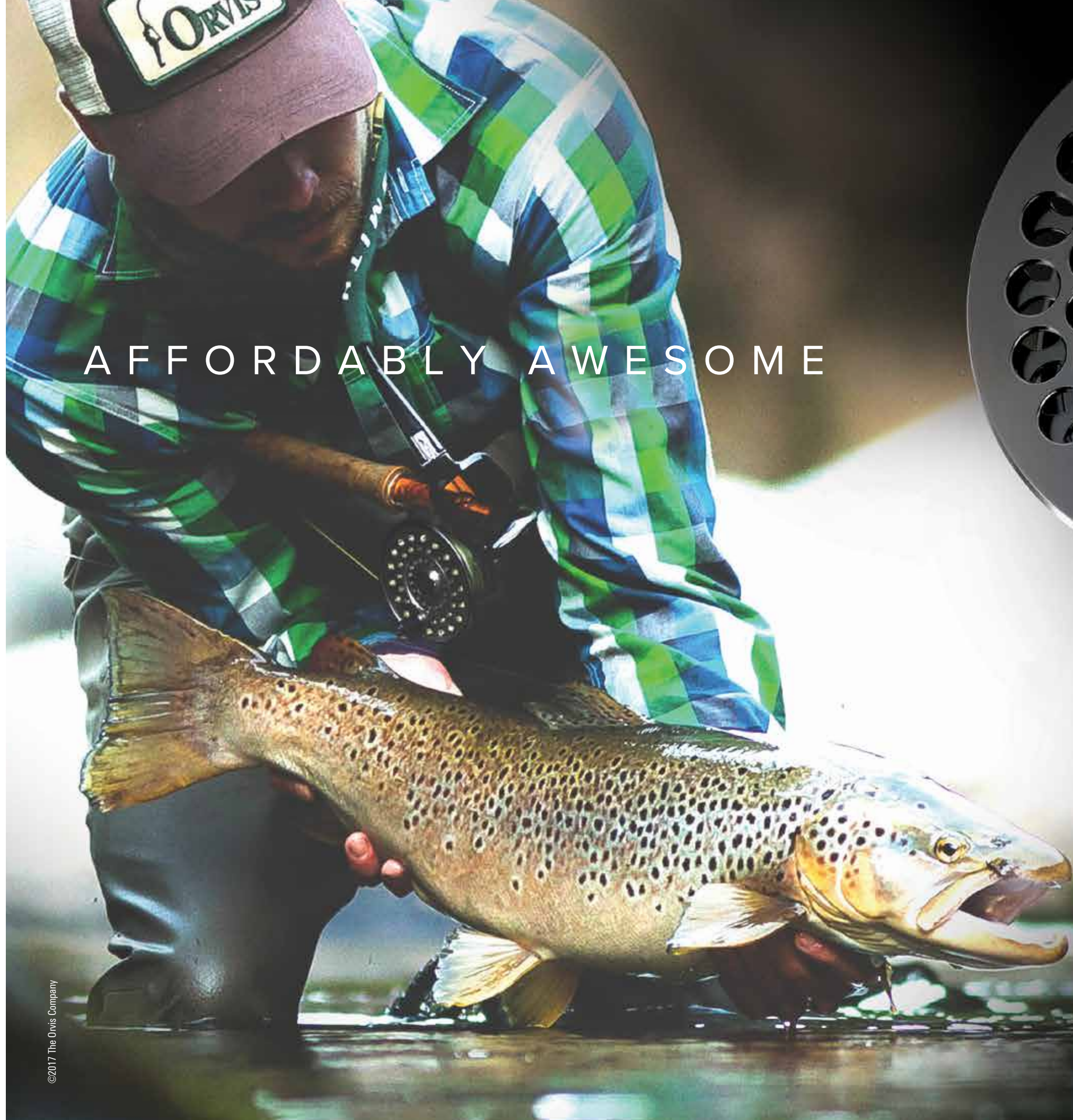
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I operate and own Twin Maple Outdoors in Bradford, Maine.

What waters do you guide?

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Do you specialize in a particular species?

We specialize in landlocked salmon, brook and lake trout, smallmouth bass and pike. We love skinny water and run a G3 Tunnel jet boat, drift boat and wade to access our inland fishing.

Who is your ideal client?

Anyone who is fun, passionate and has a desire to learn more about fishing. I love to teach and believe that a huge part of being a guide is the ability to pass on knowledge in a fun, interesting manor.

What is your most memorable trip?

I guide children of all ages and love every child I have had the pleasure of sharing a special day on the water with. I have to say honestly I am biased. So, it would be a drift boat trip with my own daughter, Annarose. I have been working with my daughter for 5 years. At 6 years old I had her casting into our trout pond. When she turned 10, I felt she could handle a drift boat and she caught, landed and released her first land-locked salmon by herself. I am proud of all my little anglers of course, but am especially proud of my daughter.

Name three flies you love.

Chubby Chernobyl, Golden stone and Pheasant tail nymph.

When did you start guiding and why?

I started guiding professionally in 2012 for my own business so I could share my passion. Being mentored from the early age of 8 by my Uncle Rodney, I learned the ways of the wild and combining

several years of customer service only seemed natural to start my own guide service. I enjoy learning the story of my clients, first meeting them as strangers and having them leaving as friends. The friendships that have been made through my guiding have and continue to enrich my life. Building a guide service business combined with a new sporting lodge has put us into a sustainable family business our family can grow with and enjoy.



What is the strangest thing you have experienced as a guide?

I had a bald eagle come down and snatch my salmon 2 ft from my drift boat! One day at the crack of dawn, out on the Big Eddy, I drifted from our campsite to fish our usual runs. Having my coffee in the drink holder and easing into the morning of fishing, we were totally unaware of a stalker above eyeballing us from a tree. As we proceeded to nymph fish, I found myself hooked up with a sizable landlocked salmon! As the salmon ran, splashed and jumped, a big bald eagle known as "Eddy the Eagle" crashed down in front of me! He grabbed my fish with his talons and flew off with my fish, fly and line!!! Snap! Went the line and backwards I fell into my seat!! I said "Well there! That's one for the journal!" I learned later on that this was not Eddy's first offense as a fish thief, but to me it was very strange and most unusual indeed!



When you're not on the water, what do you enjoy doing?

Tying flies, cutting timber, working sporting shows and just talking to folks about fishing. Of course, spending time with my family is very important.

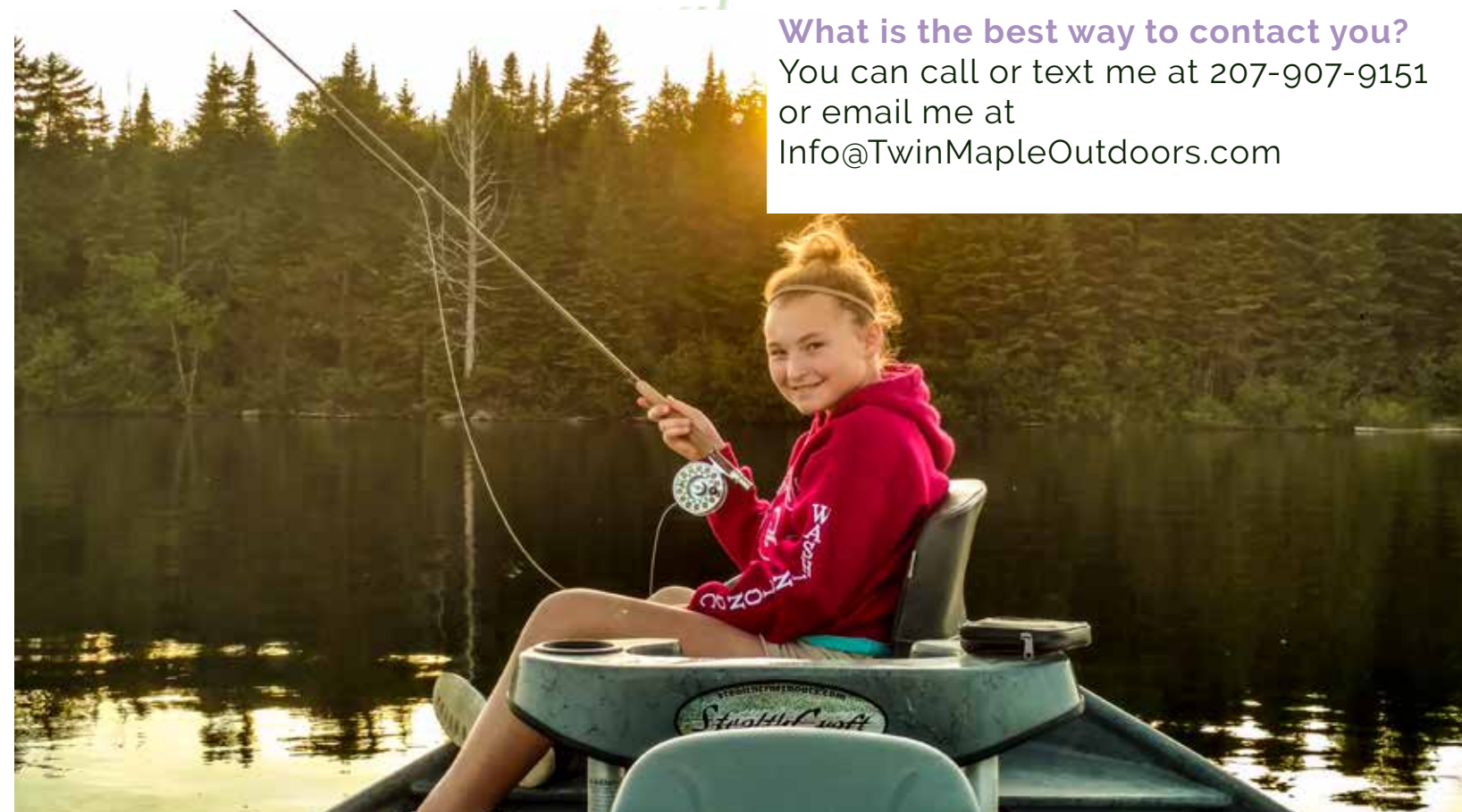
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FROM THE EDITOR

The name of this edition, Querencia, means "the place where you are your most authentic self." When I heard this definition, my mind immediately went to the river and the imagery of the previous weekend. Last weekend I was fortunate enough to help teach at a CfR retreat in Michigan on the beautiful Pere Marquette River. This was my second year as an instructor and I was again blown away at the strength and positivity of the group of women who make up the participants. As they stood in the river, overcoming great obstacles that I can't even begin to imagine, they made new friends, casted away their fears, and laughed and squealed like school girls at the possibility of catching a trout. The imagery caught me off guard as I watched them in that river. It was like watching the river water rush into them, fill them with hope, and wash the worries of the world downstream.

I don't know about you, but there is no place on earth where I am my most authentic self than when I'm on the water. Maybe that's why our sport is so

life-changing. Maybe that's why we form such quick and lasting relationships with those we spend a day on the water next to. Maybe it's the strength of the current itself that somehow strengthens us. Whatever it is, it's my querencia and it's my hope that it is yours as well.

As the days cool and the leaves begin to slowly change colors, we are pulling our second print edition together. THANK YOU for the overwhelmingly positive response to our first print edition. There are exciting days ahead, as you will soon find DUN at big box stores like Barnes & Noble, Books a Million and in airports around the nation. We could not have done this without you, our loyal readers, and our brilliant authors. As always, we love to hear from you! Send us your stories, pop us an email to just say hi, or hit us up on social media. DUN, after all, isn't about one of us individually... it's about all of us. The female angler. Watch out world. We are coming for you.



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"Hi there! I am going into my fourth season of fly fishing and still feel as inept as ever. However, I keep trying. I am excited to see a magazine for women fly fishers. Getting into the sport it was quickly evident that it's a man-driven world."

Coyotew2

"Hi DUN, just stumbled upon articles on fly fishing from the Great Smokies to New England. A fly fishing magazine for women, I love it! Only been into fly fishing for 2-3 years so still beginning and learning. Look forward to learning more about your magazine."

Laura

Thanks Coyotew2 and Laura. It's comments like these that make our day!

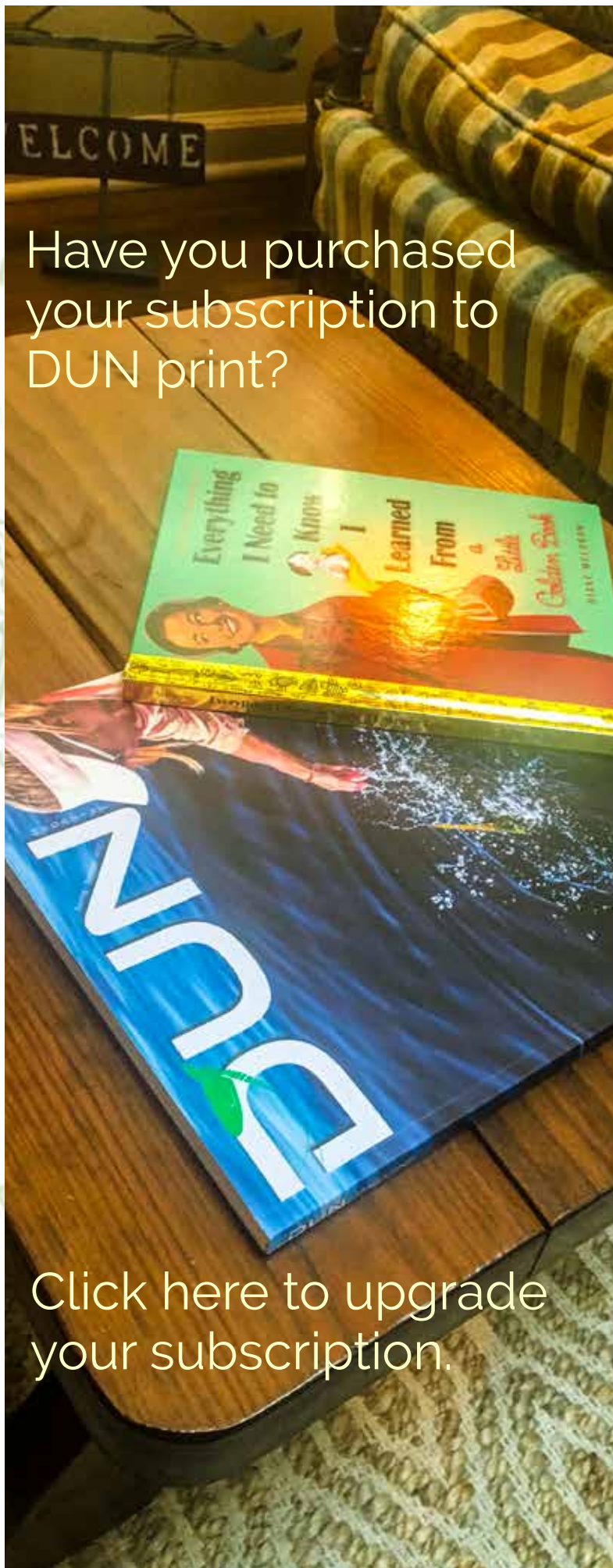
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Donna Luallen



Fly-fishing became one of the themes of Donna's life after marrying Wayne in 1973. She leaves streets, phones and cares behind to meld into the watery world of fish, with watercolors in a pocket and binoculars on her chest when fishing is a little slow. Her home waters are Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks but she is also comfortable in the Eastern Sierras, Utah and Montana. She has spent over 5,000 hours volunteering in Trout in the Classroom as a way to connect the next generation to trout and their habitats.

Amalie Nielsen



is a 15 year-old who lives in Denmark. She loves to fly fish for big sea trout but also loves the small trout in her local creek. She ties nymphs, dry flies and big sea trout tube flies.

Kati Rouse



owns and operates Rouse Fly Fishing, an Orvis Endorsed Guide Service in Arkansas, with her husband Jamie. A graduate of Rhodes College, she is a licensed athletic trainer, who understands the importance of being a good role model in the outdoors to her children. She has served as a board member and secretary of her local TU Chapter and continues to play an active role in issues relating to her home waters. She currently serves as a board member on the Little Red River Foundation.

Annie Susemihl



is a Colorado native who was exposed to fly fishing at a very young age by her father, but only recently picked up the sport. It has since become her biggest passion and she spends every weekend on the water. When she isn't fishing, she is thinking about fishing, tying her own flies or writing her own blog. She hopes to inspire other women to get more involved in the sport.



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By Nome Buckman



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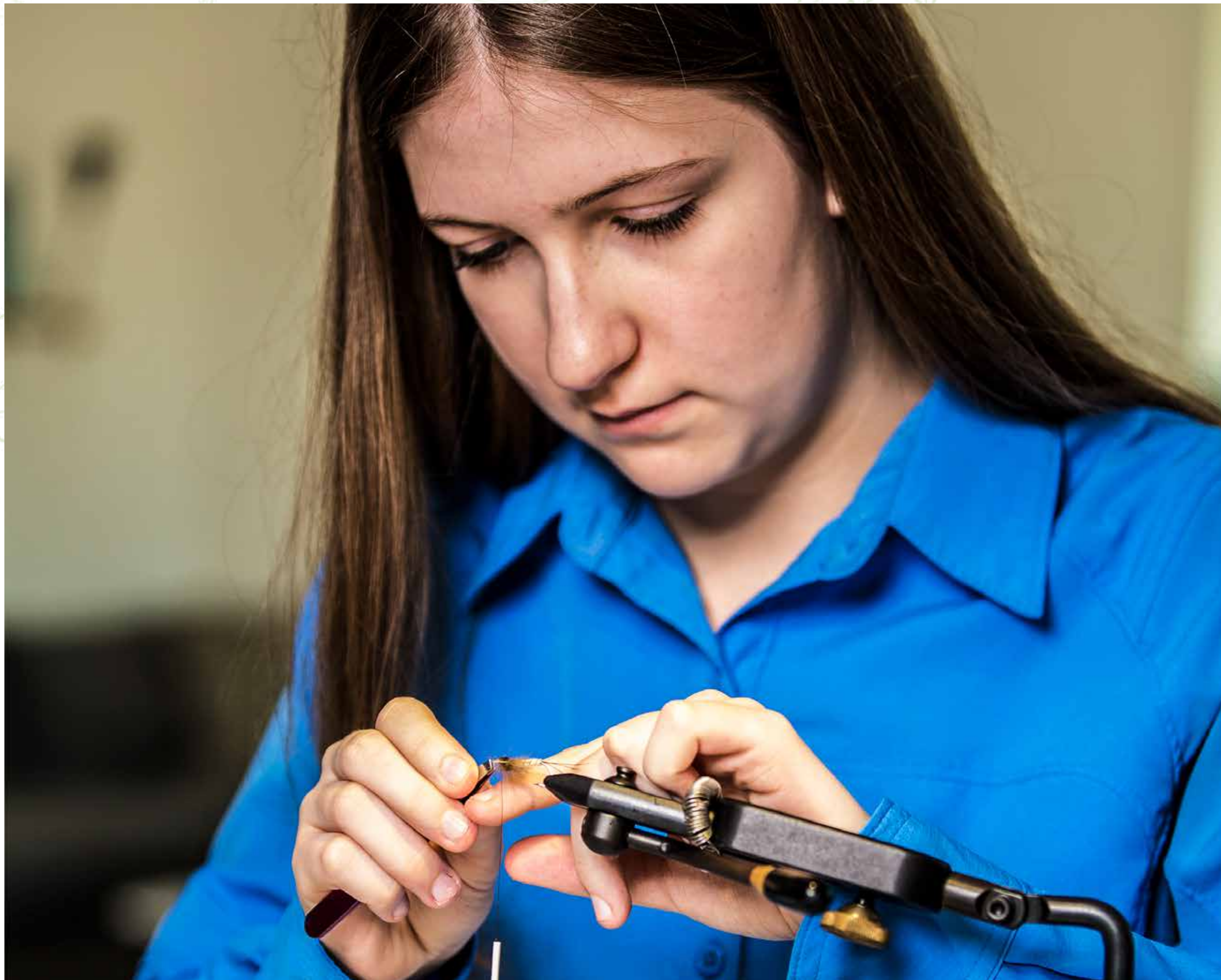
Amalie Nielsen

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My name is Amalie.
I'm 15 years old and I come from Denmark.



My story begins four years ago, when my dad was working on an entry to our local fishing club's fly tying competition. He was having some issues working out the right technique to weave the Polish woven nymph. By a happy coincidence, I had recently been doing something similar at school; so he asked me to have a go at it. I tried and it worked! With this success, my dad encouraged me to come to the fly tying competition. I did attend and, to my surprise, I got 3rd place in the nymph category, after just a week of practice.

From then on, my fly fishing and fly tying has gone from strength to strength. For my competitions, I love to tie nymphs and dry flies, and have won seven firsts and one third place in local and national fly tying competitions. I also enjoy fishing. I tie sea trout flies for fishing on the River Karup and nymph and dry fly patterns for small stream, brown trout fishing.

The last four years have been crazy, with so much to learn and so many exciting opportunities; I just can't wait for all the wildness that awaits me!

For me, the best river in Denmark is the River Karup, which is located in central Jutland. It has some of the most beautiful sea trout in the entire world. If you ever get the chance to fish this river, you should. It's one of a kind. In fact, it was in this river that I caught my first sea trout. It was the 19th of July; my father, a fishing friend named Klaus and I were traveling to the River Karup. On the way there, Klaus provided some words of encouragement. "Amalie, this night, it's going to be the night!"

This seemed highly optimistic as I had been trying, without success, for three years.

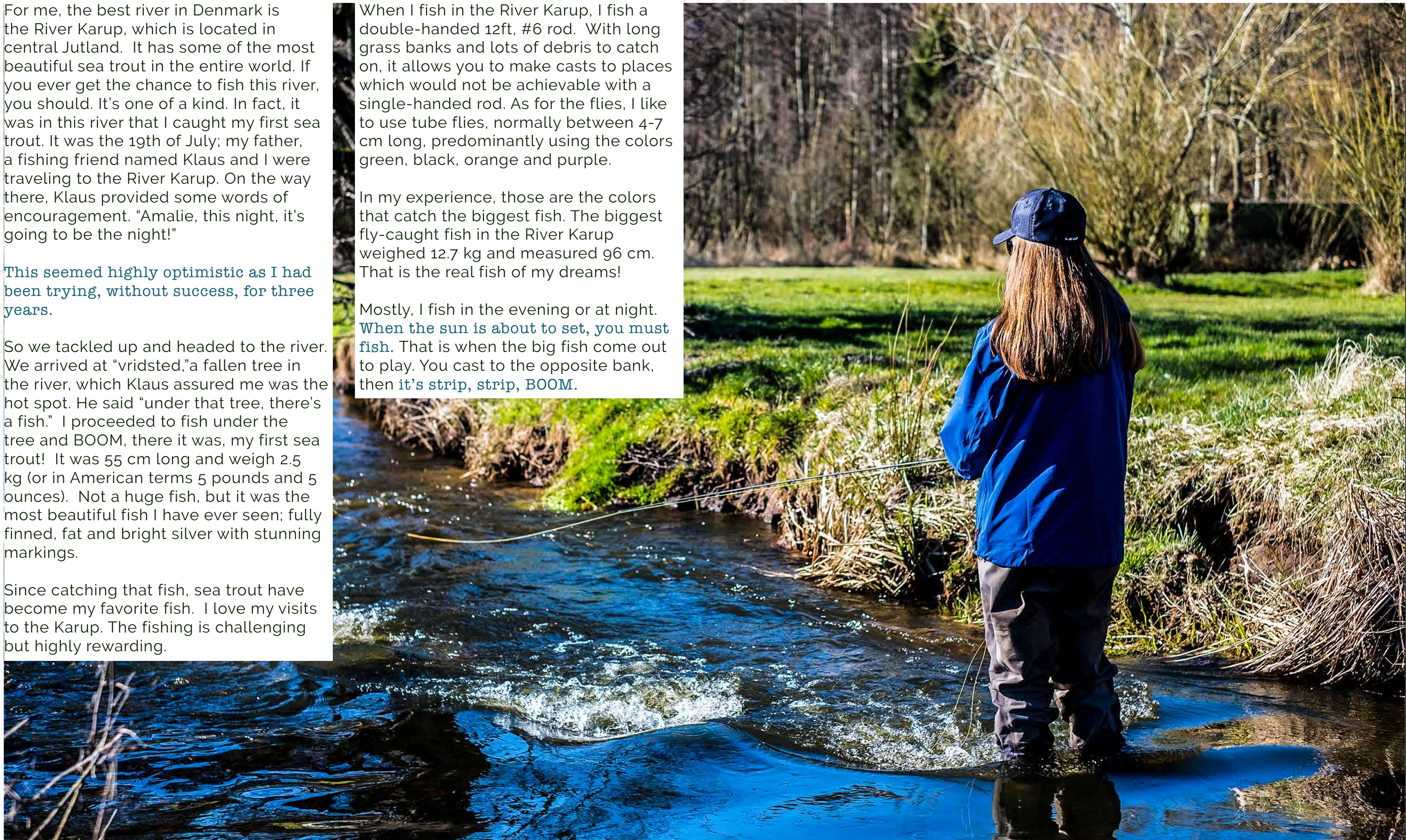
So we tackled up and headed to the river. We arrived at "vridsted," a fallen tree in the river, which Klaus assured me was the hot spot. He said "under that tree, there's a fish." I proceeded to fish under the tree and BOOM, there it was, my first sea trout! It was 55 cm long and weigh 2.5 kg (or in American terms 5 pounds and 5 ounces). Not a huge fish, but it was the most beautiful fish I have ever seen; fully finned, fat and bright silver with stunning markings.

Since catching that fish, sea trout have become my favorite fish. I love my visits to the Karup. The fishing is challenging but highly rewarding.

When I fish in the River Karup, I fish a double-handed 12ft, #6 rod. With long grass banks and lots of debris to catch on, it allows you to make casts to places which would not be achievable with a single-handed rod. As for the flies, I like to use tube flies, normally between 4-7 cm long, predominantly using the colors green, black, orange and purple.

In my experience, those are the colors that catch the biggest fish. The biggest fly-caught fish in the River Karup weighed 12.7 kg and measured 96 cm. That is the real fish of my dreams!

Mostly, I fish in the evening or at night. **When the sun is about to set, you must fish.** That is when the big fish come out to play. You cast to the opposite bank, then **it's strip, strip, BOOM.**







For me, one of the best things about fly fishing and fly tying is the time spent with other people who share my interests.

Here in Denmark we have a fantastic community where we all love fishing and fly tying. We can easily talk about fishing and fly tying all day long.

Half a year ago, I wrote a bucket list of six places that I would like to go fishing.

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MOSS ANIMALS

By Nome Buckman

Meet the Moss Animal, one of only a few one-celled animals that live in freshwater rivers and ponds. This jelly blob mass looks like something out of a swamp monster movie, but its very nature is innocent. It acts like a water purifier and helps keep fresh water filtered.

With a feather-like retractable arm extending from the body, the bryozoan will filter like you see similar feather-like coral filters in the ocean. Bryozoans mostly eat algae, bacteria and other small one-celled animals.

They have existed for millions of years and many species are found as fossils, especially the seawater species that make a calcified enclosure that fossilizes very well. It is believed that the freshwater species are more recent additions to the family. On a particular river, I tend to find this in the backwater areas or the lungs of the river where filtration and digestion of detritus usually happens.



Above and Right: A Moss Animal.

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Fly fishing has exposed me to numerous adventures and opportunities to learn over the past couple of years. The sport naturally provides experiences that ultimately develop into life lessons and values we inherit. Out of everything I have learned, something significant stands out from the rest.

Behind every strong female angler is another strong female angler.

Most female anglers would agree that somewhere along the road they were inspired, motivated or taught by another female angler. It is not easy for women to persevere in this highly male-dominated industry, but having a strong support group of female anglers breaks this barrier.

I've personally never been one to run with the girls. One of my first memories is from kindergarten when a girl told me that I couldn't play house with them because I had short hair "like a boy." That moment seemed to set the pace for the rest of my life.

My best friend growing up as a child was a boy. You would find us playing with bugs by the creek or stirring up trouble on our bikes across the neighborhood. I then went off to college and my first best friends there were three guys.



It wasn't that I couldn't be friends with girls, but I had a deeply embedded sense of comfort with men that I never had with women. I attribute this to the fact that after my parents got divorced I spent my most influential years with my father.

When I decided to pick up fly fishing, it wasn't really a surprise to anyone. What was surprising is that for the first time in my 25 years of existence, this sport would give me the female support group I had always been longing for.

One of the most beautiful aspects of fly fishing is the way it unites people.

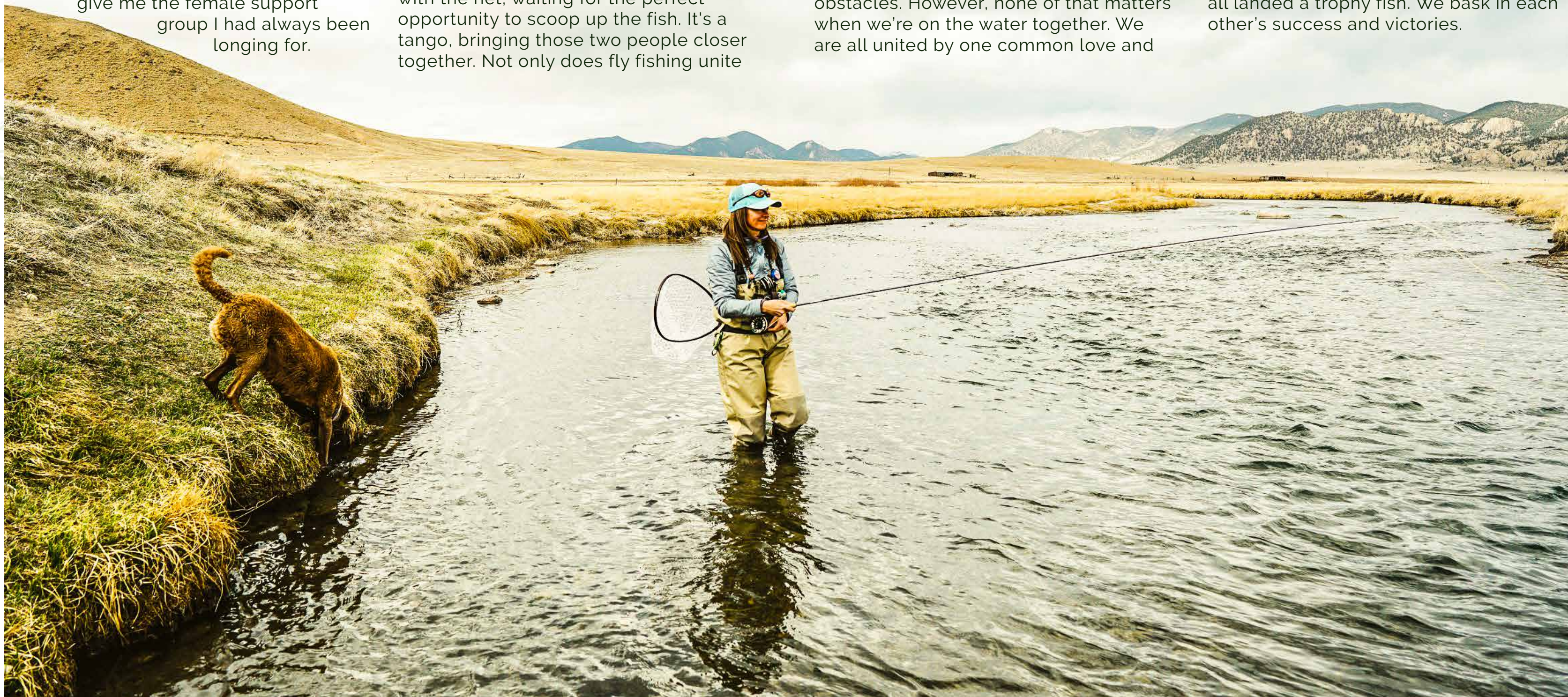
It really can be a team sport. I love watching someone fight a big fish and their partner shadowing their every step with the net, waiting for the perfect opportunity to scoop up the fish. It's a tango, bringing those two people closer together. Not only does fly fishing unite

people physically, but it has the power to bond people together emotionally. My fly fishing group is full of women from all walks of life - a mother, a genius, an adventurer,

We consist of women who have been fishing for one year and women who have been fishing for 10 years. We were raised differently, we have experienced different things and we have overcome different obstacles. However, none of that matters when we're on the water together. We are all united by one common love and

passion. Most people would assume that a group of women fly fishing together would cause tension and competition, when in all actuality, the opposite occurs.

Competition is set aside and encouragement and support shines through. We all share flies, techniques and overall expertise. When one of us loses a fish, it's as if we all lost a fish. If one of us lands a trophy fish, it's as if we all landed a trophy fish. We bask in each other's success and victories.





In today's society, it is not easy being a woman. We are pressured into trying to be what society and the media tells us. We are constantly comparing ourselves to other women. It is amazing to see how quickly all of this dissipates when women get on the water together. Every female's most beautiful and genuine self emerges when they are outside. Here is my simple advice to all women:

Get outdoors and lift each other up. We are the key to empowering one another.



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ICE PACKS

By Nome Buckman

The dog days of summer may be almost over, but we all still need to keep our food and drinks as cool as possible. I'm a Yeti cooler fan, but this trick works with any cooler. I've learned that if I use the reusable gel freezer packs in combination with a quality cooler, my drinks and food stay not only cool, but dry as well. Keeping up with sanitizing my cooler is a much easier job without ice. Cleaning up the gel ice packs is a snap. You can wipe the freezer packs down after use while still partly frozen or wash with dish detergent and pat dry, then back into the freezer they go ready for the next day.

With this method, some preparation is needed the night before. I pre-chill my coolers with ice packs that remain at home base. I pop them in just before going to bed, making sure all content that will be in the cooler is pre-chilled as well. When packing in the morning, I make sure everything is covered by gel packs to allow the cold to fall down to the cooler contents. After an 85 degree, 10-hour day, the freezer packs are only 1/4 to 1/3 thawed. No running to the store daily for ice!



FROZEN CUP

By Nome Buckman



Want to keep ice in your drink all day? Here is a trick. Put ice in a clean insulated cup and whip it into the freezer the night before. Here at DUN we try to kick plastic, so I skip individual water bottles. Instead I freeze a little water at the bottom of one gallon water jugs. Fill with cold water the morning of and pop the frozen cups into the cooler.

When ready to drink, just open the lid and pour ice cold water over the ice. Keeps your drinks super cold all day. You can also freeze a koozie and that will help keep your cans super cold as well. No excuse to drink warm beer again! Have a cold one for me and enjoy the last days of summer.

A close-up photograph showing a person's hand using a metal spoon and a finger to scrape yellowish, crusty material from a dog's skin. The dog's fur is dark and appears matted. The background is a textured, yellowish surface.

Spic N Span

words and photos Donna Luallen

Why would you ever want to take the time to clean your fly tying materials?

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Several methods are available to protect your beautiful naturals. Let me share some tips from Wayne Luallen, fly tier and Fly Fisher International 1991 Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award recipient.

Benefits gained by cleaning feathers and furs include removing dirt, oils and fats, detrimental insects and pesticides.

Have you watched a fly tier nosh on a cookie after handling a chicken neck? Have you ever considered what might be on/in your materials?

Feathers, skins and fur hides with excess grease can eventually rot.

You might even see green haze inside the plastic bag of capes and saddles on the store display rack. This haze is likely mildew.

A quick look at the feather or fur side of that lovely animal skin may reveal grains of borax worked down into the base of the feathers or fur. This may have been added to protect from insects and/or to dry the skin. The residue is not a welcome addition in the material when it is being applied to the fly.

Do you ever dye your materials for that perfect damselfly blue? Oils on the fur or feathers will keep dye from penetrating evenly. Are you tying dry flies? "Natural oils" do not help float the fly, but in fact attract dirt that will diminish the buoyancy of your fly. Most importantly, it's easier to tie with clean materials. Dubbing will not clump when blending and feathers still attached to a skin are easier to select and easier to wrap.

Editor's Note:

While laying out this article, we pulled a random saddle from our fly tying wall and were shocked at what we found. Time to get to cleaning!



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When you take home a new material for your supplies, always assume that harmful insects, no matter the source, could be present. This is a habit that will serve you well, just as it does with washing the vegetables you use for a salad. High quality necks are already washed, but if you look at the display card the neck is attached to, you'll often see an oily deposit. Scrape off the fat with a teaspoon, followed by a little soap, a thorough rinse and dry, and you'll find you can eliminate excess grease and store your feathers on a more flexible cape. It'll be easier to select feathers and those #16's that frequently broke about 1/3 up the stem won't break any longer as they are plucked from the cape. The feathers in general are easier to select and remove.

Inspect for varied carpet beetles, (*Anthrenus verbasci*) and other dermestid beetles. It's not the adults that ruin natural materials but the larvae.

Clothes moths and webbing clothes moths can be in any home, as can silverfish and ants. Silverfish tend to seek out silk. Ants will devour the skin of capes. (Forget microwaving for insects; they don't contain enough moisture to be affected by the microwaves. More importantly, animal skins can be cooked and shrunken. Don't do it!) There is a theory that insects will not eat into a plastic bag. Perhaps not all, but I know ants will eat into zip-type plastic bags and it is said that dermestid beetles will eat their way out.

Save yourself some time by high-grading your treasures before processing; don't waste time cleaning materials you will never use.

Freeze cycling may kill adult insects but eggs are often able to withstand temperatures far lower than 32 degrees. Though washing is a superior approach to removing adults, larvae and eggs, if you choose to try this approach, freeze for 3-10 days; bring the materials to room temperature for 10 days to allow any eggs to hatch; freeze again. Repeat the process at least 3 or 4 times.

There are two types of moth crystals: Paradichlorobenzene and naphthalene.

Paradichlorobenzene vapor kills insects. Always follow label instructions for your own protection. This chemical is a known carcinogen. Naphthalene is a deterrent rather than a killer. Tossing a few crystals of Paradichlorobenzene into a sealing, polypropylene storage container along with your materials will fumigate and kill insects. (The crystals will melt through styrene storage boxes.)

No Pest Strips, (Dichlorvos-impregnated strips – DDVP) are highly effective insecticides, but also volatile. A strip can repel insects for 4 months in a space as large as 1200 sq ft. Handle with eye protection and most definitely use gloves.



DDVP attacks nerves in insects, but also in humans in whom it can cause tremors, paralysis and even death.

DDVP is not new. It has been used effectively in museums for years. Careful handling and appropriate application can make it reasonably safe to use. Again, follow packaging instructions strictly.

Commercial pesticide sprayed onto a rag and placed with materials is effective, but it can leave dangerous chemicals behind that will then require thorough washing of the materials. After treatment and washing, store in new zip-type or polypropylene storage containers. Do not re-use the old, possibly contaminated storage bag.

Boric acid and borax kills insects and can stop the growth of fungi such as mold. Borax is a desiccant. Sprinkle a generous amount into the bottom of a sealing polypropylene container or directly onto the materials, but plan to wash the borax out before use.

So let's get down to cleaning your feathers.

Good preparation of a feather cape (or neck) begins with carefully scraping the skin side with a dull-edged spoon, (a teaspoon works well). Work in the direction of the largest feathers toward the smallest so you are scraping with the direction the quills enter the skin. Avoid scraping the wrong direction, into the base of the quills, which will result in tears of the skin as well as pulling feathers out. If the skin is exceptionally greasy, this may remove as much as several tablespoons of skin and fat.



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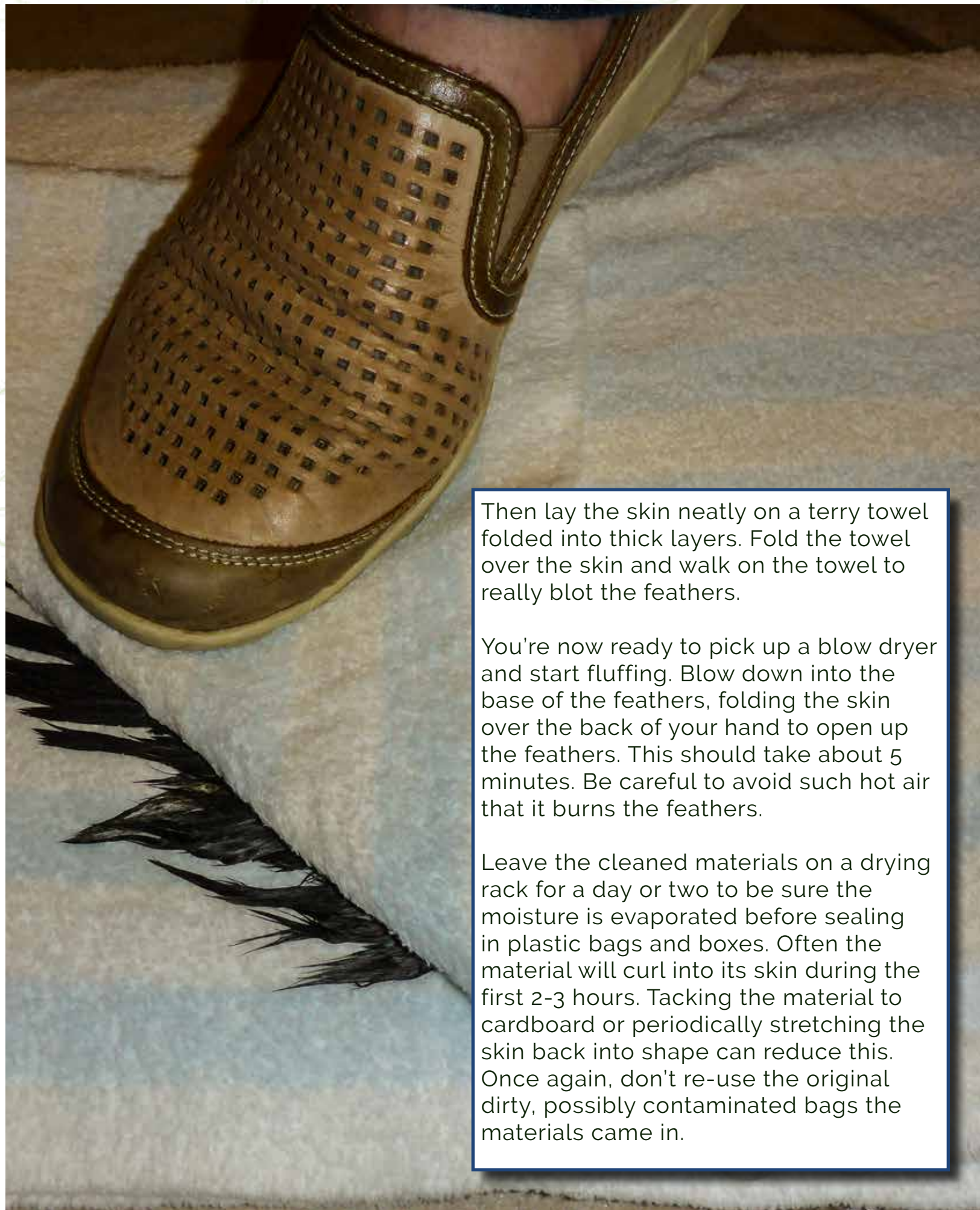


Prepare a warm to hot water bath, (not over 140 degrees) with a dishwashing liquid like Dawn. Work some of the soap into the scraped side of the skin. Submerge the cape and periodically agitate it gently and completely.

After 5-10 minutes, rinse it thoroughly in fresh warm water, squeezing out the residual firmly with your hand.



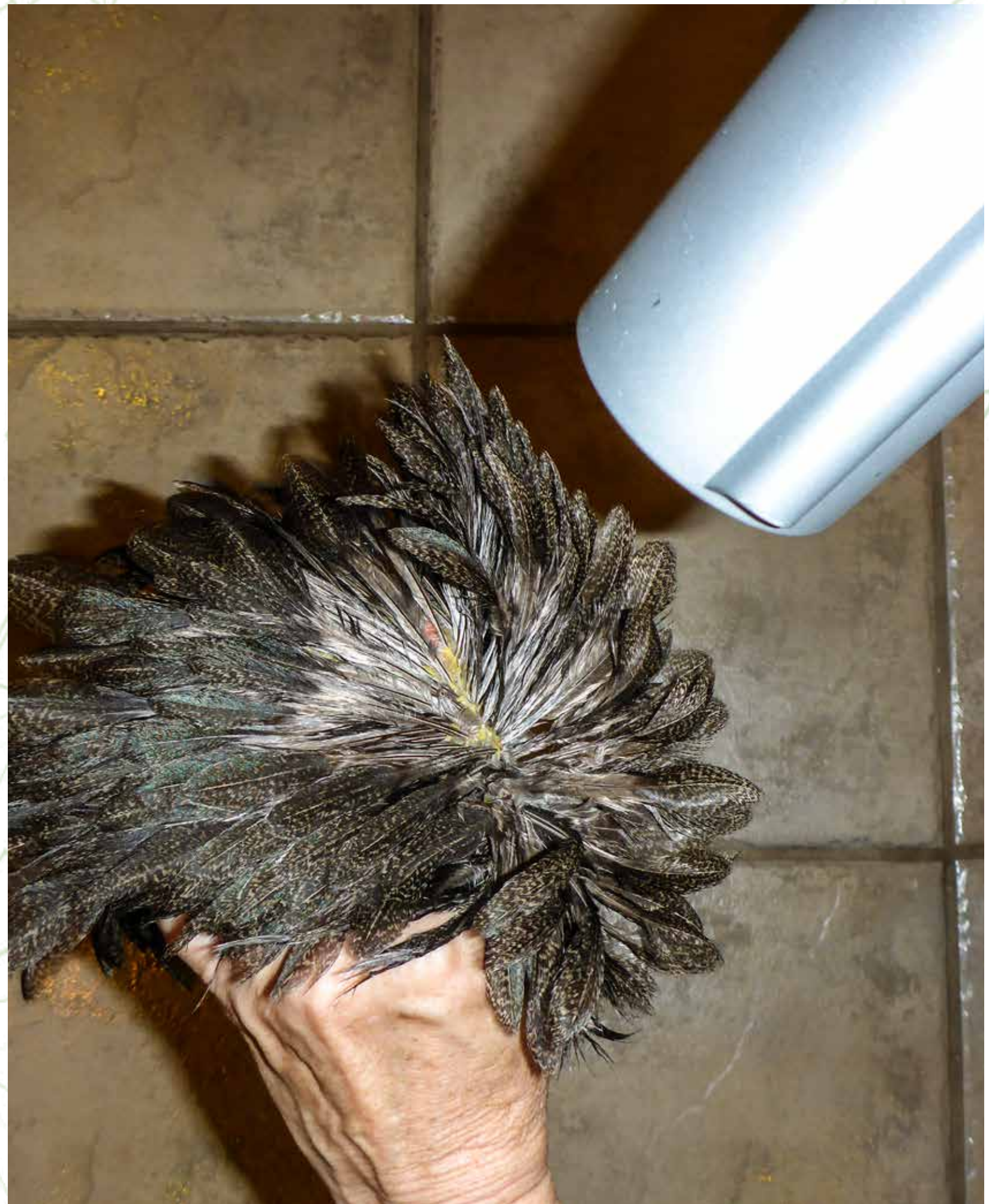




Then lay the skin neatly on a terry towel folded into thick layers. Fold the towel over the skin and walk on the towel to really blot the feathers.

You're now ready to pick up a blow dryer and start fluffing. Blow down into the base of the feathers, folding the skin over the back of your hand to open up the feathers. This should take about 5 minutes. Be careful to avoid such hot air that it burns the feathers.

Leave the cleaned materials on a drying rack for a day or two to be sure the moisture is evaporated before sealing in plastic bags and boxes. Often the material will curl into its skin during the first 2-3 hours. Tacking the material to cardboard or periodically stretching the skin back into shape can reduce this. Once again, don't re-use the original dirty, possibly contaminated bags the materials came in.



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Once clean and dry, how do you store materials to keep them clean and free of bad critters?



Before storing be absolutely certain your materials are completely dry to avoid mildew.

Store in sealing, hard-side, preferably clear containers that are labeled.

Storing materials in zip-type bags within hard-side containers adds an extra measure of security.

Other appropriate containers would include glass or plastic jars and lids, such as are used in the food industry.

Consider storing with desiccants (ex: borax, silica gel) to remove any residual moisture. Salt, though it can be used as a desiccant, can cause excessive drying of the skin. Borax also deters dermestids.

After time in storage, materials may become matted. Steaming over a teakettle or clothes steamer can refresh most feathers or furs. Be careful not to get them too close to the heat – it's the steam that provides the desired results. You don't want to scorch your materials.

Skeptics may bypass these tips, but time and again our students have come back after going through their stock and applying our lessons and have found more satisfaction in their fly tying results.



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Take Me To Your River

words and photos Kati Rouse





The river is more than a weekend retreat for us. It runs through our veins. It's a way of life: our livelihood. For me, it also symbolizes change ... leaving the city life (almost 15 years ago) and venturing into the unknown.

It doesn't always give freely. Conditions can change in the blink of an eye, making it difficult for the average bear. I am forever grateful for our 'Papa Bear' who is way beyond the average. I've watched our children grow from 'fishing' with us in front packs to mending their lines better than many adults.



As we navigated on our Colorado journey, I was feeling the frustration of being sick and not running, probably the most I had not run in years. I also had not had a lot of fishy time to myself. As our kids are still kids, fishing usually includes a lot of splashing and skipping rocks, which means fewer fish. Sometimes no fish, if you are not quick enough to get a line in before the chaos. We haven't really pushed our kids to fish. We want the desire to come naturally from within.



One night, I was going to sneak off to grab some much needed solo river time. Shortly into my hike, I realized I had company. A certain little 9 year-old decided she really wanted to fish with me. At that moment I knew that this was better than the moment of solitude I was seeking. I wouldn't give anything for our night on the river.

We wrapped up our time in Colorado with the epic stonefly hatch on the Conejos; living, at the time, in a tiny cabin, in the middle of a fish camp full of people who plan for this hatch every year. We didn't realize, until we got there, that it was happening. We couldn't have timed it more perfectly and will be back next year, probably with many of the same people.



What a special community where our kids made quick friends and rode their bikes freely through the camp. Of course, we also managed to squeeze in some stellar disc golf in Beaver Creek. It was way beyond amazing. I absolutely love my group of humans and savor these adventures we have together. Each year we have a theme song. This year was Leon Bridges' "River."



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