**Goldenrods, Ghosts and Gold**

Montana Native Plant Society

Annual Meeting – June 23-25, 2023

Online registration opens April 15, 2023

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**WEEKEND EVENTS**

**Friday Workshops:** To attend a workshop you must sign up when you register for the meeting by June 16th. Workshops are:

- Grasses ID – Mark Majerus
- Dyeing with Native Plants – Jessie Salix
- Citizen Botany Training – Andrea Pipp and Kenda Herman

**Friday Mixer:** Pre-dinner social hosted by Calypso Chapter with beer, wine, other beverages and snacks.

**Friday Evening Speaker:** Dr. Rob Thomas is a Regents Professor of Geology at the University of Montana Western in Dillon. Probably best known to us for his publications *Roadside Geology of Yellowstone Country* and *Roadside Geology of Montana*, Rob’s topic will be “Geologic History of Montana”. His books will be available for purchase.

**Field Trips:** You may sign up for Saturday and Sunday field trips Friday afternoon when checking in. All trips are subject to change based on weather. You are responsible for your own lunch, water, appropriate footwear and clothing, sunscreen, insect repellant, and bear spray.

**Saturday trips** include exploration of the grasslands, sagebrush steppe, medicinal plants, rare plant communities, subalpine mountain lake flora, and post-fire regeneration. **Sunday trip** is a guided morning tour of Bannack townsite. *En route* home you may wish to visit regional sites including Big Hole National Battlefield, the Lemhi Pass area, Jackson Hot Springs, Clark Canyon Reservoir, Clark’s Lookout, or Pioneer Mountains National Scenic Byway.

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**AGENDA**

**Friday, June 23**

1:00-4:00 Workshop (registration required when registering for meeting)

3:00-6:00 Check-in and field trip sign-up

5:00-6:00 Mixer at Pavilion

6:00-7:00 Dinner at Pavilion

6:30-7:30 Board of Directors meeting

7:30-8:30 Fireside talk: Dr. Rob Thomas, “Geological History of Montana”

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**Saturday, June 24**

7:00-8:00 Breakfast

8:00-4:30 Field trips (pack your own lunch)

4:00-6:00 Wayne Phillips Plant ID Challenge

6:00-7:00 Dinner at Pavilion

7:00-8:00 General Membership Meeting, Raffle drawing, and socializing

9:00 Ghost Walk through Bannack with John Phillips

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**Sunday, June 25**

7:00-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Committee meetings. Break camp

9:30 - 10:30 Tour of Bannack with John Phillips

11:00 - 1:00 Park Area Checkout
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration and payment will be available online starting April 15th at https://www.mtnativeplants.org/annual-meetings/
- No refunds after June 1st.
- If ordering meals, registration is required by May 15th.
- Registration will be open until the weekend of the meeting.
- Meeting attendance will be limited to 100 people.
- Due to campsite limits, tent sites will be reserved for tenters only and will be assigned as registrations are received. There is ample space for RV/Camper vehicles - no hookups or electricity. No generators between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM.

YOU MAY NOT REGISTER AT THE MEETING IF CAPACITY HAS BEEN REACHED, SO REGISTER EARLY!

LOCATION

Bannack State Park is located west of Dillon, MT. **Coming from the east:** From Interstate 15, take Exit 59 onto Hwy. 287 heading west. Travel about 22 miles, look for the sign to Bannack State Park and turn left (south). **Coming from the west:** On Hwy. 287, look for the sign to Bannack State Park and run right (south). Drive a short distance and turn left again into the Park. Follow signs about 3 miles to Check-In Canopy.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be a rustic setting. Tent sites will be on a first-come basis; no dispersed camping in the park. RV/camper sites also available. Vault toilets, water and wash stations available. There is no cell service and electricity is available only at the group Pavilion. The large Pavilion and a canopy tent will house group activities in camp and serve as shelter if needed. Motel accommodations are available in Dillon – reserve early. Breakfast bar (Saturday and Sunday) and catered dinners (Friday and Saturday) can be purchased when registering (see separate registration form). Lunches are on your own. Please remember to bring cash/checks if you wish to purchase raffle tickets or other merchandise – there will not be a credit card option.

WHAT TO BRING

- Lawn Chairs
- Rain gear
- Food for lunches
- Sunscreen/hat
- Snacks
- Insect repellent
- Mug
- Bear Spray
- Water Bottle / Extra Water
- Cash/Checks for Raffle Tickets and Sale Items

JOIN THE MNPS AUCTION EVENT & SUPPORT MNPS

...going on now at https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/mtnativeplantsauction

See auction flyer for more (with Kelsey or online)

Auction ends at 4:00 PM Friday April 28th.

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON MNPS ACTIVITIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the MNPS website at https://mtnativeplants.org/annual-meetings, see the Spring Kelsey, or contact us at mnps.calypso@gmail.com