Celebrating Natives
By Debbie Mueller

and design services. Many people think that native gardens are "weedy looking" and can't be attractive or look spectacular. Catherine wants to work with homeowners and landscapers to eradicate that stigma. In the past there were not many sources offering a variety of native plants, but with the burgeoning interest in natives, greater diversity is now available. Catherine is compiling a color photo notebook of the species she sells in bloom to show customers. She encourages customers to vary the color, the texture, and the sizes of the plants in their plantscape. With enough variety, a native garden will bloom throughout the season and well into the fall. Some forbs can be deadheaded after flowering to promote a fall bloom, while many shrubs offer beautiful spring blooms, interesting summer foliage, and gorgeous fall color. Catherine also recommends surrounding islands of floral display with gravel or bark, which reduces both maintenance and water consumption while providing a focal point in the landscape.

Southwest Montana Native Landscapes LLC also plans to work with area schools, helping students understand how local climate and topography dictate the flora growing in a region. Participating in national educational programs that connect city schools with rural schools through e-mail is one way Catherine hopes to pique the students' interest in their native plants and connect students to their environment. Further

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New Native Plant Manager and Policy From The U.S. Forest Service
By Jackie Cohen with reprint courtesy of Castilleja, Wyoming Native Plant Society

The U.S. Forest Service Region One acquired a Native Plant Program Manager to implement its recently released national directive on native plant materials (Forest Service Manual 2070). With the exception of reforestation policy there was no previous policy for native plant use. Native plants have been identified as key components to combat invasive species and to facilitate wildland restoration efforts.

The major policy points include:
- Native plant materials will be the first choice in revegetation for restoration and rehabilitation of native ecosystems where timely natural regeneration of the native plant community will not occur.
- Under no circumstances will non-native invasive plant species be used as plant material for restoration, rehabilitation or reconstruction of native ecosystems.
- Forest Service staff will use the best information available to choose genetically appropriate native plant materials for the restoration site.
- Non-native, non-invasive plant species may be used when:
  - Needed in emergency conditions to protect basic resource values,
  - As an interim, non-persistent measure designed to aid in re-establishing native plants,
  - When native plant materials are not available,
  - In permanently altered plant communities.

Susan Rhinehart, a Clark Fork Chapter member, occupies the new position as the Native Plant Program Manager for the U.S. Forest Service Region One. She previously worked with Steve Shelly as the Assistant Regional Botanist in Region One. She says, “I really enjoy working in the program and look forward to working with native plant growers in this region, as well as the MT Native Plant Society, as the Forest Service implements this program.” Contact Susan at srinehart@fs.fed.us.

Wildflower Website Award
www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers

The U.S. Forest Service’s “Celebrating Wildflowers” website won the Content Site of the Year 2007 international award. The accolade from Belgium stated:

“It is with distinct honour and pleasure, we like to announce that you, Celebrating Wildflowers, won our content Site of the Year 2007 award. It is awarded to THE site which content is so good, one absolutely cannot live without. In short the best of the best! And you just jumped out above all other gold winners.”

An additional international award came from Spain, with these comments:

“Greetings, your website has won the Alcazaren Silver Award. The content, design, and navigation of the Celebrating Wildflowers page have been evaluated with very high scoring. Your description of the many alternatives to enjoy the wildflowers in the USA is very complete, the page design is also very easy to navigate and of top quality. Again, congratulations for your dedication to the website flourishing.”

Fungi News
The two-year-old electronic journal, Pacific Northwest Fungi, recently changed its name to North American Fungi and expanded its scope. Articles on any aspect of lichenology in North America are welcome. This journal is peer-reviewed and freely available worldwide at no charge to authors, readers and libraries. One of the benefits of electronic publication is that color photography can be distributed electronically at no charge. The home page is www.pnwfungi.org.

Good Job, Kelsey
Kelsey exchanges newsletters with scores of other states and Canadian provinces. The Maryland Native Plant Society sent this tribute.

“To Dave Hanna, Kathy Lloyd, Drake Barton, and the Montana Native Plant Society,

We always enjoy receiving and reading Kelsey. You certainly do a fine job with it! We, the Maryland Native Plant Society, have been exchanging newsletters with all the native plant societies and botanical organizations in North America for many years now, and believe it to be an important way to keep in touch with other native plant societies, keep up with what is going on in the native plant world elsewhere, and a source of ideas and inspiration.

Thanks for continuing to exchange newsletters with us.

Best regards,
Rod Simmons, Mariandica Editor”
long-range plans include building a greenhouse and offering even more species for folks to choose from. A website-in-progress should be up and running later this summer. Call 406-498-6198 or email ecctour@montana.com for nursery days and hours.

Southwest Montana Native Landscapes LLC is easy to find and get to (see sidebar for directions). The vista is classic high desert steppe with sparsely vegetated foothills and gorgeous mountains in the distance. Two friendly black standard poodles, Angus and Alice, may bound out to greet you. But the true sight for sore eyes will be the multitude of containers, ranging from one- to seven-gallon size, filled with native shrubs, groundcover, sages, grasses, and perennial forbs. Over 65 species are available and Catherine also provides sod-forming grass seed. Many of the plants are drought-tolerant once established. Catherine offers a discounted weekly special and encourages folks to access weekly website recommendations related to gardening with natives.

After a lovely evening at Southwest Montana Native Landscapes LLC, Calypso members reluctantly left their tour with the back of the car loaded with containers of healthy, hardy, low-maintenance native plants that maintain our native Montana heritage.

Visit Southwest Montana Native Landscapes
The drive to SMNL is all paved highway and no dirt roads.
From Dillon, head north on Highway 91 North to mile marker 14.
From I-15, take the Glen Exit and head south on Highway 91 for eight miles.

President’s Platform
At the end of a fairly cold and dry spring, Memorial Day weekend brought significant rain to most of Montana. On my travels in central Montana over the next two weeks, I saw more rain, swollen creeks and rivers, lots of wildflowers, and green, green grass. It's a refreshing change from the drought much of the state has experienced for the last several years. While we sometimes grow tired of the extremes, our native plants take them in stride. For any given species some years are tough and some are good, with plants employing various strategies to ride out the hard times. After sometimes years of just getting by, the right conditions appear and the plants are ready and waiting to take advantage of them. It's been a treat to see lush growth and all the color in the landscape again. I always find it amazing how hardy and resilient many native species are — sometimes it just feels magic.

So, it's going to be a great summer to get out and enjoy our native plants. Plan to participate in one of the field trips listed in this newsletter, or just get out on your own! I'm looking forward to the annual meeting in Hyalite Canyon at the end of June — lots of activities, native plants, and fun with friends.

I want to welcome Mamie Smith as our new Membership Chair (see article on page 5). Thanks again to our past Membership Chair, Marika Wessner, for all your work on behalf of MNPS!

Have a great summer everyone! — Dave Hanna
EVENTS CALENDAR

Please remember to leave pets at home during MNPS field trips.

Artemisia chapter
Lost Water Canyon Research Natural Area, East Pryor Mountain
July 26, 9:30 a.m.
This moderate hike travels over limestone outcrops, so wear sturdy hiking boots. The trip focuses on the condition of the Lost Water Canyon RNA and Forest Service Proposed Wilderness Area. Expect to see wild horses, interesting geology, and to identify flowers and grasses. Assemble at the juncture of Crooked Creek Road and Pryor Mountain Road (the road that comes up from Sage Creek). Driving time from Billings is 2 1/2 hours. We will depart from this road juncture at 9:30 a.m. drive east of Dry Head Vista to a suitable trailhead, hike across-country to Tony Island Spring, then into the Lost Water Canyon RNA. Bring water, lunch and appropriate mountain clothing. The trip is co-sponsored by the eastern wildlands chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association. Contact Anna Williams, 672-9603 or Clayton McCracken, 252-2807, e-mail chmcg@bresnan.net

Calypso Chapter
Pioneer Mountains
Saturday, 19 July 2008
Paul Sawyer plans a full day field trip starting at Elk Horn Hot Springs in the Pioneer Mountains. After a fun day enjoying the beautiful flora of this area, you will have the option of soaking in the hot springs. Contact: Kris Douglass, 782-9060, samjd@montana.com, or Debbie Mueller, 782-6651, lowellave@msn.com

Clark Fork Chapter
Shoofly Meadows Research Natural Area
Saturday, July 26, 9:00 a.m.
Join Steve Shelly (U.S. Forest Service Botanist) for a cross-country hike in the Rattlesnake Mountains, northeast of Missoula, to visit the unique habitats of the Shoofly Meadows Research Natural Area (RNA). See some of the most unusual wetland features in Montana, including forests in marshlands where peatlands have encroached into surrounding forests, and an example of a patterned fen. Several rare plants occur in the RNA, including pod grass (Scheuchzeria palustris), poor sedge (Carex paupercula), and two carnivorous sundew species. We may also assist the USFS by helping to monitor the condition of the RNA and the rare plant populations. Meet in the northwest corner of the Adams Center parking lot, on the UM Campus, at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and hiking boots, as well as sandals or other old shoes that you don’t mind getting wet. The access road is difficult, so we’ll carpool as much as possible. This will be a 3-mile cross-country hike to the wetlands and fen, so we expect to return to Missoula by about 6:00 p.m. LIMITED TO 15. Contact/RSVP: Steve at 329-3041.

Internat’l Larix Arboretum Tour & Walk Saturday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.
Larch Trail in the Coram Experimental Forest. Although this trip occurs in the Flathead, the Clark Fork Chapter sponsors it. Mark your calendar now and details will be in the Fall Kelseyia.

Eastern Montana Chapter
East Butte in the Sweetgrass Hills
Saturday overnight, August 15-16
Led by ecologist, lyricist and botanical bard Wayne Phillips. In addition to prairie and island range forest vegetation in the sacred Sweetgrass Hills, we’ll visit a special cave. We will camp on private ranch property Friday night, Aug. 15, near the trailhead, with water and toilet facilities available. Motel and other accommodations are available in Chester. We will leave the camp at 9 a.m. returning about 3 p.m. Before or after this field trip, Wayne recommends Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, Alberta as a side trip just north of the border, 26 miles via Whitlash, MT, or 32 km east of Milk River, Alberta (bring your passport). Call or email Wayne Phillips, 453-0608, mtwayne@gmail.com for directions and reservations. This trip is co-sponsored by the Clark Fork chapter, Kelly Chadwick, 243-5082, kchadwick@msmo.umt.edu.

Flathead chapter
Volunteer at the Glacier Nat’l Park Nursery
Every Tuesday, June 27 to the end of August.
Help with seeding, transplanting, weeding and cleaning, or work on a particular research or experimental project. Bring a sack lunch, your favorite work gloves, and clothes that can tolerate dirt. Meet at the Native Plant Nursery at Glacier National Park. Contact Joyce Lapp at 888-7817 or Sonja Hartmann at 888-7835 for details.

Tour of Windflower Native Plant Nursery
Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. – noon
Join owner Terry Divoky, for a tour of this small native plant nursery located three miles south of the entrance to Glacier National Park, near Lake Five. Propagation of some of her plants and plants that work well in dry, damp and wet locations will be discussed. Ask questions about growing your own native plants and see what Terry currently has growing. Time permitting, see a demonstration about seed collection, cleaning and storage. Visit her website prior to your visit for background on the nursery and an idea of what plants you may see: www.windflowernativeplants.com. Contact: Terry at tdivoky@centurytel.net or 387-5527.

Living by Water Workshop and Tour
Sunday, September 28
Join Patti Mason, Education Director for the Flathead Conservation District, for a tour of restored riparian areas in the lower Flathead area. The workshop will focus on living by the water while maintaining water quality, reducing erosion and protecting water quality. Contact Patti Mason at 752-4220 or visit their website at www.flathead.cd.org.

Glacier Park: Fall Plant Identification and International Birds in Flight
Monday, September 29
Join Dave Hadden for a rigorous, 5.5 mile hike to Mount Brown lookout in Glacier National Park. Walk through old growth and subalpine forests into alpine plant
communities near the lookout. Each year
golden eagles migrate past the lookout by
the hundreds. This is a long, rigorous hike,
so pack plenty of food, water and clothing
suitable for extreme weather. Don't forget
binoculars and hiking poles. RSVP to Dave
at 837-0783 or paddler@centuril.net.

Kelsey Chapter
Potluck & Planning
Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 p.m.
Organizational meeting for the coming
year. Bring ideas for programs you'd
like to have over the winter and spring.
Flathead Chapter is hosting the statewide
annual meeting in July 2009, and we'll
begin planning now. Meet at the Flathead
County Library in Kalispell, in the
downstairs meeting room. Contact: Jen
Asebrook at 863-6930.

Maka Flora Chapter
Sidney: Tour of Kane's Grove, near
Sidney
Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.
Kane's Grove is the site of a prehistoric
seasonal Native American campsite. In the
early 1900s, the grove became a favorite
picnic and hiking
area for Richland county homesteaders.
This trip offers moderate hiking,
great geology, and flora and fauna
identification. Directions: On highway
16, approaching from Sidney, drive
0.4 miles past 18-mile marker and turn
left. On Highway 16, approaching from
Culbertson, drive 0.6 miles past the
27-mile marker and turn right. Guide
vehicle will be at the gate. A potluck
picnic follows the hike. Contact Rita
Braun at 488-6782 or rbraun@midriveres.com.

Plentywood: Brush Lake State Park Clean-up
Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.
One of Montana's newest state parks
surrounds an ancient glacial lake. We will
pick up litter around the perimeter of the
lake beginning at 10 a.m. and end with a
barbecue and potluck lunch at noon. Maka
Flora members will bring canoes. The area
hosts swimming and easy hiking. It's a day
use area only; no camping allowed. If you are
attending from out of the area, call Rebecca
Kallevig at 488-5545. A Maka Flora member
can meet you at the Medicine Lake café at 9:
30 a.m. to show you the route.

Yellowstone River Float Trip
Saturday, September 23, 6:00 a.m.
This beautiful section of the Yellowstone
from Intake (near Glendale) to Savage, will
take about 10 hours. Meet at the Intake
fishing access. Maka Flora members
and assorted pirates will camp at Intake on
Friday, September 12. Participants must
be self-equipped. Contact: Rebecca Kallevig,
488-5545.

Valley of Flowers
Chapter
Livingston Ranger District Hike
Saturday, July 19, 9:30 a.m.
Mill Creek off the Paradise Valley.
Meet at the Museum of the Rockies
parking lot to carpool. We will travel
to the Livingston Ranger District with
our member Marlene Renwick. Bring a
lunch, rain gear and water for the hike.
Contact Joanne Jennings at 586-9585 or
jojen@mcn.net.

South Cottonwood Creek Hike
Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m.
Join member Peter Husby for a walk up
the creek. Meeting at our usual parking
lot North of the Ag Building. Bring water,
rain gear and a snack. Contact Joanne
Jennings at 586-9585 or jojen@mcn.net.

Western Montana
Hike to Little Spar Lake near Troy
Saturday, July 26
Peter Lesica, Montana botanist
extraordinaire, leads this hike. Plants
range from typical
cedar and hemlock habitat types to
glacier lilies and ferns. The Little Spar Lake
trail is a moderate to strenuous hike on
the east side of the Scotchmans, accessed
from the Bull Lake area. The length of this
hike will depend on
spring runoff and trail conditions.
Stream crossings can be difficult. Friends
of the Scotchman Peaks Wilderness
and the Cabinet Resource Group are
cosponsoring this hike. The meeting
place and time to be arranged. Contact
Sarah Lundstrom, slundstrom@w
ildmontana.org, or Judy Hutchins,
Jhutch7494@aol.com.

Welcome New Members
The Montana Native Plant Society extends a warm welcome to the following
new members as of January, '08.
Artemisia Chapter: Cathy Ryerson, David Godfrey
Clark Fork Chapter: Susan Reel, Jonathan Carvella, Kavita and Justin Bay,
Maureen Hartmann
Calypso Chapter: Steve and Bridget Parker, Marilyn Rich, Ed and Tina
Walter, Verna Macpherson, Kelly Upright, Delena and Roger Norris-Tull,
Joyce Conners, Linda Lyon
Flathead Chapter: Bernadette and Donna Wilson, Joan Schmidt, Kimberly
Pinter
Valley of Flowers Chapter: Margaret Bach
and Elizabeth Steel from Pennsylvania.
Your participation and support are crucial. Please contact your chapter
representative, listed on the last page of this newsletter, with ideas,
suggestions and questions.

New Membership Chair
A hearty welcome and thanks to
Mamie Colburn, who assumes all the
duties as membership chair which
include managing the membership
database, tracking new membership
and renewals, and much more.
Mamie lives in Missoula with her
husband, Kevin. She enjoys hiking,
paddling and spending time with
her dog, Lucky. She has a Master of
Science degree from the University of
Idaho, where she completed her thesis
on the habitat of Spalding's catchfly
(Silene spaldingii). She currently works
for the city of Missoula as an
Air Quality specialist.
New Category Added to Montana Noxious Weed List
by Kathy Lloyd

As lovers of Montana's native flora, most of us are concerned about noxious weeds, those invasive, alien plants that displace native species, changing the composition and function of landscapes in the process. MNPS members should be aware of several changes to the Montana Noxious Weed List that were published on March 27, 2008. Montana's noxious weed list is now comprised of four categories. **Category 4** is new and can be described as the "Watch List." Category 4 plant species are plants that are invasive and may cause significant economic or environmental impacts if allowed to become established in Montana. Research and monitoring for Category 4 plant species may result in future listing as a Category 1, 2, or 3 noxious weed in the state. Plant species designated as a Category 4 plant are prohibited from sale in or into Montana. Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) is the only plant currently listed as a Category 4 noxious weed. The intent of Category 4 listings is to prohibit nursery trade for plants that are invasive and may cause significant economic or environmental impacts if allowed to become established in Montana.

**Category 1** noxious weeds are weeds that are currently established and generally widespread in many counties in the state. Examples include Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), and spotted knapweed (*Centaura maculosa*). **Category 2** noxious weeds are weeds that have recently been introduced into the state or are rapidly spreading. Examples include tall buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*), perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*), and tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.). **Category 3** noxious weeds have not been detected in the state or may be found only in small, localized infestations. Examples include yellow starthistle (*Centaura solstitialis*), Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), and common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*).

Other changes to the Montana Noxious Weed List include the following category shifts:

- Dyer's woad (*Isatis tinctoria*) Category 2 to Category 3
- Rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*) Category 3 to Category 2
- Yellowflag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*) Category 3 to Category 2

The following are new additions to the weed list:

- Hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*) Category 1
- Flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*) Category 3
- Blueweed (*Echium vulgare*) Category 2
- Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum, sachalinense, & polystachyum*) Category 3

For more information or to download the Montana Noxious Weed List, visit [www.agr.mt.gov](http://www.agr.mt.gov) and click on Weeds & Pests.

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**Publications & Guides**

**Free from MNPS Publications:**
- MNPS membership brochures
- Plant Collection Guidelines for Teachers brochures
- Echinacea Cultivation Information
- Plants Collected in Montana During the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Please send a SASE to 1270 Lower Sweet Grass Road, Big Timber, MT 59011 to request any of these publications.

**From the Flathead Chapter:**
Gardening with Flathead Valley native plants (packet). Cost: $3.50. Contact Tara Carolin at 334 North Many Lakes Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

**From the Kelsey Chapter:**
Landscaping with natives in the Helena area (packet). Cost: $3.50. Contact Kathy at 449-6586 or e-mail: drakekath@hughes.net to order.

**From the Valley of Flowers Chapter:**
Landscaping with natives in the Bozeman, Livingston, and Big Timber areas (booklet). Cost: $6.50. Contact Denise Montgomery at 586-0156 or e-mail: nmontgomery@montanadsl.net to order.

**Available online:**
Guidelines for Selecting Horticultural Plant Material for Montana (voluntary guidelines by MNPS and the Montana Nursery and Landscape Association)

Lewis & Clark Plants Collected Elsewhere That Occur in Montana, an inclusive list of Lewis & Clark plants found in the state. Visit the MNPS website at [www.umt.edu/mnps](http://www.umt.edu/mnps) to download in pdf format.
MNPS Chapters & the Areas They Serve

ARTEMISIA CHAPTER - Yellowstone and Carbon Counties; southeastern/south-central Montana
CALYPSO CHAPTER - Beaverhead, Madison, Deer Lodge, and Silver Bow Counties; southwestern Montana
CLARK FORK CHAPTER - Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, and Ravalli Counties
FLATHEAD CHAPTER - Flathead and Lake Counties plus Glacier National Park
KELSEY CHAPTER - Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties
MAKA FLORA CHAPTER - Richland, Roosevelt, Mccone, Sheridan, and Daniels Counties
VALLEY OF FLOWERS CHAPTER - Gallatin, Park, and Sweet Grass Counties plus Yellowstone National Park

All MNPS chapters welcome members from areas other than those indicated. We’ve listed counties just to give you some idea of what part of the state is served by each chapter. Watch for meeting announcements in your local newspaper. Ten paid members are required for a chapter to be eligible for acceptance in MNPS.

Your mailing label tells you the following:
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Use this form to renew your membership TODAY! Please drop us a note if any information on your label is incorrect. Please notify us promptly of address changes.

Membership in Montana Native Plant Society is on a calendar-year basis, March 1 through the end of February of the following year. New-member applications processed before the end of October each year will expire the following February; those processed after November 1 will expire in February of the year after. Membership renewal notices are mailed to each member in January. Please renew your membership before the summer issue of Kelsey so your name is not dropped from our mailing list. Your continued support is crucial to the conservation of native plants in Montana. THANK YOU!

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