

WYOMING NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

2016 ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 17-20 IN DUBOIS, WY

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the WYNPS. We have an outstanding lineup of trip leaders to facilitate your meeting experience. They all have vast knowledge and a wide variety of experiences. We hope that you take advantage of their superior skill-set. Please enjoy getting to know your trip leaders!



MARY BLACKBURN, the former director of El Dorado Nature Center in southern California, taught in the Torrey Valley for National Audubon for 15 years. Now retired, she spends half the year enjoying the flowers, birds, mammals, and trails of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and the remaining months honing her skills in southern California's wild places. She holds an MS in Ecological Teaching and Learning and loves sharing her passion for the beauty and diversity of life on earth.



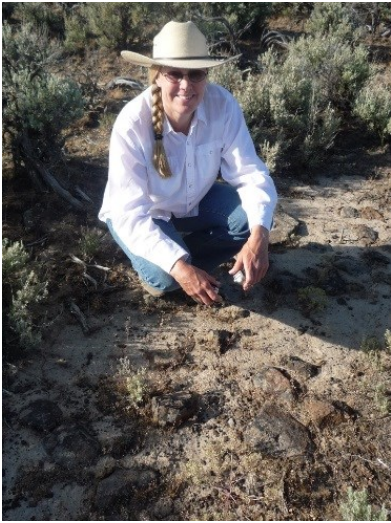
CHARMAINE DELMATIER is co-author of the Wyoming Rare Plant Field Guide, Utah Rare Plant Field Guide, and has made substantial contributions to both the Colorado and Montana Rare Plant Field Guides. She is co-founder of both the Wyoming and Texas State Rare Plant Conferences, and is past President of Wyoming Native Plant Society. She retired as State Botanist of Texas for the U.S. Dept. of Interior and has returned to Wyoming. She splits her time between Jackson and Laramie, where she has accepted the position of Director for the new Rocky Mountain Herbarium (RM) Volunteer Program. Having spent 35 years in Wyoming, she is eager to share her passions of botany and photography.

RT HAWKE is a botanist who has studied the floristic of Western North America for the past 40 years. He has spent 12 summers in the Grand Tetons looking at plants while being a climbing bum. RT's current project is writing a flora for the Pacific Crest trail. He teaches at a science school and is also into birds and rocks.



BONNIE HEIDEL is Lead Botanist at Wyoming Natural Diversity Database (WYNDD) where she has authored over 100 reports and other publications on studies of Wyoming's Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive plants and state biodiversity. She is a past-president, current newsletter editor, and life-time member of Wyoming Native Plant Society.





LYNN KINTER is the lead botanist for the Idaho Natural Heritage Program, where she focuses on the conservation of rare plants. In the 1990s, she did her Masters research in the Botany Department at University of Wyoming--characterizing the grasslands and shrublands of the upper Wind River watershed. In this same watershed, she also conducted range assessments for the Forest Service and elk habitat studies for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. She wishes she could get back to Wyoming more often to see her old friends.

LILLIAN MCMATH loves

plants, and does a lot of hiking in the beautiful country surrounding Dubois. She currently works on Word Press web design and marketing with McMath Marketing Optimization. She has also worked as a science teacher, programmer, ESL teacher, Scout Leader, Peace Corps volunteer and lots of other volunteer work.



JOHN MIONCZYNSKI is a wildlife consultant with field experience going back 45 years. His biological studies have spanned a broad spectrum from microscopic marine life to large ungulate mammals of the high mountains. He received a B.S. in biology in 1969 from Southampton College (now a part of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute). He has taught many field classes in ethnobotany and edible and medicinal plants for Central Wyoming College, South Pass City Historic Site, Teton Science School, University of Wyoming Anthropology Department, the National Outdoor Leadership School, the Dubois Museum, The Elder Hostel and other private groups around the state. He currently teaches an annual class for doctors and nurse practitioners on natural medicine for the "Family

Medicine Residency Program" through the University of Wyoming in Casper. John is currently co-PI (principal investigator) for the "North American Ape Project" with the Anthropology Department, Idaho State University as well as a Research Site Manager for field studies on the Whiskey Mountain bighorn sheep herd for the University of Wyoming.

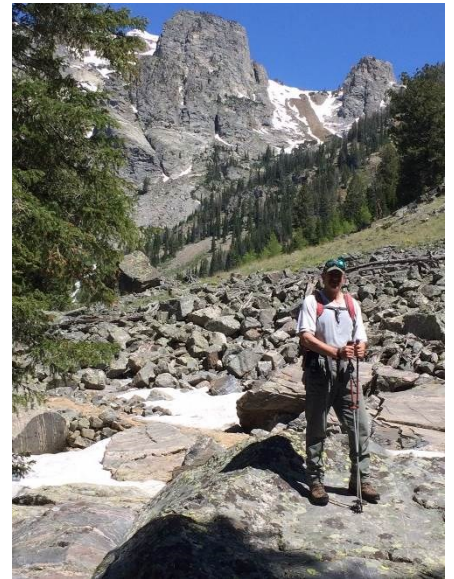
KIM SPRINGER has been living in Jackson Hole for more than 30 years. Before moving to Wyoming she worked for the National Park Service at Mt. Rainier and Olympic National Parks. Summers in the backcountry spurred her interest in studying mountain flora and fauna and led to a graduate degree in Environmental Studies. She has led alpine wildflower trips for Teton Science School and other regional organizations including the Wyoming Native Plant Society. She loves taking an annual hike up Whiskey Mountain where the flowers are always beautiful and abundant.



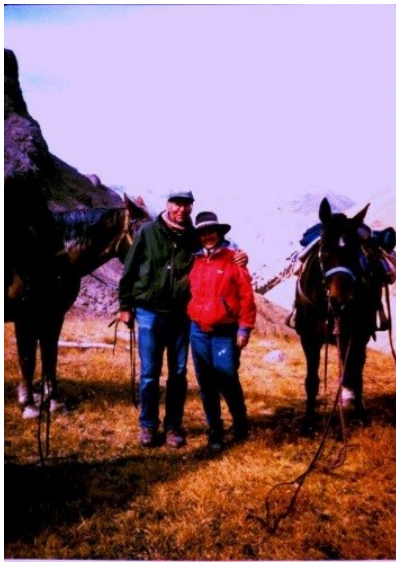


A native of Wyoming, **JACK STATES** was born in Laramie Wyoming and raised in a beekeeping family in Saratoga. He received a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in botany from the University of Wyoming and worked as a recreation specialist for the U.S. Forest Service and as a seasonal ranger in Grand Teton National park. After earning a doctorate in botany from the University of Alberta, Jack taught biology at Laramie High School and was a professor of Mycology and Microbial Ecology for twenty-five years at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. He retired in 1995 and lives on the family homestead in Lander Wyoming with Diantha, his wife of 50 years.

LYNN STEWART has a BS in Outdoor Recreation-Wildlife Management from the University of Wyoming, including advanced studies. He has experienced many adventures back-packing and hiking from northern Canada-Alaska to Arizona since his youth. He is an avid amateur botanist spawned by his studies at UW.



AMY TAYLOR is a botanist living in Jackson, WY. Growing up in Colorado gave her a passion for the greater Rocky Mountain Region. After a summer in the Tetons working for an herbal products company, she pursued Master's work in botany at the University of Wyoming under the tutelage of Dr. Ron Hartman. She has taught and led wildflower classes and outings throughout the west. Amy has also worked as an independent contractor, conducting vegetation surveys and plant inventories in WY, MT, CO, CA, and HI. She has served as Wyoming Native Plant Society president twice and currently serves as chair of the Teton Plants Chapter in Jackson. Amy is married to another botanist/ outdoor-type. Along with their 10-year old daughter, they raise chickens, bees, vegetables and explore the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem by foot and canoe.



MEREDITH AND TORY TAYLOR have called Dubois home for more than 40 years. They outfitted wilderness natural history, archaeology and hunting trips in the Greater Yellowstone for about 35 years.

They have been active in conservation and community for their entire career here. They have taught many natural history and ethnobotany classes over the years. They are now retired at their "Home on the Wind" where they enjoy gardening, horseback riding, writing and hiking.

BRUCE S. THOMPSON, MST is a veteran natural science education specialist providing services through his business, EcoTracs—*Ecology-Based Teaching, Resources, And Curriculum Services*. His work throughout the Intermountain West includes field and indoor natural science programs for youth and adult, educator workshops, instructional design and development, and education research. Bruce also has over thirty years of experience in wildlife tracking and educational photography.

