

MOR

FALL 2025
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

SEASONAL SNAPSHOT

Welcome to your glimpse into behind-the-scenes news as well as upcoming programming, exhibits, and events at your world-class museum.



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Back Taylor Planetarium



FALL HOURS

Main Museum | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Museum Store | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed | Oct. 1, Nov. 27, Dec. 25, Jan. 1

Closes at 3 p.m. | Dec. 24, 31

All events, shows, and programs are subject to change.



MUSEUM OF
THE **ROCKIES**

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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MOR FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Members,

What an incredible summer we had here at MOR. Hopefully you had an opportunity to see *Sue: The T Rex Experience* from the Field Museum and our new long-term, primary exhibit *Cretaceous Crossroads*. Hundreds of summer campers explored science and history at the museum and members and the public of all ages were served through public programs such as Taste of the Rockies, Raptor Meet and Greet, History on Tap, and many others.

In the field, our Paleontology crews unearthed in the blistering sun incredible new finds, some of which you will hear more about in the upcoming months. We also updated the front entrance, taking down temporary columns, creating a mural on the glass that represents what is inside the museum – dinosaurs, the stars, Rocky Mountains, and cultural history. Comfortable seating and the café were added to the front lobby helping to create a welcoming place for all to enjoy. It is fleeting summers like this that we relish. Here in Montana we pack the events in knowing that the long days will become trimmed and significantly colder, but many of us enjoy this change in season too.

As we move into the fall and early winter, we have an incredible lineup that includes National Geographic's exhibit *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall*. Many of us grew up hearing about Dr. Goodall and her incredible work with Chimpanzees. This exhibit will transport us into the field to feel like we are there with her. Upcoming programs include early childhood education classes, Evening at the Museum, Pour and Gore, the Elise R. Donohue Lecture Series, Homestead Holiday, and many others.

The Triple R Café (Rocky Rex's Roasts) will remain open and help to make MOR the perfect place to come inside and warm up. We will also see an increase in activity taking place in our paleo labs as many of our volunteers and students return from their summer explorations.

Please enjoy this issue of the *Snapshot*. I look forward to seeing you soon at your museum.

Warmest regards,

Chris

Christopher Dobbs
Executive Director

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EVENING AT THE MUSEUM

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES (MOR) PROUDLY INVITES YOU
TO ATTEND OUR PREMIER BENEFIT EVENT OF THE YEAR,
THE 6TH ANNUAL EVENING AT THE MUSEUM.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6 p.m. | \$1,250/person

Join us at Museum of the Rockies for an unforgettable night of inspiration, elegance, and purpose. *Evening at the Museum* is our signature annual benefit, supporting the Changing Exhibits Program and bringing exceptional exhibitions to our region.

Enjoy an evening of fine dining among fossil giants in the Siebel Dinosaur Complex, featuring a chef-curated dinner, live jazz, signature cocktails, and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Guests will also enjoy a first look at *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall*, opening to the public the following day.

The evening will include remarks from Anna Rathman, Executive Director of the Jane Goodall Institute USA, and a live auction supporting education through Changing Exhibitions.

SUPPORT OUR MISSION

The evening also features a live auction, with all proceeds directly supporting our Changing Exhibits Program, which brings world-class exhibitions, such as *Becoming Jane*, to our region and expands access to learning and discovery.

Space is limited. Please reserve early to be part of this extraordinary evening
by contacting Laurie Smith at laurie.smith13@montana.edu, calling
406.994.6054, visiting museumoftherockies.org/eam

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BECOMING JANE

THE EVOLUTION OF DR. JANE GOODALL

AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

OPENS TO MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 2 AT 5:30 P.M.

OPENS TO THE PUBLIC ON OCTOBER 3 AT 9 A.M.

Scan to
learn more.



Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, braved the unknown to give the world a remarkable window into humankind's closest living relatives: chimpanzees.

In this hands-on, transportive multimedia exhibition celebrating her extraordinary life and work, visitors will explore Dr. Goodall's early years through iconic images and a multiscreen experience and venture on an immersive projection of Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park, where she did her famous behavioral research on chimps.

Visitors will also see a life-size hologram of Dr. Goodall, enter a replica of her research tent, and learn about her current role as a leader in community-centered conservation and youth empowerment.

Finally, visitors will find out what they can do today to make a positive impact in the world.

An exhibition organized and traveled by the National Geographic Society in partnership with the Jane Goodall Institute.

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MOR DEPARTMENTAL INSIGHTS



EXHIBITS



Fall is Cool at MOR

Scott A. Williams, Senior Director of Exhibitions & Taylor Planetarium

After back-to-back blockbuster changing exhibitions, you might think MOR would take it easy; but not us! We are full steam ahead

to welcome *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall* exhibit from National Geographic on Thursday, October 2, to members! This exhibit celebrates Dr. Jane Goodall, whose work chronicles our closest living relative, chimpanzees! This family-friendly, hands-on multimedia exhibit will feature artifacts and objects from Dr. Goodall's career, audio-visual interactives, a life-size hologram of Dr. Goodall, curved projection wall, and expedition tent, and will inspire visitors to make a positive impact on the world themselves. The exhibit is open through Sunday, January 18, 2026.

Need more? *Cretaceous Crossroads* opened in July and has already been seen by tens of thousands. The exhibit showcases 40 years of paleontological fieldwork and research, focusing on geologic time from 72 to 82 million years ago, and three geologic formations: Two Medicine, Judith River, and Bearpaw.

The exhibit has skeletal mounts of dinosaurs such as: *Daspletosaurus horneri* (a 30-foot-long cousin of *T. rex*), *Maiasaura*, the most accurate 3D print of *Troodon*, a 24-foot-long *Mosasaurus*; several horned and duckbilled dinosaur skulls, numerous holotypes, real fossils, engaging interactives,

audio-visual displays, and an augmented reality component. If you have not seen this exhibition yet, now is the time!

We also opened a temporary exhibit celebrating 20 years of the Montana Dinosaur Trail with the artwork of Jenn Hall. Jenn created fun "throwback" posters for each of the 15 members of the Montana Dinosaur Trail, which features Montana museums that have real dinosaur fossils on exhibit and in their collections and that endeavor to keep Montana's rich fossil heritage in the state and accessible to all.

There is still time to see *The Northern Pacific Railroad by Ron V. Nixon*. One of America's best railroad photographers, Ron V. Nixon's images provide critical documentation of the events and landscapes of American railroad history. This exhibition features photographs that chronicle the evolution of steam, electric, and diesel-electric locomotives and runs through the New Year.

Plenty of new things are happening in the Taylor Planetarium too! We are proud to premiere *Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9*. This new show is an original production created by MOR's very own Taylor Planetarium Program Manager, Eric Loberg. It looks at objects found on the very edge of our solar system and how we may yet find a previously unknown planet. We also will have *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*; *Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discovery*; and an updated *Montana Skies: Autumn*. Space awaits at MOR!

■ CULTURAL HISTORY

Shaping Stories: Indigenous Voices at MOR

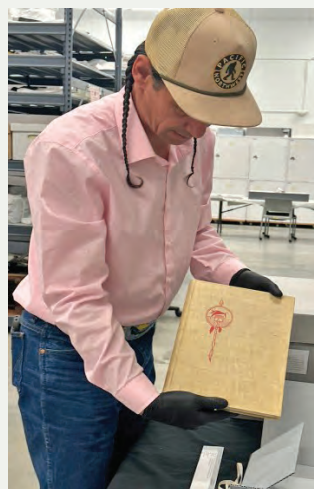
Yvette Towersap, Associate Curator for Indigenous History



The Cultural History Department has been very busy this past summer establishing relations with our tribal partners and preparing for future exhibits. The next

major exhibit, *Under a Common Sky*, will share Indigenous perspectives from numerous Native nations throughout the Rocky Mountain region. It will have three sections, with the first section focusing on *Our People, Our Land*, highlighting tribes' perspectives; the second is entitled *Stories of the Seasons*, featuring storytelling and native language preservation; and the third is *Art and Expression Today*, which shares the extensive, multi-media creativity of native artists.

This summer, the Cultural History team traveled throughout Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho to consult with a number of tribes. Additionally, we



Kenneth "Tuffy" Helgeson, Nakoda (Assiniboiné), viewing Nakoda cultural items in MOR Collections, July 2025.

were happy to host seven tribes at MOR to visit the Collections and discuss the upcoming *Under a Common Sky* exhibit. As we learn more about their histories, stories, and concerns, we hope to identify opportunities that can be mutually beneficial to both the museum and the tribes.

We are also grateful for the additional support the Cultural History team is receiving this year from project-based team members. With extra hands and fresh perspectives from Allison Longtimesleeping-Reynos and Ashley Wade,

we are making significant progress on *Under a Common Sky*, from tribal consultations to exhibit preparation and collections work.



■ VISITOR SERVICES

Welcome to Rocky Rex's Roasts!

Daniel Adams, Director of Finance, Visitor Services, & Museum Store



In response to enthusiastic requests from members and visitors, we are proud to introduce Rocky Rex's Roasts, our new café nestled in the museum lobby. Known affectionately as "the Triple R," it opened this summer featuring

striking western-style cabinetry and vibrant signage that bring warmth and character to the space, creating a cozy spot to relax and connect.

At Rocky Rex's Roasts, enjoy expertly crafted espresso and coffee drinks made with beans from Yellowstone Coffee Roasters, a cherished Gallatin Valley artisan roaster since 1998. Whether you are grabbing a quick snack or settling in for a leisurely

chat, the café is open daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., welcoming the whole community, not just museum visitors.

Complementing the café, the new lobby furniture offers stylish, comfortable seating perfect for both groups and solo visitors, making it an inviting space to unwind, enjoy your coffee, and connect.

Experience our small café with a dinosaur bite! Stop by Rocky Rex's Roasts to savor locally brewed coffee, delicious treats, and a warm, friendly atmosphere ideal for meeting friends, colleagues, or simply taking a break.



FUEL YOUR FUN AT ROCKY REX'S ROASTS

Need a pick-me-up between dinosaur sightings?
Swing by Rocky Rex's Roasts for locally roasted coffee from Yellowstone Coffee Roasters, specialty drinks, tasty grab-and-go sandwiches, fresh salads, pastries, snacks, and even ice cream.

COFFEE & ESPRESSO PASTRIES & TREATS

Open daily* from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., our cozy café and new lobby seating (with free Wi-Fi!) are the perfect spots to relax, recharge, and maybe stay at the museum just a little longer than you planned.

*Closed when the museum is closed and on national holidays.





Egg Mountain, summer 2025.

PALEONTOLOGY

Bringing Fossils Back to the Future

Dr. John B. Scannella, John R. Horner Curator of Paleontology



At the end of every summer, the MOR Paleontology Field Crew returns to Bozeman after months exploring the Mesozoic outcrops of Montana. This year, the team traveled across the state and through over 70 million years of geologic time, encountering and uncovering dinosaurs and other ancient creatures. Many of the crew were MSU students receiving hands-on training in field paleontology. For months, they have worked together to excavate fossils and safely transport them to the museum. But the journey from field to museum is only the first step in the process of paleontology.

As fall comes to Bozeman, these fossils will begin to make their way into the preparation lab. There, MOR's fossil preparators will work to carefully remove the rock that has encased these bones for over 66 million years. Some fossils can be prepared quickly, but others will take more time. Piecing together and conserving these bones

takes technical skill, an eye for detail, and a lot of patience. Some fossils may take months or even years to be prepared.

As these dinosaurs make their way out of the rock for the first time since the Cretaceous, they will be cataloged into the MOR Paleontology Collections. This is where the specimens will be protected and preserved. We continue to learn new things from fossils all the time. Even fossils collected a century ago can be examined with new tools and methods that might reveal new insights into our planet. For fossils to be used for science, it is important that they make their way into museum collections. Museum collections conserve the fossils so that 50, 100, or even 1000 years from now, future students and researchers can still examine them and test our current ideas about life on this planet.

Work in the labs and collections continues throughout the year. When Spring returns to Montana, the field crew will prepare for another summer of time traveling; transporting fossils from the ancient past to the students, researchers, and other curious museum visitors of the future.



EDUCATION

Bringing History to Life

Peyton Smith, Historic Interpretation and Programs Manager



As the seasons change at the Living History Farm, I am honored to step into a new role as the Historic Interpretation and Programs Manager. Many of you know me from the Tinsley House, where I have had the joy of interpreting daily life in the 1890s alongside our incredible team of volunteers and staff. I am excited to now expand that work by developing meaningful, hands-on programs that reflect our region's diverse history.

My love for museums began in childhood, wandering through exhibits with wide eyes and endless curiosity. Whether in an art museum, cultural center, or science hall, I was captivated by the story that the objects could tell. That early wonder grew into a passion for connecting people to the past and making history feel alive, tangible, and relevant.

I came to Bozeman in 2020 to study History and Museum Studies at Montana State University,

graduating in 2024. Since then, I have had the privilege of continuing my museum journey right here in a community that values education, storytelling, and shared heritage. Growing up in Missoula gave me a deep appreciation for Montana's rich and layered past, and I believe museums, like Museum of the Rockies, play a vital role in exploring and preserving that legacy.

At the heart of my work is a commitment to inclusive, interactive experiences that spark curiosity across all ages. Whether we are teaching traditional skills, hosting a Homestead Holiday celebration, or welcoming a school group for their very first field trip, my goal is to ensure everyone feels welcomed and inspired.

Thank you for your continued support of Museum of the Rockies. It is a privilege to be part of a team, and a broader community, that celebrates history not as something distant, but as something we can touch, question, and carry with us.



■ DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP

From Fossils to the Future: It Starts with You

Colin Deschamps, Director of Development and Membership



Thanks to your unwavering support, Museum of the Rockies continues to thrive as a hub for paleontology, astronomy, cultural history, research, and education. Every gift you make, every membership you sign up for, has an impact!

We continue our focus on events that bring people together. From the grand reveal of the *Cretaceous Crossroads* exhibit opening to sharing good times (and perhaps a pint) at *History on Tap*, we work hard to make sure that supporting Museum of the Rockies has never been so enjoyable.

And did I mention *Taste of the Rockies*? What a turnout and what a night! Guests celebrated Western history, took a culinary journey through the Rockies, learned how to line dance, enjoyed country music, tied flies, roped steers, panned for gold, sampled whiskey, and bid on some amazing silent auction items, all in support of our Opening Doors Access Initiatives.

A special thanks is always in order for our members! With 5,000+ current memberships, many of which are family and business accounts, the impact of our membership program is felt throughout Bozeman, the state, and the country.

Membership is not just unlimited free admission to the museum. Additional benefits include reciprocal membership at over 360 museums and science centers worldwide through the ASTC Passport Program, unlimited free planetarium shows, members-only exhibit previews, free and special member pricing for classes, and savings at the Museum Store.

As we close out 2025, we remain focused on working with you, our donors and members, to expand our impact. We preserve the past not just to look back but to build a brighter future. Together, we are building a future where science, history, and discovery are accessible to all: *your* Museum of the Rockies!

MOR HOLIDAY CHEER



GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Share all that you love about MOR with your friends and family. With a gift membership, you can experience our exhibits, programs, and classes together. So, share the joy this season and give a gift that lasts all year long.



Purchase a gift membership at the Front Desk, call 406.994.6054, email members@montana.edu, or online at museumoftherockies.org/gift.

WRAP UP WONDER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Give the gift of dinosaurs, discoveries, and delightful finds. A Museum of the Rockies gift card unlocks unforgettable experiences, from shopping in the Museum Store to exploring the galaxies and galleries to joining the MOR family with an annual membership.

Perfect for the curious, the adventurous, and the hard to shop for. Pick up a gift card at the Front Desk and make their season spectacular.



MOR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

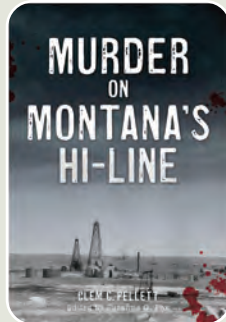
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GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Elise R. Donohue Lectures on the American West in Memory of Walter S. Rosenberry presents *From Surgeon to Sleuth: A Family's Fight for Justice* with Clem Pellett



5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium
Included with membership, \$5/non-member
Registration is required
Uncover a gripping true story of cold case intrigue as

Clem C. Pellett reveals a decades-old Montana murder, long-buried secrets, and the citizen detective work that brought justice to a family after 70 years.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 19, 26

Virtual Fossil Fridays

9 - 10 a.m. MST
Free and open to the public via Zoom

Join MOR educators Ashley Hall and MaggieJo Widdicombe for a fun, fossil-filled series featuring paleontology deep dives, drawing tutorials, and interviews with scientists from around the world!

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 16

NEW! Big Sky Stories: A Free Evening Lecture Series in West Yellowstone

6 p.m. | Free and open to the public
West Yellowstone Holiday Inn
315 Yellowstone Ave, West Yellowstone, MT

Join Museum of the Rockies for four fascinating evenings of history, science, and storytelling, from dinosaurs to the Métis, and from homesteaders to Yellowstone wildlife, in this free, family-friendly lecture series.

MONTANA DINOSAURS 101

Saturday, September 13

Ashley Hall, Outreach Program Manager

Dig into Montana's dinosaur legacy! Discover why Montana is global hotspot for fossil finds and get hands-on with real fossils during this fun and interactive presentation for all ages.

WE KNOW WHO WE ARE: THE HISTORY & LEGACY OF THE MÉTIS PEOPLE OF MONTANA

Sunday, September 14

MaggieJo Widdicombe, Outreach & Museum Educator

Explore the powerful story of the Métis in Montana, from their vital role in the fur trade to their ongoing fight for recognition. Gain insight into their history, resilience, and living legacy.



BISON, WOLVES, & BEARS, OH MY! YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE AGES

Tuesday, September 16

Shannon Werbeach, School & Youth Programs Manager & Former YNP Ranger



From carside bear feedings to gray wolf eradication, learn the surprising history of Yellowstone's wildlife management, including its past mistakes, and some

lasting lessons for the future of our ecosystems.

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GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Cosmos & Coffee: Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9

7:30 a.m.
Bair Lobby & Taylor Planetarium
For MOR Members only

An original production of the Taylor Planetarium.

Be the first to explore the mysteries beyond Pluto at our exclusive members' opening of MOR's newest original show, featuring a special director's cut, cosmic discoveries, and the scoop on Pluto's planetary drama!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Cosmos and Cookies: A Members-only Series of Events

6 p.m.
Bair Lobby & Taylor Planetarium
For MOR Members Only

An original production of the Taylor Planetarium.

Be among the first to experience *Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9*, and an exclusive director's cut exploring the latest discoveries at the edge of our solar system and the thrilling hunt for a new planet.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Raptor Meet & Greet

9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission
Meet live birds of prey up close with educators from the Montana Raptor Conservation Center and discover how you can help protect these incredible avian predators through conservation and rehabilitation efforts.

K-12

Homeschool Mondays

Monday, September 8
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Registration is required.
Admission is free for Montana students and one chaperone group to attend once per school year. Additional adults pay the general admission fee.
Students will explore the museum at their own pace while tackling a fun and themed scavenger hunt to enhance learning.



DISCOVERY & PLAY FOR AGES 0 - 8 Class size limited to 15. No registration necessary.

Explore Yellowstone in the Martin Children's Discovery Center

Daily | Ages 0 - 8
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 5 p.m.
Introduce your little ones to the wonders of Yellowstone, where they can explore geysers, climb a fire tower, fish, build, and play in this hands-on, adventure-filled exhibit.



EARLY LEARNING

Early Learning Fall Kick-Off (Ages 0 - 5)

Friday, September 5
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Living History Farm
Included with membership/admission

Sensational Babies (Ages 0-18 months)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership admission

- Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24 from 1 - 2 p.m.
- Fridays, September 12, 19, 26 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Connect, move, and play with your little one in this interactive sensory class designed to spark curiosity and bonding through songs, stories, and shared exploration. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Little Learners (Ages 1-3)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission

- Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24 from 10 - 11 a.m.
- Fridays, September 12, 19, 26 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Spark your toddler's curiosity through songs, stories, movement, and sensory play in this engaging class designed to support growing independence and joyful learning with caregivers. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Preschool Pioneers (Ages 3-5)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission

- Thursdays, September 11, 18, 25 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. and 1 - 2:15 p.m.

Join us for a fun, interactive program where children and their caregivers explore museum-themed stories, songs, movement, and hands-on activities. Siblings are welcome to attend.

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GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Museum Closed 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Evening at the Museum: *Becoming Jane*

6 - 10 p.m. | \$1,250/person

Cocktail attire: Jackets suggested for men (tie optional)

Museum of the Rockies proudly invites you to celebrate a combined two exclusive events in one: our annual Evening at the Museum signature event and the VIP opening of our highly anticipated changing exhibit, *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall*. View Page 3 for details about the event.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Exclusive Member-Only Exhibit Preview of *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Jane Goodall*

5:30 p.m. | For MOR Members only

Enjoy an exclusive, members-only preview of MOR's new changing exhibit as you explore Dr. Goodall's remarkable journey from curious young explorer to world-renowned conservationist. View Page 3 for details about the exhibition.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Virtual Fossil Fridays

9 - 10 a.m. MST

Free and open to the public via Zoom

Join MOR educators Ashley Hall and MaggieJo Widdicombe for a fun, fossil-filled series featuring paleontology deep dives, drawing tutorials, and interviews with scientists from around the world!



SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 & 5

Bridger Raptor Festival

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Bridger Bowl Ski Area

Free and open to the public

Join MOR at this annual Bozeman festival to explore the link between extinct raptors and modern birds with hands-on fossils, raptor trivia, and fun activities for all ages.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Elise R. Donohue Lectures on the American West in Memory of Walter S. Rosenberry presents *Northern Cheyenne Plants & Their Uses* with Kathy Widdicombe

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Free and open to the public

Discover the vital plants of Crazy Head Springs and their traditional uses as shared through Northern Cheyenne teachings in this unique and life-sustaining ecosystem.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Grossology Halloween Family Day

1 - 4 p.m.

Included with membership/admission
Kick off Halloween with MOR's "grossest" family tradition! Explore hands-on science stations, creepy critters, and chemistry experiments, then earn treats at this mad scientist costume party!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Indigenous Peoples' Day Youth Celebration

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Ages 0-14

Bair Lobby

Included with membership/admission

Join us for youth-focused activities exploring Indigenous art and culture through storytelling, turtle rock creations, beading crafts, and sensory experiences highlighting the significance of color in native beadwork.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

MOR's Presenting Prehistory Lecture Series | 25 years of "B-rex": *One Pretty Amazing Dinosaur* with Dr. Mary Schweitzer

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Included with membership, \$5/non-member

RSVP recommended

Discover how a remarkable *T. rex* discovery in Montana led to one of paleontology's most groundbreaking revelations: preserved soft tissue in dinosaur bone, and how cutting-edge science is rewriting what we know about fossilization and ancient life.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

National Fossil Day Celebration

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Siebel Dinosaur Complex & Hager Auditorium

Included with membership/admission

Celebrate paleontology with special exhibit booths, fossil prep demonstrations, and presentations by a paleoartist, Jennifer Hall, and MOR's John R. Horner Curator of Paleontology, Dr. John Scannella!

GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 & 25

Pour & Gore: A Victorian Halloween Party

6 - 10 p.m. | Age 21+

\$49/members, \$55/non-members

Registration is required

Experience a night of Victorian charm with parlor games, vintage crafts, tarot readings, a planetarium show, local legends, and delicious treats, all wrapped in spooky elegance for adults.

K-12

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Monday, October 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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NEW! Early Learning Spooktacular Drop-In (Ages 0 - 5)

Friday, October 31
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission

Join us for a special Halloween-themed drop-in program where little ones can wear costumes, enjoy festive crafts, and explore spooky (but not scary!) sensory fun, all designed just for our youngest learners!

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GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

Monday, NOVEMBER 3

Indian Relay: Where it all Started

6 p.m.

Hagar Auditorium

Free and open the Public

Experience the growing popularity of the exciting sport of Indian Relay, a cherished Shoshone-Bannock tribal tradition, and hear from a panel of experts in the sport.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Journal Like Jane

5:30 - 7 p.m. | Ages 10+

Outdoors or Changing Exhibit Galleries, weather-dependent
\$20/member, \$15/non-member
Registration is required; limited capacity

Inspired by Dr. Jane Goodall, this fun program invites participants to explore nature through journaling by learning to observe closely, draw simply, and write about their experiences to deepen their connection with the natural world.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MOR's Presenting Prehistory Lecture Series | Small Dinosaurs, Big Questions: Paleontology Through Fossils, Phones, and Public Science with Dr. Haviv Avrahami

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Included with membership, \$5/non-member

RSVP recommended

Explore how new discoveries, mobile 3D scanning, and digital tools are transforming paleontology by advancing research on small dinosaurs, engaging citizen scientists, and expanding access to fossil data.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Virtual Fossil Fridays

9 - 10 a.m.

Free and open to the public via Zoom

Join MOR educators Ashley Hall and MaggieJo Widdicombe for a fun, fossil-filled series featuring paleontology deep dives, drawing tutorials, and interviews with scientists from around the world!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Elise R. Donohue Lectures on the American West in Memory of Walter S. Rosenberry presents *The Unwritten Story of Sacajawea from a Shoshone Perspective* with Randy'L Teton

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Free and open to the public

Explore the Lewis & Clark Expedition through a tribal lens during this special evening program. Learn the story behind the woman who became the model for the U.S. Golden Dollar coin and the subject of Teton's book, *It's Her Story: Sacajawea*.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Raptor Meet and Greet

9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Redstart Classroom

Included with membership/admission
Meet live birds of prey up close with educators from the Montana Raptor Conservation Center and discover how you can help protect these incredible avian predators through conservation and rehabilitation efforts.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Museum Closed

K-12

Homeschool Mondays

Monday, November 3

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration is required.

Admission is free for Montana students and one chaperone per group to attend once per school year.

Additional adults pay the general admission fee.

Students will explore the museum at their own pace while tackling a fun and themed scavenger hunt to enhance learning.



DISCOVERY & PLAY FOR AGES 0 - 8 Class size limited to 15. No registration necessary.

Explore Yellowstone in the Martin Children's Discovery Center

Daily | Ages 0 - 8

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 5 p.m.

Introduce your little ones to the wonders of Yellowstone, where they can explore geysers, climb a fire tower, fish, build, and play in this hands-on, adventure-filled exhibit.



EARLY LEARNING

Sensational Babies (Ages 0-18 months)

Redstart Classroom

Included with membership admission

- Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 from 1 - 2 p.m.
- Fridays, November 7, 14, 21 from 1 - 2 p.m..

Connect, move, and play with your little one in this interactive sensory class designed to spark curiosity and bonding through songs, stories, and shared exploration. Siblings are welcome to attend.



Little Learners (Ages 1-3)

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- Fridays, November 7, 14, 21 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Spark your toddler's curiosity through songs, stories, movement, and sensory play in this engaging class designed to support growing independence and joyful learning with caregivers. Siblings are welcome to attend.



Preschool Pioneers (Ages 3-5)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission

- Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. and 1 - 2:15 p.m.

Join us for a fun, interactive program where children and their caregivers explore museum-themed stories, songs, movement, and hands-on activities. Siblings are welcome to attend.



COMING IN DECEMBER!



Museum Store Member Appreciation Days

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 & 7

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For MOR Members

Museum members are invited to enjoy a special weekend of fun activities, exclusive in-store specials, and **20% off all Museum Store purchases**

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MOR DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For exhibit, lecture, program, and event details, as well as registration links, please scan the QR code or visit museumoftherockies.org/calendar. Please note that all events and programs are subject to change or cancellation.



GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Family Yoga in the Jungle

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Ages 5+

Changing Exhibit Galleries

\$12/member, \$16/non-members

Registration is required; limited capacity

Join us for a playful, family-friendly movement class inspired by the wildlife of Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park, where chimps, cheetahs, and tropical birds guide the way!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

MOR's Presenting Prehistory Lecture Series | *Walking with Mary Anning: A Journey Through the Fossil-Rich Shores of Lyme Regis* with Ashley Hall

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Included with membership, \$5/non-member

RSVP recommended

Step back in time and uncover the secrets of Lyme Regis, where dramatic Jurassic Coast landscapes, legendary fossil finds, and rich history come together to reveal the story of ancient sea life.

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Elise R. Donohue Lectures on the American West in Memory of Walter S. Rosenberry presents *We Know Who We Are: The History & Legacy of the Métis People of Montana* with MaggieJo Widdicombe

5:30 p.m. | Hager Auditorium

Included with membership, \$5/non-member

Registration is required

Explore the powerful story of the Métis in Montana, from their vital role in the fur trade to their ongoing fight for recognition. Gain insight into their history, resilience, and living legacy.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 & 13

Homestead Holiday

6 - 9 p.m. | Tinsley House and Planetarium

\$10/adult, \$5/child age 5-17, \$0/child up to age 4

Registration is required; limited capacity.

Celebrate the season with festive fun while enjoying carolers, crafts, treats, a planetarium show, storytime, and a visit from St. Nick!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Museum Closes at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Museum Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Museum Closes at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

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K-12

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MOR TAYLOR PLANETARIUM

With a 40-foot dome and 110 reclining seats, join us for immersive shows that change with the seasons. Show Pricing is Free for MOR members, \$5/non-member (Age 5+), and Free per non-member (Age 0-4). Tickets can be obtained at Visitor Services desk. Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable. Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early to be seated, as the doors close promptly at the top of the hour. Food and beverages are not allowed in the planetarium.

All shows require tickets – please inquire at Visitor Services. Showtimes are subject to change.

TAYLOR PLANETARIUM SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

BIG ASTRONOMY: PEOPLE, PLACES, DISCOVERY

Few places on Earth rival northern Chile for stargazing. Journey to three world-class observatories located high in the Andes Mountains and deep in the Atacama Desert, some of the most remote, extreme, and ideal places for astronomical research. Along the way, meet the dedicated astronomers, engineers, and technicians who make groundbreaking discoveries possible.

Recommended for ages 6+

MARS: THE ULTIMATE VOYAGE

Embark on an immersive adventure to the Red Planet, the farthest journey ever attempted by humans. This exciting new show explores the challenges astronauts will face on a mission to Mars and how creativity, communication, and collaboration are key to success. From surviving space travel to living on another world, it's a mission like no other. **Recommended for ages 6+.**

Generously sponsored by Ken & Karen Kress.

NEW! BEYOND PLUTO: THE SEARCH FOR PLANET 9

An original production of the Taylor Planetarium.

At the farthest edges of our solar system, something mysterious may be hiding. Join us as we explore new discoveries beyond Pluto and the search for the elusive "Planet 9." Learn what defines a planet, why Pluto was reclassified, and how the groundbreaking Vera Rubin Observatory may soon reveal what's lurking in the darkness. **Recommended for ages 8+.**

MONTANA SKIES: AUTUMN

Take a live, guided tour of tonight's sky in this seasonal show created and presented by our planetarium staff. Discover which stars, planets, and constellations are visible above Montana right now, and explore nearby galaxies and nebulae with stunning imagery from the world's most powerful telescopes.

Recommended for ages 10+.

SEASON OF LIGHT

An original production of the Taylor Planetarium.

Warm up with a magical journey through the many cultural and religious traditions that celebrate the return of light during the winter season. From Yule logs and Christmas trees to Diwali and Hanukkah, this festive show connects our modern holidays to centuries of seasonal wonder. **Recommended for ages 8+.**

SEPTEMBER 2 - 30

Monday - Friday

11 a.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
1 p.m. | *Montana Skies: Autumn*
2 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
3 p.m. | *Montana Skies: Autumn*

Saturday - Sunday

11 a.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
12 p.m. | *Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discovery*
1 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
2 p.m. | *Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discovery*
3 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*

OCTOBER 2 - NOVEMBER 26

Monday - Friday

11 a.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
1 p.m. | *Montana Skies: Autumn*
2 p.m. | *Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9*
3 p.m. | *Montana Skies: Autumn*

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12 p.m. | *Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9*
1 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
2 p.m. | *Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9*
3 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 31

Monday - Friday

11 a.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
1 p.m. | *Montana Skies: Autumn*
2 p.m. | *Beyond Pluto: The Search for Planet 9*
3 p.m. | *Montana Skies: Autumn*

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