

Big Sky Wildflower Festival



July 15 1-2:30 pm

Creating Native Landscapes with Dr. Tracy Dougher and Larry Holzworth



Learn from local experts on how to select, grow, and use native plants to conserve water, create wildlife habitat, and preserve our historic landscape. This event will feature Dr. Tracy Dougher, Professor of Horticulture at Montana State University, and Alliance board member Larry Holzworth, retired NRCS agronomist and plant materials specialist. This is an incredible opportunity to learn from the experts while being inspired by Crail Gardens.



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Speaker Info

Tracy Dougher is the Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the College of Agriculture and a Professor of Horticulture at Montana State University. In her twenty years at MSU she has taught and developed courses titled Miracle Growing, Plant Propagation, Herbaceous Identification, Woody Ornamental Identification, Horticulture Science & Technology, Turfgrass Management, Landscape Management, and Tough Plants in Tough Places. Her research broadly encompassed commercializing production of Montana native plants, everything from seed germination and plant propagation to plant production to transplanting into the landscape. She enjoys backcountry camping, gardening, beekeeping, baking, running, snowboarding, and playing the banjo.

Larry Holzworth has had an extensive career working for the Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Agronomist, Plant Materials Center Manager and Plant Materials Specialist for 37 years. He worked with landowners on soil and water conservation, reclamation of disturbed lands, grazing land improvement and weed suppression projects in CO, AZ, UT, NV, MT & WY. After his official retirement, he has served on the board of the Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance since 2008, member of the Gallatin County Weed Board, is a CES field inspector for Weed Seed Free Hay and Certified Seed field inspector for the Montana Crop Improvement Association. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his family exploring the outdoors and working on home and land improvement projects.