



Above: Family, graduate students and Rocky Mountain Herbarium colleague of Ron Hartman (left to right): Caitlin DeCastro, Joy Handley, Lori Brummer; wife - TJ Poll; Emma Freeland, Emily Elliott; son - Jack Hartman; Lynn Moore; B.E. ("Ernie") Nelson (RM curator); and Hollis Marriott, by Ramesh Sivanpillai.

A celebration of the life (and feats!) of Ronald L. Hartman was held on February 8, 2019, sponsored by the University of Wyoming - Botany Department. The evening program and reception brought together RM friends near and far. Tributes are reprinted in the March issue of *Castilleja*, Wyoming Native Plant Society newsletter (www.wynps.org)



Workshop Announcement:

Learn How to Identify Trees and Shrubs

Date: March 31, 2019; 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM;
Where: Cheyenne Botanic Garden, Cheyenne, WY

Instructors: Ernie Nelson (Rocky Mountain Herbarium), Kristina Hufford (UW Ecosystem Science and Management and Extension), Jenny Thompson (Barnyards & Backyards) and Dorothy Tuthill (UW Biodiversity Institute)

Interested in identifying common trees and shrubs in our region? This workshop invites novices through intermediates to join Cheyenne Botanic Garden and UW experts to learn about common trees and shrubs in Wyoming. We'll discuss the basics of plant identification and then work with fresh plant collections and dried specimens to distinguish different evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees you might find on walks at forest and rangeland sites, and in your own backyard. If weather and time permit, we'll take a walking tour around the Botanic Garden to see trees and shrubs on site.

No previous plant ID experience is required.

Course is free and there are a limited number of available spots, so please sign up soon. Enrollment online is required. Please contact Kristina Hufford with questions at 307-766-5587 or khufford@uwyo.edu



Above: Dr. Rich Rabeler (U-Michigan) spoke of Ron Hartman as a collaborator and Flora of North America colleague.



RM Faces: Caitlin DeCastro
By Caitlin DeCastro

Over the past two years, I have developed a better understanding of "what grows where" in the BLM Lander Field Office, which includes much of the Wind River Basin. I'm in my last semester of a Master's degree in Floristics at the Rocky Mountain Herbarium. During the past two summers, I spent two fantastic field seasons collecting the flora in the center of the state, an area ranging from the wet sloughs and creek beds, to the more arid areas in the Rattlesnake Hills. I only had one rattlesnake sighting.

During the colder months, I identified the specimens that I collected during the past two summers. This has personally brought a greater appreciation for the diversity of areas that might appear boring and barren at first glance, but are full of life and color! It has also been very informative on the distribution of both invasive and sensitive species. I am extremely grateful to have access to the Rocky Mountain Herbarium while making my determinations.