



## NEW – for RM Friends

### RM Open house was a great success!

Over 80 people came to the open house on October 1<sup>st</sup>. For some, it was their first ever visit (welcome!), and for others it was old home day (nice to see you again!). The festivities included several specimen displays, including ones of interest to gardeners, historians, and weed specialists, and demonstrations. Even the refreshments had connections to Wyoming plants, as exemplified by a number of specimens whose close relatives were served on the table.



Above: Mrs. C. Alice Nelson with the Aven Nelson field log from the Yellowstone expedition (1899) and Leslie Goodding with the vasculum used in that fieldwork

Special guest Mrs. Celia Alice Nelson, wife of Aven Nelson (and played by Hollis Marriott), spoke about the Nelson's plant collecting trip to Yellowstone Park in 1899, with vintage field gear and photos of the 1899 trip (on a non-vintage laptop). She was accompanied by Mr. Leslie Goodding, field assistant to the Nelsons (played by Ali Sucu), who demonstrated plant pressing.

New friends and old are invited to help the Rocky Mountain Herbarium with various tasks that need to be done, like specimen mounting, labeling, sorting and filing. Please watch for training opportunities in the future, but, in the meantime, all interested persons are welcome to drop by the herbarium or contact Ernie.

### Keep in touch with the RM -- and become an official Friend

Many herbaria rely heavily on a volunteer force for day-to-day tasks, and to vociferously support the herbarium throughout the state and region. To become a charter Friend (no cost, only your enthusiasm is required), and

keep up with news from RM, *please respond to this email.*

Contact or visit the RM Herbarium Monday-Thursday 8-4:30, (307) 766-2236, or

[bnelsonn@uwyo.edu](mailto:bnelsonn@uwyo.edu).



Left: Greg Brown touts RM as central to U-WY and the Region

### New RM project

The Rocky Mountain Herbarium (RM) continues its leadership role in Rocky Mt. region floristic studies. The RM recently



secured funding from the U.S. Forest Service to conduct a floristic inventory within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests in Idaho. This project will focus on the northern portion of the forest, what was known as the Clearwater NF before that forest management unit merged with the Nez Perce NF. The project will be the first formal floristic inventory for this area and will document the existing native and introduced vascular plant flora, and provide and updates for species of conservation concern. The field work for the project will begin in May 2016, and will be based out of Grangeville, ID. We are recruiting a new Masters degree graduate student to take on this project for their research project. As with all floristics projects run out of the RM, a complete set of mounted voucher specimens will be place in the RM.



#### Did you know?

All officially recognized herbaria have a standardized acronym? For the Rocky Mountain Herbarium in the Department of Botany at the University of Wyoming this acronym is RM. You can learn more about the RM by going to Index Herbariorum: A Global Directory of Public Herbaria and Associated Staff:

<http://sciweb.nybg.org/science2/IndexHerbariorum.asp>