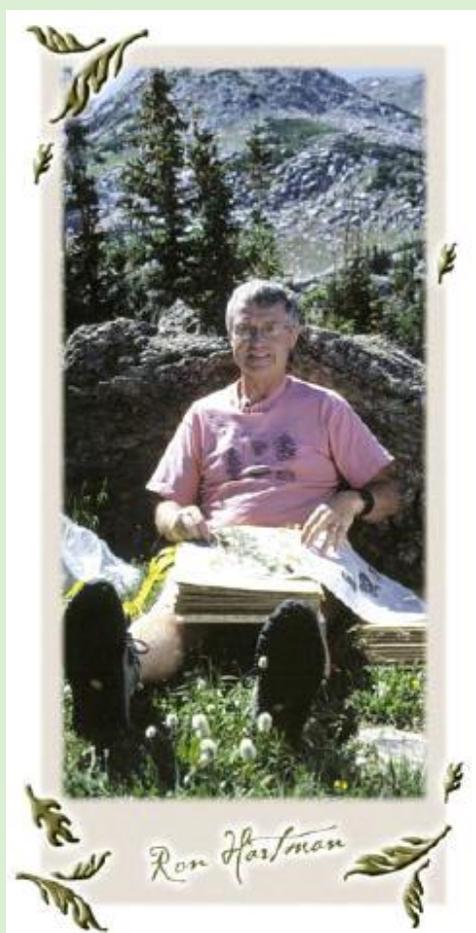




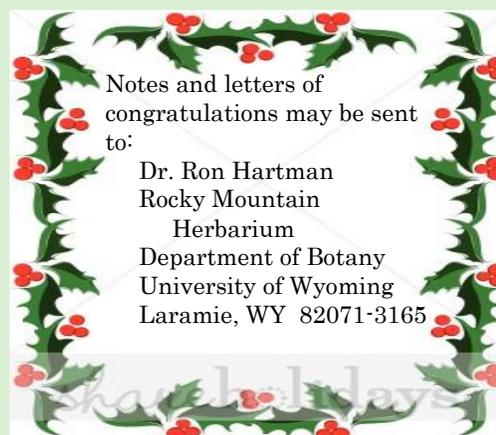
**American Society of Plant Taxonomists
Selects Dr. Ron Hartman for
Distinguished Service Award**

The American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT), the largest North American professional organization of plant taxonomists and systematists in North America, has selected Dr. Ron Hartman to receive the Distinguished Service Award.



The award will be presented at the ASPT Botany 2016 meeting in Savanna, Georgia, on August 1 at the annual banquet. Ron was selected for the ASPT Distinguished Service award due to the large career-long impact his floristics research program has had on western North American botany, and his training of over 50 graduate students in these projects, as well as his long-term, active involvement on the Editorial Board for the Flora of North America Project. During Ron's 38-year career at the University of Wyoming where he served as Curator of the Rocky Mountain Herbarium during his entire tenure, and as a professor in the Botany Department, he personally collected 94,000 specimens. In a 2004 analysis of plant collecting in the U.S. (Syst. Bot. 29:15-28) the Rocky Mountain Herbarium (RM) was shown to be, by far, the most active herbarium in the country in terms of collecting and herbarium

growth. Under Ron's administration the RM set the standard for broad-scale, integrative study, and graduate training in floristics. This announcement from ASPT coincides with Ron's retirement from the University after a long, productive career. We anticipate his continued involvement with the RM as Professor Emeritus of Botany.



Herbarium Fun Night

Mark your calendars for **January 21st, @ 7 pm**, for the first meeting of the Friends of the Rocky Mountain Herbarium! This will be a chance to socialize with plant enthusiasts and get a deeper look into the work of the herbarium. Miss your chance to mount a specimen at the open house? Hands-on instruction will be available. We'll also focus on specimen sorting—a great way to get a look at many plant species and practice taxonomy skills. And, it's a chance to discuss how the Friends can collaborate with the local community in plant-related activities—plant hikes anyone?

RM is happy to welcome an old friend, Charmaine Delmatier, who volunteered to be volunteer coordinator. Charmaine is an alumna of the Botany Department floristics program. For her MS, she conducted a floristic study in southwest Wyoming and adjacent northeast Utah, supervised by Ron Hartman and Greg Brown. Since then, she has served in many botanical capacities in Wyoming and Texas. Her last position before retiring was as State Botanist of Texas for the U.S. Dept. of Interior. Charmaine is glad to be back in Wyoming, and very excited about the new volunteer program at RM. She is looking forward to meeting many new Friends on January 21st.



Charmaine Delmatier