



## Welcome new board member: Charlotte Guay Iverson



Charlotte is a native Missoulian and has lived in the Potomac Valley with her husband Denny Iverson since 1984. The couple is active in land conservation and have placed conservation easements on their ranch properties through Five Valleys Land Trust. Charlotte and Denny raised two daughters who were active in 4-H raising livestock each fair season.

One year, they brought five different species to show! Charlotte is a retired dental assistant and lab technician and was named Montana's Dental Assistant of the Year in 2000. She is a member of the Blackfoot Cattle Women and General Federation of Women's Club of Missoula.

## Program Highlights: Blooms and Brews

On May 17, we kick off a new educational series, "Blooms and Brews" with Missoula County Habitat Coordinator Marirose Kuhlman speaking on "Creating Bee Lawns." These programs feature expert speakers on various topics related to gardening and our natural world. For details, contact Steffany Rogge at [srogge@missoulacounty.us](mailto:srogge@missoulacounty.us).

**Join us for education and a beverage: May 17, 6-8 p.m., Home Arts Building, Fairgrounds (Bldg. #35), \$5 admission supports the Education Gardens.**



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***Pictured above:** Missoula County Weed District Education Coordinator Steffany Rogge-Kindseth leads a spring field trip on Mount Jumbo.*

## Garden & Landscape Pest Alert Hotline

Looking for information on pests/insects currently in the Missoula area and how to control them? **Call 406-258-3820** for the Plant Clinic's Garden & Landscape Pest Alert Hotline. For other gardening and pest management questions call 406-258-4213 or email [sperrin@missoulacounty.us](mailto:sperrin@missoulacounty.us).



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**Support the creation  
our Education Gardens  
during Missoula Gives  
May 5-6**

We are relying on private contributions to make the Education Gardens at the Rocky Mountain Gardens & Exploration Center an amazing educational resource and the crown jewel of Midtown Missoula. Your support will help us meet our goal to install the gardens in 2023.

**Find Healthy Acres Healthy Communities Foundation at [missoulagives.org](http://missoulagives.org).**



## The Linnea Foundation pledges support to create the Linnea Rose Garden

Thanks to a pledge by the Linnea Foundation, visitors to the Education Gardens in late 2023 will be able to "stop and smell the roses" in the Linnea Rose Garden. The garden is named after Linnea Rose Mills, who as a child participated in Missoula County 4-H and whose life was tragically cut short in 2020 during a SCUBA Diving training in Glacier National Park. The Linnea Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was established to help make the world a better place. Linnea's mother Lisa Mills, a former Missoula County Extension 4-H agent, shares, "the board of the Linnea Foundation looks forward to seeing the birds, butterflies and community of people who will drop by enjoy this garden over the years."

Learn more about naming opportunities for the Education Gardens by contacting Jean Jenkins at [Jenkins@healthyacres.org](mailto:Jenkins@healthyacres.org) or 406-370-0441.



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## Construction Update: Rocky Mountain Gardens & Exploration Center

Our new facility at the Missoula County Fairgrounds is taking shape! Watch for the installation of the Butterfly House roof in May.



Construction on the Exploration Center, March 2022.



Check out construction in progress at [JoinTheBuzzMissoula.org](https://JoinTheBuzzMissoula.org), scroll down and click on the Live Construction Feed button.



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The Healthy Acres Healthy Communities Foundation is dedicated to creating an engaged community that cultivates vibrant, thriving urban and rural lands for future generations by providing philanthropic support to the programs of Missoula County Weed District & Extension in the areas of land management, youth development, and family and consumer sciences.