

# MISSOULA BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND INSECTARIUM NEWS



Summer 2019

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## OUR MISSION

The Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium inspires an appreciation and understanding of insects and their relatives through educational programs and innovative science exhibits featuring live invertebrates.

## LAST DAY - AUG 17<sup>TH</sup>!

218 E. Front St, Missoula  
406-317-1211

### Admission:

\$4 for guests ages 4 and up  
FREE for members

### Open:

Wednesday-Friday 11am-5pm  
Saturday 10am-5pm

HOURS ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL  
BEFORE YOU VISIT.

## THE BUZZ Moving Out, Moving Up

By Jen Marangelo, Executive Director



Yes, I admit it. I'm a bug geek. And while things have been increasingly busy, I try to take a few hours each week to do what I love most ... heading out to observe the incredible insect life we have in Montana. As with any journey outside, these short outings never disappoint.

My love and enthusiasm for insects is what started the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium a decade ago. And for the past four years, working with our staff, volunteers, and board members, we've proudly expressed our collective "bug love" through the Missoula Insectarium.

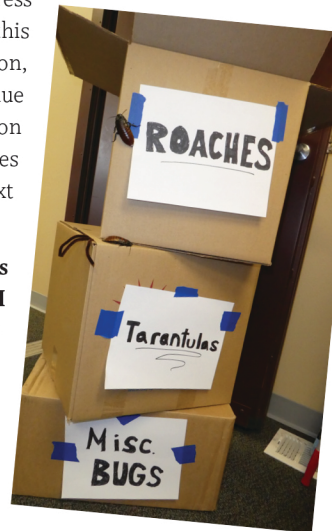
Since opening on June 25, 2015 we've welcomed over 50,000 visitors through our doors ...hosted over 450 school classes for field trips ...tapped the curiosity of nearly 2,000 "older kiddos" with our Bugs & Brews lectures ...and through public radio, social media, and other outreach avenues, we've captured the buggy attention of tens of thousands more.

While our momentum continues to grow, the Insectarium was always envisioned as the start of something bigger. With efforts underway to build a new, larger facility featuring our dream of a tropical butterfly house, the Insectarium has done just that ... helped build the road to an exciting future.

The end of our lease this August marks the next phase of our metamorphosis. I'll admit it will be difficult to say goodbye to this inspirational space. But with plans to address the multitude of changes this transition is setting in motion, we're excited to continue providing unique education programs and opportunities while beginning this next important chapter.

**The Insectarium's last day is Saturday, August 17th. I hope you'll join me, and the rest of your 2, 6, 8 and many-legged Insectarium friends, for a "last day celebration"** (please see our website and Facebook page for more information).

My sincere thanks to all of our enthusiastic visitors and supporters for making the Missoula Insectarium such a success. While the thought of our "last day" is indeed sad ...remember, this is just the beginning. The exciting journey continues! 🦋





## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

# Draught Works



We love bugs. Missoulians love beer. Combine the two and you've got our popular Bugs & Brews lecture series. Since opening the Insectarium four years ago, we've held 34 Bugs & Brews lectures combining knowledgeable speakers, insect enthusiasts, and delicious locally brewed beer ...all in a social setting to learn more about the amazing world of insects and other arthropods.

And from the first sip, our friends at Draught Works have enthusiastically supported this fun and unique lecture series. Originally starting with growler donations and gravitating to cases of beer once their canning operations went online, they have generously donated the "brews" portion of these lectures for the past four years. We'd only have

"Bugs" without them. Not only has Draught Works provided Bugs & Brews attendees with masterfully crafted beverages, last year we were honored when they chose the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium as one of their quarterly Cheers for Charity recipients, awarding us a \$2,000 donation.

Beyond their generosity, this partnership is so special to us because of the people. The owners and staff are always excited when we hold a "bug night" at the brewery. Who's often the first in line to hold a bug? Take a guess. The enthusiasm they have expressed and shown for our work (in so many ways) means the world to us.

As Nicko Lannan, Draught Works' Creative Manager, put it, "We love the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium because they are the total package. Kids love it. Adults love it. They have great education programs and enthusiastic staff. They're one of the unique things we all just love about our community."

To all of our friends at Draught Works, thank you for your partnership, enthusiasm, and support. You've played an important and much appreciated role in creating a popular and fun learning opportunity for all of us "older kiddos." Thanks to the momentum you've helped us build, we're moving closer and closer to achieving our long-term vision.

Cheers to the exciting road ahead! 🐛



## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY MEMBERSHIP?

With the Insectarium closing on August 17th, over the past 6 months, we've slowly scaled back our membership fees to reflect the time remaining in members' admission benefits.

However, with birthday parties, lectures and other events where membership discounts apply, later this year we'll be reaching out to members with a revised membership structure for the next two years. And while free Insectarium admission was a significant membership perk, the feeling of contributing to our dream of a tropical butterfly house is "priceless." Thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm.

## TAKING STOCK

To "take stock" means to think carefully about a situation or event and form an opinion about it. We have ...and like us, you might think this is a great opportunity. We can now accept gifts of stock. Make a gift using appreciated stock and avoid paying any capital gains tax. What a great way to support our work and get additional tax benefits for your generosity. For more information on this new giving opportunity, please contact Glenn at [glenn@missoulabutterflyhouse.org](mailto:glenn@missoulabutterflyhouse.org) or 406-317-1211.





# CHANGES & PROGRAMS AHEAD

While we will not have the Insectarium as a destination during our upcoming transitions, our education programs and opportunities will remain as strong as ever. So don't worry ...you can still get your bug fix! Here are a few of the many ways our education programs will continue to preach "the word of bug."

## FIELD TRIPS / BUGS ON THE MOVE

With no physical space to host field trips, we're taking the show on the road! Our new Bugs on the Move program will bring our education programs (along with a host of creepy crawlies) into classrooms across western Montana. Creative Camouflage, Bug Biomimicry, Powerful Pollinators, and other programs are geared to spark curiosity and critical thinking in the classroom while meeting grade-specific science standards.

[www.missoulabutterflyhouse.org/bugsonthemove/](http://www.missoulabutterflyhouse.org/bugsonthemove/)

## EXHIBITS

Thanks to our friends at the Montana Natural History Center, we'll have a small exhibit on display with some of our live bug ambassadors (MNHC admission fees apply). We'll also be bringing "pop up exhibits" to a variety of locations and events around town.



## WHAT'S BUZZIN'

Between April and October, our popular and informative What's Buzzin' report will continue to introduce Montanans to some of the amazing insects and other arthropods you can find out and about across our great state. To catch the latest weekly bug report (or submit your own photo for identification and inclusion), email us at [info@missoulabutterflyhouse.org](mailto:info@missoulabutterflyhouse.org) asking to be added to our email list or follow us on Facebook.

## BUG BYTES

The most rare insect in the world ...carnivorous caterpillars ...aphid ranchers ...and insects that subdue their prey by farting on them. If you've never listened to our Bug Bytes podcast, you're missing out on some fascinating and entertaining information. Airing weekly on Montana Public Radio each Monday at 4:56PM, be sure to catch the latest episode or go to [mtptr.org/programs/bug-bytes](http://mtptr.org/programs/bug-bytes) to catch up on what you've missed. We plan to begin production of another year's worth of podcasts in the months ahead.



## BUGS & BREWS

While we've taken our usual summer break from this popular lecture series, we'll be re-launching Bugs & Brews in a new location this fall. Sign up for our email list or follow us on Facebook to receive the latest news.



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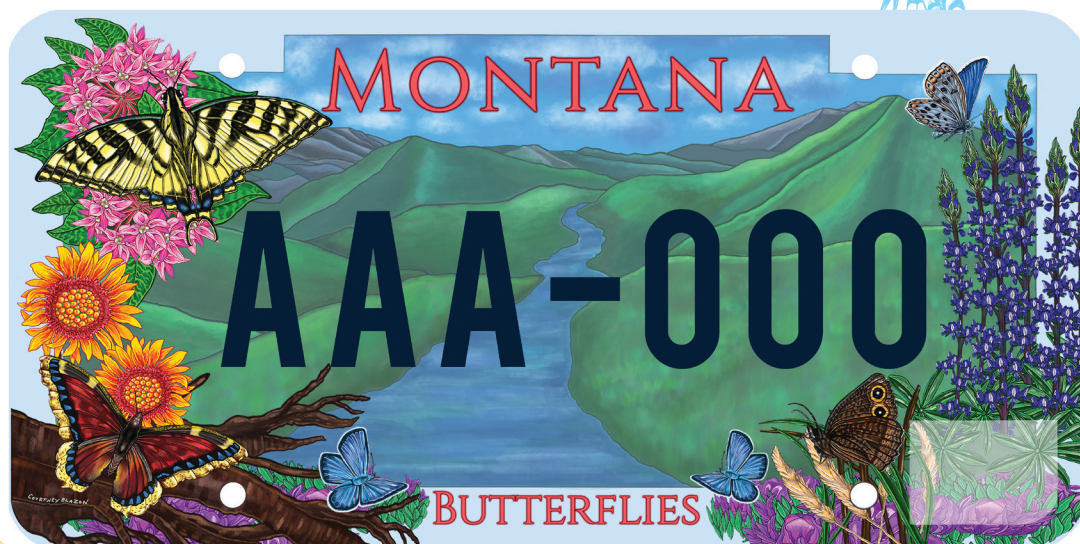


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THINGS THAT RUN THE WORLD!

## BUTTERFLY LICENCE PLATE



Thanks to the incredibly talented Courtney Blazon, we're thrilled to unveil our "Montana Butterflies" license plate. For an extra \$20 added to your annual registration, you can adorn your vehicle with this beautiful plate. All proceeds go to support our education programs, amazing critters, and efforts to open our new facility. Contact or visit your County Treasurer's office to get yours today!

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