

Crested Butte Wildflower Festival

Join us JULY 5-14, 2019!

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ART

Creativity & Cocktails: Spray, Splash, & Spritzers

Price: \$80

Instructor: Judith Cassel-Mamet

Get creative while sipping on a cocktail! Spray and wash a variety of papers with liquid watercolors and inks, working with both natural and commercial stencils. Use sections of your colorful marks to create a stunning nature image that you will then frame in a pre-cut mat for a gallery ready piece of artwork.

#A06: Sunday, 7/7 4-6:30pm

***NEW!* Flower-Inspired Jewelry Making**

Price: \$85

Instructor: Mary Tuck

Make beautiful and elegant beaded jewelry pieces, including necklaces, bracelets & earrings, inspired by the shapes, colors, and textures of local wildflowers. Finish your items with clasps, jump rings, and ear wires for wearable works of art that capture the essence of our wildflower season in Crested Butte.

#A18: Thursday, 7/11 9am-12pm

Flower Pressing Arts

Price: \$60

Instructor: Susan Evans

Spend an enjoyable morning creating your own masterpieces with gorgeous pressed flowers from the garden. We'll make beautiful bookmarks, botanical greeting cards, and a dipped floral candle. Discover the best flowers to grow and how to press for optimal color, durability, and long life. Great for gifts! All materials provided.

#A20: Friday, 7/12 10am-12pm

***NEW!* Landscape Plein Air Watercolor**

Price: \$75

Instructor: Suzanne Pierson

Join local artist, Suzanne Pierson, to paint watercolor en plein air. Be enticed by fun, new techniques, tips, and demos resulting in your own wondrous paintings capturing the mountain fields, flowers, and backdrops. No experience required. Painting supplies included.

#A02: Saturday, 7/6 9am-12:30pm

Lavender Fest

Price: \$60

Instructor: Susan Evans

Discover the wonderful ways you can grow and use this beautiful & fragrant plant. You'll make and take home Herbes de Provence seasoning blend, soothing lavender/calendula lip balm, conditioning herbal hair rinse, fragrant lavender sachets, and a refreshing facial toner. Class supplies, recipes and take-home samples included.

#A09: Monday, 7/8 10am-12pm

#A25: Saturday, 7/13 10am-12pm

***NEW!* Linoleum Block Carving & Printing**

Price: \$75

Instructor: Denise Newberry

Learn the classic art of printmaking! Create a wildflower design, carve it into a linoleum block, and then print the image using a Vintage Printing Press. You'll take home your block and unique linoleum cut print so you can make your own cards, stationery, and gift tags. Kids 12+ with supervision.

#A05: Sunday, 7/7 10:30am-12:30pm

***NEW!* Mixed Media Wildflowers**

Price: \$80

Instructor: Becky Chappel

Create mixed-media masterpieces inspired by wildflowers. Begin by applying paint in layers, and then add texture elements with bubble wrap, netting, grids, stencils, etc. Next, add flowers using collage techniques with different papers, and finally glaze with paint to finish. This multi-step process is fun, approachable, and yields an array of beautiful results!

#A17: Thursday, 7/11 1:30-4:30pm

Plein Air Watercolor Along the Woods Walk

Price: \$70

Instructor: Annie Starr

Enjoy a saunter up Old Kebler Road to Chocolate Drop Hill and the Woods Walk for a morning of wildflower identification, sketching, and watercolor painting. This is a short walk of ½ mile mostly uphill; moderate fitness required. Art supplies included. Bring camp chair and a good hat for shade. Kids 12+.

#A07: Monday, 7/8 9am-12:30pm

#A16: Thursday, 7/11

9:30am-1pm

Regenerations: Art, Writing, & Mindfulness in Nature

Price: \$75

Instructors: Molly Murfee & Ivy Walker

This day-long "mini-retreat" from the modern world is a technology-free experience allowing you to sink deeply into just being in nature and re-establishing your connection to it. Uncover your creative expression through a variety of landscape art, creative writing, and mindfulness exercises designed to establish a relationship to place.

#A24: Saturday, 7/13 8am-3pm

NEW! Spiral Musings: Create a Circle Book**Price:** \$80**Instructor:** Judith Cassel-Mamet

Play with spray inks & pastels and cut up your playful pages to create a spiral, circular, wildflower-inspired book that is sure to surprise. Add some text and delight at the finished, palm-sized product.

#A08: Monday, 7/8 10am-1pm**Simple Sketch Fridays****Price:** \$90**Instructor:** Judith Cassel-Mamet

Learn to look more closely and capture the essence of an object through an easy and approachable sketching technique. Weekly topics include wildflowers, landscapes, clouds and skies, local animals, and alleyways. Sign up for all four Fridays and receive a free 2019 Wildflower Festival poster.

#A01: 7/5 9am-1pm Wildflowers**#A19:** 7/12 9am-1pm

Clouds & Landscapes

#A03: 7/19 9am-1pm Local Animals**#A04:** 7/26 9am-1pm

Alleyways

The Art of Preserving Flowers on Fabric**Price:** \$60**Instructor:** Joan Shaffer

Create a floral print by pounding flowers and leaves onto fabric to release their natural dyes. Class will cover how to treat fabric to accept natural dyes and the pounding process to make a floral print. Take home a matted picture suitable for framing. All materials provided. Kids 14+.

#A14: Wednesday, 7/10 10:30am-12:30pm**Two-Day Art Immersion: Eco Dyeing for Handmade Books****Price:** \$165**Instructor:** Judith Cassel-Mamet

Over a day and a half, explore ways to work with floral materials, organic matter and vegetables to transform ordinary paper into extraordinary pages! Combine a boiling process using nontoxic organic materials with pounding, and image transfer processes to create amazing and unique pages which are then used to create two books.

#A22: Saturday 7/13, 9am-12pm & Sunday, 7/14, 9am-2pm**NEW! Unleash! Cultivating Creativity and Intuition with Horses & Art Journaling****Price:** \$175**Instructors:** Sumaya Abuhaidar & Judith Cassel-Mamet

This unique one-day workshop will take place at a beautiful ranch with a small herd of horses. Spend time connecting with the horses (on the ground; no riding involved!) and allow creativity and joy to emerge thru mixed media art journaling. Absolutely no experience in art, horsemanship, or writing required.

#A10: Tuesday, 7/9 9am-3pm**Watercolor Workshop in the Garden****Price:** \$70**Instructor:** Annie Starr

Enjoy a morning of sketching and watercolor painting at Annie's Crested Butte garden where aspens and blue spruce shelter a plethora of flowers in many shapes and colors. All materials supplied. Wear a sunhat!

#A13: Wednesday, 7/10 9:30am-1pm**#A21:** Saturday, 7/13

9:30am-1pm

NEW! Wildflower Sandblast Etching**Price:** \$110**Instructor:** Christina Stillwagon

Learn to etch a beautiful wildflower design onto a piece of circle-beveled glass. Explore the fundamentals of sandblasting glass using hand-cut and photo stencils. Your final etched piece is ready to hang in your window. No glass-making experience is required.

#A11: Tuesday, 7/9 9am-2:30pm**Wildflower Watercolor & Wine****Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Suzanne Pierson

Grab a glass of wine and learn to paint a wildflower watercolor masterpiece with step-by-step instruction. Absolutely no watercolor/painting experience is necessary!

#A15: Wednesday, 7/10 5-7:30pm**NEW! Wildflower Wood Panels & Whiskey****Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Mary Tuck

Complete a wildflower painting in acrylics on a pre-made rustic wood panel, while sipping on a summer cocktail. Receive step-by-step instruction on setting up to paint, mixing color, composition, and more. Your piece is ready to hang at the conclusion of class.

#A23: Saturday, 7/13 5-7pm

BIRDING & BUTTERFLIES

Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers

Price: \$60

Instructor: Jacque Fisher

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 1-3 miles with level, rolling, and some steeper terrain

Discover the birds and wildflowers of the Upper Loop! Be ready to stop, look, and listen; you'll learn to identify birds by sound as well as sight. A final stop to view a blue heron rookery along the Slate River concludes our morning. Flower and bird checklists provided. Bring binoculars, field guide(s). Kids 13+.

#F03: Tuesday, 7/9 7:30-11:30am

#F08: Friday, 7/12 7:30-11:30am

Birding Among the Woods Walk

Price: \$60

Instructor: Jacque Fisher

Level: Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, level terrain

Birds abound! We'll meander the nearby Woods Walk trail enjoying and identifying the wildflowers and birds. If we're lucky, we'll discover babies in the nest! A final stop to view a blue heron rookery along the Slate River concludes our morning. Flower and bird checklists provided. Bring binoculars, field guide(s). Kids 13+.

#F02: Monday, 7/8 7:30-11:30am

#F10: Saturday, 7/13 7:30-11:30am

#F06: Thursday, 7/11 7:30-11:30am

Butterflies & Lunch at CBMR

Price: \$80

Instructor: Sara Simonson

Level: Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3-4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

We'll ride the lift up Crested Butte Mountain for this alpine butterfly tour. Enjoy expansive mountain views, lush wildflowers, and numerous aspen groves on this moderate hike. Some of the best views of Gothic Mountain can be seen from the lift and along the trail. Sack lunches and lift ticket included.

#F05: Wednesday, 7/10 10am-2:30pm

Butterflies of Brush Creek

Price: \$55

Instructor: Sara Simonson

Level: Beginner

Length: 3-4 miles on level and rolling terrain

Learn to take notice of the beautiful butterflies that surround Crested Butte. This moderate hike follows a dirt road and trail, and passes through a variety of montane streamside habitats, colorful meadows, and wildflower-covered rocky slopes. Kids 10+.

#F09: Friday, 7/12 10am-2pm

NEW! Burst of Butterflies

Price: \$45

Instructor: Sara Simonson

Discover the beautiful butterflies and wildflowers along Brush Creek. This children's walk follows a dirt road and trail, and passes through a variety of montane streamside habitats, colorful meadows, and wildflower-covered rocky slopes. Expect to walk 1-2 miles. Kids 5+ **AND their parents/caregivers.**

#F01: Sunday, 7/7 10am-1pm

Butterflies of Cement Creek

Price: \$55

Instructor: Sara Simonson

Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3 miles with rolling and some steeper terrain

This moderate hike passes through a variety of montane streamside butterfly habitats and wildflower meadows. Our route passes through traditional working ranches and includes scenic views of high mountains, aspen stands, streamside habitats, and wildflower-decorated sagebrush slopes that are characteristic of this unique area. Kids 10+.

#F04: Tuesday, 7/9 10am-2pm

Butterflies of Copper Creek

Price: \$65

Instructor: Sara Simonson

Level: Advanced Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 4+ miles with some rocky, steep terrain

Search for butterflies and other native pollinators in scenic wildflower meadows on this moderate hike past Judd Falls, along Copper Creek. We'll discuss the rich diversity of butterflies in Colorado and view examples of research conducted at the Rocky Mtn. Biological Lab. We'll hike at a naturalist's pace. Kids 10+.

#F07: Thursday, 7/11 10am-3pm

Butterflies of Deer Creek

Price: \$55

Instructor: Sara Simonson

Level: Advanced Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 4-5 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

This moderate hike passes through a variety of butterfly habitats and wildflower meadows. Enjoy expansive views, lush wildflowers, and numerous aspen groves, on a moderate section of the Deer Creek Trail. Some of the best views of Gothic Mountain and Crested Butte Mountain Resort can be seen along the trail. Kids 10+.

#F11: Monday, 7/8 10am-2pm

KIDS' PROGRAMS

NEW! Crested Butte Explorers: 5-Day Kids' Camp

Price: \$65/day **Instructors:** Festival Staff

Join us as we explore the wonders of nature in our first ever children's specific camp. Over the course of five days we will explore wildflower identification, plant physiology, photosynthesis, and the importance of wildflowers and other plants in the local ecosystem of Crested Butte. Each day will be a new adventure at a new location filled with enriching lessons in science, games that integrate fun and learning, and exploration in and around Crested Butte. Sign up for all 5 days or simply select the days that work best for you. This may just be the highlight of your child's summer! Ages 6-11.

Time: 9am-3pm (options for extension below)

#K06 - Monday - 7/8 - **Wild About Flowers**

#K09 - Tuesday - 7/9 - **Insects are Good?**

#K13 - Wednesday - 7/10 - **Habitat Hunting**

#K16 - Thursday - 7/11 - **The Flow of Life**

#K20 - Friday - 7/12 - **Blooms, Blossoms, & Boulders**

NEW! Early Birds: Kids' Camp Extension

Price: \$15/day **Instructors:** Festival Staff

Is your child registered for Crested Butte Explorers at 9am but your hike leaves at 7:30am? Are you simply in need of early morning childcare? Don't worry -- this option is for you! Come early for an hour-and-a-half filled with games, art, and play! Ages 6-11.

Time: 7:30-9:00am

#K04 - Monday - 7/8

#K07 - Tuesday - 7/9

#K10 - Wednesday - 7/10

#K14 - Thursday - 7/11

#K17 - Friday - 7/12

NEW! Alpenglow: Kids' Camp Extension

Price: \$15/day **Instructors:** Festival Staff

Is your child registered for Crested Butte Explorers until 3pm but your hike won't get back until 4:30? Are you simply in need of afternoon childcare? Don't worry -- this option is for you! Stay late for an hour-and-a-half filled with games, art, and play! Ages 6-11.

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

#K05 - Monday - 7/8

#K08 - Tuesday - 7/9

#K11 - Wednesday - 7/11

#K15 - Thursday - 7/12

#K18 - Friday - 7/13

NEW! Babies & Backpacks

Price: \$25 **Instructor:** Kirsten Oldread

Join Kirsten for two hours of hiking on Snodgrass Mountain with your little ones in tow! This easy hike will take you through fields of flowers in bloom, groves of quaking aspen, stands of spruce and fir trees. This is the perfect opportunity to connect with other young families while exploring Crested Butte! Age - babies and toddlers in backpacks, **plus caregivers!**

#K19: Friday, 7/12 9:30-11:30am

NEW! Burst of Butterflies

Price: \$45 **Instructor:** Sara Simonson

Discover the beautiful butterflies and wildflowers along Brush Creek. This children's walk follows a dirt road and trail and passes through a variety of montane streamside habitats, colorful meadows, and wildflower-covered rocky slopes. Expect to walk 1-2 miles. Kids 5+ **AND their parents/caregivers.**

#F01: Sunday, 7/7 10am-1pm

NEW! Striders & Strollers

Price: \$25 **Instructor:** Kirsten Oldread

Join Kirsten for hiking, strider-biking, snack time, stories, and free play! Perfect for little ones on Strider Bikes, bikes with training wheels, or those just beginning their two-wheel adventures! Expect to travel up to 2 miles, but the group will take plenty of breaks along the way. Kids ages 0-6, **accompanied by their caregivers.**

#K03: Friday, 7/5 1:30-3:30pm

#K12: Wednesday, 7/10 1:30-3:30pm

NEW! Take a Walk on the Wildflower Side

Price: \$25 **Instructor:** Jason MacMillan

Kids! Come explore the sights and sounds of nature and wildflowers! Our adventure will illuminate the spontaneous poetry surrounding us and closes with an outdoor tea party. Suitable for children ages 5+ to be dropped off; parents welcome to join registered children. Light hiking required.

#K01: Saturday, 7/6 10:30-11:45am

#K02: Saturday, 7/13 10:30-11:45am

CULINARY & MEDICINAL

Backyard Bounty

Price: \$40

Instructor: Susan Evans

Explore the treasure trove of wild herbs, medicinal plants and edible weeds common to backyards and weedy areas with clinical herbalist Susan Evans. Learn how to make a blood cleansing tea from red clover, a tasty salad from lamb's quarters, stop bleeding with yarrow, and much more.

#C08: Wednesday, 7/10 9:30-11am

Botanical Indulgence: A Happy Hour Walking Tour

Price: \$55

Instructor: Eva Montane

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

We'll stroll among the gardens of Crested Butte and take a tour through a few of Crested Butte's food and drink establishments that have embraced using fresh and locally-sourced botanicals in their concoctions. We will have tastings and hear from the people behind the creations about their traditions and inspiration. Adults only (21+), ID required.

#C04: Monday, 7/8 2-5:30pm

An Evening with RMBL Wildflower Scientists in Gothic

Price: \$70

Instructors: RMBL Scientists

Join scientists from the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) for dinner and an evening of casual talks about current wildflower related research. Dinner will be followed by a walking tour of the Gothic townsite, then a series of short presentations by RMBL's enthusiastic and charismatic scientists.

#C05: Monday, 7/8 5:30-9pm

NEW! Gardens to Glass

Price: \$70

Instructor: Susan Evans

Become your own mixologist and dazzle your family and guests with custom crafted cocktails and tapas. Participants will learn to make aqua frescas, elixirs, and syrups using ingredients from the garden and fresh markets. Includes drink and tapas tastings and handout with recipes. Adults only (21+).

#C01: Friday, 7/5 4-6pm

#C09: Friday, 7/12 4-6pm

NEW! Herbal Home & Garden Workshop

Price: \$70

Instructor: Susan Evans

Learn how to create a garden full of plants that can be used in the kitchen, medicine cabinet, spa, and cleaning cupboard. From an herbal ingredient buffet, make and take home an herbal seasoning blend, digestive tea blend, exfoliating body scrub, soothing lip balm, and cleansing face mask. Handout with growing instructions and recipes included.

#C06: Tuesday, 7/9 10am-12pm

NEW! Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Price: \$65

Instructor: Leanne Benton

Level: Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3-4 miles with some rocky and steep terrain

The wildflowers along the Horse Ranch Park trail are not only beautiful, but also have served as the grocery store and pharmacy for earlier people and are still used today. We will focus on these edible and medicinal species, plus some toxic species to avoid!

#C11: Saturday, 7/13 8am-12:30pm

NEW! Garden Tour, Wine, & Chocolate

Price: \$45

Instructor: Karen Fienberg

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Enjoy a guided tour of our local gardens and their lovely flowers. We'll move at a leisurely pace, stopping along the way for wine and botanically infused chocolate.

#C03: Sunday, 7/7 3-5:30

#C10: Saturday, 7/13 3-5:30

Stalking the Wild Edible

Price: \$70

Instructor: Susan Evans

Experience the fun and benefits of eating on the wild side! Discover how to locate, identify, harvest and prepare wild edibles. We'll start with an herb walk to identify common edible plants, then make tasty teas, nutritious salads, and side dishes. We'll end with a delicious, vegetarian wild foods lunch. Handout, recipes and lunch included.

#C02: Saturday, 7/6 9:30am-12:30pm

Member Appreciation Party

Free for CBWF Members!*

Come mingle with Festival leaders, staff, and Board of Directors, meet this year's poster artist Ben Strauss, and enjoy appetizers and cocktails. Paige Embry, author of Our Native Bees, will give a talk about our beautiful native bumblebees. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event, which includes a drawing for great door prizes.

#C07: Tuesday, 7/9 4:30-7pm

*Reservations required - reservation link will be emailed to members in June.

GEOLOGY & GEOBOTANY

Geobotany of the Crested Butte Area

Price: \$85

Instructors: Amy Ellwein & Tim Lowrey

Level: Any

Would you like to learn about geology and plants and how geology influences the distribution of plants around Crested Butte? Join Tim and Amy for a driving and walking tour that focuses on plant identification, how plants adapt to their environment, and how they are distributed with geology and topography. Kids 14+; van provided.

#R02: Tuesday, 7/9 10am-2pm

#R03: Wednesday, 7/10 10am-2 pm

Geology of Paradise

Price: \$65

Instructors: Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

Level: Beginner

Length: up to 2 miles on well-packed trail

Crested Butte rocks! And why does it rock? The spectacular geology, of course! Learn how this valley was formed from magma, sedimentary rock, and glaciers as we walk through wildflower-filled meadows and woods. You'll find out why this valley is so unique and otherwise known as Paradise. Kids 14+.

#R01: Sunday, 7/7 9am-1pm

#R04: Thursday, 7/11 9am-1pm

BOTANY

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#C05: Monday, 7/8 5:30-9pm

NEW! Botany in Half a Day

Price: \$50

Instructor: Jennifer Ackerfield

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles on well-packed trail with some rolling/steeper terrain

"Flora of Colorado" author Jennifer Ackerfield will guide you through the basics of plant identification, answer all your taxonomic and identification questions, and provide a quick key to the plant families in this hands-on walk and workshop. Bring hand lens, field guide. Kids 10+.

#B02: Tuesday, 7/9 9:30am-12:30pm

#B03: Thursday, 7/11 9:30am-12:30pm

Copley Lake Wildflowers

Price: \$65

Instructor: Jennifer Ackerfield

Level: Intermediate

Length: 4 miles with some steep, uneven, and loose terrain

We will hike to Copley Lake traversing through a spruce/fir forest and wildflower-packed hillsides. This trail is short but moderately steep at the beginning, ending at a beautiful lake with phenomenal views and wildflowers. Along the hike, we will discuss how to recognize the major plant families. Kids 12+.

#H51: Wednesday, 7/10 8:30am-1:30pm

NEW! Plant Defenses & Survival Strategies

Price: \$45

Instructor: Sarah Jenevein

Level: Beginner

Length: 2.5 on well-packed trail with some rolling/steeper terrain

For the biology lover! This hike will highlight particular plant species' defensive and offensive strategies for survival, including production of plant toxins, responses to herbivory, and competition for territory and pollinators—and how these affect human beings!

#B01: Saturday, 7/6 2:30-5pm

LITERARY ARTS

Field Notes: Introduction to Nature Journaling

Price: \$75

Instructor: Alyssa Johnson

Join acclaimed writer Alyssa Johnson out on the trail where you will hone skills in observation, writing and the poetics of nature prose to deepen your appreciation of the natural world's beauty and mystery. Participants should plan for light hiking in easy terrain (less than a mile). Field journal included.

#A12: Wednesday, 7/10 12-2pm

NEW! Poetics of the Alpine Sublime**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Brian Calvert

In this expansive workshop, learn the ways that poetry has developed over the centuries to help humans contemplate their place in the natural world, from ancient Greek philosophers to modern American poets. Explore how word choice and formal verse patterns can be combined with observations in nature to create deep, meaningful poetry.

#A27: Sunday, 7/14 10:30am-1pm**NEW! Regenerations: Art, Writing, & Mindfulness in Nature****Price:** \$75 **Instructors:** Molly Murfee & Ivy Walker

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#K01: Saturday, 7/6 10:30-11:45am**#K02:** Saturday, 7/13 10:30-11:45am**NEW! Writing the Wild****Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Molly Murfee

Let the wild writer inside of you free! In this **full-day hike** you'll experiment with a variety of writing exercises to describe what you're seeing and feeling. Gain inspiration from contemporary nature writers and learn how to capture your emotion with words.

#A26: Saturday, 7/6 8am-3pm**PHOTOGRAPHY****Backcountry Photo Tour****Price:** \$110**Instructor:** Dusty Demerson**Level:** Intermediate**Need:** Camera, tripod, lenses**4WD/high-clearance vehicle recommended.*

In this class, we'll focus on WHERE to go in Crested Butte's backcountry, and less on instruction. You'll photograph all kinds of wildflowers and work on close-ups/meadows.

#P05: Monday, 7/8 6:30-11:30am**NEW! Build Your Photography Business with Social Media****FREE****Instructor:** Ben Strauss**Level:** Any

Join our 2019 poster artist, Ben Strauss, for this informal talk about using Instagram to generate interest in your photography. Ben will discuss how he built his photography business and share tips for how to get your work noticed by a larger audience. Participants should have an Instagram account and understand the fundamentals of posting and following on the platform.

Location: CB Center for the Arts Community Room**Saturday, 7/6** 10-11:30am**Friday, 7/12**

1-2:30pm

Composition & Close-ups**Price:** \$70**Instructor:** Rebecca Ofstedahl**Level:** Beginner-Intermediate**Need:** SLR Camera with at least a 35mm lens, macro lens, wide angle, and/or zoom lens

Photograph and capture beautiful close-ups of your favorite flowers while exploring the endless possibilities of composition. Learn the basics of lighting & composition and how to master close-up photography. Macro lens are NOT required. Kids 15+.

#P08: Tuesday, 7/9 9-10:30am**Evening of Wildflower Photography****Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Jan Runge**Level:** Beginner-Intermediate**Need:** Digital camera, tripod**4WD/high-clearance vehicle recommended.*

Build your understanding of digital camera settings, how to control exposure, sharpness, and speed, as well as point-and-shoot options and limitations. Understand the difference between beautiful and photogenic! You'll learn to make the most of low, medium, and high contrast, and how to work with the direction and intensity of light. Kids 12+.

#P02: Saturday, 7/6 4-8pm**#P11:** Thursday, 7/11 4-8pm**#P16:** Saturday, 7/13 4-8pm

Historic Alleyways & Enchanting Gardens**Price:** \$70**Instructor:** Rebecca Ofstedahl**Level:** Beginner-Intermediate **Need:** *Camera with at least a 35mm lens, camera user's guide*

Photograph the history of Crested Butte and the wondrous gardens scattered throughout the alleyways of town. Explore the use of textures and the juxtaposition of buildings and natural beauty. You'll learn the basics of lighting, composition, and how to incorporate backgrounds/buildings to enhance your flower photography. Kids 15+.

#P12: Thursday, 7/11 9-11am

NEW! Portraits in Wildflowers**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Rebecca Ofstedahl**Level:** Beginner-Intermediate **Need:** *DSLR camera, long & wide lenses, camera user's manual.*

This workshop will focus on expanding creativity within the limits of the camera and finding inspiration by nature while learning how to pose and enhance your portrait photography. Some of the field techniques to be investigated include: posing, scouting locations, lighting, composition, exposure, lens selection & digital camera use.

#P06: Monday, 7/8 9:30-11:30am

Rivers, Waterfalls, & Wildflowers**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Rebecca Ofstedahl**Level:** Beginner-Intermediate **Need:** *TRIPOD, camera with at least a 35 mm lens, Camera user's guide.*

Learn how to artistically photograph rivers and waterfalls with soft, silky water and sharp, gorgeous wildflowers. You'll learn the basics of lighting & composition and take your wildflower photography to the next level by adding supporting elements like water. TRIPOD REQUIRED!! Manual camera capabilities necessary. Kids 15+.

#P09: Wednesday, 7/10 6-8pm

Sunrise Photo Workshop**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Jan Runge**Level:** Intermediate-Advanced **Need:** *Camera, tripod *4WD/hi-clearance vehicle recommended.*

This workshop will be an intensive study on how to visualize composition, light, and focus before the photo is taken. We'll focus on landscapes at sunrise, then work on close-up and macro photography as the sun gets higher in the sky. Learn about selective focus and light diffusion. Kids 12+.

#P04: Sunday, 7/7 5-8:30am

Wildflower Close-ups**Price:** \$95**Instructor:** Dusty Demerson**Level:** Intermediate-Advanced **Need:** *Camera & tripod *4WD/hi-clearance vehicle recommended*

Capture "intimate landscapes", incorporating wildflowers in their immediate surroundings, rather than in extreme close-ups. This type of photography involves more complex composition and gives the subject a heightened sense of "place". Plan on being on and off trail with up to 100 ft of elevation gain in forest and meadows.

#P10: Thursday, 7/11 7-11am

Wildflower Landscapes**Price:** \$95**Instructor:** Dusty Demerson**Level:** Intermediate-Advanced **Need:** *Camera, tripod, & lenses*

Learn how to create stunning compositions using fore-, middle-, and background concepts in larger landscape photos. Camera placement, focus, aperture choice and other techniques will be explained to help you create stronger and more compelling wildflower photographs. Must understand basic camera operations and how to use a tripod & lenses.

#P01: Saturday, 7/6 7-11am

#P14: Friday, 7/12 7-11am

Wildflower Master Class**Price:** \$150**Instructor:** Dusty Demerson**Level:** Advanced **Need:** *SLR Camera, tripod & lenses*

Dusty will coach a small group in the finer points of composition, exposure, lighting, and lens choice. We'll discuss and practice critical exposure, manual focus, white balance, composition, and other techniques needed to create images you'll want on your walls.

#P07: Tuesday, 7/9 7-11am

#P15: Saturday, 7/13 7-11am

SPEAKING EVENTS

This summer we're offering a series of free speaking events where you can come and relax while you learn more about our alpine wildflowers, native pollinators, and our poster artist's photography business. We hope you enjoy these new additions to our schedule!

NEW! Opening Reception

FREE

Stop by our headquarters at the Depot on our opening day and say hello! We'll have some snacks and drinks and you can mingle with Festival staff and leaders. We'll answer questions and help you register for events. The Blossom Boutique will be open so you can make your purchases early (t-shirts sell out fast!).

Friday, 7/5 3-7pm The Depot, 716 Elk Avenue

NEW! Alpine Superheroes

FREE

Instructor: Leanne Benton

As you hike above treeline, trees give way to tiny delicate-looking plants that cover the mountaintops. Looks can be deceiving! These diminutive plants are true superheroes, using clever strategies and special gadgets to do something we humans cannot do - survive year-round in the alpine environment! This illustrated talk will uncover some of their secrets.

Sunday, 7/7 5-6pm CB Center for the Arts Performance Studio 1

Saturday, 7/13 5-6pm CB Center for the Arts Performance Studio 1

NEW! Build Your Photography Business with Social Media

FREE

Instructor: Ben Strauss

Join our 2019 poster artist, Ben Strauss, for this informal talk about using Instagram to generate interest in your photography. Ben will discuss how he built his photography business and share tips for how to get your work noticed by a larger audience. Participants should have an Instagram account and understand the fundamentals of posting and following on the platform.

Saturday, 7/6 10-11:30am CB Center for the Arts Community Room

Friday, 7/12 1-2:30pm CB Center for the Arts Community Room

NEW! Masons, Miners, & Thieves

FREE

Instructor: Paige Embry

Did a bee go extinct because of greenhouse tomatoes? Why is a bee nicknamed Cinderella? Follow a Paige Embry's adventures into the field with bee scientists and farmers to explore the lives of bees. Tucked into stories where bees build turrets and paint walls are lessons on how bees live—and how our gardens can help them. Based on the book *Our Native Bees: North America's Endangered Pollinators and the Fight to Save Them*.

Thursday, 7/11 5-6pm CB Center for the Arts Performance Studio 1

An Evening with RMBL Wildflower Scientists in Gothic

Price: \$70

Join scientists from the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) for dinner and an evening of casual talks about current wildflower-related research. Dinner will be followed by a walking tour of the Gothic townscape, then a series of short presentations by RMBL's enthusiastic and charismatic scientists.

#C05: Monday, 7/8 5:30-9pm

NEW! Bees & Wildflowers at RMBL

Price: \$65

Instructors: Paige Embry & Dr. Paul Cardonna

Level: Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, level terrain

What is that bee? Why do our wildflowers depend on them for survival? Dr. Paul Cardonna from Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory and Paige Embry, author of *Our Native Bees*, will help you explore the world of bees. You'll spend time in both the classroom/laboratory and wildflower meadows learning the basics of bee identification and their importance to our ecosystems during this hands-on workshop.

#H62: Thursday, 7/11 9-11am

Member Appreciation Party

Free for CBWF Members!*

Come mingle with Festival leaders, staff, and Board of Directors, meet this year's poster artist Ben Strauss, and enjoy appetizers and cocktails. Paige Embry, author of *Our Native Bees*, will give a talk about our beautiful native bumblebees. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event, which includes a drawing for great door prizes.

Tuesday, 7/9 4:30-7pm

***Reservations required - reservation link will be emailed to members in June.**

GARDEN TOURS

Botanical Indulgence: A Happy Hour Walking Tour

Price: \$55

Instructor: Eva Montane

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

We'll stroll among the gardens of Crested Butte and take a tour through a few of Crested Butte's food and drink establishments that have embraced using fresh and locally sourced botanicals in their concoctions. We will have tastings and hear from the people behind the creations about their traditions and inspiration. Adults only (21+), ID required.

#C04: Monday, 7/8 2-5:30pm

NEW! Garden Tour, Wine, & Chocolate

Price: \$45

Instructor: Karen Fienberg

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Enjoy a guided tour of our local gardens and their lovely flowers. We'll move at a leisurely pace, stopping along the way for wine and botanically infused chocolate.

#C03: Sunday, 7/7 3-5:30pm

#C10: Saturday, 7/13 3-5:30pm

NEW! Gardening for Bees: A Garden Tour & Talk

Price: \$35

Instructor: Paige Embry

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Join Paige Embry, author of Our Native Bees, and learn "bee basics" while touring our beautiful Crested Butte gardens. You'll discover what makes our native bees so special, how they differ from honey bees, and how to make a home for them in your garden. Kids 10+.

#G11: Saturday, 7/13 10am-12pm

Historic Garden Tour

Price: \$35

Instructors: Glo Cunningham & CB Museum

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Stroll the streets and alleys of historic Crested Butte with the friendly staff from the local museum. This leisurely tour leaves you with interesting and humorous knowledge of Crested Butte's heritage. We'll be walking up to 1.5 miles around town. Kids 10+.

#G01: Friday, 7/5 3-5:30pm

#G07: Wednesday, 7/10 10am-12:30pm

#G03: Sunday, 7/7 10am-12:30pm

#G09: Friday, 7/12 3-5:30pm

#G05: Monday, 7/8 3-5:30pm

#G13: Sunday, 7/14 9-11:30am

Tour of Crested Butte Gardens

Price: \$20

Instructor: Festival Staff

Level: Beginner

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Enjoy a guided tour of our local gardens and their lovely flowers. Our stroll will move at a leisurely pace; however, plan on walking up to 2 miles.

#G06: Tuesday, 7/9 10am-12pm

#G08: Thursday, 7/11 10am-12pm

NEW! Townie Garden Tour & Picnic Lunch

Price: \$65

Instructor: Festival Staff

Level: Beginner

Length: 3+ miles of level, paved bicycle riding

Enjoy this tour of Crested Butte's parks and gardens while riding a Townie bicycle! We'll travel at a leisurely pace stopping at each garden to admire and identify the flowers. We'll end the tour with a picnic lunch at a local park. Townie bicycles & lunch included.

#G02: Saturday, 7/6 10am-1pm

#G12: Sunday, 7/14 10am-1pm

UNIQUE HIKES & TOURS

NEW! Bees & Wildflowers at RMBL

Price: \$65

Instructors: Paige Embry & Dr. Paul Cardonna

Level: Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well packed, level terrain

What is that bee? Why do our wildflowers depend on them for survival? Dr. Paul Cardonna from Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory and Paige Embry, author of Our Native Bees, will help you explore the world of bees. You'll spend time in both the classroom/laboratory and wildflower meadows learning the basics of bee identification and their importance to our ecosystems during this hands-on workshop.

#H62: Thursday, 7/11 9-11am

Geobotany of the Crested Butte Area**Price:** \$85**Instructors:** Amy Ellwein & Tim Lowrey

Would you like to learn about geology and plants and how geology influences the distribution of plants around Crested Butte? Join Tim and Amy for a driving and walking tour that focuses on plant identification, how plants adapt to their environment, and how they are distributed with geology and topography.

#R02: Tuesday, 7/9 10am-2pm**#R03:** Wednesday, 7/10 10am-2pm**Wildflower Highlights Tour****Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 1-3 miles on well-packed trail with rolling terrain

Join us in our high-clearance SUV for a morning tour of several of Crested Butte's most stunning locations. We will be stopping to take between 3 and 5 mini-hikes in the local valleys and alpine zones. Participants choosing not to walk may relax at the car. Space is limited so be sure to register early for this event! Kids 12+.

#D01: Saturday, 7/6 8:30am-12:00pm**#D04:** Friday, 7/12 8:30am-12:00pm**#D02:** Monday, 7/8 8:30am-12:00pm**#D05:** Sunday, 7/14 8:30am-12:00pm**#D03:** Wednesday, 7/10 8:30am-12:00pm**Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light****Price:** \$55**Instructor:** Laura Guccione**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

This is the perfect way to start your day! You'll stroll through aspens and wildflowers to a perfect spot where you will practice gentle, restorative yoga. Enjoy the stillness that morning offers, and connect with nature's incredible beauty before the hustle and bustle of the day begins. Expect to walk 2-3 miles. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water, a yoga mat, and a snack.

#H27: Sunday, 7/7 7:30-10:30am**#H69:** Friday, 7/12 7:30-10:30am***NEW!* Townie Garden Tour & Picnic Lunch****Price:** \$65**Instructor:** Festival Staff**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 3+ miles of level, paved bicycle riding

Enjoy this tour of Crested Butte's parks and gardens while riding a Townie bicycle! We'll travel at a leisurely pace stopping at each garden to admire and identify the flowers. We'll end the tour with a picnic lunch at a local park. Townie bicycles & lunch included.

#G02: Saturday, 7/6 10am-1pm**#G12:** Sunday, 7/14 10am-1pm**BEGINNER HIKES & WALKS**

Beginner walks/hikes are generally suitable for most people who can walk at a leisurely pace of 2 miles/hour. These hikes are level, with some rolling terrain, and utilize wider, well-packed trails and jeep roads. Keep in mind the altitude here in Crested Butte can often make these hikes feel more challenging than their counterparts at sea level. Plan to travel 2-4 miles with up to 500 feet of elevation gain/loss. Wear sturdy walking/hiking shoes (NO flip flops or sandals!). Bring sunscreen, bug spray, snacks and carry at least 16 ounces of water.

NEW!* 65 Years of Change*Price:** \$60**Instructors:** Vinnie Rossignol & Hedda Peterson**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 4 miles on well packed trail with some steeper terrain

On this tour of the Strand Hill area, Vinnie Rossignol and Hedda Peterson will discuss how two scientists surveyed vegetation patterns in our backyard. The catch - the surveys were completed 65 years apart and a lot has changed. Together, we'll take a close look at the spruce-fir, wildflower, and sagebrush ecosystems to learn about some of the most significant changes.

#H82: Saturday, 7/13 9am-1pm***NEW!* Bees & Wildflowers at RMBL****Price:** \$65**Instructors:** Paige Embry & Dr. Paul Cardonna**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 1-2 miles on well packed, level terrain

What is that bee? Why do our wildflowers depend on them for survival? Dr. Paul Cardonna from Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory and Paige Embry, author of *Our Native Bees*, will help you explore the world of bees. You'll spend time in both the classroom/laboratory and wildflower meadows learning the basics of bee identification and their importance to our ecosystems during this hands-on workshop.

#H62: Thursday, 7/11 9-11am

Emerald Lake Amble**Price:** \$65**Instructors:** Dave Ebner & Dawn Kairns**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 2-3 miles on well-packed road, with some rocky & steeper terrain

We'll hike to a beautiful sub-alpine lake just beneath Schofield Pass. The roadside and meadows we will explore feature numerous species of flowers and shrubs. The pace is casual and provides time to discuss characteristics of plant families, anatomy of the flowers, and their reproductive and survival strategies.

#H11: Saturday, 7/6 9am-1pm

#H57: Thursday, 7/11 9am-1pm

NEW! Emerald Lake Basin**Price:** \$55**Instructor:** Ken Collins**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 2-3 miles on well-packed road with some rocky & steeper terrain

Explore the Emerald Lake basin and its tremendous variety of wildflowers. The lake, as its name implies, is an intensely deep green, and this time of the year, should still have extensive snow banks around it. For those who want a relaxed opportunity to see a mix of alpine and subalpine flowers, this is the perfect outing. Kids 12+.

#H44: Tuesday, 7/9 9am-1pm

Explore Judd Falls**Price:** \$55**Instructor:** Ken Collins**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 3+ miles with some rolling and uneven terrain

Along this trail there should be excellent displays of wildflowers and wonderful views up the Gothic Valley. We will walk up to the Judd Falls overlook, or time permitting, perhaps a little past it. Judd Falls provides a dramatic turn-around point for our walk. Kids 12+.

#H53: Wednesday, 7/10 9am-1pm

Flora & History of Cement Mountain**Price:** \$60**Instructors:** Glo Cunningham and CB Museum**Level:** Beginner**Length:** up to 3 miles on well-packed rolling terrain

Join Glo for an entertaining meander around the historical Pioneer Guest Cabins at the base of Cement Mountain. This beautiful setting is home to the first ski lift built in Colorado in 1939 and has an interesting past. Red columbine and the calypso orchid (aka "fairy slipper") are frequently spotted. Kids 12+.

#H02: Friday, 6/29 9am-12pm

Gothic Wildflowers**Price:** \$55**Instructor:** Mel Harte**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 1-2 miles on well-packed level & rolling terrain

Get up close and personal with rare and unusual flowers near beautiful Gothic Mountain at the Rocky Mountain Biological Lab (RMBL). You'll learn about and identify 60+ kinds of wildflowers (including 2-3 species of ORCHIDS)! Flower lists are supplied - but it's the stories behind these fascinating flowers that are emphasized! Kids 10+.

#H17: Saturday, 7/6 9am-12pm

#H78: Saturday, 7/13 9am-12pm

#H38: Monday, 7/8 9:30am-12:30pm

#H86: Sunday, 7/14 9:30am-12:30pm

#H60: Thursday, 7/11 9:30am-12:30pm

NEW! Irwin Past & Present**Price:** \$60**Instructors:** Vinnie Rossignol & Hedda Peterson**Level:** Beginner**Length:** 2.5 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Learn about Irwin's spectacular blooms, booms, and busts! Beginning at the Irwin Townsite, we will discuss the area's transformative history and how it went from being pristine wilderness, to a bustling coal mining town, to its present landscape inhabited by only the burliest locals and conserved by the Crested Butte Land Trust. The tour will finish with a walk around Lake Irwin where we will examine the hidden blooms along its eastern shore.

#H73: Friday, 7/12 9am-1pm

NEW! Red Lady Scenic Loop**Price:** \$65**Instructor:** Rick Reavis**Level:** Beginner**Length:** up to 2 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Experience a beautiful wildflower mountain hike by riding the chairlift up and down Crested Butte Mountain. Leisurely discover all the beauty of a relatively easy subalpine wildflower hike. Enjoy the wildflowers and scenic mountain views of the East River Valley. Thorough examination and discussions will be given to the species of plants observed along the trail. Kids 8+.

#H18: Saturday, 7/6 8:30am-12pm

#H79: Saturday, 7/13 8:30am-12pm

#H39: Monday, 7/8 8:30am-12pm

Snodgrass Hike & Luncheon

Price: \$80

Instructor: Gary Rainwater

Level: Beginner

Length: 3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Access a lovely section of the Snodgrass Trail from Gary's house. Premier local trail with spectacular wildflowers. After, enjoy lunch at Gary's beautiful home.

#H36: Monday, 7/8 8:30am-1:30pm

Upper Loop to Tony's Trail

Price: \$55

Instructor: Ken Collins

Level: Advanced-Beginner

Length: 3+ miles on trail with some rocky, uneven terrain

This relatively easy hike is mostly downhill with varied terrain through forest and grasslands. We're likely to see a wide variety of wildflowers with dramatic views of the south side of Crested Butte Mountain as we traverse the Upper Loop trail and connect to Tony's Trail. Kids 12+

#H59: Thursday, 7/11 8am-12pm

Wildflower ID Walk

Price: \$25

Instructor: Festival Staff

Level: Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Join us for a wildflower identification walk at a leisurely pace, with time for questions and photographing the beautiful blooms! We'll take you where the flowers are at their best! Kids 8+.

#H08: Friday, 7/5 1-3pm

#H65: Friday, 7/12 10am-12pm

#H24: Sunday, 7/7 1-3pm

#H76: Saturday, 7/13 1-3pm

#H50: Wednesday, 7/10 1-3pm

#H84: Sunday, 7/14 10am-12pm

NEW! Waterfalls & Wildflowers of Lake Irwin

Price: \$55

Instructor: Beth Carter

Level: Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain – some steeper sections

Join us on this leisurely walk amongst the spectacular wildflowers surrounding Lake Irwin. The shoreline passes through a variety of habitats including dense fir forest, lush meadows, and beaver ponds. We'll also explore the beautiful falls on the south side of the dam. Kids 10+.

#H21: Saturday, 7/6 8:30am-12:30pm

#H83: Sunday, 7/14 8:30am-12:30pm

Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light

Price: \$55

Instructor: Laura Guccione

Level: Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

This is the perfect way to start your day! You'll stroll through aspens and wildflowers to a perfect spot where you will practice gentle, restorative yoga. Enjoy the stillness that morning offers and connect with nature's incredible beauty before the hustle and bustle of the day begins. Expect to walk 2-3 miles. **Wear comfortable clothes and bring water, a yoga mat, and a snack.**

#H27: Sunday, 7/7 7:30-10:30am

#H69: Friday, 7/12 8:30-11:00am

Wildflowers Fit for a Garden

Price: \$50

Instructor: Eva Montane

Level: Beginner

Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Meander through wildflower paradise and see splendid specimens in meadows and forests that will thrive in your garden. A relaxed pace will allow for discussion on the availability of wildflowers, the ethics of transplanting them from the wild, and the viability of growing wildflowers from seed. We'll finish at a beautiful garden on the edge of town, showcasing the cultivation of wildflowers.

#H07: Friday, 7/5 10am-1pm

Wonderful Wildflower Connections

Price: \$55

Instructor: Mel Harte

Level: Beginner

Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Explore fascinating connections among wildflowers and animals on the Lower Loop. See over 50 different wildflowers, including the Gunnison mariposa lily! Flower lists are supplied at the beginning, with common and Latin names - but it's the stories behind these fascinating flowers that are emphasized! Kids 10+.

#H28: Sunday, 7/7 9:30am-12:30pm

#H71: Friday, 7/12 9:30am-12:30pm

#H46: Tuesday, 7/9 9:30am-12:30pm

NEW! Wildflower Adventures on Crested Butte Mountain

Price: \$65

Instructor: Rick Reavis

Level: Advanced Beginner-Intermediate **Length:** 3+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

Ride the chairlift up and then hike an exhilarating, mostly downhill trail discovering the diverse wildflowers of Crested Butte Mountain. We'll meander through areas of aspens, evergreen forests and open meadows. Thorough examination and discussions will be given to the species of plants observed along the trail.

#H31: Sunday, 7/7 1:30-5pm

INTERMEDIATE HIKES

Intermediate hikes are suitable for people who consider themselves fit and who participate in jogging/walking/hiking activities on a regular basis. You should be able to comfortably travel at a pace of 2-3 miles/hour. Plan on traveling 3-6 miles on narrower, packed, and rocky trails with some uneven footing. These events traverse steeper terrain, with 500-1000 feet of elevation gain/loss (steep!). Wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots (NOT tennis shoes), sunscreen, and bug spray. Bring at least 32 ounces of water and a snack (or lunch if event takes place around noon). **Rain jacket required.** Hiking poles recommended.

NEW! 403 to Gothic

Price: \$95

Instructor: Sarah Jenevein

Level: Intermediate **Length:** 5 miles with some steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Trail 403 has one of the best displays of wildflowers in the area, along with spectacular views. Hike this trail one way through wildflower-filled meadows to the high point, then head down through spruce and fir forests to the campground north of Gothic. Transportation to and from 403 trailhead & Gothic campground included.

#H09: Friday, 7/5 8am-2pm

NEW! 403 to Viewpoint

Price: \$60

Instructor: Ken Collins

Level: Adv. Beginner-Intermediate **Length:** 4 miles with some steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

This moderate hike has one of the richest wildflower displays in the valley along with spectacular views of the Elk Mountains and Maroon Bells area. We'll hike up towards Gothic Mountain to the high point where you'll find both alpine and sub-alpine wildflowers including silvery lupine, paintbrush, and spotted saxifrage.

**Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*

#H25: Sunday, 7/7 8am-12:30pm

#H77: Saturday, 7/13 9am-1:30pm

Alpine Wildflowers of Crested Butte Mountain

Price: \$70

Instructor: Rick Reavis

Level: Intermediate **Length:** 2+ miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

A wonderful opportunity to see alpine and sub-alpine wildflowers without having to hike up! We'll ride up the Silver Queen lift and do some hiking up to around 11,500 ft. You'll learn the significant features of gorgeous alpine wildflowers and enjoy the spectacular views, especially on the lift ride down.

#H32: Sunday, 7/7 8:30am-12pm

#H88: Sunday, 7/14 9:30am-1pm

Beckwith Pass Amble

Price: \$70

Instructors: Dave Ebner, Dawn Cairns & Ken Collins

Level: Adv. Beginner-Intermediate **Length:** 5 miles w/ rocky, steep terrain, including a shallow creek crossing.

This trail provides an abundance of wildflower species and spectacular views of the Ruby Range. Elevation gain is gradual with some short steep sections near the pass. The casual pace allows time for discussion of characteristics of plant families, anatomy of the flowers, and their reproductive and survival strategies.

#H35: Monday, 7/8 8am-2pm

#H75: Saturday, 7/13 8:30am-2:30pm

Copley Lake Shoreline Tour

Price: \$60

Instructor: Crested Butte Land Trust

Level: Intermediate **Length:** 4+ miles with rocky, steep, and uneven terrain

In 2015, the Crested Butte Land Trust had the opportunity to protect a large portion of Copley Lake and its surrounding wetlands. This alpine lake and its shoreline is truly a beautiful area to explore and boasts an amazing display of wildflowers. Learn about the Land Trust's next conservation project on this wonderful trip.

#H04: Friday, 7/5 8:30am-1:30pm

NEW! Copley Lake Wildflowers

Price: \$65

Instructor: Jennifer Ackerfield

Level: Intermediate **Length:** 4 miles with rocky, steep, and uneven terrain

We will hike to Copley Lake traversing through a spruce/fir forest and wildflower-packed hillsides. This trail is short but moderately steep at the beginning, ending at a beautiful lake with phenomenal views and wildflowers. Along the hike, we will discuss how to recognize the major plant families. Kids 12+.

#H51: Wednesday, 7/10 8:30am-1:30pm

NEW! Discover Baxter Gulch**Price:** \$50**Instructor:** Festival Staff**Level:** Adv. Beginner-Intermediate**Length:** 3 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

This new, classic trail took 8 years of construction and is a new gem in the mix of trails close to the Town of Crested Butte. You'll ascend through aspen forest then traverse across southern slopes filled with mule's ear, aspen sunflower, and lupine. A descent to the creek marks the turn-around point.

#H13: Saturday, 7/6 9:30am-1pm

Lily Lake Wildflowers**Price:** \$55**Instructor:** Festival Staff**Level:** Adv. Beginner-Intermediate**Length:** 4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

A moderate hike through sub-alpine forests and meadows carpeted in wildflowers to a lake where water lilies bloom against a backdrop of mountains. 86 different flowers have been identified on this hike!

#H06: Friday, 7/5 9am-1pm

#H72: Friday, 7/12 9am-1pm

#H37: Monday, 7/8 9am-1pm

#H87: Sunday, 7/14 9am-1pm

#H54: Wednesday, 7/10 9am-1pm

NEW! Long Lake Blooms & Views**Price:** \$65**Instructors:** Cynthia Wolff & Gary Rainwater**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 4 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Join Crested Butte Land Trust staff and wildflower enthusiasts Cynthia Wolff and Gary Rainwater for a hike to Long Lake, Crested Butte's local, hidden swimming hole. On the gradual climb to this beautiful lake, participants will follow a wide trail surrounded by waist-high wildflowers, as Cynthia and Gary share their botanical knowledge.

#H56: Thursday, 7/11 8:30am-12:30pm

Lower Loop Circuit**Price:** \$60**Instructor:** Ken Collins**Level:** Adv. Beginner-Intermediate**Length:** 3-4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

The maze of trails comprising the Lower Loop offer spectacular wildflowers and gorgeous views of the Paradise Divide. Where we go depends on where the best flowers are blooming! Aspen sunflower, mule's ear, lupine, blue flax, blue columbine, and even the elusive red columbine are prolific along this trail. Kids 12+.

#H67: Friday, 7/12 8:30am-1pm

Lunch & Lupine on Trail 403**Price:** \$80**Instructor:** Gary Rainwater**Level:** Adv. Beginner-Intermediate**Length:** 5 miles with some rocky, steep, and uneven terrain

Gary's favorite hike! We'll hike the western portion of Trail 403, accessing it at the ruins of the Old Painter Boy Mine up Washington Gulch. The high mountain wildflowers are lush and gorgeous, and the views of the Elk Mountains are spectacular! Afterwards, enjoy lunch at Gary's beautiful home.

#H14: Saturday, 7/6 8:30am-1:30pm

#H66: Friday, 7/12 8:30am-1:30pm

Lupine Trail Blues**Price:** \$55**Instructor:** Ken Collins**Level:** Adv. Beginner-Intermediate**Length:** 4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

Don't let the name fool you! The "Blues" are for the incredible colors the Lupine provide on this hike. This trail is a wonderful place to see a wide variety of wildflowers, and also offers fabulous views of the Paradise Valley and Crested Butte Mountain. Kids 12+.

#H15: Saturday, 7/6 8am-12pm

NEW! Medicinal Plants of the Mountains**Price:** \$65**Instructor:** Leanne Benton**Level:** Adv. Beginner-Intermediate**Length:** 4 miles with some rocky, steep and uneven terrain

The wildflowers along this easy to moderate walk are not only beautiful, but also have served as the grocery store and pharmacy for earlier people and are still used today. We will focus on these edible and medicinal species, plus some toxic species to avoid!

#C11: Saturday, 7/13 8am-12:30pm

Ruby of the Rockies**Price:** \$65**Instructor:** Eva Montane**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 3-5 miles with rocky, steep, and uneven terrain

This hike is referred to in the trail guide as “classic and unique,” and for good reason. It skirts the grandiose rock “Dyke” outcrop of the Ruby Range as it weaves and winds through one of North America’s largest aspen forests. A wonderful selection of flowers can be seen here, including a few not present in other areas around Crested Butte.

#H12: Saturday, 7/6 9am-2pm

Snodgrass Mountain Marvels**Price:** \$60**Instructors:** Cynthia Wolff & Hedda Peterson**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 4 miles with some rocky, steep, and uneven terrain

Join the Crested Butte Land Trust on this tour of the lower flanks of Snodgrass Mountain, home to a spectacular display of wildflowers. You’ll discuss the variation of wildflowers throughout the meadows as well as the property’s conservation values and history. Kids 10+.

#H43: Tuesday, 7/9 8:30am-12:30pm

Splendor on Snodgrass**Price:** \$60**Instructors:** Eva Montane & Sarah Jenevein**Level:** Adv. Beg.-Intermediate**Length:** 3 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

Snodgrass Mountain is what makes us the “Wildflower Capital of Colorado”! This hike will take you through fields of flowers in bloom, groves of quaking aspen, stands of spruce and fir trees, with views of Crested Butte Mountain. This lower-elevation wildland and its wetlands also provide habitat for many species, even the elusive Canada lynx. Kids 10+.

#H23: Sunday, 7/7 9am-1pm

#H58: Thursday, 7/11 8:30am-12:30pm

Three Lakes Hike**Price:** \$65**Instructors:** Beth Schumacher & Krista Hildebrandt**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 3 miles with rocky, steep, and uneven terrain

A moderate loop hike through beautiful aspen forests. We’ll visit three lakes and be rewarded with stunning views from the top of Beckwith Pass. Gorgeous flowers, some waterfalls along the way. Good chance for mushrooms with a wet summer! Kids 10+.

#H03: Friday, 7/5 9:30am-3pm

#H63: Friday, 7/12 8:30am-2pm

#H45: Tuesday, 7/9 8:30am-2pm

Walrod Wildflowers & Caves**Price:** \$60**Instructor:** see below**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 4 miles with rocky, steep, and uneven terrain.

Walrod Gulch meanders across a southern-facing slope in the Cement Creek Valley and is home to one of the most impressive displays of mule’s ear sunflower and lupine in the valley! Incredible views of Cement, Red, and Whetstone Mountains. Explore hidden caves as you climb to the wildflower meadows

#H01: Saturday, 6/22 8:30am-12:30pm (Beth Carter)

#H52: Wednesday, 7/10 8:30am-12:30pm (Julie Bremer)

#H29: Sunday, 7/7 8am-12pm (Molly Murfee)

Vistas, Valleys & A Vast Variety of Wildflowers**Price:** \$70**Instructors:** Nancy Vogel & Camille Polster**Level:** Int.-Advanced**Length:** 6 miles with some steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

This enchanting hike meanders through aspen forests and beautiful alpine meadows. You’ll be stunned by the spectacular vistas of Marcellina Mountain and the Beckwiths while admiring a diverse natural bouquet of flowers including rayless coneflower, thimbleberry, twisted stalk & red columbine. An off-the-charts hike – not to be missed! Kids 13+.

#H30: Sunday, 7/7 9am-3:30pm

Westside Wildflowers of Crested Butte Mountain**Price:** \$50**Instructor:** Rick Reavis**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 3+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

This scenic hike meanders through meadows, aspens, and evergreen forests on the western flanks of Crested Butte Mountain. Expect to find a wonderful display of diverse species of wildflowers including the coralroot orchid in certain years. Thorough examinations and discussions will be given to the plants observed along the trail.

#H19: Saturday, 7/6 1:30-5pm

#H80: Saturday, 7/13 1:30-5pm

#H40: Monday, 7/8 1:30-5pm

Wildflowers & Lunch Under the Umbrella at CBMR**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Rick Reavis**Level:** Intermediate**Length:** 3-4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

Hike through spectacular wildflower meadows and aspen trees at esteemed Crested Butte Mountain Resort. We'll discover and discuss unique features of the plants and flowers we encounter. Enjoy the beautiful views while we break for lunch at the CBMR Umbrella Bar. Lunch included. Kids 12+.

#H48: Tuesday, 7/9 9:30am-1pm

NEW! Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh Be Joyful Valley**Price:** \$70**Instructors:** Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney**Level:** Intermediate-Advanced**Length:** 6+ miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Join this spectacular hike through the Oh Be Joyful valley! You'll encounter gorgeous wildflower-filled fields, beaver ponds, and waterfalls as we make our way towards the high-alpine meadows and basins below Blue Lake. Multiple water crossings along the way.

**River shoes/sandals required.*

#H89: Sunday, 7/14 8:30am-2:30pm

ADVANCED & EXPERT HIKES

Expert hikes are suitable for people who are very physically fit, and who incorporate running, cycling, or other strenuous exercise into their schedule on a regular basis. You should be comfortable traveling at a pace of 3 miles/hour....uphill! Plan on traveling 5-8 miles (or more) on steep, often rocky terrain, and expect some off-trail hiking across talus slopes. Footing can be tricky and many of these hikes contain creek/river crossings and include traveling across areas that are narrow and exposed to cliffs/drop-offs. Elevation gain/loss can exceed 1500 vertical feet (very steep!). These hikes are not suitable for anyone with medical issues that prevent them from exerting themselves or who have a history of altitude sickness when traveling to mountain areas. **Sturdy hiking BOOTS, complete rain gear (jacket & pants), sunscreen, bug spray, hat, 2 liters of water, and substantial snacks and lunch required.** Hiking poles recommended. Read event descriptions carefully to learn if sandals/river shoes are required. **If you have traveled to Crested Butte from sea level it is recommended that you spend at least 24 hours in Crested Butte prior to your event departure time.**

Guide's Choice – Full Day**Price:** \$95**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry**Level:** Expert**Length:** 7 miles with very steep, rocky, and exposed terrain. *Must be comfortable hiking off-trail!*

Join us for an adventure to one of Crested Butte's most scenic locations. We'll take you to a place where the flowers are the best.

Expect to hike most of the day off-trail! Kids 16+. **Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*

#H05: Friday, 7/5 6:30am-4pm

Guide's Choice – Half Day**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry**Level:** Advanced – Expert **Length:** 4-5 miles with very steep, rocky, and exposed terrain. *Must be comfortable hiking off-trail!*

Join us for an adventure to one of Crested Butte's most scenic locations. We'll take you to a place where the flowers are the best.

Expect to hike most of the day off-trail. Kids 16+. **Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*

#H34: Monday, 7/8 7am-12p

Hike Augusta Lake**Price:** \$110**Instructor:** Irwin Guides**Level:** Expert**Length:** 5 miles with steep, rocky, and exposed terrain

Looking to get away from the crowds? Want to witness a variety of wildflower color combinations and see some waterfalls? Then this hike is guaranteed to please. Join us on one of Crested Butte's best kept secrets! Includes transportation to/from the trailhead and a gourmet sack lunch.

#H85: Sunday, 7/14 8am-4pm

Hike to Aspen**Price:** \$275**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry**Level:** Expert**Length:** 11-13 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven terrain and exposed areas. *Creek crossings required; bring sandals/river shoes.*

Join us on a trip over Colorado's most scenic mountain pass! From the Crested Butte side of the Elk Range, we'll ascend West Maroon Pass, cross the Elk Mountain Divide, then descend beneath the dramatic flanks of Maroon Bells and Pyramid Peak. This hike is easily Colorado's most spectacular wildflower adventure – the combination of lush vegetation, alpine tundra, and colorful geology are unrivaled. Dinner in Aspen (meal not included) and return to Crested Butte via shuttle.

Check out www.hiketoAspen.com! Kids 16+.

#H49: Wednesday, 7/10 6am-10pm

#H90: Saturday, 7/27 6am-10pm

#H74: Saturday, 7/13 6am-10pm

NEW! Pittsburg to Dark Canyon**Price:** \$185**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry

Level: Expert **Length:** 16.5 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven, and exposed terrain. 3,400+ elevation gain/6,400+ elevation loss
 Love wild country and big hikes? This one's for you! Join Colorado Backcountry for a spectacular traverse up and over the Ruby Range along an historic mining route. We'll climb through Baxter Basin, over Daisy Pass into Democrat Basin, then climb Oh Be Joyful Pass and crest the Ruby Range. We'll take in the spectacular views before descending into the Dark Canyon on our way to Kebler Pass for an unforgettable adventure. Transportation to and from trailheads included.

#H22: Sunday, 7/7 6am-6pm**Point Lookout Hike****Price:** \$65**Instructor:** Sarah Jenevein

Level: Advanced – Expert **Length:** 7 miles with sections of steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

This west-facing hillside hosts some of the most prolific displays of mule's ears sunflowers and Larkspur. Climbing through lush meadows and aspen stands to the top at 11,255 ft, we'll enjoy the spectacular views while we take a lunch break, then head back down the trail.

#H33: Sunday, 7/7 8am-2pm**NEW! Poverty Gulch, Daisy Pass, & Oh Be Joyful Valley****Price:** \$115**Instructor:** Krista Hildebrandt

Level: Expert **Length:** 8+ miles with very steep, rocky, uneven terrain and exposed areas. Bring sandals/river shoes for creek crossings.

This adventure has it all! Waterfalls around every corner. Wildflowers of every variety blanketing steep hillsides. Dramatic mountain views extending for miles from the Maroon Bells to Scarp Ridge. We'll start at Poverty Gulch, head up Daisy Pass, and descend into the Oh Be Joyful Valley. It's a hiking experience you won't forget. Transportation to/from trailheads included.

#H68: Friday, 7/12 7:30am-4pm**NEW! Red Lady Summit****Price:** \$85**Instructor:** Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney

Level: Expert **Length:** 10+ miles with very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed terrain

This route from the Scarp Ridge trailhead offers spectacular 360-degree views and an unparalleled hiking experience. We'll walk through wildflower-covered hillsides and past dramatic ridge exposure on our trek to the prayer flags at the summit of Red Lady (Mt. Emmons), one of the most recognizable peaks in the Crested Butte area.

#H41: Monday, 7/8 7am-4pm**Ridges Beyond Bellview****Price:** \$95**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry

Level: Expert **Length:** 5-10 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven, and exposed terrain

Join us for an adventure to one of Crested Butte's most scenic and remote ridges overlooking the West Maroon valley. From high in the Elk Mountains, we'll bask in the stunning flowers and vistas. Expect to hike most of the day off-trail. Kids 16+.

Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*#H64:** Friday, 7/12 6:30am-4pm**Rustler Gulch****Price:** \$75**Instructor:** listed below

Level: Advanced **Length:** 5-6 miles with steep, rocky terrain, mud, and creek crossings. River shoes/sandals required.

One of our favorite hikes through meadows and pine forest to a beautiful alpine basin. A plethora of waist-high flowers and elusive beauties abound, including monkey flower, parry's primrose, & bog orchid. A variety of rushing water distinguishes this trail and establishes a habitat rich with riparian flora. Be prepared for four water crossings!

#H26: Sunday, 7/7 7:30am-3:30pm Krista Hildebrandt**#H47:** Tuesday, 7/9 7:30am-3:30pm Nancy Vogel & Camille Polster**#H81:** Saturday, 7/13 7:30am-3:30pm Tom Zeiner & Sarah Jenevein

Scarp Ridge**Price:** \$75**Instructor:** Leanne Benton**Level:** Advanced**Length:** 4 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Join us for this incredible hike above Lake Irwin. You'll traverse across wildflower-covered hillsides and climb above treeline to reach one of the most spectacular ridges in the Elk Mountains. The views include six 14,000 ft peaks and one of the most abundant and diverse displays of wildflowers in the Gunnison Valley, often including masses of alpine sunflowers.

#H16: Saturday, 7/6 7:30am-1:30pm

#H70: Friday, 7/12 8am-2pm

Teocalli Mountain Summit**Price:** \$95**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry**Level:** Expert**Length:** 6 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven, and exposed terrain

Join us for an adventure to one of Crested Butte's most scenic mountain summits. We'll hike through some of Crested Butte's tallest and densest wildflowers as we make our way to the summit. Expect to hike much of the day off-trail. Kids 16+.

**Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*

#H42: Tuesday, 7/9 6:30am-4pm

The Famous Crystal Mill**Price:** \$150**Instructor:** Nancy Vogel & Camille Polster**Level:** Advanced-Expert**Length:** 8 miles with sections of steep, rocky terrain

Hike to the most photographed place in Colorado, the historic Crystal Mill, constructed in 1893. We will take you down a secret trail past the infamous "Devil's Punchbowl", where rushing water and a plethora of alpine wildflowers line the road. Bring some \$\$ to spend in the tiny town of Crystal. Transportation to and from trailhead included.

#H61: Thursday, 7/11 7am-4pm

Wildflowers & Waterfalls of the North Pole Basin**Price:** \$75**Instructors:** Hedda Peterson & Vinnie Rossignol**Level:** Advanced**Length:** 6 miles with steep, rocky, and uneven terrain

Explore pristine spruce-fir forests, alpine meadows and cascading waterfalls of North Pole Basin. In July 2013, this area was made accessible to the public through joint efforts of Crested Butte Land Trust and Rocky Mountain Biological Lab. Join seasoned naturalists Vinnie and Hedda on an all-day adventure to this hidden valley. Kids 12+. **Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*

#H20: Saturday, 7/10 7am-5pm

Wildflowers of West Maroon Pass**Price:** \$95**Instructor:** Colorado Backcountry**Level:** Expert**Length:** 6-8 miles with very steep, rocky, uneven, and exposed terrain

Join Colorado Backcountry on an exciting adventure in the stunning valley beneath West Maroon Pass. We'll explore this amazing valley using a collection of trails and then head up to the summit of West Maroon Pass. You can expect amazing wildflowers, challenging hiking, extraordinary views, and an unforgettable experience. Kids 16+. **Hi-clearance/4-Wheel Drive vehicle required*

#H10: Saturday, 7/6 6:30am-4pm

#H55: Thursday, 7/11 6:30am-4pm