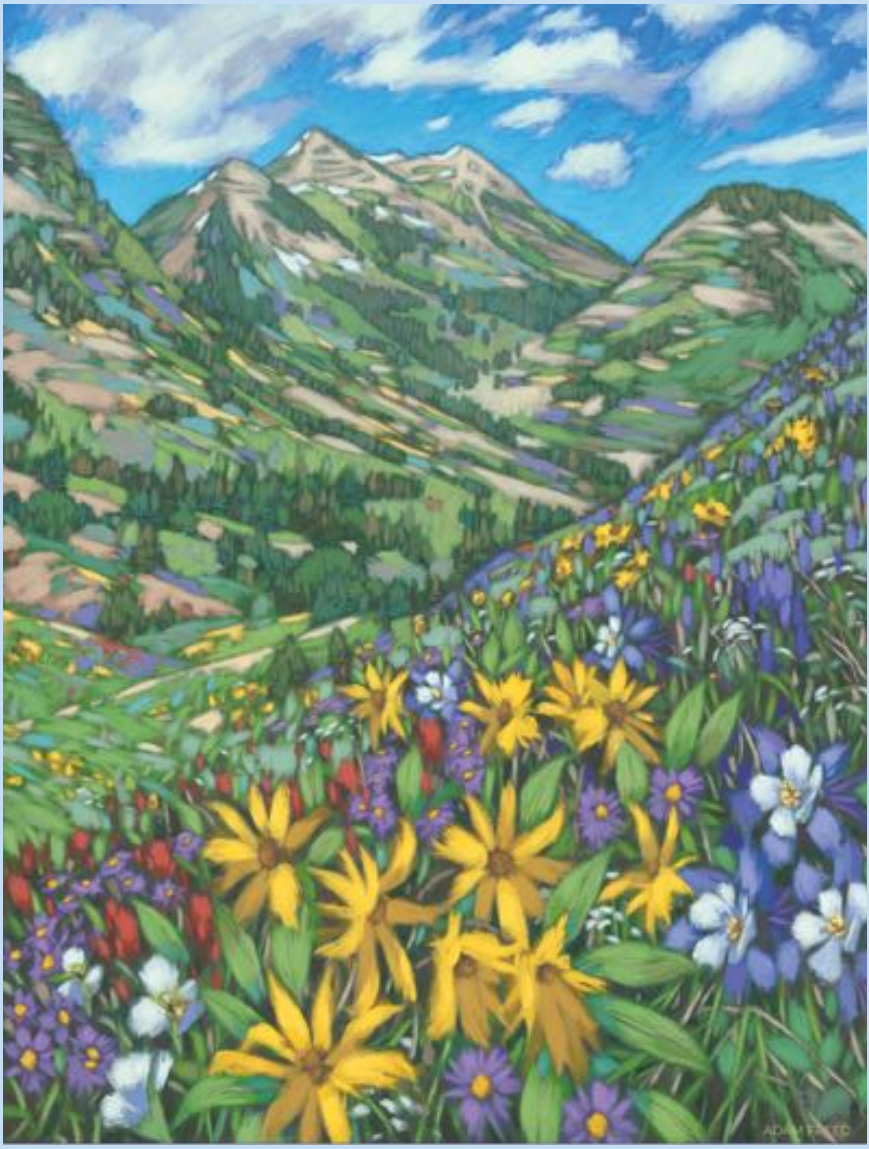
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2021 Program Guide



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Hiking Key

- Beginner *level, rolling terrain*
- Intermediate *mostly rolling with some steep, rocky terrain*
- Advanced *steep, rocky, uneven terrain*
- Expert *very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed*





Photo Contest

First Place Tie

Jake Welsh

Jon Reynolds

Pre-Festival Events

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Thursday, June 17				
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Thursday, June 24				
9 - 10:30 am	Nature Journaling: Springtime in the Rockies - *Virtual Class*		A12	16
10 am - 12:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G01	32
Friday, June 25				
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Monday, June 28				
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Tuesday, June 29				
10 am - 12 pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	●	R05	25
Thursday, July 1				
10 am - 12:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G02	32
Monday, July 5				
9 am - 12 pm	Follow the Bloom	●	H04	35
Tuesday, July 6				
10 am - 12 pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	●	R06	25
Thursday, July 8				
10 am - 12:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G03	32

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Friday, July 9				
6:30 - 11:30 am	Backcountry 4x4 Photo Tour		P01	26
8 am - 12:30 pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	●■	H08	41
8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Three Lakes Hike	■	H07	41
9 - 11 am	Historic Alleyways & Enchanting Gardens		P02	27
9 am - 1 pm	Simple Sketch Flora & Fauna		A08	17
9 am - 1 pm	Geology of Paradise	●■	R01	25
9 am - 1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	●■	H09	39
10 am - 2 pm	Butterflies of Cement Creek	●■	F01	20
1 - 3 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H10	36
3 - 5:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G04	32
4 - 5:30 pm	Gardens to Glass		C01	23
Saturday, July 10				
6 am - 10 pm	Hike to Aspen	◆◆	H11	43
7 - 11 am	Wildflower Close-Ups		P03	28
7:30 am - 3:30 pm	Rustler's Gulch	◆◆	H15	44
8 am - 2 pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin	■	H13	42
9 am - 12 pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	●	R02	25
9 am - 2 pm	Medicinal Plants of the Mountains	●■	C07	23
9:30 - 11:30 am	Wild Food Feasting & Foraging	●	C02	24
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	●	H14	36
10 am - 2 pm	Butterflies of Brush Creek	●	F02	19
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H12	36
1 - 3 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	●	G11	32
1 - 3:30 pm	Linoleum Block Carving & Printing		A07	15
4 - 8 pm	Evening of Wildflower Photography		P04	26

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Sunday, July 11

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7:30 am - 1:30 pm	Scarp Ridge	◆◆	H18	44
8-11 am	Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light	●	H16	37
8 am - 12 pm	Explore Judd Falls	●	H17	34
8:30 am - 12 pm	Long Lake Blooms & Views	●■	H20	39
9 am - 12 pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	●	R03	25
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	●	H26	36
10 am - 2 pm	Butterflies of Deer Creek	●■	F03	20
10:30 am - 1 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G05	32
1 - 3:30 pm	Hummingbird Hand Printed Silhouettes		A01	15
3:30 - 6 pm	Wildflower Watercolor & Wine		A11	18

Monday, July 12

7 - 11 am	Wildflower Landscapes		P05	29
7 am - 4 pm	Red Lady Summit	◆◆	H28	44
7:30 - 11:30 am	Birding Among the Woods Walk	●	F04	19
8 am - 12 pm	Explore Emerald Lake Basin	●	H23	34
8:30 am - 12 pm	Wildflowers & Folklore	●	H24	37
8:30 am - 2 pm	Beckwith Pass Amble	●■	H21	38
9 - 11 am	Composition & Close-Ups		P07	26
9 am - 12:30 pm	Lower Deer Creek Trail	■	H27	39
9 am - 1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	●■	H25	39
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	●	H19	37
10 am - 12 pm	The Chef's Pantry - Preserving Summer's Bounty		C03	24
10 am - 12 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	●	G12	32
1 - 3 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H22	36
3 - 8 pm	Private Evening of Wildflower Photography		P06	27

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Tuesday, July 13

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7:30 - 11:30 am	Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers	●■	F05	19
8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Amble at the Top of the Gulch	●	H29	33
8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Carnivorous Plants of Colorado	■	B03	22
9 - 11 am	Historic Alleyways & Enchanting Gardens		P08	27
9 am - 1 pm	Splendor on Snodgrass	●■	H30	41
9 am - 1 pm	Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass	●	H31	33
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	●	H32	37
10 am - 12 pm	Gifts From the Herb Garden		A06	15
10 am - 2 pm	Butterflies of Kebler Pass & Lake Irwin	●■	F06	20
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	●	G13	32
1 - 3:30 pm	Simple Shapes on Swedish Dish Towels		A04	16
4:30 - 7 pm	Member Appreciation Party		C04	24

Wednesday, July 14

7 - 11 am	Wildflower Master Class		P09	29
8 am - 12:30 pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	●■	H55	41
9 am - 12 pm	Plant Defenses & Survival Strategies	●	B01	22
9 am - 1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	●■	H33	39
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	●	H34	36
10 am - 2 pm	Butterflies of Lily Lake	●■	F07	21
10:30 am - 1 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G06	32
1 - 3 pm	Flower Pressing Arts		A05	14
1 - 3 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H56	36
6 - 8 pm	Rivers, Waterfalls, & Wildflowers		P10	28

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Thursday, July 15

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7-11 am	Wildflower Close-Ups		P11	28
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Woods Walk	●	F08	19
8 am-12 pm	Explore Emerald Lake Basin	●	H36	34
8 am-3 pm	Wetlands and Wildflowers of Swampy Pass	◆◆	H37	45
8:30 am-12:30 pm	Amble at the Top of the Gulch	●	H35	33
9 am-1 pm	Geology of Paradise	●■	R04	25
9:30 am-1:30 pm	What's in a Name	●■	B02	22
10 am-12 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	●	G14	32
3-5 pm	Felted Wool Wildflowers		A02	14
4-8 pm	Evening of Wildflower Photography		P12	26

Friday, July 16

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6:30-11:30 am	Backcountry 4x4 Photo Tour		P13	26
7:30-11:30 am	Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers	●■	F09	19
8-11 am	Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light	●	H38	37
8 am-2 pm	Scarp Ridge	◆◆	H40	44
8:30 am-1:30 pm	Carnivorous Plants of Colorado	■	B04	22
9 am-1 pm	Simple Sketch Iconic Images of CB		A09	17
9 am-1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	●■	H41	39
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Wonderful Wildflower Connections	●	H42	37
1-3 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H39	36
3-5:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G07	32
4-5:30 pm	Gardens to Glass		C05	23

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Saturday, July 17

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7:30 am-2 pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-be-joyful Valley	■◆	H47	42
8 am-2 pm	Three Lakes Hike	■	H43	41
8:30 am-12:30 pm	Splendor on Snodgrass	●■	H45	41
9 am-2 pm	Medicinal Plants of the Mountains	●■	C08	23
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	●	H46	36
10 am-12 pm	Herbal Home Medicine Chest Workshop		C06	23
10 am-12 pm	Tour of Crested Butte Gardens	●	G15	32
10:30 am-12:30 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H44	36
1-3 pm	Felted Wool Wildflowers		A03	14
3-8 pm	Private Evening of Wildflower Photography		P15	27
3:30-6 pm	Wildflower Painting & Prosecco		A10	18

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8 am-12 pm	Meditations with Wildflowers	●■	H50	40
8 am-12:30 pm	Trail 403 to Viewpoint	●■	H53	41
8:30 am-2:30 pm	Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin	■	H51	42
9 am-1 pm	Lily Lake Wildflowers	●■	H48	39
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Gothic Wildflowers	●	H52	36
10 am-12:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	●	G08	32
10:30 am-12:30 pm	Wildflower ID Walk	●	H49	36

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Tuesday, July 20				
10 am - 12 pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	•	R07	25
Thursday, July 22				
9 - 10:30 am	Nature Journaling: Summertime - *Virtual Class*		A13	16
10 am - 12:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	•	G09	32
Friday, July 23				
9 am - 1 pm	Simple Sketch Sky Dance: Sunrises, Sunsets, & Clouds		A14	17
Monday, July 26				
9 am - 12 pm	Follow the Bloom	•	H06	35
Tuesday, July 27				
10 am - 12 pm	Geobotany of Crested Butte	•	R08	25
Thursday, July 29				
9 - 10:30 am	Nature Journaling: Summertime - *Virtual Class*		A13	16
10 am - 12:30 pm	Historic Garden Tour	•	G10	32
Friday, July 30				
9 am - 1 pm	Simple Sketch Trees: Aspens, Pines, & People		A15	17



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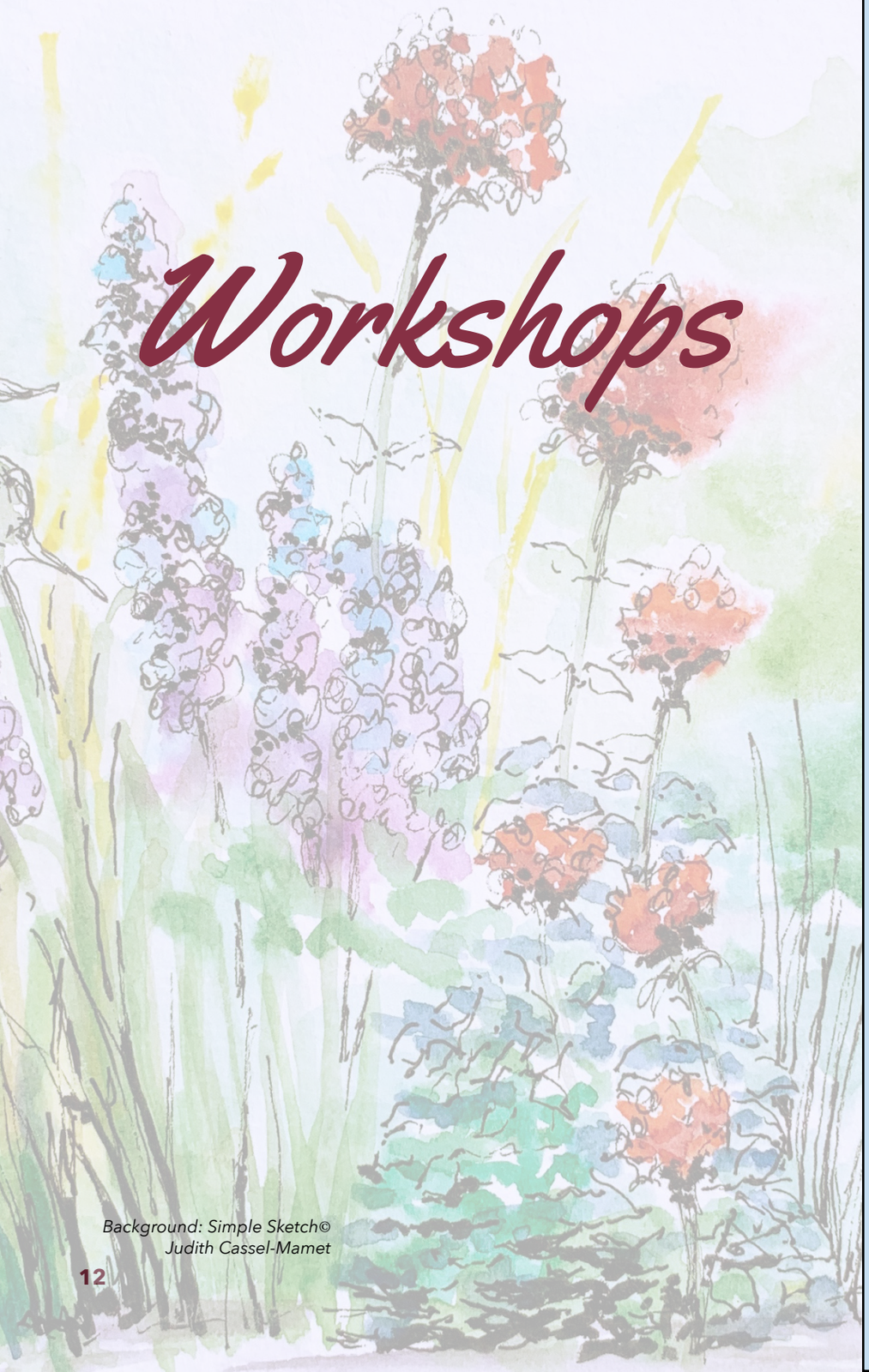
Elevation Hotel and Spa is the only full service slopes-side resort in Crested Butte. After a long day of hiking or biking through Crested Butte's beautiful wildflowers beautiful wildflowers, enjoy an array of spa treatments and scenic dining just steps away from the chairlifts.





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Workshops



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Art

Birding & Butterflies

Botany

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Art

All workshop materials are provided unless otherwise specified in the event description.

Felted Wool Wildflowers *New!*

Megan Hammer $75



Megan Hammer

Learn the art of needle-felting! Registration includes a kit (yours to keep!) with all the tools and supplies needed to create a beautiful Colorado wildflower using only wool and a needle! During our workshop we'll work through the kit step-by-step. You'll also have access to additional tools, as well as the opportunity to personalize your kit design during our workshop with a variety of flower stencils and a wide assortment of wool colors. You'll leave with a finished work of art, framed in a 6" embroidery hoop, ready to display! This workshop is led by fiber artist Megan Hammer, whose work is inspired by, and encourages the appreciation of flora everywhere. Learn more about Megan and her work at www.artgrowswild.com.

A02	Columbine	Thursday, 7/15	3-5pm
A03	Aspen Sunflower	Saturday, 7/17	1-3pm

Flower Pressing Arts

Susan Evans $65

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 them for optimal color, durability, and long life. Great for gifts!

A05 Wednesday, 7/14 1-3pm

Gifts from the Herb Garden *New!*

Susan Evans $70

Take this fun and easy class and discover how to craft your own beautiful and unique gifts from natural materials in the garden. Make a luscious lip balm, soothing foot soak, lavender facial toner, delicious blossoms tea, and sage sticks for smudging and centering. Take home a sample of each for personal pampering. Recipes included.

A06 Tuesday, 7/13 10am-12pm

Hummingbird Hand Printed Silhouettes *New!*

Denise Newberry $75



Denise Newberry

Using printing methods learned in this workshop you will hand print your unique design onto a wooden hummingbird that will sit still long enough for you to enjoy! Work hard, have fun, get inky and leave with a unique one-of-a-kind hummingbird.

A01 Sunday, 7/11 1-3:30pm

Linoleum Block Carving & Printing

Denise Newberry $75

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.

A07 Saturday, 7/10 1-3:30pm

Nature Journaling - Virtual Class

New!

Judith Cassel-Mamet $60

If you love to wander in nature and want to find a way to record your moments, then creating a Nature Journal is for you! Artist Judith Cassel-Mamet will help you cultivate your curiosity and your sketching skills with her 3-step approach to nature journaling. This is NOT botanic illustration, so sketching "perfection" is not part of the experience. Instead, we will play with various ways to record our curiosity using a "Simple Sketch ©" approach and include text notes on each page (and possibly photos!). Each entry is unique to the artist-wanderer; there are no rules as we observe the seasons. This class is perfect for both beginner and experienced artists alike as observations in nature never get old! **Both spring and summer classes will be taught on Zoom.** A basic material list will be provided which will include watercolor set, pens and pencils with a few other tools to enhance the experience.



Judith Cassel-Mamet

A12	Springtime in the Rockies Thursdays: 6/17 & 6/24		9-10:30am
A13	Summertime Thursdays: 7/22 & 7/29		9-10:30am

Simple Shapes on Swedish Dish Towels

New!

Denise Newberry $75

Carve your way into the art of relief block printing on Swedish dish towels using waterproof ink. Have fun carving a simple shape into linoleum and keep the art form of printing alive. Enjoy and take home your hand-carved block and several completed dish towels to keep or give as gifts!



Denise Newberry

A04	Tuesday, 7/13		1-3:30pm

Simple Sketch Series

Judith Cassel-Mamet $110/class

Have you always wished you could do a quick sketch of that wildflower but felt inhibited? This "Simple Sketch©" technique is designed to help everyone find enjoyment in the process of learning to look more closely and work with basic art materials to capture the essence of an object. We will play with pens, watercolor, and pencils and practice developing confidence and coordination! Class size is limited to ensure each student receives individualized instruction.



Judith Cassel-Mamet

Students will provide their own materials & sketch book/journal. You will receive a materials list upon registration.

A08	Flora & Fauna	Friday, 7/9	9am-1pm
A09	Iconic Images of Crested Butte	Friday, 7/16	9am-1pm
A14	Sky Dance: Sunrises, Sunsets & Clouds	Friday, 7/23	9am-1pm
A15	Trees: Aspens, Pines & People	Friday, 7/30	9am-1pm



Judith Cassel-Mamet

Wildflower Painting & Prosecco

Mary Tuck $75



Mary Tuck

Join in an evening of creativity and fun with a guided painting session to capture local wildflowers in vibrant hues on a pre-finished black canvas, giving your work a bold background making it really POP! Local artist Mary Tuck guides the class step-by-step through a painting, demonstrating skills and showing painting techniques as she goes, proving that ANYONE can create a beautiful painting. Kids 12+ with supervision. Must be 21 and older to enjoy the Prosecco.

A10 Saturday, 7/17 3:30-6pm

Wildflower Watercolor & Wine

Karen Hill $75



Karen Hill

Join local watercolor artist Karen Hill, for a step-by-step watercolor painting class with wildflowers as the subject. Karen guides the group through a watercolor painting from start to finish, giving instruction on setting up to paint, wash and watercolor painting techniques, composition, and more. Wine and wine spritzers are provided to participants 21 and older, so you can relax and create!

A11 Sunday, 7/11 3:30-6pm

Birding & Butterflies

Birding Among the Upper Loop Wildflowers

Jacque Fisher $70

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 and field guide(s). Kids 13+ with supervision.

F05 Tuesday, 7/13 7:30-11:30am
F09 Friday, 7/16 7:30-11:30am

Birding Among the Woods Walk

Jacque Fisher $70

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 and field guide(s). Kids 13+ with supervision.

F04 Monday, 7/12 7:30-11:30am
F08 Thursday, 7/15 7:30-11:30am

Butterflies of Brush Creek

Sara Simonson $65

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+ with supervision.

F02 Saturday, 7/10 10am-2pm



Photo: Jennifer Nicholas

Butterflies of Cement Creek

Sara Simonson $65

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 includes traditional working ranches, scenic views of high mountains, aspen stands, streamside habitats, and wildflower-decorated sagebrush slopes that are characteristic of this unique area. Kids 10+ with supervision.

F01 Friday, 7/9 10am-2pm

Butterflies of Deer Creek

Sara Simonson $65

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+ with supervision.

F03 Sunday, 7/11 10am-2pm

Butterflies of Kebler Pass & Lake Irwin

Sara Simonson New! $65

Level: ●■ Advanced Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 4 miles with rolling and some steeper terrain

This moderate hike passes through subalpine forests and wetlands, with lush streamside butterfly habitats and showy wildflower meadows. We'll visit a variety of habitats that are important to local butterflies and pollinators, and search for interesting aquatic plants and animals near the lake. Kids 10+ with supervision.

F06 Tuesday, 7/13 10am-2pm

Butterflies of Lily Lake

New!

Sara Simonson $65

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3.5 miles with steeper terrain

This moderate hike winds through subalpine forests and wetlands, highlighting diverse butterfly habitats and scenic wildflower meadows. We'll break for lunch at a lovely, lily-covered pond that supports rare dragonflies and other unique wetland animals. Kids 10+ with supervision.

F07 Wednesday, 7/14 10am-2pm



Photo: John Zemaitis

Botany

Carnivorous Plants of Colorado

New!

Jennifer Ackerfield $75

Level: ■ Intermediate Length: 4.5 miles, some steep, rocky terrain

Carnivorous plants captivate us with their ability to absorb nutrients from insects and other prey for food. On this hike, we will talk about the unique adaptations of these plants, where they are found, and examine specimens of some carnivorous Colorado plant species. We will then hike to Copley Lake, traversing through a spruce/fir forest and wildflower-packed hillsides along the way. This trail is short but moderately steep, and ends at a beautiful lake with phenomenal wildflower displays.

B03	Tuesday, 7/13	8:30am-1:30pm
B04	Friday, 7/16	8:30am-1:30pm

Plant Defenses & Survival Strategies

Jennifer Ackerfield $50

Level: ● Beginner

Length: 2.5 miles on well-packed trail, 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	Wednesday, 7/14	9am-12pm

What's in a Name?

New!

Jennifer Ackerfield $65

Level: ●■ Adv. Beg.-Int. Length: 3.5 miles, some steep, uneven terrain

Have you ever wondered how plants get their scientific and common names? Or why those names can change? On this hike, you will learn the process of naming plant species and why disagreements can exist among botanists. We will even play a game of botanical bingo as we hike, with the winner receiving a fabulous prize at the end! This hike will take place on the beautiful Snodgrass trail, offering a multitude of wildflowers and views of Crested Butte Mountain along the way.

B02	Thursday, 7/15	9:30am-1:30pm

Culinary & Medicinal

Gardens to Glass

Susan Evans $45

Discover how easy it is to create fresh, artisanal beverages from the garden with minimal effort and delicious results. Make captivating cocktails, infused liquors, non-alcoholic refreshers, herbal concentrates, and more. Skip the chemicals, dyes, and corn syrup and bring in the nourishing clean tastes of fresh produce and herbs to create your own unique flavorful libations. Sampling and handout included. Class is taught by Susan Evans, herbalist and author of The Herbalist's Happy Hour, Crafted Cocktails and Tapas from the Garden.

C01	Friday, 7/9	4-5:30pm
C05	Friday, 7/16	4-5:30pm

Herbal Home Medicine Chest Workshop

Susan Evans $75

Join this fun and creative class and learn how to make and use safe, effective herbal remedies for help with everything from common maladies to boosting energy and health. We'll cover simple home remedies created from easy to find ingredients. Discover how to make immune boosting fire cider, a healing skin salve, and a soothing digestive tea to get you started. Recipes and take-home, full size samples included.

C06	Saturday, 7/17	10am-12pm

Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Leanne Benton $75

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, many 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!

C07	Saturday, 7/10	9am-2pm
C08	Saturday, 7/17	9am-2pm

Member Appreciation Party

FREE for Wildflower Festival Lupine Members & Above!



Come mingle with Festival leaders, staff, and Board of Directors while enjoying appetizers and cocktails. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event, which includes a drawing for great door prizes.

Tuesday, 7/13 4:30-7pm

Reservations required - please call our office at 970-349-2571 or email us at info@cbwildflower.com to reserve your spot. Learn more about member benefits and how you can support the Wildflower Festival at https://crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.org/about-us/membership/

The Chef's Pantry – Preserving Summer's Bounty

Susan Evans $45

Discover all the ways to use and preserve the bounty of summer. We'll cover how to harvest and dry herbs and use them in pestos, butters, marinated cheeses, vinegars, and seasoning blends. Learn how to candy herbs, edible flowers, and citrus peel for delicious garnishes. Put some wow in your pantry. Handout with recipes included.

C03 Monday, 7/12 10am-12pm

Wild Food Feasting & Foraging

New!

Susan Evans $45

Come outdoors and explore the fascinating world of wild edibles! We'll start with an herb walk to identify common tasty plants. Make refreshing teas, nutritious salads, savory soups, and delicious additions to pasta, veggies, and side dishes. Discover how to locate, identify, harvest, and prepare wild edibles to add nutrition and flavor to your meals. Learn how to put together a wild foods salad and herbal tea. Experience the fun and health benefits of eating on the wild side! Handout with plant descriptions and uses, and recipes included.

C02 Saturday, 7/10 9:30-11:30am

Geology & Geobotany

Geobotany of Crested Butte

Level: • *Beginner* *Length: up to 2 miles on well packed trail*

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

R05 Tuesday, 6/29 10am-12pm
Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney $60
R06 Tuesday, 7/6 10am-12pm
Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney $60
R02 Saturday, 7/10 9am-12pm
Amy Ellwein & Tim Lowrey $70
R03 Sunday, 7/11 9am-12pm
Amy Ellwein & Tim Lowrey $70
R07 Tuesday, 7/20 10am-12pm
Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney $60
R08 Tuesday, 7/27 10am-12pm
Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney $60

Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney $75

Level: •■ *Beginner - Intermediate*

Length: 2 - 3 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.

R01 Friday, 7/9 9am-1pm
R04 Thursday, 7/15 9am-1pm

Photography

Backcountry 4x4 Photo Tour

Dusty Demerson $125

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 and meadows.

P01	Friday, 7/9	6:30-11:30am
P13	Friday, 7/16	6:30-11:30am

Composition & Close-Ups

Rebecca Ofstedahl $75

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. A macro lens is recommended, NOT required. Ages 15+

P07	Monday, 7/12	9-11am

Evening of Wildflower Photography

Jan Runge $85

Level: Beginner-Advanced 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+ with supervision.

P04	Saturday, 7/10	4-8pm
P12	Thursday, 7/15	4-8pm

Private Evening of Wildflower Photography *New!*

Jan Runge $650

Level: Beginner-Advanced Need: Digital camera, tripod 4WD/ high-clearance vehicle recommended.

Spend an evening photographing the gorgeous wildflowers and receive private, individualized instruction from Jan. This session will be tailored to a group of up to four people and Jan will teach you how to use your digital camera settings, how to control exposure, sharpness, and speed, as well as point-and-shoot options and limitations. You'll understand the difference between beautiful and photogenic and find out how to make the most of low, medium, and high contrast, and how to work with the direction and intensity of light.

P06	Monday, 7/12	3-8pm
P15	Saturday, 7/17	3-8pm

Historic Alleyways & Enchanting Gardens

Rebecca Ofstedahl $80

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 with the natural beauty. You'll learn the basics of lighting, composition, and how to incorporate backgrounds/buildings to enhance your flower photography. Ages 15+

P02	Friday, 7/9	9-11am
P08	Tuesday, 7/13	9-11am

Rivers, Waterfalls, & Wildflowers

Rebecca Ofstedahl $80

Level: Beg.-Intermediate Need: Tripod, camera with at least a 35 mm lens, camera user's guide



Rebecca Ofstedahl

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. Ages 15+

P10 Wednesday, 7/14 6-8pm

Wildflower Close-Ups

Dusty Demerson $105

Level: Intermediate-Adv. 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 forests and meadows.

P03 Saturday, 7/10 7-11am
P11 Thursday, 7/15 7-11am



Dusty Demerson

Wildflower Landscapes

Dusty Demerson $105

Level: Intermediate-Advanced
Need: Camera, tripod, & lenses



Dusty Demerson

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.

P05 Monday, 7/12 7-11am

Wildflower Master Class

Dusty Demerson $165

Level: Advanced Need: SLR Camera, tripod & lenses

Dusty will coach a small group on 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.

P09 Wednesday, 7/14 7-11am
P14 Saturday, 7/17 7-11am



Hikes & Tours

Background photo: Eric Phillips

Garden Tours

Beginner Hikes & Walks

Intermediate Hikes

Advanced & Expert Hikes

Hiking Key

- ● Beginner *level, rolling terrain*
- ■ Intermediate *mostly rolling with some steep, rocky terrain*
- ◆ Advanced *steep, rocky, uneven terrain*
- ◆◆ Expert *very steep, rocky, uneven and exposed*

Garden Tours

Historic Garden Tour

Glo Cunningham/CB Museum $40

Level: • *Beginner*

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Stroll the streets, alleys, and gardens of historic Crested Butte with the friendly staff from the Crested Butte Museum and Wildflower Festival. This leisurely tour will provide you with interesting and humorous knowledge of Crested Butte's heritage while we explore the wild and tame flowers growing in our local gardens. We'll be walking up to 1.5 miles around town. Kids 10+ with supervision.

G01	Thursday, 6/24	10am-12:30pm
G02	Thursday, 7/1	10am-12:30pm
G03	Thursday, 7/8	10am-12:30pm
G04	Friday, 7/9	3-5:30pm
G05	Sunday, 7/11	10:30am-1pm
G06	Wednesday, 7/14	10:30am-1pm
G07	Friday, 7/16	3-5:30pm
G08	Sunday, 7/18	10am-12:30pm
G09	Thursday, 7/22	10am-12:30pm
G10	Thursday, 7/29	10am-12:30pm

Tour of Crested Butte Gardens

Festival Staff $25

Level: • *Beginner*

Length: 2 miles of level, paved walking

Enjoy a guided tour of our local gardens while you admire and identify both wild and tame flowers. Our stroll will move at a leisurely pace; however, plan to walk up to 2 miles. Kids 10+ with supervision.

G11	Saturday, 7/10	1-3pm
G12	Monday, 7/12	10am-12pm
G13	Tuesday, 7/13	10:30am-12:30pm
G14	Thursday, 7/15	10am-12pm
G15	Saturday, 7/17	10am-12pm

Beginner Hikes & Walks



East River/Brush Creek Trail - Tom Roll

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 that 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.

Amble at the Top of the Gulch *New!*

Dave Ebner & Dawn Kairns $75

Level: • *Beginner* *Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed road, with some rocky & steeper terrain*

We'll head to the top of Washington Gulch Road and explore the roadside and meadows that 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.

H29	Tuesday, 7/13	8:30am–12:30pm
H35	Thursday, 7/15	8:30am-12:30pm

Beaver Ponds & Wetlands of Ohio Pass *New!*

Lynn Cudlip $65

Level: • *Beginner* *Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail with some rocky & steeper terrain*

Enjoy this beautiful hike through old aspen groves to beaver ponds surrounded by the Anthracite Range. We'll explore ferns and wildflowers carpeting the forest floor as well as wetland plants and flowers around the ponds.

H31	Tuesday, 7/13	9am-1pm

Explore Emerald Lake Basin

Ken Collins $65

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. Ages 12+

H23	Monday, 7/12	8am-12pm
H36	Thursday, 7/15	8am-12pm

Explore Judd Falls

Ken Collins $65

Level: • Beginner Length: 3+ miles on well-packed trail with some rocky & steeper terrain

Along this trail we'll experience 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. Ages 12+

H17	Sunday, 7/11	8am-12pm

Flora & History of Cement Mountain

Glo Cunningham/CB Museum $65

Level: • Beginner Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail

Join Glo, Outreach Coordinator for the local museum, 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 in the dense evergreen forest surrounding the cabins.

H02	Friday, 6/25	9am-12pm

Follow the Bloom Hiking Series

Festival Staff $65

Level: • Beginner
Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed trail with some steep & rocky terrain



Brush Creek - James Harris

Join our Wildflower Festival Staff for a wildflower identification hike at a leisurely pace with time for questions and photographing the beautiful blooms. The wildflowers in Crested Butte peak at different locations at different times during the summer. We'll take you to where the flowers are at their best! Ages 12+ with supervision

H01	Monday, 6/21	9am-12pm
H03	Monday, 6/28	9am-12pm
H04	Monday, 7/5	9am-12pm
H05	Monday, 7/19	9am-12pm
H06	Monday, 7/26	9am-12pm

Geobotany of Crested Butte

Level: • Beginner Length: up to 2 miles on well packed trail

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

R05	Tuesday, 6/29	10am-12pm	
	Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney		$60
R06	Tuesday, 7/6	10am-12pm	
	Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney		$60
R02	Saturday, 7/10	9am-12pm	
	Amy Ellwein & Tim Lowrey		$70
R03	Sunday, 7/11	9am-12pm	
	Amy Ellwein & Tim Lowrey		$70
R07	Tuesday, 7/20	10am-12pm	
	Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney		$60
R08	Tuesday, 7/27	10am-12pm	
	Amy Ellwein/Tom Zeiner/Jeff Delaney		$60

Geology of Paradise

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney $75

Level: ●■ Beg. - Intermed. Length: 2 - 3 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.

R01	Friday, 7/9	9am-1pm
R04	Thursday, 7/15	9am-1pm

Gothic Wildflowers

Mel Harte $65

Level: ● Beg. 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! Ages 10+

H14	Saturday, 7/10	9:30am-12:30pm
H26	Sunday, 7/11	9:30am-12:30pm
H34	Wednesday, 7/14	9:30am-12:30pm
H46	Saturday, 7/17	9:30am-12:30pm
H52	Sunday, 7/18	9:30am-12:30pm

Wildflower ID Walk

Festival Staff $30

Level: ● Beg. 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! Ages 8+

H10	Friday, 7/9	1-3pm
H12	Saturday, 7/10	10:30am-12:30pm
H22	Monday, 7/12	1-3pm
H56	Wednesday, 7/14	1-3pm
H39	Friday, 7/16	1-3pm
H44	Saturday, 7/17	10:30am-12:30pm
H49	Sunday, 7/18	10:30am-12:30pm

Wildflowers & Folklore

New!

Leanne Benton $65

Level: ● Beg. Length: 2-3 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

The lives of people and wildflowers have long been intertwined, leading to a rich trove of stories, traditions, and uses about these plants. We'll explore the folklore, myths, histories, and some interesting facts of Crested Butte's beautiful blooms. Fairies, witches, plagues, love, and healing all have a role, as well as a secret language spoken through wildflowers!

H24	Monday, 7/12	8:30am-12pm

Wildflowers & Yoga in the Morning Light

Cassidy Cichowicz $65

Level: ● Beg. 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 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.

H16	Sunday, 7/11	8-11am
H38	Friday, 7/16	8-11am

Wonderful Wildflower Connections

Mel Harte $65

Level: ● Beg. Length: 1-2 miles on well-packed, rolling terrain

Explore fascinating connections among wildflowers and animals on the Lower Loop trail. 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! Ages 10+

H19	Monday, 7/12	9:30am-12:30pm
H32	Tuesday, 7/13	9:30am-12:30pm
H42	Friday, 7/16	9:30am-12:30pm

Intermediate Hikes


Copley Lake - Amber Scott

Intermediate hikes are suitable for people who consider themselves fit and who regularly participate in jogging/walking/hiking activities. 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), and bring sunscreen and bug spray. Bring at least 32 ounces of water and a snack (or lunch if the event is around noon). Rain jacket required. Hiking poles recommended.

Beckwith Pass Amble

Dawn Kairns $75

Level: ●■ Advanced Beginner-Intermediate
Length: 5 miles with 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.

H21	Monday, 7/12	8:30am-2pm

Carnivorous Plants of Colorado *New!*

Jennifer Ackerfield $75

Level: ■ Inter. Length: 4.5 miles with some steep and rocky terrain

Carnivorous plants captivate us with their ability to absorb nutrients from insects and other prey for food. On this hike, we will talk about the unique adaptations of these plants, where they are found, and examine specimens of some carnivorous Colorado plant species. We will then hike to Copley Lake, traversing through a spruce/fir forest and wildflower-packed hillsides along the way. This trail is short but moderately steep, and ends at a beautiful lake with phenomenal wildflower displays.

B03	Tuesday, 7/13	8:30am-1:30pm
B04	Friday, 7/16	8:30am-1:30pm

Lily Lake Wildflowers

Instructor: See below $65

Level: ●■ Advanced Beginner – Intermediate
Length: 4 miles with some rocky, steep terrain

A moderate hike through subalpine 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!

H09	Friday, 7/9	9am-1pm	Dawn Kairns
H25	Monday, 7/12	9am-1pm	Lynn Cudlip
H33	Wednesday, 7/14	9am-1pm	Leanne Benton
H41	Friday, 7/16	9am-1pm	Lynn Cudlip
H48	Sunday, 7/18	9am-1pm	Dawn Kairns

Long Lake Blooms & Views

Rick Reavis $65

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

Join Rick on this hike to Long Lake, Crested Butte's local, hidden swimming hole. On the gradual climb to this beautiful, narrow lake, participants will follow a wide trail surrounded by gorgeous wildflowers, and enjoy fantastic views while Rick shares his vast botanical knowledge.

H20	Sunday, 7/11	8:30am-12pm

Lower Deer Creek Trail

Rick Reavis $65

Level: ■ Intermediate Length: 4+ miles with rocky, steep terrain

Discover the beauty of a locally known, yet infrequently utilized Wildflower Trail. The out and back hike begins on a 4x4 road and narrows to single track. Enjoy a beautiful, meandering hike through open meadows, glacier-created ponds, and centuries old Aspen groves. Discover diverse displays of Wildflowers and never lose sight of awe-inspiring Gothic Mountain. Thorough discussions of the area's wildflowers and natural history will be provided. Plant list included. Ages 12+ with supervision.

H27	Monday, 7/12	9am-12:30pm

Intermediate Hikes continued

Medicinal Plants of the Mountains

Leanne Benton $75

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner – Intermediate

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

The wildflowers along the Horse Ranch Park trail are not only beautiful, many 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!

C07	Saturday, 7/10	9am-2pm
C08	Saturday, 7/17	9am-2pm

Meditations in Wildflowers

Ivy Walker $65

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate *Length: up to 3 miles on well packed trail and off trail/uneven surfaces*

Combine creativity and mindfulness with a wildflower hike. Join local artist and Certified Nature Connected Coach, Ivy Walker to explore your inner terrain while engaging the beauty of the wild landscape. Be in the present moment while held within the inspiring landscape of Crested Butte. This class will alternate between hiking and pausing to invite mindfulness through nature meditations, creative exercises, and deep listening.

Need physical ability to be on and off the trail, crouching, standing, and sitting without a chair in the terrain. Bring a journal or notebook. A portion of this workshop's tuition is donated to 1% for Open Space for the permanent preservation of our gorgeous landscapes.

H50	Sunday, 7/18	8am-12pm



Trail 403 to Viiewpoint
Photo: Tess Peterson

Splendor on Snodgrass

Ken Collins $65

Level: ●■ Advanced Beginner – 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 Canadian lynx. Ages 12+ with supervision.

H30	Tuesday, 7/13	9am-1pm
H45	Saturday,7/17	8:30am-12:30pm

Three Lakes Hike

Beth Schumacher $75

Level: ■ Intermediate

Length: 3 miles with rocky, very 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. Expect gorgeous flowers, and some waterfalls along the way. Good chance for mushrooms with a wet summer! Ages 12+ with supervision.

H07	Friday, 7/9	8:30am-2:30pm
H43	Saturday, 7/17	8am-2pm

Trail 403 to Viewpoint

Instructor: see below $70

Level: ●■ Adv. Beginner-Intermediate

Length: 3-4 miles, 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

H08	Friday, 7/9	8am-12:30pm	Cassidy Cichowicz
H55	Wednesday, 7/14	8am-12:30pm	Ken Collins
H53	Sunday, 7/18	8am-12:30pm	Rick Reavis

Wildflowers & Waterfalls in the Oh-be-joyful Valley

New!

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney $90

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.

H47 Saturday, 7/17 7:30am-2pm

Wildflowers & Waterfalls of Lake Irwin

New!

Lynn Cudlip $75

Level: ■ Intermediate Length: 4-5 miles with rocky, steep terrain

Join us as we explore the spectacular wildflowers and wetlands 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.

H13 Saturday, 7/10 8am-2pm

H51 Sunday, 7/18 8:30am-2:30pm



Deer Creek

Advanced & Expert Hikes

Expert hikes are suitable for people who are very physically fit, and who regularly incorporate running, cycling, or other strenuous exercise into their schedule. 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 1,500 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 are 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 in order to acclimate to the altitude change.

Hike to Aspen

Colorado Backcountry $325

Level: ◆◆ Extreme Length: 11 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. We'll enjoy dinner in Aspen (meal not included) and return to Crested Butte via shuttle. Ages 16+

H11 Saturday, 7/10 6am-10pm

Red Lady Summit

New!

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney $95

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.

H28 Monday, 7/12 7am-4pm

Rustler's Gulch

Tom Zeiner & Jeff Delaney $85

Level: ◆◆ Advanced-Expert 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 water crossings! Bring sandals/river shoes

H15 Saturday, 7/10 7:30am-3:30pm
H54 Sunday, 7/18 7:30am-3:30pm

Scarp Ridge

Leanne Benton $85

Level: ◆◆ Advanced-Expert

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 tree line 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.

H18 Sunday, 7/11 7:30am-1:30pm
H40 Friday, 7/16 8am-2pm

Wetlands & Wildflowers of Swampy Pass

Lynn Cudlip $85

New!

Level: ◆◆ Advanced-Expert

Length: 4-5 miles with steep, rocky, & uneven terrain

Enjoy stunning scenery and spectacular views of the iconic Castles rock formations on this hike! It begins with high mountain meadows blanketed with wildflowers and traverses through beautiful aspen forests. We'll observe an abundance of wildflowers and explore riparian areas while enjoying the gorgeous views of the Ohio Creek Valley.

H37 Thursday, 7/15 8am-3pm



Hike to Aspen



Photo Contest

Jeremy Armstrong
Second Place

Eric Phillips
Third Place





Melissa Bauman
Fourth Place

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