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### **Botanical Expeditions in Glacier National Park, 1909 and 1910 A Lecture by Rachel Potter**

The Montana House Regional Gift Shop in Apgar Village and the Glacier National Park Fund are partnering to co-host a botanically themed presentation as the next in their 'Look, Listen and Learn' series. The talk is scheduled for **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Montana House**. Rachel Potter, former Glacier botanist, will give an historical account of the early botanical expeditions that took place in Glacier National Park during 1909 and 1910. Rachel will discuss Marcus Jones, noted western botanist, and Morton Elrod, founder of Flathead Lake Biological Station, and their early journeys through the Park. She will tell the engaging story of these expeditions using Jones' and Elrod's written accounts, historic and modern photos and of course, many wildflower pictures.

A reception will follow Rachel's presentation. There is no cost to attend but it is recommended that you call 888-5393 for reservations.

Rachel first came to Glacier in 1976 to work as a crew leader for the Youth Conservation Corp. She then worked in Glacier on a grizzly bear food ecology study and also as a botanist with the native plant restoration program. She holds a degree in botany from the University of Montana. She is one of the founding members of, and continues to be very involved with, the Montana Native Plant Society. This is Rachel's first foray into historical botany research. She found that searching through archival records and photos lit a spark in her and she hopes to continue pursuing historical topics. Rachel lives with her family in Columbia falls and ventures into the Park to enjoy its flowers as often as she can.

Hans and Toni Jungster established **The Montana House Regional Craft Shop** in 1960 in Apgar Village, just inside Glacier National Park. Their daughter, Monica and staff continue to carry on their mission: to celebrate and promote the creativity of Montana and Native American artists and craftsmen for our mutual benefit. The Montana House has been a long time avid supporter of Glacier National Park.

The **Glacier National Park Fund** is the non-profit partner for Glacier National Park, whose mission is to preserve and protect the beauty and heritage of the Park for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. For further information, call: Jane Ratzlaff at 406-892-3250 or visit their website [www.glaciernationalparkfund.org](http://www.glaciernationalparkfund.org) .