

RM Friends Newsletter

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1,000,000th RM specimen mounted

Specimen #1,000,000 was ceremoniously mounted before a small audience that included RM students and volunteers, members of the UW Board of Trustees, assorted UW administrators, and other important people like Greg Brown, Ernie Nelson, and Madison Dale.



Greg extolling the virtues of the RM to the Board of Trustees.

The specimen is now accessible to the global research community; it can be found by typing 1000000 in the accession number field at <u>rmh.uwyo.edu/</u> and through the regional data aggregator SEINet (<u>swbiodiversity.org</u>).



Ernie and Madison with specimen 1000000, which is now framed and hanging in the RM.

New website(s)!

RM is part of the new UW Natural Science Collections Partnership. Visit the UWNSCP at <u>NaturalScienceCollections.org</u>.

We are even more excited that RM will soon be getting its own new website, too. Stay tuned!

Save these dates!

April 5: Discover Native Plants workshop at the Cheyenne Botanic Garden. Hosted by UW Extension, Rocky Mountain Herbarium and the Biodiversity Institute. For enrollment information, check the "Programs and Events" tab on CBG's website (<u>botanic.org</u>).

April 23 and 24: RM speaker series, cosponsored by the Biodiversity Institute, in celebration of the millionth specimen!
Dr. Emily Meineke, UC Davis
Dr. Meineke is an entomologist interested in changes in insect herbivory over time, as recorded on herbarium specimens.
We will keep you informed as the plans for this event solidify!

RM Faces: Erik Larrow



Erik is in his second year working for the RM, where he started as a databaser, and is now georeferencing. Georeferencing requires reading old labels with vague location descriptions, and attempting to pinpoint where the specimen was collected. Erik says he enjoys this job—he gets to see beautiful parts of Wyoming (online) that he hasn't yet visited. Moreover, he is learning lots about Access, the database manager used by RM, and that knowledge will be useful in his future career in Finance. He's impressed with all of the information that RM makes available to users across Wyoming and around the world, and interested in who uses it, especially ranchers. We're impressed with Erik's efforts to make that information available—Thank you, Erik!