Special Summer Events

Summer 2017 brings special cultural events to MSU and the Bozeman community including musical and theatrical performances, historical exhibits, farmers’ markets, and an arts festival. There’s something for everyone here, so come join the fun!

Music
Lunch on the Lawn
July-August
Sponsored by the Emerson, this free lunch time concert series features a variety of musical styles including blues, jazz, rock, bluegrass and others. Also enjoy local food vendors, kid’s activities, face painting and more! Join other music lovers on the Emerson’s lawn, 111 S. Grand Ave., every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more information:
Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture
(406) 587-9797
office (http://catalog.montana.edu/summer-bulletin/special-summer-events-office@theEmerson.org)@theEmerson.org (http://catalog.montana.edu/summer-bulletin/special-summer-events-office@theEmerson.org)
www.TheEmerson.org (http://www.TheEmerson.org)

Music on Main
June-August
Every Thursday evening, June 29-August 17, downtown Bozeman comes alive by featuring a different musical group from an eclectic range of talent. Local restaurants and food vendors join the festival by providing an assortment of dinner options, drinks and treats. Kids’ activities begin at 6:30 p.m.; the free concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and run through 8:30 p.m. Located on Main Street between Rouse and Black Avenues.

For more information:
Downtown Bozeman Association
(406) 586-4008
ellie@downtownbozeman.org
www.downtownbozeman.org (http://www.downtownbozeman.org)

Bozeman Community Concert Band
June-August
Beginning mid-June through early August, the Bozeman Community Concert Band presents concerts every Tuesday evening in the Bogert Park Band Shell, South Church Avenue. Programs use traditional concert band literature including overtures, medleys, Broadway show tunes, and marches. The membership of the band consists of students and adults from throughout the Gallatin Valley as well as MSU students and other guest performers.

For more information:
Department of Music
(406) 994-3562
music@montana.edu

Theatre
Shakespeare in the Parks
June-September
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, a recipient of the 1991 Governor’s Award for the Arts, is entering its 42nd season presenting live, professional theatre productions in parks throughout Montana and surrounding areas. Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is the only professional theatre program in the state producing Shakespearean plays that offers its performances free to the public, ensuring that all are able to attend regardless of income level or community size. Whether performing in Birney or Billings, Shakespeare in the Parks has become a major summer event in communities across the region. A complete statewide tour schedule is available on the company’s website.

For more information:
Shakespeare in the Parks
(406) 994-3901
info@shakespeareintheparks.org
www.shakespeareintheparks.org (http://www.shakespeareintheparks.org)

Celebration of the Arts
Sweet Pea Festival 2015
August 4-6
The Sweet Pea Festival, now in its 40th year, takes its name from the Sweet Pea carnivals held in Bozeman more than a century ago. The Festival is a celebration of the arts and includes a parade, arts and crafts sales, a juried art show, children’s activities, a flower show, a craft brew and wine garden, theatre, music and dance workshops and performances, and major evening concerts. Most activities are located in Lindley Park at the east end of Bozeman’s Main Street. The Festival is supported by admission to the event (sold in advance or at the gates) and is run and organized by volunteers in the community.

Preceding the weekend Festival, Sweet Pea presents the annual Bite of Bozeman on Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come mingle on Main Street with your friends and family, enjoy the fine cuisine offered by more than 40 local restaurants, and listen to great local bands.

For more information:
Sweet Pea Festival
(406) 586-4003
admin@sweetpeafestival.org
www.sweetpeafestival.org (http://www.sweetpeafestival.org)

Art Walks
June-September
Every second Friday of the month, June through September, meander down Main Street from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and investigate Bozeman’s impressive collection of galleries. Meet artists at opening receptions or explore the past with some of the finest collections of Western art in the world. Live music while you stroll. Galleries feature wine and hors d’oeuvres.

For more information:
Downtown Bozeman Association
(406) 586-4008
ellie@downtownbozeman.org
www.downtownbozeman.org (http://www.downtownbozeman.org)

Museum Exhibits
Museum of the Rockies
Museum of the Rockies (MOR) at Montana State University is a Smithsonian Affiliate and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

Recognized for its vast collection of dinosaur fossils and its permanent regional history exhibits, MOR also thrills visitors with changing exhibits from around the world, the Martin Children’s Discovery Center, the Living History Farm (open summers), and the Taylor Planetarium, featuring a state-of-the-art digital projection system.

The Siebel Dinosaur Complex at MOR is curated by Jack Horner, 2013 recipient of the Romer-Simpson Lifetime Achievement Award from
the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology and scientific advisor on all of the Jurassic Park films. The Complex features more than 10,000 square feet of exhibit space, and many of its displays are based on the latest discoveries from the Museum’s world-renowned paleontology program. It houses specimens that span millions upon millions of years and range from T. rex to Triceratops and beyond.

Changing Exhibits
For more information on MOR’s changing exhibits, please visit www.museumoftherockies.org. (http://www.museumoftherockies.org)

Living History Farm
Open Memorial Day – Labor Day
Costumed interpreters share what life was like in 1890s Montana when you visit this historically accurate, working homestead, featuring a blacksmith shop, Heirloom Gardens, the original Tinsley house and more.

Taylor Planetarium
From the colors of the cosmos to the brilliance and beauty of Montana’s night skies, the Taylor Planetarium gives you an edge-of-your-seat look at the earth, the stars and the universe that surrounds us. One of only a handful of planetariums in the world to feature the advanced Digistar 5 projection system, the Taylor Planetarium provides a unique viewing experience to visitors young and old.

For current shows and showtimes, visit www.museumoftherockies.org. (http://www.museumoftherockies.org)

Museum Store
The Museum Store features the latest in “Made in Montana” gifts—including casual clothing, kids’ toys, delicious treats, artisan jewelry, pottery, and soaps, as well as a wide variety of regional products. You’ll also find a large selection of books that engage and children’s toys that entertain based on Montana history and the Museum’s latest exhibits. It’s the perfect place to find just the right gift for kids of every age.

Visiting the Museum
Location
On West Kagy between S. 7th and 3rd and directly next to Bobcat Stadium

Summer Hours
Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Admission
Admission fee is charged to non-members; MSU students receive a discount with valid student ID. For our latest admission fees, visit www.museumoftherockies.org. (http://www.museumoftherockies.org)

For more information:
Museum of the Rockies
600 W. Kagy Blvd., Bozeman
(406) 994-2251
museum@montana.edu
www.museumoftherockies.org (http://www.museumoftherockies.org)

American Computer Museum
Open since 1990, the American Computer Museum in Bozeman is the world’s oldest continually operating exhibition dedicated to the history of the Information Age. This award winning museum has assembled more than 5,000 years of technology through thousands of artifacts displayed in a visitor friendly environment. The exhibits are designed to appeal to both the novice and technology expert. See scores of displays including original Babylonian clay tablets, historic Bible leaves, and Isaac Newton’s the Principia and the Opticks. Travel through the evolution of the information age with exhibits such as the telegraph, telephone, radio, television, slide rules, computers and computer technology—including the ENIAC, Apple 1, the Internet, and DNA.

Museum Location & Hours
Location
2023 Stadium Dr., Suite 1-A
Bozeman

Summer Hours (June-August)
Daily: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed July 4th)

Admission
Free (donations welcomed)

Group Tours
Available by appointment

For more information:
American Computer Museum
(406) 582-1288
director@compustory.com
www.compustory.com (http://www.compustory.com)

The Gallatin History Museum
Gallatin Historical Society
The Gallatin History Museum of Bozeman, operated by the Gallatin Historical Society, promotes, fosters, and preserves the history of Gallatin County and southwest Montana. Located in the former county jail and listed on the national register of historic places, the museum features dozens of displays on various aspects of local history, including the American Indian, Lewis and Clark, Fort Ellis, fur traders, gold miners, pioneers, and settlers.

Indian tools and arrowheads are shown on the main floor, as is the impact of the Sioux War of 1876 and the trek of the Nez Perce under Chief Joseph in 1877.

The routes used by Lewis and Clark and some of the fauna and animals they discovered are part of a display that also features implements used by fur traders. There are also scale models of wagons, stagecoaches, and even a keelboat.

The Fort Ellis display explores the importance of the military post to the early growth and development of Bozeman. The museum’s gun collection includes rifles and pistols manufactured in the 1800s by Remington and Sharps and a single-bore cannon used in fights against the Sioux nation in the Yellowstone Valley. The agricultural room has tools and implements used by early farmers, including a butter churn, sheep shears, a drill press, and a centrifuge.

An overview of every community in the county is available in the balcony area, as is a display on the history of the Sweet Pea Festival. A turn-of-the-century lady’s parlor shows furniture and keepsakes treasured by 19th century Montana women. Visitors can also learn about the history of Montana State University and the earthquake-prone Gallatin Canyon.

Because the building was once the county jail, visitors will get to view jail cells and even a hanging gallows during their tour. The museum also houses a research center that stores nearly 18,000 historical photographs, as well as documents, newspapers, journals and diaries on local history.
The museum bookstore holds hard-to-find books on southwest Montana history.

**Museum Location & Hours**

**Location**

317 W. Main St., Bozeman

**Hours**

Labor Day to Memorial Day,
Tues. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Memorial Day to Labor Day,
Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Admission Fee**

$5.00 per person (children age 12 and under, and Museum members admitted free)

**For more information:**

Gallatin History Museum
(406) 522-8122
research@gallatinhistorymuseum.org
www.gallatinhistorymuseum.org (http://www.gallatinhistorymuseum.org)

**Farmers’ Markets**

**Bogert Farmers’ Market**

**June-September**

Gather, socialize and share at a great community event, the Bogert Farmers’ Market, held every Tuesday evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. starting in early June. Locally grown produce, arts, crafts, music, food, family activities and more are featured each week at Bogert Park, South Church Avenue. The Market is a non-profit and commits its revenues to the preservation and improvement of Bozeman parks.

**For more information:**

Bogert Farmers’ Market
(406) 539-0216
www.bogertfarmersmarket.org (http://www.bogertfarmersmarket.org)

**Gallatin Valley Farmers’ Market**

**June-September**

The original Gallatin Valley Farmers’ Market is a project of Career Transitions, a non-profit organization providing job search activities for the past 30 years. In addition to fresh vegetables, fruits, and herbs sold by local growers, the Gallatin Valley Farmers’ Market offers arts and crafts, baked goods, jewelry, coffee, and beef and pork. Free and open to the public, the Market is held every Saturday morning, June 21-Sept. 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Tamarack Street.

**For more information:**

Gallatin Valley Farmers’ Market
(406) 388-6701
farmersmarket@careertransitions.com
www.gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com (http://www.gallatinvalleyfarmersmarket.com)

**County Fair**

**Big Sky Country State Fair-Gallatin County**

**July 17-23**

The Big Sky Country State Fair celebrates the Montana lifestyle with music, livestock, special entertainment, children’s activities, competitive exhibits, carnival, food, agriculture education, class exhibits, 4-H exhibits and animals, rodeo, mud bog, dog contests and more. Located at 901 N. Black, Bozeman.

**For more information:**

Gallatin County Fairgrounds
(406) 582-3270
fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov
facebook.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds (http://www.facebook.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds)
Twitter@gcfFUN

**Crazy Days**

**Downtown Crazy Days**

**July 21-23**

It’s the biggest, the best and the original—it’s the Downtown Crazy Days on the third weekend in July. From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., downtown merchants take to the sidewalks with unbelievable sales on spring and summer merchandise.

**For more information:**

Downtown Crazy Days
(406) 586-4008
www.downtownbozeman.org (http://www.downtownbozeman.org)

**Car Show**

“Cruisin’ on Main”

**Annual Car Show**

**August 20**

Car enthusiasts are invited to enter their vehicles in the “Cruisin’ on Main” Annual Car Show. All classes are welcome. Entrants may preregister ahead of time or register on the day of the show. Dash plaques will be presented to the first 50 cars to register and trophies will be awarded in all classes including Best of Show. The Show is always held on the third Sunday of August, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Main Street between Rouse and Willson Avenues.

**For more information:**

“Cruisin’ on Main”
(406) 586-4008
www.downtownbozeman.org (http://www.downtownbozeman.org)
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