

Saturday April 28th, 2018

Desert Bloom Day

Join us for this new all-day event at the Silver Reef Museum celebrating the many and varied desert blooms that adorn Silver Reef and the surrounding area. Special programs set up in the Cosmopolitan Building are sure to give you that springtime fix of the beautiful blooms frequenting our deserts, and hopefully our grounds will put on a fine display too.



Admission \$5 Per Person Family Rate \$10

Family Rate applies to one immediate family with up to two adults and children under 18 years old.

Admission includes all special Desert Bloom Day events, the Silver Reef Museum, the Mine Exhibit tour, and day only access to other outside areas.

Schedule of Day's Events

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| 10:00 AM | Featured Event | Lecture - The Beauty of Desert Plants
Join Ryan White, Red Hills Desert Garden Manager, for a discussion incorporating resilient & beautiful desert plants into your landscape. |
| 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM | | Blooms of the Desert Slide Show
You won't know for sure what will be blooming in & around Silver Reef, but this slide show will give you everything you missed. Repeats after 40 minutes. |
| 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM | | Cactus Punch, Lavender Lemonade & Flower Cookies
Desert plants are not only sweet to look at, but they taste good too. |
| 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM | | Guided Tour of the Grounds
Take a guided tour of the Museum's formal gardens and grounds, or go off on your own. Plant guides will be handed out at this time. |
| 1:00 PM | | Heist of the Flowers - The Muddy River Gang
The gang is up to no good again, and only the Town Marshal can put an end to their villainy. Gunplay is guaranteed! |
| 1:30 PM | Featured Event | Lecture - Some Native Plants
Lee Hughes, native plant expert and former Ecologist with the BLM, will discuss native plants you can grow in your yard and how to care for them. |
| 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM | | Blooms of the Desert Slide Show (See Above) |
| 3:00 PM | | Heist of the Flowers - The Muddy River Gang (See Above) |
| 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM | | Guided Tour of the Grounds (See Above) |

Also Open This Day For Desert Bloom Day Guests

The Jail Will be Open Inside for Picture Taking

A Home Garden Next to the Museum Grounds Will be Open

(Follow the Trail Signs Behind the Cosmopolitan Building)

Renowned Western Artist Jerry Anderson's Sculpture Studio Will be Open 10am - 5pm

Featured Lecturers

The Beauty of Desert Plants

Ryan White

Red Hills Desert Garden Manager



Having been raised in Southern Utah, Ryan has red dirt in his blood. He began college as a music major (trumpet) before discovering a hidden passion for landscaping and plants. He switched majors and graduated with a degree in landscape management then went on to receive a master's degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University. Following grad school, Ryan and his wife were thrilled to come back to Southern Utah where Ryan spent several years working for a landscape contractor specializing in design/build. When a position opened up to manage Red Hills Desert Garden he jumped at the opportunity and has been there ever since.

Some Native Plants

Lee Hughes

Native Plant Expert



Lee was a former Ecologist and Rangeland Management Specialist with the Arizona Strip District BLM office. Among other things he managed rare and endangered plant species, participated in forest restoration work, and engaged in fire logistics. Besides Utah and Arizona, Lee had assignments in Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico, adding to his knowledge about plants native to the Western United States. Now retired, Lee is still considered one of St. George's leading authorities on native plants. He continues to advocate locally for the use of native plants in yards, and in doing so conserving water in our arid environment.



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