

## 45TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

**Pre/Post Conference Trips - Thursday, April 27, 28, 30**  
See page 12 for trip descriptions and sign up info.

### Thursday, April 27

- 7 am Free Breakfast at hotel
- 8-9:30 am Board Orientation
- 9:30-4 pm **Board Meeting**
- 5-7 pm Registration for Conference - Lobby area of Hotel
- 6 pm Photo Shootout Contest - *Pick up contest rules at registration desk*
- 7-9 pm **Wine Social and T-Shirt Swap** - Two Medicine Dinosaur Center. *Transportation will be provided from Stage Stop Inn. Members and Guests need to wear name badges.*

### Friday, April 28 - Supporting Member Day

- 7 am Free Breakfast at hotel
- 8-11 am Registration for Conference – Conference Center
- 8 am-1 pm Raffle Room  
People's Choice Photos on display for voting
- 8 am Welcome by President Jim Foster
- 8:15 am Announcements by Chris Batin, Conference Chairman
- 8:30 am Field Trips and Activities Preview and Sign-Up
- 9-11 am **Presentations by Supporting Members**  
Supporting Member displays and press materials in Conference Center Friday and Saturday all day
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation
- 1 - 5 pm **Field Trips and Activities**
  1. Muzzleloading Shooting Event (Outdoor Shooting Range) sponsored by NSSF and Central MT Tourism
  2. Fishing Derby at Reservoir: Sponsored by Macks Lure
  3. Off-Road Test Drives with Ram Trucks
  4. Spouse Shopping Tour at Lattigo and Lace, Augusta
  5. "Can You Dig It?" dinosaur fossil tour
  6. "Trail Ride with Lazy H Outfitters"
- 6 - 8 pm **Welcome to Montana! Community Night Dinner**  
sponsored by Central Montana Tourism, featuring local community businesses, US Forest Service, Fish & Game, Local artists/writers/authors  
**Program:** NOWA's Legacy Awards

**Don't miss this rare opportunity** to meet and interview Alaska's famous wildlife artist Sandy Jamieson at the Chateau conference. A Montana boy, Sandy graduated from Great Falls, Montana highschool and then migrated to Alaska where he spent the next forty years exploring the state as a bush pilot and Alaska brown bear guide. Sandy is well-known for his humorous 'Wild' life art and is donating one of his signed prints to NOWA's Silent Auction. Visit his website at <https://sandyjamieson.com/>



## Tentative Schedule

### Saturday, April 28 - Seminars

- 7 am Free Breakfast at hotel
- 7:45 am Announcements by Chris Batin, Conference Chairman
- 8-4 pm Raffle Room open all day
- 8-9 am Turn in Photo Shootout entries - *Hotel registration desk*
- 8-noon **Grizzlies at your Doorstep:** *Bert Gildart, National Park Service, Montana Fish and Game Guest Speakers, Sandy Jamison*  
**Creative Use of Aperture and Shutter Speed:** *Keith Szafranski*  
**How to Write Profitable, Award-Winning Sentences:** *Chris Batin*
- 12 - 1 pm Lunch: On Your Own
- 1-5 pm **Good Editing Starts in the Camera:** *Keith Szafranski*  
**Diving Down the Social Media Rabbit Hole: Exploring the Philosophy of Social Networking and How these Hidden Secrets Will Help You:** *Heather Batin, Doctoral Candidate, Ohio University, Scripps College of Communication*  
**Make Money from Your Life's Work:** Panel  
**NOWA Symposium**
- 6-9 pm **Awards Banquet** sponsored by RAM Trucks  
"What the Heck is This?", Photo Shootout Winners, People's Choice Photo Winners, Silent Auction, Excellence in Craft Awards

### Sunday, April 29

- 7 am Free Breakfast at hotel
- 8-9:30 am **Membership Meeting**  
Mid-morning coffee/tea/cookie break, provided by NOWA
- 10-11:30am Raffle: *Coordinator Jo Wilson*
- Noon Hotel Check Out
- 1 pm **Post Conference Trips**  
"Can You Dig It"  
"Trail Ride with Lazy H Outfitters"

### COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

- Conference:** Chris Batin, 907.707.9846, [http://batinchrisc@gmail.com](mailto:batinchrisc@gmail.com)
- Conference Hotel:** Stage Stop Inn, Manager Beth Barlow, 406-466-5900, <http://www.stagestopinn.com>
- Central Montana Tourism:** Gayle Fisher, 406.761.5036, [http://gfisher@bresnan.net](mailto:gfisher@bresnan.net)
- Fishing Derby:** Gary Lewis, 541.420.1371, [http://garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com)
- Grizzly Bear Panel:** Bert Gildart, 406.249.9058, <http://bertgil@cyberport.net>
- People's Choice Photo Contest:** Jackie McNeel, 509.939.2661, [http://tita\\_48@msn.com](mailto:tita_48@msn.com)
- Photo Shootout Contest:** Need volunteer coordinator
- Raffle and Silent Auction:** Jo Wilson, 503.390.4557, [http://gijowilson@q.com](mailto:gijowilson@q.com)
- Shooting Event:** Greg Gulbrandsen, 541.280.3035, [http://cascade@bendcable.com](mailto:cascade@bendcable.com)
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