



The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly: The Trials and Tribulations of an “Indiana Jones” of Global Plant Hunting

Who: Bill McNamara

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024
1:30-3:00 p.m.

Where: Durango Public Library Program Rooms

The Durango Botanic Gardens is thrilled to bring to Durango one of the top plant “hunters” of the world. Bill McNamara is executive director of the Quarryhill Botanic Garden, a 25-acre wild woodland garden in Northern California's Sonoma Valley featuring wild-sourced plants from temperate East Asia. Mr. McNamara will share interesting stories about his 31 years of plant hunting and expeditions through Asia and other parts of the world.

He will show and describe some of most beautiful, interesting, and often threatened plants from his travels. Mr. McNamara says there is great urgency to plants and their seeds to botanic gardens and seed banks due to the severe, yet little-mentioned plant extinction crisis.

In company with horticulturists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the Howick Arboretum, and others, McNamara has botanized extensively in the wilds of Asia. He has ventured into the mountains of China, Japan, India, Nepal, Vietnam and Myanmar in search of plants. He has a master's degree in conservation biology, has had numerous articles published and lectures widely. He is a field associate of the Department of Botany, California Academy of Sciences, according to information provided .

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