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■ **A GARDEN PARTY** -- The two men responsible for establishing state's largest collection of cultivated native plants will be honored at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, in a close-of-the-gardening season ceremony at The University of Montana's native plant gardens outside the Botany Building Annex. Twenty-eight years ago, former botany preparator and horticulturist Klaus Lackschewitz and the late Sherman Preece, who was chairman of UM's former botany department, set about gathering what would eventually become a collection of more than 300 plant species - a hands-on training ground for UM students. Today the garden is cared for by members of the Clark Fork Chapter of the Montana Native Plant Society, which is sponsoring the event. The ceremony will include placement of a rock with a plaque commemorating Preece and Lackschewitz's work and will be followed by a private outdoor reception for Lackschewitz.

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