



**MARLS 2023 Conference**  
**February 15 – 17, 2023**  
**Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT 59404**  
**Pre-Conference Seminar - February 15, 2023**  
**Conference - February 16 - 17, 2023**  
**Hosted by MARLS Northwest Chapter**



**RE: MARLS 2023 Conference Registration**

**Happy New Year!**

On behalf of the Northwest Chapter of the Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS) we invite you to join us at the 2023 MARLS conference being held February 15 - 17, 2023 at the Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, Montana. We will begin the conference on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 with a full day pre-conference seminar presented by Dennis Mouland. Thursday (16th) and Friday (17th) will be multi-sessions of 2 to 4 hours each with many speakers already committed to speak Thursday and Friday. Included on Thursday is our MARLS annual General Membership meeting at noon. The spouse program will run from February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are also providing breaks during each seminar to allow attendees more time to converse with our exhibitors. On Thursday, February 16th, the evening conference activities will commence with an exhibitor's reception followed by our annual MARLS banquet, MARLS awards ceremony, installation of 2023 MARLS officers, and the MARLS Scholarship Foundation's annual scholarship live auction, silent auction and games. We hope this is a fun filled event that everyone enjoys while supporting their worthy cause. MSF auction donation sheets are included in this packet. We look forward to seeing you at this coming year's conference.

**SLEEPING ROOM RESERVATIONS:**

**Hosting Hotel is the Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT 59404**

Available block rate check in dates include from February 14 - 17, 2023 nights and check out dates included through 2-18-23. Single Rate: \$96.00/night + tax.

Please make your sleeping room reservations by 2-1-2023. The cutoff date for MARLS blocked rate is 2-1-2023.

**Phone reservations: 406-761-1900 and ask for a room under the block of Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors with code (MARLS) Single \$96/night + tax.**

**Alternate hotel: Sleep Inn/Main Stay Suites, 520 Country Club Blvd., Great Falls, MT 59404**

Across the street from the Heritage Inn, Great Falls. Phone reservations: 406-761-4600 and ask for a room under the block of Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors with code (MARLS) Single \$98/night + tax. Please make your sleeping room reservations by 2-1-2023. Cutoff date for MARLS blocked rate is 2-1-2023.

**Conference Registration: Register in advance** ~ Early Bird registration must be received by February 1, 2023. MARLS accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express (a 4% convenience fee will be added to your total amount for registration) Please add a late fee of \$50 if registering after February 1, 2023.

Contact Kay at [kay@marls.com](mailto:kay@marls.com) for a membership application and at [www.marls.com](http://www.marls.com) or to renew your MARLS membership. We look forward to seeing you in February. Thank you for your continued support of MARLS and the surveying profession. Conference information and registration forms are also available at [www.marls.com](http://www.marls.com). A full conference schedule will be posted on the MARLS website at [www.marls.com](http://www.marls.com) when available early January.

**MARLS Contact information: Attn: Kay McDonald at PO Box 359, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Ph: 406-253-5527**  
Email: [kay@marls.com](mailto:kay@marls.com) Website: [www.marls.com](http://www.marls.com)

**MARLS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY:** A full refund will be given if cancellation is prior to February 1, 2023. No refunds after February 1, 2023. 2023 MARLS Conference fees include Wednesday's Pre-Conference Seminar breakfast, lunch and breaks, Thursday and Friday breakfast, lunch, Thursday banquet, MARLS Scholarship Foundation's scholarship auction and Thursday/Friday breaks.

Chairpersons and speaker committee for the 2023 Conference: Kay McDonald, Kristine McMahon and Stew Willis.  
Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

*On behalf of MARLS President Stew Willis and the hosting Northwest Chapter,*  
*Kay McDonald*  
*MARLS Executive Director*  
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## February 15 – 17, 2023 MARLS Conference tentative speakers:

### February 15, 2023 Pre-conference speaker:

- ◆ Dennis Mouland – Advanced Cadastral Academy – 8 hr.
- ◆ Carlson Software – Jim Reinbold—Carlson Survey Fundamentals—8 hrs.

### February 16 – 17, 2023 Conference Speakers

- ◆ Dennis Mouland – 1. Thinking Beyond Technology – 3 hr. 2. Where the 2009 Manual is Silent – 3 hrs.
- ◆ John Stahl, PLS – TBA two four-hour seminars
- ◆ Trent Keenan, PLS – Mapping the Path for the Next Generation and roundtable discussions – 3 - 4 hrs.
- ◆ Dave Dorsett and Linda Smith – In Search of the Baptise Mineral Surveys – 3 hr.
- ◆ Curtis Clabaugh – How to Build When Atlas Shrugs: Preparing for the Impact of New Datums – 1 hr. and History and Evolution of Highway Corridor Planning Requirements – 1 hr.
- ◆ Randy Snyder, Attorney – Riparian Boundaries Following PPL Montana – 2 hr.
- ◆ NGS, NOAA, MLIAC, MT State Library, RTN seminar – RTN overall history, How we got here, How To Usage, Technical, RTN Future of RRN Fees/Buildout/ MT State Library – GIS at Library – focusing on key data layers/ Questions and other topics – 2 – 3 hrs.
- ◆ Legislation round table - Jake Ziska – 2023 Legislative Session
- ◆ Assurance Risk Managers – 2 hrs. TBA
- ◆ Frontier Precision – Jay Haskamp TBA
- ◆ Selby's – Donovan Mosser TBA

Thank you to all our MARLS Exhibitors and Sustaining members:

Frontier Precision  
Selby's  
Kojetin Insurance Services  
Assurance Risk Managers  
Trimble  
Carlson Software

**Register Today!**  
**Book Sleep Room Today!**

### 2023 MARLS Conference

**February 14, 2023 (Tuesday)** - Registration opens 4 PM - 9 PM

Hospitality room open each evening of conference  
Exhibitor setup begins Tuesday afternoon  
Spouse Program activities from Wednesday to Friday

#### **February 15, 2023 (Wednesday)**

Registration opens 6:30 AM  
Breakfast 7:00 AM  
Pre-conference seminars 8 am to 5 pm (lunch included)  
MARLS Board of Directors' dinner meeting 5:00 PM

#### **February 16, 2023 (Thursday)**

Registration opens at 6:30 AM

Breakfast & Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 AM  
Morning Concurrent Sessions  
Lunch & MARLS General Membership Meeting  
Afternoon Concurrent Sessions  
Exhibitor's Reception, MARLS Banquet, MARLS Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers, MSF Scholarship Raffles, Live & Silent Auctions

#### **February 17, 2023 (Friday)**

Breakfast 6:30 AM & Past Presidents Breakfast 6:30 AM  
Morning Concurrent Sessions  
Lunch  
Afternoon Concurrent Sessions  
MARLS Board of Directors Meeting (5:30 PM)



# MARLS 2023 Conference

## February 15 - 17, 2023

Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT 59404

Pre-Conference Seminar - February 15, 2023

Conference - February 16 - 17, 2023

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

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Columbia Falls, MT 59912

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Phone to: Kay McDonald at 406-253-5527

Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - MARLS PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR REGISTRATION - 8 PDH - 8am to 5pm

#### **Pre-Conference Seminar: Dennis Mouland – Advanced Cadastral Academy**

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MARLS member (PLS Active, Life or Fellow, Non-Resident or Affiliate)	\$270	_____
PLS members of other State's Surveying Societies	\$270	_____
MARLS associate member	\$195	_____
PLS Non-Member of MARLS	\$350	_____
Student	\$ 50	_____

February 15, 2023 - SECOND MARLS Pre-Conference Seminar offered: Carlson Survey Fundamentals by Jim Reinbold

(limit 20 attendees) 8am - 5pm CHECK BOX IF ACCEPTED BY NOTIFYING KAY MCDONALD TO BE ONE OF 20 REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED BY CALLING HER AT 406-253-5527 OR EMAIL [KAY@MARLS.COM](mailto:kay@marls.com). She will notify you if you are 1st of 20 signups. BRING YOUR LAPTOP TO THIS WORKSHOP.

MARLS or other state PLS Members cost (includes lunch)	\$270	_____
MARLS Associate members	\$195	_____

### February 16 - 17, 2023 MARLS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MARLS member (PLS Active, Life or Fellow, Non-Resident or Affiliate)	\$390	_____
LS or ES members of other State's Surveying Societies	\$390	_____
MARLS associate member	\$325	_____
PLS Non-Member of MARLS	\$450	_____
Student	\$130	_____

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Pre-conference and Conference)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Program (no charge) Please check if spouse is attending \_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse banquet ticket complimentary.

\_\_\_\_ # ATTENDING THE BANQUET & MARLS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AUCTION (Thursday, February 16, 2023)

*PLEASE: If your spouse is attending the conference we invite her to bring an item to put in the Spouse Auction Donation Basket they will be making during the spouse program at conference.*

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors

Visa/MC/AE/Discover number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code back of card \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note - 4% credit card convenience fee will be added to your credit card by MARLS. 4 digit on front of AE \_\_\_\_\_

Signature for Visa/MC authorization \_\_\_\_\_

Mail: MARLS, Box 359, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or Email: [kay@marls.com](mailto:kay@marls.com) or Phone: 406-253-5527

Heritage Inn and the Sleep Inn/Main Stay Suites - Please make your sleeping room reservations by February 1, 2023. MARLS rate for sleeping room block will be dropped on February 1, 2023. See page one for reservation information.

Early bird registration deadline through February 1, 2023 and Late registration after February 1, 2023 - add \$50.00

No refund for cancellations made after February 1, 2023.



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**MARLS Scholarship Foundation's Annual Scholarship Auction and Fundraiser  
MARLS Conference February 15 - 17, 2023  
Auction held on February 16, 2023 (following the banquet)  
Heritage Inn, Great Falls, MT**

The Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, (MARLS), is a statewide non-profit association whose membership includes Professional Land Surveyors from across Montana, the surrounding states, and Canada. The MARLS Scholarship Foundation, (MSF), was created to raise money for student scholarships and awards. MSF has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (C) (3) entity. Each year MARLS holds a fundraiser in conjunction with the annual MARLS Conference to provide funds for MSF. This is the main fundraising event for the MARLS Scholarship Foundation.

The MARLS 2023 Conference will be held at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana on February 15 - 17, 2023. The MSF fundraiser consists of games, raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction throughout the Thursday night banquet evening. Among the many attendees, bidders at the auction include licensed surveyors, exhibitors, seminar presenters, spouses, students, guests, and surveyors in training. This fundraiser is always one of the highlights of the conference.

The Scholarship Foundation distributes various types of scholarships and awards to eligible students.

1<sup>st</sup> Year Scholarships are available to students entering a curriculum recognized by the Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as meeting the requirements for a person to eventually become a Licensed Professional Surveyor.

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Scholarships are available to students entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year surveying curriculum or the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 4-year surveying focused curriculum.

Trig-Star Scholarships and Awards are available to Montana High School students who participate in the Trig-Star Program. The Trig-Star Program is a national mathematics competition held annually to test students' practical application of Trigonometry. There is no requirement on the Trig-Star Scholarship recipients to enter a surveying-focused curriculum.

In the past many years, MSF has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships and awards to students across Montana. This has been made possible by generous donations to the scholarship auction and fundraiser. The MARLS Scholarship Foundation continues fundraising efforts to maintain support of students continuing their education in surveying.

In 2011, MSF created the MSF Surveyor Assistance Fund. This fund is dedicated to helping our surveyors and their families in times of crisis. This is also a choice to check to donate your item submitted for the auction.

We would like to ask you to donate an item to these worthwhile causes. The donated item does not need to be surveying related.

Thank you for your participation in the MSF annual scholarship auction and fundraiser, your support is appreciated.

William Weikel

MSF President



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**MARLS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**A 501 (c) (3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**  
**MSF FUNDRAISER DONATION ITEM TRACKING SHEET**  
*MARLS Scholarship Foundation or MARLS Surveyor Assistance Fund*

The MSF auction and fundraiser will be held at the MARLS 2023 conference at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, MT on the evening of February 16, 2023.

**Email or mail this form to:**  
 Please Retain a copy

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Please check which MSF fund you prefer your donation to benefit:  
*If you do not specify, the item will be disbursed to the MSF Scholarship Fund.*

- Scholarship Fund**     **Surveyor Assistance Fund**

Donor's Name	
Business Name	
Address, City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email	
Name of Donated Item	
Description of Item	
Estimated Retail Value	\$
Anticipated Date of Donation or Delivery	
Special Instructions or Considerations	

**PLEASE SEND A COPY TO KAY AS SOON AS YOU CAN SO WE MAY START OUR AUCTION LIST AHEAD OF TIME.** Also, attach a copy of this form to your item if you are bringing your item to conference for auction night.

**Thank you for your donation!**