

2013 and Early 2014

ACTIVITIES OF THE LAS CRUCES CHAPTER OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO

Meetings:

Meetings are on the 2nd **Wednesday** of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces.

Field Trips:

Field trips are usually on a **Saturday**. Participants must sign a release of liability form. Children must be accompanied by their parents. Programs and field trips are free, and non-members are welcome.

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2013

[2013 January & February meeting are on 2012 Report]

February

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. Feb. 16, 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Patrick Alexander, curator, led us on a "tour" of the NMSU Herbarium.

◆ Volunteering at "Bosque Nova":

February 23, 2:00 p.m.

As in 2012, several members volunteered for pole planting at Joan Woodward's wetland.

March

◆ Meeting:

Wed. March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Carol Campbell, of the NMSU Dept. of Geography, presented "The Biogeography of Yosemite."

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. March 16, 8:00 a.m. Gene Jercinovic led a walk at Rock Hound State Park. Unfortunately, for the first time anyone can recall, there was not a single wildflower blooming because of the drought. Nevertheless, Gene enthusiastically talked about the plants seen.

April

◆ Field Trip:

Sat., April 6, 9:00 a.m.

Tour of gardens in Las Cruces.

◆ Meeting:

Wed. April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Carol A. Sutherland, Entomologist, presented "Weed Eaters! For Better or Worse?" regarding biological control agents in New Mexico.

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. April 13, 8:00 a.m.

Lisa Mandelkern led a walk near North Anthony's Nose in the Franklin Mts. We saw a number of blooms, including several cacti.

◆ Earth Day Las Cruces, April 21: We tabled at this event and did some great outreach.

May

◆ Meeting:

Wed. May 8, 7:00 p.m. Mara Weisenberger, biologist for San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, presented: "The Effects of Fire on Native Plants."

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. May 18, 8:00 a.m.

Dave Anderson had planned to lead a trip to Hembrillo Canyon, on White Sands Missile Range. [*Cancelled because of Sequester! Rescheduled for 2014*]

June

- ◆ Meeting:

Wed. June 12, 7:00 p.m. Carolyn Gressitt presented "Wax Palms and other marvels of Colombian flora."

- ◆ Workshop (no field trip):

Sat. June 15, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.!

Jack Carter presented "How to Use *Trees and Shrubs of New Mexico*," giving us a hands-on "tour" of the key.

July

- ◆ Meeting:

Wed. July 10, 7:00 p.m.

Lisa Mandelkern presented "Southern New Mexico Cacti."

- ◆ Field Trip:

Sat. July 13, 8:00 a.m.

John Freyermuth led a trip to view summer wildflowers on the Oshá Trail in the Sacramento Mts.

- ◆ Bosque Nova:

Sat. July 27, 4-6 p.m.

Our volunteers helped sow grass seed.

August

- ◆ Planning Meeting for 2014:

Wed. Aug. 14, 7:00 p.m.

At this meeting we (re-) elected our officers, determined a preliminary 2014 Program, and assigned tasks with regard to speakers/field trips. We also adopted chapter by-laws.

- ◆ Field Trip:

Sat., Aug. 17, 8:00 a.m.

Russ Kleinman led us on two plant walks in different parts of the Black Range.

September

- ◆ Meeting:

Wed. Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Kate Wilkins spoke on her work with Seeds of Success, the BLM's effort to "stabilize, rehabilitate, and restore" landscapes using native seeds.

- ◆ Field Trip:

Sat. Sept. 14, 8:00 a.m.

Tom Packard led a hike in Bar Canyon, Organ Mts. Attendees were treated to an amazing waterfall and rushing stream, due to recent heavy rains – along with many, many wildflowers.

October

- ◆ Meeting:

Wed. Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m. Lisa Mandelkern presented "Along the Old Apache Trail."

- ◆ Field Trip:

Sat. Oct. 12, 8:00 a.m. Tour of Tohono Chul in Tucson – [Cancelled because of lack of attendees.]

- ◆ Bosque Nova:

Fri. Oct. 18. We planted seedlings and helped set up watering tubes.

- ◆ Potluck Luncheon at La Cueva, Sat. Oct. 19, 1 p.m.

November

- ◆ Field Trip/Talk:

Sat. November 16, 8:00 a.m.

Alex Mares, NM State Parks Ranger, presented a talk/walk: "Long and various relationships between plants and people of the desert Southwest," on grounds of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

- ◆ Field Trip:

Sat. Nov. 30, 8:00 a.m. John Freyermuth led a hike in the Las Uvas Mts. (part of proposed national monument).

2014

January 8, 7 p.m.

- ◆ Meeting: Master Gardener Sylvia Hacker presented "Pollinators Under Pressure," on the importance of planting native plants to assist native pollinators.

Sat., January 11, 9 a.m.

- ◆ Workshop: Horticulturalist Cheryl Garing guided us through the process of plant propagation. We trimmed stems cut from dormant trees or shrubs, and prepared some seeds for planting.