

El Paso Native Plant Society
2014 Annual Report

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Thursday, January 9, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "A Waterless Landscape" by Sylvia Hacker, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist.

Thursday, February 13, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Exploring Resler and Thunder Canyons" by Scott Cutler, Curator of the Centennial Museum at UTEP.

Thursday, March 14, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Dining with Native Plants at your Table" by Jim Hastings, the Gringo Gourmet.

Thursday, April 10, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Florafest Plant Sale Preview" by John White, Curator of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP

Thursday, May 8, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Solar-Powered Irrigation in the Garden" by Rick Villarreal, Solar Power Developer.

Thursday, June 12, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Shady Natives in the Landscape" by Cheryl Garing, Landscape Contractor and Designer.

Thursday, July 10, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Prize Winning Labyrinth Garden Project developed for students and the community" by Travis Duckworth, the Special Projects Coordinator of El Paso Academy West.

Thursday, August 14, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: There was no program due to the NPSNM Annual Conference held in El Paso.

Thursday, September 11, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "La Semilla Food Center, building a healthy, self-reliant, fair and sustainable food system" by Catherine Yanez, Community Farm Programs Manager.

Thursday, October 9, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: Plant and Seed Exchange.

Thursday, November 13, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Biological Control of Salt Cedars" by Dr. Salvador Vitanza of the Texas A&M Extension Office.

Thursday, December 11, 2014 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Holiday Potluck Social

2014 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual FloraFest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 25 – 27, 2014. EPNPS co-sponsored FloraFest Speaker, Christine Ten Eyck, of the Austin firm Ten Eyck Landscape Architects. She discussed the “UTEP Campus Transformation Project”.

EPNPS members assisted various other NPSNM chapters with presentations and projects.

EPNPS hosted the annual NPSNM conference in El Paso.

2015 PROJECTIONS

EPNPS will participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April.

EPNPS will participate in the Texas Native Plant Appreciation Day in October.

EPNPS will coordinate with the El Paso Rock and Cactus club for a native plant and cactus garden tour.

May field trip to the White Sands Missile Range