

**Santa Fe Chapter NPSNM  
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**2. Programs:**

January 13, 2011- 6:30 PM  
Patrick Alexander  
New Mexico State University  
“Why do plant names change? Examples from the Mustard Family (Brassicaceae)”

February 17, 2011- 6:30 PM  
Ken Heil  
Director of the Bolack San Juan Basin Flora Project & Supervising Editor for the flora of the Four Corners region.  
San Juan College. Farmington, NM  
"Rare Plants of New Mexico and Southwest Colorado"

March 24, 2011 - 6:30 PM

Beverley Spears

Architect and landscape architect and the author of *American Adobes* by UNM Press as well as *Sand River in Bloom*

“Sand River in Bloom: Native plants along the Arroyo de Los Chamisos”

April 21, 2011- 6:30 PM

Dr. Charlie King

Former Director of the Ohio Biological Survey

“Old Guard Botanist with a Botanical

Potpourri by a Newcomer”

May 19, 2011 - 6:30 PM

Dr. Kirt Kempter

Geologist, Fulbright Fellow and Ph.D. graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Kempter is also an instructor for NASA’s astronaut training program, teaching the 2009 astronaut candidates geologic mapping techniques in northern New Mexico.

“Ancient Landscapes of New Mexico”

June- August Prepared for Annual Meeting (program guide on the website)

September 15, 2011- 6:30 PM

Pam McBride

"Sand and Cebolla Canyons: Flora and Paleoethnobotany of the Cebolla Wilderness and El Malpais Matinal Conservation Areas."

Paleo-ethnobotanist and Past President of the Albuquerque Chapter of the NPSNM, she will discuss the types of archaeological sites found in the area and what wild plants prehistoric inhabitants would have likely used for food, medicine, and manufacturing of items such as cordage and sandals. @ the REI store community room,

October 27, 2011- 6:30 PM

Will Barnes

"Project PRESERVE."

Former contract botanist with Valles Caldera and a science teacher at Santa Fe Girls School where he has developed an outdoor science curriculum. Barnes and his students have been successful in monitoring and restoring part of a property along the Santa Fe River, where the land is being used by more and more diverse species.

November 16, 2011- 6:30 PM

Terry Foxx lecture- “After the Smoke Clears”

This past summer was one of smoke--smoke from the Wallow Fire, the Pacheco Fire, and the Las Conchas Fire. Teralene (Terry) Foxx, botanist-fire ecologist, has watched and studied the recovery of areas burned by wildfire for the past 34 years. Her studies began in 1975 prior to the 1977 La Mesa fire in Bandelier National Monument. Over time she has also worked on or observed several other areas burned by wildfire, including the Dome, Oso and Cerro Grande fires; now the Las Conchas

Fire. In her presentation entitled "After the Smoke Clears," she will talk about the mechanisms of plant recovery after fire and discuss the dynamics of fires in ponderosa pine systems. Terry's talk will help you understand and be amazed at nature's ability to heal the scars of a wildfire in these fire-prone environments.

Terry worked as an ecologist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, now retired. She taught at UNM-Los Alamos. She has written several books including Flowering *Plants of the Southwestern Woodlands* with Dorothy Hoard, *Out of the Ashes* about the dynamics of fire, *Touched by Fire* about the community experience of fire and evacuation.

December 11, 2011 – 4:30-7:30 PM Holiday Potluck at the home of Joan & Truel West

#### **4. Other activities:**

##### **August, 2012**

Responsible for getting the Native Plant Day proclamation from the NM Legislature and signed by the Governor of NM. This was announced in local publications of Santa Fe.