

El Paso Native Plant Society
2013 Annual Report

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

Thursday, January 10, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: Planning for 2013, and native food treats from Jim Hastings, the Gringo Gourmet.

Thursday, February 14, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Growing Color" by Las Cruces Artisan Ric Rao, who will showcase dyes made from native plants, both from his own dye garden and plants harvested from nature. Weavings and fiber bundles will illustrate the depth and range of his natural dyes.

Thursday, March 14, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Succulents for Our Area" by Jackye Mleneke, owner of Enchanted Gardens Nursery in Las Cruces.

Thursday, April 11, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

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

Thursday, May 9, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Drip Irrigation Systems – Coping with the Ongoing Drought" by Cheryl Garing, Sage Landscape Consultation and Design.

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

Program: "Cactus Rescue and Relocation" by Mike Gaglio of High Desert Native Plants, LLC.

Thursday, July 11, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Potting Cactus and Succulents" by Jack Makepeace, Cactus Officianado

Thursday, August 8, 2013

No meeting was scheduled due to the Native Plant Society of New Mexico conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Thursday, September 12, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "What is Going On with our Weather?" by David W. DuBois, PhD, State Climatologist, New Mexico State University Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences

Thursday, October 10, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Plant and Seed Exchange" (all members bring seeds and plants for exchange) and "Native Plant Propagation" by Cheryl Garing, President of the El Paso Native Plant Society

Thursday, November 8, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: "Native Plants of the Guadalupe Mountains" by Cheryl Garing, President of the El Paso Native Plant Society

Saturday, December 12, 2013 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Holiday Potluck

2013 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Native Plant Sale

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual Florafest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 27 and 29, 2013. EPNPS co-sponsored Flora Fest Speaker, George O. Miller, author of "Landscaping with Native Plants of the Chihuahuan Desert."

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

2014 PROJECTIONS

EPNPS will host the NPSNM annual conference in El Paso.

EPNPS will participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April.

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