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2016 Annual Report – Albuquerque Chapter Native Plant Society of New Mexico

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PROGRAMS

Meeting attendance varied between 65–115, averaging about 85.

January 6. Meeting. "Native Riparian Seeds in the Art of Basia Irland." Fulbright scholar, National Geographic writer and UNM Professor Emerita Basia Irland.

February 3. Meeting. The Natural History of the Valles Caldera: Landscapes Present, Landscapes Past. Naturalist Mark Ward, who has served as an entomologist at the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

March 2. Meeting. "Restoration Techniques in the Middle Rio Grande: Bringing the Bosque to the River." Ondrea Hummel, Ecologist for the Albuquerque District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

April 6. Meeting. "Creating Resilient Garden Systems by Blending Native Traditional and Locally Adapted Plant Varieties." Tiana Baca-Bosiljevac, garden manager for the Desert Oasis Teaching Gardens at Albuquerque Academy.

May 4. Meeting. "An Introduction to the Medicinal Plants of Central New Mexico." Herbalist, landscape geographer, and native plant conservationist Dara Saville.

June 1. Meeting. "Sandia High School's Coati Pond: Reconnecting New Mexico's teenagers with Nature and our Native Plant Heritage." Sandia High School Biology Teacher Jason Roback.

July 6th. Meeting. "Adventures of a New Mexico Rare Plant Botanist." Field Botanist Jim McGrath.

August. No monthly Meeting in August

September 7th. Meeting. "The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico." Ron Coleman, author of "The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico."

October 5th. Meeting. "Sunken in Synonymy: Things about New Mexico Plants You've Never Heard of, Don't Need to Know, and Will Probably Never Use." Dr. Kelly Allred, Retired NMSU Professor and author of Flora Neomexicana.

November 2nd. Meeting. "New Conservation Programs for New Mexico's Native Plants." Restoration ecologist Melanie Gisler with Institute for Applied Ecology's Southwest Program.

December 3. Annual Holiday Potluck.

FIELD TRIPS

March 6. Sunday Field Trip. "A Tour of the San Antonio Oxbow." Leader Ondrea Hummel, Ecologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (attendance 67)

April 9. Saturday Field Trip. Desert Oasis Teaching Gardens at Albuquerque Academy. Leader Karen Bentrup, Volunteer Gardener/Farmer.

April 30. Field Trip. Urban Desert Garden Tour. Ann Harris Davidson will share the story of her garden in Four Hills Village.

May 7. Saturday Field Trip. Bosque at Tingley Beach. Leader Dara Saville.

May 14. Saturday Field Trip. White Sands Missile Range. David L. Anderson, CIV, White Sands Missile Range Leader.

May 21. Saturday Field Trip. Lower Sandia Wildflowers. Leader George Miller. Tecolote Trail.

May 28. Saturday Field Trip. Cuba Badlands: Mesa Penistaja Mesa. Leader Lenore Goodell.

June 4. Saturday Field Tour. Sandia High School's Coati Pond Outdoor Environmental Classroom. Leader Sandia High School Biology Teacher, Jason Roback.

June 11th. Saturday Field Trip. Oso Grande Pollinator Habitat. Leaders Judith Phillips, Tom Stewart.

June 18. Saturday Field Trip. Carlito Springs Open Space.

July 9. Saturday Field Trip. Sandia Crest. Leader Jim McGrath.

July 30. Saturday Field Trip. Valles Caldera National Preserve. Leaders plant ecologist Martina Suazo and naturalist Mark Ward.

August 13. Field Trip. "Red Canyon in the Manzanos." Leaders: Pam McBride and Doris Eng.

August 27. Saturday Field Trip. Magdalena Mts., Timber Ridge Field Trip. George Miller, Leader.

September 10th. Saturday Field Trip. El Malpais. Leaders: Pam McBride and Doris Eng.

October 1, 2016. Saturday Field Trip to Ojita Wilderness-Hoodoo Pines Trail. Leader Ara Winter.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

February 20. Volunteer Day, Oso Grande Pollinator Habitat. Seed planting and maintenance.

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May 7. Herbfest, Rio Grande Nature Center. NPS table; programs presented by George Miller, Tom Stewart.

July Butterfly Awareness Day (Plant World). NPS Table.

October 22. Celebrate Sevilleta NWR Day. NPS Table.