

El Paso Native Plant Society
2016 Annual Report

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

Thursday, January 14, 2016 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: Update on Helping Achieve National Monument Status for Castner Range

By Janae' Reneaud Field, Executive Director, Frontera Land Alliance and Judy Ackerman, Secretary, Franklin Mountain Wilderness Coalition

Thursday, February 11, 2016 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest. Marcy Scott, author and lead propagator at Robledo Vista Nursery, north of Las Cruces. Mar 10 Meeting.

Thursday, March 10, 2016 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: Native Plant Photography, Part 2. Lisa Mandelkern, Las Cruces hiker and photographer.

Thursday, April 14, 2016 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: "Florafest Plant Sale Preview" by John White, Curator of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP Jun 9 Meeting. Insect Pests of Native Plants. Carol Sutherland, PhD, Extension Entomologist at NMSU.

Thursday, May 12, 2016 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Program: Landscape for Life. Chuck Gilbert, Sarah Wood, and John White, certified instructors in the Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center Landscape for Life Program.

Thursday, June 9, 2016 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Program: Insect Pests of Native Plants. Carol Sutherland, PhD, Extension Entomologist at NMSU.

Thursday, July 14, 2016 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Program: Passive Rainwater Harvesting. Mike Gaglio, High Desert Native Plants, LLC.

Thursday, August 11, 2016 (St Albans Church, 18010 Elm)
Program: Jackye Meinike, former owner of Enchanted Gardens in Las Cruces, will present Succulents for Landscapes and Pots.

Thursday, September 8, 2016 (St. Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Program: September 8, Anai Padilla from the Tech H2O Center was hospitalized the afternoon before the meeting. We had a round-table discussion of the chapter's needs and future among the members present.

Thursday, October 13, 2016 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Program: Native Plants of the White Sands Missile Range. Dr. David Anderson, retired range manager.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Program: Update on the Texas Forestry Service and Its Programs. Mickey Merritt, the new Urban Forestry Agent for our region.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Holiday Potluck Social

2016 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

March 20, field trip to Robledo Vista Nursery north of Las Cruces, NM. 10 - 12 people attended.

EPNPS coordinated with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club for a native plant and cactus garden tour. On April 9 and 10, 2016, we co-hosted a tour of nine El Paso gardens. Tickets were \$5 per vehicle with varying numbers of passengers per vehicle. \$410 was received for 82 tickets sold.

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual FloraFest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 24 – 26, 2016. EPNPS co-sponsored FloraFest Speaker, Marcy Scott, author and lead propagator at Robledo Vista Nursery.

EPNPS members enjoyed a White Sands Missile Range Field Trip on Oct 15, 2016, led by Dave Anderson, WSMR Field Manager and Botanist. 31 individuals attended.

Because the majority of our board was indisposed, we did not have an observance of Native Plant Appreciation Day/Year this year.

The chapter participated in restoration of a memorial garden honoring Charles Berry (1928 to 2007) in October by providing cacti and labor for the project. The chapter also partnered with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club and Master Gardeners in honoring the memory of former chapter president Virginia Morris (1948 - 2016) in September by mounting a bronze plaque in a rainwater harvesting garden she designed.

2017 PROJECTIONS

EPNPS plans to participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April.

EPNPS plans to coordinate with the El Paso Rock and Cactus club for a native plant and cactus garden tour in April.

EPNPS plans to participate in the Texas Native Plant Appreciation Day in October.