

El Paso Native Plant Society
2015 Annual Report

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

Thursday, January 8, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: "Texas Wildscapes" by Lois Balin, Urban Wildlife Biologist at Texas Parks
& Wildlife Department.

Thursday, February 12, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Botanizing in the winter” by Dr. Russ Kleinman, Gila Chapter.

Thursday, March 11, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Planting for Attracting Wildlife” by Scott Cutler, Curator of Collections and Exhibits, Centennial Museum, University of Texas at El Paso.

Thursday, April 9, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Florafest Plant Sale Preview” by John White, Curator of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP

Thursday, May 7, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Bees of the Northern Chihuahuan Desert Region” presentation by Cynthia McAlister, Sul Ross State University.

Thursday, June 11, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Plants of Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site” presentation by Ted Pick, Park Interpreter.

Thursday, July 9, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “From Sandhill to Sublime” presentation by Sarah Woods, past EPNPS President and Master Gardener.

Thursday, August 13, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Composition for Wildflower Photography” presentation by Lisa Mandelkern, Las Cruces hiker and photographer.

Thursday, September 10, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “Botanizing in South Africa” presentation by Virginia Morris and Rex Morris, EPNPS members.

Thursday, October 8, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: Plant and Seed Exchange.

Thursday, November 12, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Program: “What’s Bugging Us” by Dr. Salvador Vitanza of the Texas A&M Extension Office.

Thursday, December 10, 2015 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)
Holiday Potluck Social

2015 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual FloraFest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 24 – 26, 2015. EPNPS co-sponsored

FloraFest Speaker, Gary Nored, Blogger and Photographer of the Big Bend who spoke on "Tough Beauty: Remarkable Plant Life of the Big Bend."

EPNPS members enjoyed a White Sands Missile Range Field Trip on May 9, 2015, led by Dave Anderson, WSMR Field Manager and Botanist.

EPNPS coordinated with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club for a native plant and cactus garden tour On April 11, 2015.

EPNPS hosted the Native Plant Appreciation Day on October 17, 2015 at the UTEP Centennial Museum.

2016 PROJECTIONS

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

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

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