

2016

REPORT OF THE LAS CRUCES CHAPTER OF NPSNM

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Our big event was the 2016 Annual Meeting, which was a great success – see NPSNM newsletters for more information.

(# attendees in brackets)

January 13, 7 p.m.

Meeting: We will have a New Year celebration/Release-signing party! Bring your best 10 native-plant photos on a thumb-drive, and we will have some refreshments to share! [22]

January 16, 9 a.m.

Field trip: Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Leader: John Freyermuth [12]

February 10, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Lisa Mandelkern will present "Ye pretty daughters of earth and sun": Mexican Gold Poppies One of our most spectacular spring wildflower displays is created by dazzling **Mexican Gold Poppies**. Poppies do not appear every year. These cheerful plants either carpet the ground during spring in abundance--or are hard to find. A good spring show depends on rainfall during the preceding winter. The amount of rain has to be sufficient, and come at the right time. Learn more about this beloved desert plant that briefly paints the desert yellow every few years. [30]

Field trip:

February 13, 9:00 a.m.

Aden Crater. Leader John Freyermuth [12]

Meeting: March 9, 7 p.m. Kevin Bixby, executive director of the Southwest Environmental Center, will speak on the La Mancha Wetlands restoration project. [14]

March 12, 9 a.m.

Field trip: We will go to Bar/Soledad Canyon in the Organ Mts. [10]

April 13, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Dave Anderson will present "Loving rain in the desert--and the blooms it creates." [35]

April 16, 8 a.m.

Field trip:

We will visit Prehistoric Trackways National Monument. Leader John Freyermuth[12]

May 11, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Beth Bardwell will speak on restoring wetlands and riparian areas near Las Cruces. [23]

May 14, 8 a.m.

Field trip: We will walk around Tortugas Mountain to observe cacti and many other native plants. Leader, John Freyermuth & Carolyn Gressitt [6]

June 8, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Join us to take care of tasks for the Annual Meeting in September.

June 11, 8 a.m.

Field trip: Dry run field trips for the Annual Meeting: needs, concerns, etc. [cancelled]

July 13, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Ad and Gertrude Konings will present "Chihuahuan Desert Cacti." [26]

July 16, 8 a.m.

Field trip: We will explore the Peña Blanca area. [2]

Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Frank Bryce, herpetologist, will do a presentation on snakes—with live props! [15]

Aug. 13, 8:00 a.m.

Field trip: Come hike at Dripping Springs. [3]

September 14, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Final preparation for Annual Meeting: tying up loose ends. *** No Field Trip This Weekend!

September 22-25: **Annual NPSNM State Meeting, Celebrating the OM-DPNM, at Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.** (See April 2016 Newsletter for details.)

October 12, 7 p.m.

Meeting: Planning meeting for 2017. Join us to elect new officers; plan talks and field trips for 2017. [3]

Oct. 22, 1:00 p.m.

Potluck at La Cueva: A wonderful event: **20 people attended!**

November 9, 7 p.m.

Meeting: The Asombro Institute: What they are all about, with Stephanie Bestelmeyer. [10]

November 12, 9 a.m.

Field trip: Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Leader Dave Anderson [8]