

OTERO CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
2016 REPORT

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G. Student Grant Committee

Linda Barker, Hildy Reiser, Don Lutjens, Jennifer Gruger, Sarah Cerra

2. PROGRAMS

January 23. Talk. Orchids of Kentucky. Ben Begley, chapter member.

February 20. Field Trip to NMSU Herbarium.

March 19. Field Trip to Three Rivers Petroglyph Site. (NPSNM President Barbara Fix attended.) 6 participants

April 2. Field Trip to Oliver Lee Memorial State Park.

April 23. Annual Plant Sale in Alamogordo. 8 am to 1 pm.

April 30. Earth Day at the Alamogordo Zoo. 9 am to 4 pm.

May 7. White Sands Missile Range field trip. Dave Anderson received a quilt in thanks for all the years he has led field trips for us. 23 participants

May 16. Luncheon with two of the student grant winners in Las Cruces.

June 4. Field trip to White Sands National Monument. 8 participants.

July 9. Field trip to Holcomb Ranch (near Timberon). 10 participants

Aug 13. Field trip to Kathy Newton's home in Cloudcroft. 9 participants

August 24 - 27. Otero County Fair Booth.

September 10. Field trip to Hueco Tanks. 18 participants

September 22 – 25. Annual State Conference in Las Cruces. Booth at Conference. Dave Anderson donates \$300 to our chapter.

October 8. Field trip to Indian Wells Trail.

October 29. Booth at Tularosa Hallowe'en on Granado Street event.

November 5. Annual Otero Chapter meeting at the Gordons on Lower Cottonwood Tr in Laborcita Canyon. 15 participants

3. GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

The Otero Chapter had quite a lot of money for NMSU student grants/scholarships. We had six proposals, many of great merit. We awarded three students a total of \$7,548. On votes by members of the grant committee and Otero Chapter Board, an additional \$3,548 was added to the original \$4,000.

Five Otero Chapter members had lunch with faculty and two of the student grant recipients on May 16 in Las Cruces.

Sarah Cerra and Helgi Osterreich distributed information to all area elementary schools about the Asombro Institute program on native plants, offering to pay for Asombro personnel to come and do the presentation in at least three classrooms in any school. Only one school, Holloman Elementary, took advantage of this opportunity.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached report