

Santa Fe Chapter NPSNM
ANNUAL REPORT- 2008

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2. Programs:

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

A talk by Carolyn Dodson, on her new book written with co-author William Dunmire: "Mountain Wildflowers of the Southern Rockies," revealing their natural history.

February 20, 2008.

A talk by Dr. David W. Johnson, Professor and Chair, Sciences & Conservation Studies, College of Santa Fe, "A Beginners Guide to Lichens."

March 19, 2008

A talk by Robert Sivinski, Botanist for the New Mexico Forestry Division, titled: "The Importance of Being Vouchered." A presentation on herbarium specimens and how they are used. How amateur plant collectors can assist with floristic research.

Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

A talk by Dr. Eric Blinman, Director of the Office of Archaeological Studies for New Mexico. A presentation entitled: "Ancient Yucca Textiles."

May 25, 2008: Gardens in progress tours. 3 members' native plant gardens were toured by approximately 30 members with a scrumptious ice cream social afterward. The garden owners are Eric Peters, Ellen Wilde and Joan and Truel West.

September 17, 2008

A talk by Pamela McBride, Paleoethnobotanist, Museum of New Mexico, Office of Archaeological Studies, entitled, "Seeds of Survival, Paleoethnobotany & Prehistoric Plant Use."

October 2, 2008

A very special lecture. Peter Symes Senior Curator for Environmental Horticulture, Melbourne Botanic Gardens, Australia. "The effects of climate change on Botanical Collections" He discussed the issues and challenges facing us with perceived or actual climate change and landscape succession.

October 15, 2008 A talk by Dr. Tom Jervis, president of Audubon New Mexico entitled, "William Gambel: Pioneer Naturalist in New Mexico."

November 19, 2008

A talk by David Anderson, Botanist, White Sands Missile Range "Flora & Vegetation Communities of White Sands Missile Range"

December 14, 2008

Annual Potluck Holiday Lunch at Barbara Fix's Home,

3. Summer Activities:

Native Plant Summer offered by the Santa Fe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico and the Santa Fe Botanical Garden

May 3 9:30 to noon	Spring Nature Walk with naturalist Nancy Daniel <i>Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve</i>
May 10 9 to noon	Dirt, Duff and Design: Gardening with Native Plants Learn how to use native plants in your garden for their beauty, sustainability and to attract wildlife. Featuring Rob Yaksich, Bob Pennington, Barbara Fix, Allison Moore and Tere Lee.
June 28 9:30 to noon	Summer Nature Walk with naturalist Nancy Daniel <i>Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve</i>
July 12 9 to noon	Aquatics, Exotics and Comps: Plant identification and much more Identify the invasive exotics in your garden, learn about the largest plant family, the composites and get to know plants that thrive in a wetland. Featuring Chick Keller and George Cox.
August 2	2 Pressing, Sketching and Picture Taking

Morning session: Creating herbarium specimens with Dr. Thomas Antonio
9 to noon Botanical drawing with Dorothy Hoard
 Landscape photography with Andrew Neighbour
 College of Santa Fe

Afternoon session: In the field; herbariums, drawing and photography
1:30 to 3:00 *Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve*

Summer Native Plant Walks:

June 21 Native Plant walk at Los Pinos Ranch in Cowles, NM with owner Alice M. McSweeney

Saturday July 19- A pleasant hike in the Pecos Wilderness at Holy Ghost Trail to view native wildflowers.

4. Other activities:

April 21, 2008 Native Plant buying day at the Santa Ana Native Plant Nursery wholesale.

April 26, 2006

Santa Fe Community Garden Fair, County Extension Buildings 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM
Staffed a booth with member volunteers and sold books and brochures, and the latest Gardening Booklet from NPSNM "Native Gardening in Northern New Mexico." Sold a few memberships.

May 25, 2008 "Gardens in Progress" tour, 1st Garden- Eric Peters' Garden in Santa Fe.
2nd Garden- Ellen Wilde's - Garden, 3rd Garden - Joan & Truel West's Garden

Native Plant Day, August 30, 2008: Sponsored a riparian native plant walk at Leonora Curtin Nature Preserve by our member, Nancy Daniel. In the afternoon, George Cox led a plant walk in the Santa Fe Ski Basin. An article was written by one of our members for publication in the Native Plant Society Newsletter about the ski basin plant walk. Sold our new Native Plant gardening book "Native Gardening in Northern New Mexico," at major Santa Fe nurseries. All the Santa Fe nurseries sponsored special talks, and gave discounts on native seeds, native plants, trees and shrubs. Announcements in the local newspapers, and an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican were published before that weekend.

Other:

Gave \$100 to Gene and Betty Jercenovic Fire Fund

Gave \$500 to Jack and Martha Carter Conservation Fund.