

THE PRESIDENT'S STORY....

a short history of the Taos Chapter from the eyes of former Presidents.

Our Chapter was founded by Andy & Sally Wasowski of Texas in March of 1999. The first meeting was held at the Library and later moved to San Geronimo Lodge.

Sandra Ross of Kentucky was our first President. During her year, the greatest challenge was "creating the money to establish our chapter". Sandra also designed the "I Brake For Wildflowers" bumper sticker we still see on cars here in Taos.

Robert Hilton was the next President for 2 years and found that "start-up directions" was his greatest challenge. He also brought in speakers to the meetings and created space in the library for NPS books. Robert also served as Secretary at the State level.

Betsy Robertson followed as President and found that "creating money for the chapter" was her greatest challenge. The first State Meeting (2001) was hosted during this time. Her greatest accomplishment was establishing the greenhouse. Betsy also served as treasurer on our Board for many years to follow.



Ann Smith was the next President and created the Gardens in Progress tours with detailed maps to each garden for members of NPS. She still assists with the maps today.

Linda Malm of Massachusetts was President for one year and found field trip organization as the greatest challenge. She created formal introductions of speakers at our monthly public meetings.

Kathryn Peel was President hosting our second State meeting (2009) which was a wonderful success. She always puts the best foot forward for TaosNPS. Her greatest challenge and greatest accomplishment was being President for FOUR years.

Nora Patterson was President for 2 years. Her greatest accomplishment was creating a wonderful slate of speakers for our monthly meetings.

Claudia Bianca was the next President for 3 years. Her greatest accomplishment was the rehab of the Greenhouse structure and redesigning the new cover. Her greatest challenge was re-igniting the passion for native plant knowledge in our community. She still serves on the Board as Past President and Community Liaison.

And that brings us to Jan Martenson, current President and that story is being written as we speak!!