

2011 and Early 2012 ACTIVITIES OF THE LAS CRUCES CHAPTER OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO

Meetings:

Meetings are on the 2nd **Wednesday** of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. (The Social Center is on the right, while traveling east on Buena Vida from Telshor.)

Field Trips:

Field trips are always on a **Saturday**. Where and when we meet to carpool varies with each field trip; please check each listing. Most field trips extend into the afternoon. Bring lunch, water, sun protection, plant field guides, and wear good walking shoes.

Participants must sign a release of liability form. Children must be accompanied by their parents. Programs and field trips are free, and non-members are always welcome.

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2011

January

❖ Workshop:

Wed. Jan. 5, 7:00 p.m.

Ray Bowers presented a workshop on preparing photos for PowerPoint presentations.

◆ Meeting: Wed. January 12, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees shared images from nature taken in 2010. Refreshments served.

❖ Workshop:

Sat. January 15, 9:00 a.m.

DEVOTED TO FLOWERS - A WORKSHOP, by Lisa Mandelkern: Attendees created floral designs on T-shirts and greeting cards.

◆ **No Field Trip**

February

◆ Meeting:

Wed. Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.

Curtis Monger presented "Native Plants on the Move; How New Mexico's Grasslands, Shrublands, and Forests Expand & Contract in Response to Climate Change."

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. Feb. 12, 8:00 a.m.

Lori Kae Schwab lead trip to Alamo Mt./Otero Mesa, to see plants and petroglyphs. Medium-hard, some climbing, but not lengthy.

March

◆ Meeting:

Wed. March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Donovan Bailey presented "Following the Flowers from Spring to Fall: A Botanical Transect across Northern California."

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. March 12, 8:00 a.m.

We saw spring wildflowers in the Mossman Arroyo, near Bishop's Cap. Easy walk.

April

◆ Meeting:

Wed. April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Ad Konings presented "The Cacti of the Trans-Pecos," on cacti that are endemic, highlighting similarities across various regions. He also had *Cacti of Texas in Their Natural Habitat* (co-written with his wife, Gertrud; with stunning photographs of cacti) for purchase.

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. April 16, 8:00 a.m.

Lisa Mandelkern lead us on a walk on the Pine Tree Trail at Aguirre Springs (medium difficulty—some steep, rocky spots); there **were** spring wildflowers blooming there!

May

◆ Meeting:

Wed. May 11, 7:00 p.m.

Russ Kleinman, Associate Botanist, Dale A. Zimmerman Herbarium, gave a talk entitled "Mosses of the Gila."

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. May 14, 8:00 a.m.

We went to North Percha Creek (NW of Hillsboro), led by Lisa Mandelkern..

June

◆ Meeting:

Wed. June 8, 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Anderson, of the Doña Ana County Extension Service, gave a talk on causes & impacts of the February freeze and related gardening advice.

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. June 11, 8:00 a.m.

We went to the BLM's Three Rivers Petroglyph Site. Easy-medium (rough, rocky trail

July

◆ Meeting:

Wed. July 13, 7:00 p.m.

Lisa Mandelkern presented "Botanizing in Big Bend." The majority of the flora featured in this talk does not extend into the Las Cruces area and included many special and unfamiliar Chihuahuan Desert plants!

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. July 16, 8:00 a.m.

(The field trip to Gallinas Creek was cancelled due to lack of wildflowers caused by drought.)

August

- ◆ **Aug 4-7: Annual NPSNM State Meeting** in Santa Fe—See April-June 2011 issue of NPSNM Newsletter for details/registration (NO LC CHAPTER MEETING)

◆ Field Trip:

Sat., Aug. 13, 8:00 a.m.

Pine Tree Trail, at Aguirre Springs National Recreation Area. Easy-medium. We were able to see many wildflowers coming up amidst a large burned area close to the entrance.

September

◆ Meeting:

Wed. Sept. 14, 7:00 p.m.

Patrick Alexander presented "Sexual Behavior in Plants: Ménage à trois, Autoeroticism, and Other Deviations."

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. Sept. 17, 8:00 a.m.

Ropes Spring, on WSMR. Easy. Wildflowers were abundant.

October

◆ Meeting:

Wed. October 12, 7:00 p.m.

John White spoke about the history, design, and progress of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP.

◆ Field Trip:

Sat. October 15, 8:00 a.m.

John White gave us a tour of the CDG at UTEP.

◆ Special Event, Saturday, Oct. 22: Al Krueger and Carolyn Gressitt represented NPSNM with an informational booth at the Mesilla Bosque State Park, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

◆ Special Event on Sunday, Oct. 23: Come plant tree seedlings during an Audubon-sponsored workday at the Broad Canyon Ranch (set to become state park); 9-12 a.m. / 1:30-4:30 p.m.

November

◆ **Planning Meeting for 2012** (no regular meeting):

Wed. Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village.

December

No meeting—Happy Holidays!

2012

January

◆ Meeting:

Wed. Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Kelly Allred presented "E.O. Wootton: Pioneer Botanist of New Mexico."

◆ Workshop (no field trip):

Sat. January 14, 10:00 a.m.

"5 Basic Steps to Improve Your Digital Images," by Lisa Mandelkern.

February

◆ Meeting:

Wed. Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Mary O'Connell presented "Medicinal Plants of the Mesilla Valley" (from a chemical-analysis / medical perspective).