

**El Paso Native Plant Society**  
2012 Annual Report

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## **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2012**

Thursday, January 12, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Not Your Mama's Napolitos" – cooking with native plants and cacti by our one and only Gringo Gourmet, Jim Hastings

Thursday, February 9, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Fall Color and Review of the Plants of the Guadalupe Mountains by Cheryl Garing, Horticulturalist and EPNPS President

Thursday, March 8, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Early Bloomers, First Cacti Blooms of the Season" by Ad Konings, Co-Author of "Cacti of Texas in Their Natural Habitat"

Thursday, April 12, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Florafest Plant Sale Preview" by John White, Director of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP

Thursday, May 10, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Photographing Native Plants" by Arturo and Valerie Enriquez, owners of Vantage Point Visual Studios, Inc.

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Program: "The Rio Bosque Wetlands" by John Sproul, Manager and Coordinator of the Rio Bosque Wetlands

Thursday, July 12, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Native Plants for Our Landscapes" by Sara Wood, Past President of the El Paso Master Gardeners

Thursday, August 9, 2012

No meeting was scheduled due to the Native Plant Society of New Mexico conference held in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Field Trip: Tour through the White Sands Missile Range conducted by Dave Anderson, Land Manager for the WSMR

Thursday, September 13, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Update on the Transmountain Corridor" by Jim Tolbert, Publisher of "elpasonaturally"

Thursday, October 11, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Plant and Seed Exchange (all members bring seeds and plants for exchange)" and "Native Plant Propagation" by Cheryl Garing, President of the El Paso Native Plant Society

Thursday, November 8, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)

Program: "Applications in Herbal Therapy" by Dr. Armando Gonzalez Stuart, UTEP

Thursday, December 13, 2012 (El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant)  
Holiday Potluck

## **CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2012**

### Native Plant Sale

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual Florafest plant sale at the Centennial Museum - UTEP on April 28 and 29, 2012. EPNPS also co-sponsored David Anderson, Land Manager and Botanist at the White Sands Missile Range, who was the opening night speaker.

### Native Plant Appreciation Day

EPNPS hosted the event on October 13, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Centennial Museum – UTEP. Various speakers from the EPNPS and the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club gave presentations, tours of the Chihuahuan Desert Garden and assisted with a set-up for children's activities.

## **2013 PROJECTIONS**

Planning for the 2014 NMNPS conference in El Paso will take place throughout the year.

Participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April.

Participate in the Texas Native Plant Appreciation Day in October.