

**OTERO CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
2012 REPORT**

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F. Earth Day Booth

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G. Scholarship Committee

Judy Tribble, Eric Metzler, Hildy Reiser, Don Lutjens

2. PROGRAMS

January 14 Preview showing of the documentary *Green Fire*, about Aldo Leopold.

February 11. Field trip to NMSU Herbarium.

March 24. Oliver Lee Memorial State Park. Riparian trail walk, work in the Chihuahuan Desert Garden.

April 21. Annual Native Plant Sale, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rose Garden in Alamogordo.

April 28. Earth Day booth, at Alamogordo Zoo, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 12. Valley of Fires field trip.

June 16. Trestle Trail field trip.

July 14. Trestle Trail field trip.

August 9 – 12. NPSNM Annual Meeting at Tays Center in Alamogordo. 125 attendees.

August 15 – 18. Otero County Fair Booth.

September 15. Field trip to Dripping Springs on the west side of the Organ Mountains.

October 20. Field trip to Three Rivers Petroglyph site.

November 3. Annual Meeting of Otero Chapter.

2012 Conference Committee Meetings: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 13, 20; March 5, 14; April 4; May 2, 22; June 5, 19; July 12, 23; August 1, 7.

3. ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

The Otero Chapter began planning for the Annual State Conference in January 2011. There were 18 members who took part in the planning of the conference, during 2011 and 2012. 12 more members helped at the conference itself by staffing the registration table, giving a workshop in photography, staffing the book sales and the silent auction, and leading field trips.

The Conference took place from August 9 to 12. There were 125 registered attendees. In addition, about 30 members of the public attended the showing of *Green Fire* on Friday night. Unfortunately, Alamogordo experienced an on and off failure of the electrical grid, so the documentary was not seen to its end that night. However, Dr. Karl Malcolm, who was the introducer and speaker for the evening, held the audience spellbound even during the emergency lighting! The documentary was seen in its entirety during Saturday lunch.

The innovation the Otero Chapter is especially proud of is on-line registration. This did require much work, mostly by our member Marcos Makowski. He is even now helping the Albuquerque Chapter with theirs. It is perhaps important to mention that the Otero Chapter came up ahead by at least \$3000, so it was a good outcome.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS

The Otero Chapter awarded \$1000 in scholarships to two students (\$500 each) who are both studying some aspect of plant science at NMSU in Las Cruces.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached report