

El Paso Native Plant Society
2017 Annual Report

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

Thursday, January 12, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Program: Pruning and Winter Maintenance of Native Plants by John White, Curator of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Thursday, February 9, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Program: , "Rare and Endangered Plants of the Castner Range and Franklin Mountains," Dr. Richard Worthington, Associate Professor Emeritus and Curator of the Herbarium at the University of Texas at El Paso

Thursday, March 9, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Program: Speaker hospitalized at last minute. Meeting canceled in lieu of participation in March 25-26 Garden Tour

Thursday, April 13, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Program: Flora Fest Preview, John White, Curator, Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, UTEP

Thursday, May 11, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Program: Big Tooth Maple Research and NMSU's Recent Plant Release, Rolston St. Hilaire, professor and head of Plant and Environmental Sciences Dept., NMSU

Thursday June 8, 2017 no monthly meeting on June 8. Field trip to the University of Texas at El Paso Herbarium on June 17.

Thursday, July 13, 2017 no monthly meeting on July 13. Field trip to New Mexico State University Herbaria on July 8.

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Program: Asombro Institute for Science Education, Ryan Pemberton

Thursday, September 14 2017 no regular meeting because of state meeting; field trip September 16 to Asombro Institute Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park for members remaining in El Paso.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Strategic Planning Meeting: Setting the course for El Paso future

Thursday, November 9, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

Program: Speaker travel changed, will be rescheduled. Planning meeting Part 2 held.

Thursday, December 14, 2017 (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)
Holiday Potluck Social

2017 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Field trips to university herbaria in June and July and a September visit to an educational desert nature park broadened member experiences.

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual FloraFest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 24 – 26, 2017. EPNPS co-sponsored FloraFest Speaker,

EPNPS coordinated with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club for a native plant and cactus garden tour On March 25-26, 2017.

2018 PROJECTIONS

EPNPS plans to participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April.

EPNPS plans to participate in the Texas Native Plant Appreciation Day in October.

EPNPS plans to coordinate with the El Paso Rock and Cactus club for a native plant and cactus garden tour.