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MEETINGS

JANUARY 20, 2017

Cancelled-inclement weather

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Program: We need a "Bigger Boat"

PRESENTER: Kathy Whiteman, PHD

DIRECTOR of WNMU Outdoor program

30 Attended

MARCH 17, 2017

Program: Farming Gila Region Food Plants

PRESENTER: Richard Felger and Gabriel
Feldman

56 Attended

APRIL 21, 2017

Program: Characteristics of Oklahoma's
induced Earth Quakes

PRESENTER: Corrie Neighbors PHD

29 Attended

MAY 19, 2017

Program: STEM, Citizen Science and the
Safford AZ Rare Plant Program

PRESENTER: Joneen Cockman PHD

41 Attended

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Program: Important Plant areas of the Gila
Forest

PRESENTER: Patrice Matchnick PHD
49 Attended

October 20, 2017

Program: Protecting Wilderness, Wild and
Scenic Rivers in the Gila Forest
PRESENTER: Nathan Newcomer
49 Attended

November 17, 2017

Program: Landscaping on the WNMU Campus
PRESENTER: Kristi Dunn
38 Attended

December 17, 2017

Holiday Party Potluck
39 Attended

FIELD TRIPS

April 16, 2017

Ira Canyon 21 Participants

May 21, 2017

Skates Canyon 16 Participants

June 18, 2017

Railroad Canyon 11 Participants

July 18, 2017

Tadpole Ridge Trail 15 Participants

August 20, 2017

Little Dry Creek-Rained out

September 17, 2017

Black Jack Trail 10 Participants

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2017

April 21, 2017

\$1000.00 Scholarship awarded to Botany student attending WNMU- Chloe Mydlowski

Earth Day Celebration- community sponsored event

GNPS participated-our booth sold Native Plants, disseminated information and passed out "What is the Web of Life" activity leaflet to children along with crayons.

May 6, 2017

Give Grandly- a local non-profit focus on donations in a 24 hour period. GNPS received \$1315.00

2017 Improved our website making it more informational and user friendly

Plant Sale in April

Sold Native Plants and made \$976.00 In addition donated \$527.00 in plants to the Silva Creek Botanical Garden.

Picnic May 14

Held jointly with the Southwest New Mexico
Audubon.

43 people attended.

SILVA CREEK BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Gila Chapter continues to maintain and improve the Garden. Over 250 hours were donated by 27 Chapter members. Improvements included mulching all of the beds, installing new plants.

Thanks to Hamilton Construction 3 used culverts were recycled into the garden as large planters.

Major new sculpture was installed "Tree of Life" by Artist Denise

Fredricks.

Hosted a Monarch Butterfly workshop Oct 21 for adults (53 attended) and students (137 attended).

Sponsored by Monarch Aware- Butterfly Way project.