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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
October 20, 2017
Program: Protecting Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers in the Gila Forest
PRESENTER: Patrice Matchnick PHD
49 Attended

November 17, 2017
Program: Landscaping on the WNMU Campus
PRESENTER: Nathan Newcomer
49 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 12 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.