

OTERO CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO  
2017 REPORT

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2. PROGRAMS

**January 21.** Jim Hastings (The Gringo Gourmet) did a cactus cooking demonstration. 20 people attended (16 members, 4 non-members).

**February 11.** Presentation: 'Botany from a Boeing', by Patrick Alexander.

**March 18.** Field Trip to Indian Wells Trail.

**April 22.** Annual Plant Sale in Alamogordo. 8 am to 1 pm.

**April 29.** Earth Day at the Alamogordo Zoo. 9 am to 4 pm. (Closed at noon because of thunderstorm.)

**May 20.** Field trip to Bailey Canyon.

**June 17.** Field trip to Monjeau Outlook, led by Lincoln National Forest personnel.

**July 15.** Field trip to Cloudcroft Trestle Trail.

**Aug 12.** Field trip to Oshá Trail.

**August 16 - 19.** Otero County Fair Booth.

**September 23.** Field trip to Bridal Falls in Tularosa.

**September 14 - 17.** Annual State Conference in Taos. 2 Members participate.

**October 14.** Field trip to White Sands Missile Range, Bear Canyon ('Hanging Gardens'). 18 participants

**October 28.** Booth at Tularosa Hallowe'en on Granado Street event.

**November 4.** Annual Otero Chapter meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Alamogordo. Potluck at 11:30 am.

### 3. GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

The Otero Chapter had quite a lot of money for NMSU student grants/scholarships. We had four proposals this year. We awarded three students a total of \$4,000. For the first time we included New Mexico Tech. One student applied from there and was awarded \$2,000. Unfortunately, for unknown reasons, she could not use the grant and returned it.

Sarah Cerra and Helgi Osterreich distributed information to all area elementary schools about the Asombro Institute program on native plants, offering to pay for Asombro personnel to come and do the presentation in at least three classrooms in any school. No schools took advantage of this opportunity this year.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached report