

2018 Annual Report – Albuquerque Chapter Native Plant Society of New Mexico

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PROGRAMS

Meeting attendance varied between 65–115, averaging about 85.

January 3. Meeting. "Beyond Automobiles: Native Plant Stewardship, Revegetation, and Highway Ecology at the New Mexico Department of Transportation." Steven Gisler, New Mexico DOT's environmental coordinator, and liaison with the Native Plant Society of New Mexico.

February 7. Meeting. "Cactus Chronicles: The joy of finding, identifying and photographing cacti in the Las Cruces area." Lisa Mandelkern.

March 7. Meeting. "Landscape scale forest restoration in the Zuni Mountains: Restoring what, to what?" Matt Piccarello, Southwest Assistant Director for the Forest Stewards Guild.

April 4. Meeting. "Living with Native Plants." Michael Eustacio Chavez.

May 2. Meeting. "Native Plant Islands and Other Plant Propagation Projects by Santa Ana Native Plants (Santa Ana Nursery)." Santa Ana Native Plants manager Mike Halverson.

June 6. Meeting. "Insects (You Never Heard of) on Native Plants (You Know So Well)." Dr. Carol Sutherland, Extension Entomologist at New Mexico State University and State Entomologist, New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

July 11. Meeting. "Can Agriculture and Conservation Co-Exist? What the term "Organic" Actually Protects." Organic farmer Monica Pless.

August 1. Meeting. "New Mexico Bats and Their Bacteria: Landscape Complexity and Plant Diversity as Drivers." Post-doctoral UNM Biologist Ara Winter.

September. No monthly meeting.

October 3. Meeting. "Hummingbirds: Past, Present and Future." Dr. Christopher Witt, UNM Associate Professor of Biology and Director and Curator of Birds at the Museum of Southwestern Biology at UNM.

November 7. Meeting. "Frere Arsene Brouard - New Mexico's Forgotten Botanist." College of Santa Fe Professor Emeritus David Johnson.

December 2, Sunday. Annual holiday potluck and officers election.

FIELD TRIPS (19)

April 7. Saturday Field Trip. "A Walking Tour of Sevilleta NWR." Leader Michael Eustacio Chavez.

April 14. Saturday Field Trip. Bosque del Apache NWR. Leader: Tom Stewart.

April 15. Sunday Field Trip: "Grama Grass Cactus and Native Plant Potpourri." Leader Jim McGrath.

April 21. Saturday Field Trip. Quebradas. Leaders Lenore Goodell and Doris Eng.

April 29. Sunday Field Trip. U-Mound at Copper/Tramway. Leader: Tom Stewart.

May 4. Friday Workshop. "Native Plant Island Workshop." Santa Ana Native Plants manager Mike Halverson.

May 5-6. Overnight White Sands Missile Range Field Trip. Leader Dave Anderson.

May 6. Sunday. Las Cruces A Mt. Leader Lisa Mendelkern.

May 12. Field Trip. Rio Grande Nature Center. Leader George Miller.

May 19. Field Trip. Cerrillos Hills State Park. Leader Kerry Calhoun.

June 9 Field Trip. Ojito Wilderness Hoodoo Trail. Leader Lenore Goodell.

June 23. Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area. Ted Hodaba and Don Heinze, leaders.

July 7. Sandia Mts. 10K Trail. Leader Pam McBride

July 21. Bandelier flower walk. Leader Chick Keller.

July 28. Milne Trail at Cedar Crest Post Office. Leader Dara Saville.

August 4. Magdalena Mts., Timber Ridge Field Trip. Leader George Miller.

August 17-18. Holy Ghost Trail. Pecos Wilderness. Leader: Tom Stewart.

August 25. El Malpais. Leader Pam McBride.

October 20 Grass Field Trip, Rio Grande Bosque. Leader Jim McGrath.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL (10 events)

Bee Keepers Annual Conference Feb. 2, 3–table

Earth Day, Sandia High School, April 19–table

Earth Day Celebration, Nob Hill, April 22–table

Desert Oasis Teaching Garden Plant Sale, April 28–table

National Public Gardens Day, Albq. Biopark, May 11–table

Herbfest, Rio Grande Nature, Center, May 7–table

Butterfly Education and Awareness Day, Plant World, June 23–table

Bee City USA Celebration, Albq. Open Space Center, June 16–table

Valle de Oro NWR, Refuge Day, Sept. 29–table

Festival of the Cranes, Bosque de Apache NWR, Nov. 17–table.