GILA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Chapter activities for 2018
    All meetings held at Harlan Hall WNMU campus room 201
    unless noted

Monthly Meeting
    January 19, 2018 7PM
        Speaker Sara Fuentes-Soriano
        The Intriguing and Wonderful Natural History of
        Uncommon Southwest Mustards.
        Attendance 31

February 16, 2018 7PM
    Speaker Richard Felger
    The Last Tropical Orchids: Their Northern March And
    How They Differ East and West of the Continental Divide
    Attendance 36

Pre-order for plant sale
    March 10, 2018 10AM to 1PM
    Global Resource Center

Monthly Meeting Held at Volunteer Center
    March 16, 2018
    Speaker Hanna Blood
Plan Propagation and Keeping Transplants Happy and Thriving
   Attendance 38

Plant Pickup
   April 20, 2018 10 AM to 12 PM

Monthly Meeting
   April 20, 2018 7PM
   Speaker Manda Jost
   Interaction Between Domesticated, Feral and Native Bees of the Southwest
   Attendance 47

Earth Day Celebration Gough Park April 21, 2018 10AM-2PM
   Chapter had a booth that sold books and disseminated information about native plants.

“Give Grandly” Farmers Market April 28, 2018 9AM-2PM
   Chapter participated in the event sponsored by the Grant County Community Foundation. Folks from the community are encouraged to donate to their favorite non-profit organizations. Gila Chapter received over $1000.00

Annual Picnic May 13, 2018 Little Walnut Picnic Shelter 12PM
   Joint Picnic GNPS and SWNM Audubon.
   Attendance 54

Monthly Meeting
   May 18, 2018, 7 PM
   Speaker Kenneth Sexton
   Uptake of Air and Water by Plants and their Negative Effects on Feeding Insects
   Attendance 38
Field Trips
April 15, 2018 Axel Canyon Big Burro Mts.
Attendance 15

May 20, 2018 Railroad Canyon Black Range
Attendance 16

June 17, 2018 Meadow Creek Pinos Altos Range
Attendance 21

July 15, 2018 Sheep Corral Pinos Altos Range
Attendance 16

August 19, 2018 Fort Bayard
Attendance 19

September 16, 2018 Ira Canyon Big Burro Mts.
Attendance 16

State Conference September 7-9 2018 WNMU Campus
The Chapter hosted a very successful conference. 200 registered. A big thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it the success it was.

Glenwood Fish Hatchery 80th Anniversary Celebration
October 13, 2018 Chapter had a table and disseminated information about Native Plants and GNPS

Monthly Meeting
October 19, 2018 7PM
Speakers: Richard Fleger, Russ Kleinman, William Norris
Know the Trees of the Gila (workshop)
Attendance 43
Monthly Meeting  
November 16, 2018 7PM  
Speaker George Farmer  
Attendance 32  

Silva Creek Botanical Garden  
2018 was its fourth growing season since the Chapter adopted the garden project. We can now say that is a significant attraction in our community. Over 350 volunteer hours were put into the garden this year. We have hundred plus native species with most being labeled.  

Other Significant events in 2018  
Angela Flanders a long time member and contributor to the Chapter received the Jack and Martha Carter Native Plant Conservation Award.  
Betsy Kaido The GNPS presented her with a gold plated shovel expressing thanks for her hard work and generous contributions to the Silva Creek Botanical Garden.  

Dissemination of Conference Funds  
$1000.00 to WNMU Foundation  
$1500.00 to the Jack and Martha Carter Fund  

Thank-you Party for the Volunteers of Silva Creek Botanical Garden, hosted by Jane Kruse and David Cummings at their home.  
Ellie Sorensen (non-member) Designed and produced a quilt of Native Plants that the Gila Chapter used as a raffle item. Kristin Haskins of Flagstaff was the lucky winner in the October drawing. Chapter made about $2000.00 after expenses.