

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 80<sup>th</sup> 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

Ollas: Ancient Irrigation Past, Present and Future.

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.

