

**OTERO CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
2018 REPORT**

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2. PROGRAMS

January 20. White Sands Moth update with Eric Metzler. '6th Extinction'.

February 17. Cooking Wild presentation and workshop with Elva Osterreich and Judy Tribble. 14 people attended, one new member joined.

March 24. Spring at Bosque del Apache. Tom Hyden led us through Native Plant Garden. 12 people attended.

April 21. Annual Plant Sale in Alamogordo. 8 am to 1 pm. 17 Volunteers helped.

April 28. Earth Day at the Alamogordo Zoo. 9 am to 4 pm. 9 Volunteers helped

May 12. Tour of Creekside Village north of Tularosa. Leader: David Greenwald, archeologist and president of the Jornada Research Institute.

June 2. Field trip up La Luz Canyon with Linda Barker: Life Zones of Otero County. 4 attendees.

July 28. Field trip to La Pasada Encantada Trail in the Sacramento Mountains. 7 people attended.

Aug 18. Field trip to White Sands Missile Range: Cox Ranch and Pat Garrett Home site; wild fire locations from different years. 22 participants.

September 6 - 9. NPSNM State Conference: ‘Discover the Plants, People, and Culture of the Gila’ in Silver City. Five Otero chapter members attended.

September 19 - 22. Otero County Fair booth. 15 Volunteers helped.

October 6. Field trip to Aguirre Springs. 9 participants.

October 27. Booth at Tularosa Halloween off Granado Street event. 1 Volunteer!

November 2. White Sands Missile Range Herbarium tour led by Dave Anderson with a visit to the Range’s pollinator garden and an overview with wildlife biologist Trish Cutler. 9 participants.

November 10. Otero Chapter Annual Meeting and potluck at the home of Chapter members LeAnne and Ron Roberts.

November 17. Herbal Allies from a Bioregional Perspective. Workshop led by outgoing Outreach Coordinator, Sara Digby at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1010 E. 16th Street, Alamogordo from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

3. GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

The Otero Chapter awarded \$4,000 in student grants to two students. One for \$1,350 and one for \$2,650.

We again 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