



**People and Native Plants, A Journey Through Time**  
**2020 Native Plant Society of New Mexico Conference,**  
**hosted by NPSNM – Otero Chapter**

**Location: Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center in Alamogordo, NM**  
**Field trips in Tularosa, La Luz, Cloudcroft and surrounding areas throughout the Tularosa Basin**

Field trips and workshops over the three-day conference will reveal the rich history of both the people and the native plants throughout the Tularosa Basin and surrounding ranges.

Presentations, field trips and workshops over the three-day conference will support our theme of “A Journey Through Time” by highlighting the rich history of both the people and the native plants throughout the Tularosa Basin and surrounding ranges. We expect 200 + attendees from all over the state as well as students in botany, conservation and related fields.

Keynote speaker will be Pam McBride, Paleoethnobotanist at Office of Archaeological Studies, Museum of NM - Overview of Tularosa Basin and sites that she and others have worked on with a focus on the Paleo/Mogollon period. Additional speakers, workshops and fieldtrips will focus on:

- History and native plants of the Tularosa Basin and surrounding ranges
- Utilization of native plants throughout of the southwest (prehistoric, traditional and current uses.)
- Utilization of native plants, including the element of ethical harvest and alternative sources.
- Water conservation and utilization specific to the area of the Tularosa Basin and surrounding range.
- Appropriate use of native plants for soil conservation, wildlife
- Invasive plant and animal species that affect our native plant environment

For more information or to participate as a speaker or to volunteer for a committee please contact Jen Gruger, President of the NPSNM Otero Chapter at [jengruger@gmail.com](mailto:jengruger@gmail.com) or (505) 710-2924.