

**El Paso Chapter – New Mexico Native Plant Society
2019 Annual Report**

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2019:

Thursday, January 10, 2019- St. Alban's Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: West Texas Wildflowers by Michael Easton, botanist and author of *Wildflowers of West Texas*.

Thursday, February 14, 2019 – St. Alban's Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: Climate Changes by David DuBois, PhD, State Climatologist, NMSU, Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences.

Thursday, March 14, 2019 – St. Alban's Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: From Continental Scale Migration to Floral Nectaries: Examining the Influence of Food Plants on the Distributions of Migratory Nectarivorous Bats by Rachel Burke, Terrestrial Vegetation Monitoring Crew Leader, SW Conservation Corps/Bureau of Land Management.

Thursday, April 11, 2019- St. Alban's Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: UTEP Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, FloraFest Preview by John White, PhD, garden curator.

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – St Alban's Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: Phytochemical and Medicinal Properties of Creosote Varieties by Sarah Ramirez, NMSU Biology/Botany student.

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – St. Alban’s Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: El Paso Weeds – Super Heroes or Super Villains by Thomas Prokopchuk, retired government engineer.

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – no meeting (attending state conference)

Thursday, September 12, 2019- St. Alban’s Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: Lotions and Potions – Native Plant Gardening by Bea Gonzales, retired EPISD administrator and avid gardener.

Thursday, October 10, 2019 – St. Alban’s Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: Lizards in the El Paso Area by Carl Lieb, PhD. UTEP Biology Professor.

Thursday, November 14, 2019- St. Alban’s Church, 1810 Elm St. El Paso, TX
Program: Wide Vistas and Strang Flora – Photographing Plants in Foreign Lands by Scott Culter, retired UTEP Centennial Museum Curator.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – Annual holiday potluck dinner.

2019 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS:

EP- NPS coordinated with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club for a native and cactus garden tour on March 30-31, 2019.

EP-NPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual FloraFest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 25 -28, 2019. EP-NPS co-sponsored FloraFest Speaker.

EP -NPS were invited on a fieldtrip excursion to the Chihuahua Desert Research Institution in Ft. Davis, TX on May 4 – 5, 2019. This fieldtrip included a visit to the botanical garden, cactus greenhouse, and hikes down their hiking trails.

EP-NPS members attended the New Mexico Native Plant Conference in Santa Fe, NM on August 1 – 4, 2019.

EP-NPS helped sponsor 4 students at the Big Bend Conference (via scholarships)

2020 PROJECTIONS:

EP-NPS plans to participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April 2020.

EP-NPS plans to participate in the Texas Native Plant Appreciation Day in October 2020.

EP-NPS plans to coordinate with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club for a native plant and cactus garden tour in March or April 2020.

EP-NPS plans to coordinate with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club hikes or fieldtrips, a minimum of 6 times a year.