

**NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER**

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

9/20/21

Cool nights herald the coming of fall. As sunflowers show their last blooms and purple asters cover sandy soil, I am grateful to see bees roiling in sacred datura, to watch birds and butterflies gracing fields and roadsides. The hummingbirds still enjoy the nectar in feeders. Even the tomato worm is welcome here for a final feast!

After summer rains, many wild flowers bloomed in August and September. We scheduled weekday field trips. We completed the DeWitt Ivey Memorial Dedication August 4, and some attended the state meeting in Alamogordo. In September the new open space at the former Poole Property hosted a Saturday clean-up, and we attended. I look forward to having weekend field trips!

Fall is a time for planning and harvesting the summer's bounty. You may want to collect native seeds. Dry them, label the storage container, and hold them in a cool, dry place until it is time to plant them.

Also it is time to get together and become involved in our communities. At our October 18 board meeting we will begin planning our December gathering and 2022 activities in Albuquerque. We need a slate of officers including a publicity person and an outreach event coordinator. New volunteers help plan our activities and the Albuquerque state meeting. We need you!

-Carol



Mural on the south wall of the Biology building at Sandia High School, by Wren Walraven

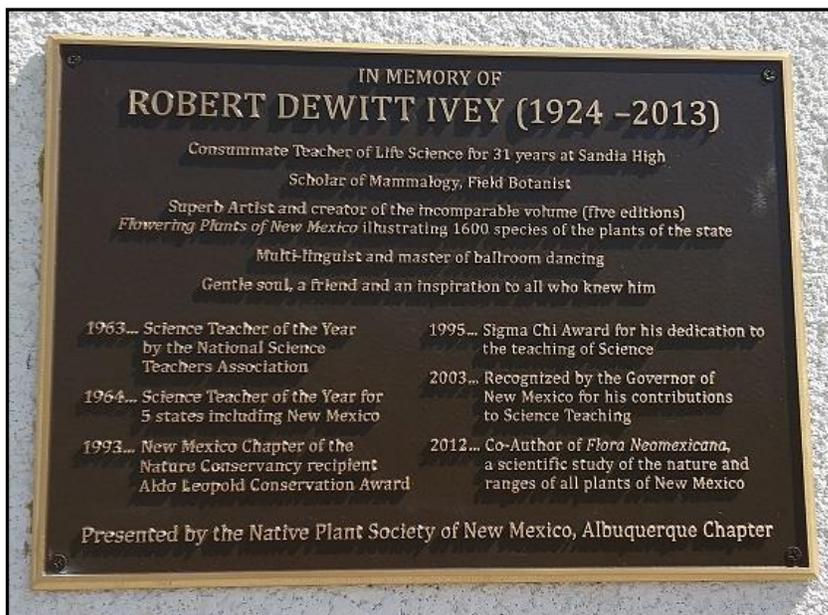
Photo by George O. Miller

COVER PHOTO:

Yucca elata, White Sands National Park

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Memorial to Robert DeWitt Ivey Robert DeWitt Ivey – 1924–2013 George Miller



At the NPSNM state meeting in Silver City in 2010, I joined a field trip because of the leaders as much as the anticipated wildflowers. Russ Kleinman and DeWitt Ivey led us along a narrow dirt road through the national forest. At one point, we came upon a small tree with red berries that many were not familiar with. As often happens, the call, “Does anyone have Ivey?” rang out.

Ironically, we did indeed have Ivey, but I was the only one with his publication. DeWitt thumbed through the worn covers to page 399 and showed us birchleaf buckthorn, *Rhamnus*

betulifolia. Then he signed my book.

On August 4 of this year, a small group of people, most of whom had known the botanist and artist, joined Ivey’s wife and two daughters at the Science Building at Sandia High School. Ivey, as he and his botanical bible, *Flowering Plants of New Mexico*, are both affectionately known, taught science at the school for 31 years. He received numerous excellence-in-teaching awards and influenced generations of students. His groundbreaking flora with exquisite, botanically accurate line drawings, still guides plant lovers through the wilds of New Mexico he loved so dearly.

Jason Roback, well known for both the native plant nursery he previously owned and his leadership as a science teacher at Sandia High, sponsored the dedication. The Albuquerque chapter of the NPSNM provided an engraved, bronze plaque mounted on the Science building wall and Jason supplied an Emory oak. We gathered outside beside the plaque and tree. Beautiful murals of nature scenes covered the building walls on one side and the incredible science pond and riparian habitat designed by Jason bordered the other.

After reminiscences and a reading of the plaque of Ivey’s many outstanding achievements, Jason gave us a tour of the pond, truly an oasis of both nature and learning surrounded by school, business, and residential development. Without a doubt, the tradition in excellence in teaching and instilling a love of nature in students lives on at Sandia High.



Back L to R: Jason Roback, Sandia High science teacher; Peggy Wells, Ivey’s student; Vivian Ivey, wife; Laura Mascarenas, daughter
Front row: Jeri Muller, daughter; dog
Photo by George O. Miller

AN AUGUST SURPRISE

By Jim McGrath

September 21, 2021

It was in early June that I first noticed the leaves. They were chevron shaped. I wondered what plant I was looking at. I hiked this trail in the Sandia foothills on a regular basis, so I kept an eye out for this plant. I figured that when it produced flowers I would be able to tell which plant it was. As I continued to walk the wash, I noticed the plant began to sprawl all over – just above ground level. The leaves have 5 sharply pointed lobes. Later I noticed that the plant also has another leaf shape that was quite a bit different: the leaves were heart-shaped with no lobes. I concluded that I was looking at a vine. I suspected a morning glory in family Convolvulaceae. On a later walk I could see the leading tips of a vine that was obviously reaching upward – up and up – looking for something it could twine around for support. The plant clearly had intentions of getting as high off the ground as possible. Why? It seemed to want to produce its flower so that the flower would be easily visible to pollinators.

But what species? I looked in Ivey's *Flowering Plants of New Mexico* (R.D. Ivey, 5th ed., 2005). Ivey's drawing for the scarlet morning glory (*Ipomoea cristulata*) showed the two different leaf shapes. I had seen a few of the right red flowers of this morning glory on hikes in previous years on this trail.

As I continued making my periodic walks in the wash, I noticed the morning glory vine sprawled everywhere. Impatiently, I was making each hike expecting to see those bright red flowers to appear. In early August I still had not seen the flowers.

During August I got away from Albuquerque on a couple camping trips. Finally, on August 24, 2021, I headed out again to the Three Gun Spring Trail, once again to hike up the wash west of the main trail. This time I brought my camera. I had not been on the trail in two and a half weeks. I thought, "I bet there will be some morning glory flowers this time."

Wow!! What a surprise! The bright orange-red, trumpet-shaped flowers were everywhere protruding out from the various plants that the twining stems had wrapped around. The morning glory did not care which plant lent its support to the vine. The plant was found on cholla, apache plume, mountain mahogany – any plant that could provide support to get those scarlet flowers high enough for hummingbirds to see them.



Scarlet morning glory, *Ipomoea cristulata*, on Three Gun Spring Trail climbing on a cholla; inset is close-up of the small flower

Photo © Jim McGrath



Scarlet morning glory, *Ipomoea cristulata*, on Three Gun Spring Trail, Sandia Mountains, Cibola National Forest
Photo © Jim McGrath

There were probably 1000 morning glory flowers along the wash that day in late August! The flowers with these bright orange-red trumpet-shaped flowers would be perfect for hummingbirds with their long beaks.

The hummingbirds did not catch on that this nectar bonanza was waiting for them right away. There really are not any other bright red flowers in this section of the Sandia foothills to attract them. Once the hummingbird migration began, I was certain I would see hummingbirds visiting these morning glory flowers.

Sure enough, I was rewarded on my September 3 walk in the wash when I observed at least 20 hummingbirds. I saw both rufous and black-chinned hummingbirds. The rufous hummingbirds have very noticeable rusty coloration. The black chins lack any sign of rusty or buffy coloration. Twice I observed a female rufous hummingbird with a bright orange spot on its throat. The light must be at just the right angle for me to see that bright orange spot. A few times I had glimpses of a hummingbird working the morning glory flowers for nectar. And once I was treated to an aerial hummingbird chase - two birds flew up high up in the air. I could not tell if they were chasing each other, or one was simply chasing after the other one.

During those hot summer days of June, it was hard to get excited about some plant with an odd-shaped leaf. But patience and time eventually produced a spectacular reward for this hiker: a spectacular floral display in August followed by memorable visit from migrating hummingbirds in early September.

EPILOGUE, September 22, 2021

I was back on the mountain again today. Today I noticed those bright red trumpet flowers were all gone! Every last one of them. The fruits have developed and I found 4 black seeds in one of them. Some of the capsules still had the remains of the corollas still attached, but most capsules had already lost the corolla.

What's interesting is that I hiked the same trail a week ago (Sep 15) and I recall that the red trumpet flowers were still present. So far as I can tell those hummingbirds did their job - seemed like every flower produced a fruit.

**Native Plant Society of New Mexico
2022 Annual Meeting
Hosted by the Albuquerque Chapter**

“An Ecology for Seven Generations”

Climate change is challenging our stewardship responsibility to conserve water, forests, soils, wildlife, and plants like never before in human history. Come together in Albuquerque to hear scientists, citizens, indigenous, philosophical, and data-driven perspectives explore how we can nurture a greater respect for nature and the land ethic we need for the future in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Chapter will explore this theme with a variety of multimedia programs, speakers, workshops, field trips, book sales, a silent auction, and a banquet dinner.

Dates: August 5-7, 2022

Location: UNM Continuing Education Conference Center
1634 University Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Look for more details in Spring 2022



***“In the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand.
We will understand only what we are taught.”***

Baba Dioum, former Director General of Water and Forestry in Senegal, Africa, 1968

We need volunteers to make this a great meeting!

Wetlands Restoration in Northeast New Mexico

A Visit to DeHaven Ranch: Conservation at Work

Diane Stevenson

It was not the first time I had the opportunity to visit. The first was early October 2019, when a group from our chapter of NPSNM was invited to visit, botanize, see several recently installed *Zuni and “juni” bowls, and discuss feasibility of future visits to DeHaven, about an hour north-east of Roy, NM. Starting with a 169 item plant list compiled by Robert Sivinski on prior visits, I was in. Wow – *obligate* wetland plants were included in the plant list; pretty exciting in arid New Mexico! That trip was amazing for plant and wildlife diversity alone, since the area had not seen rain in many months.

The northeast corner of New Mexico near Wagon Mound, Roy, and beyond is dotted with numerous *ciénegas*, also known to local ranchers as *vegas*; wet meadows fed by springs that seep into the otherwise arid landscape. I remembered Bob Sivinski’s talk from March 2017 titled

“Adios Ojos y Ciénegas: Our Endangered Desert Wetlands.” *Ciénegas* are important resources for landowners, livestock, and wildlife; their ecological functions need to be better understood. Bitter Lakes near Roswell and Santa Rosa’s Blue Hole and other wetland lakes are well-known artesian basin wetlands.

The workshop, hosted by the family at DeHaven Ranch, called **Wetlands Restoration in Northeast New Mexico**, was focused as “An educational opportunity to better understand the importance of local springs, *vegas*, *ciénegas*, seeps and their function to a watershed” funded in part by a Jack and Martha Carter Conservation Grant from the Native Plant Society of New Mexico. Tom Stewart, Jim McGrath and I were invited by the family to return for the workshop; Tom and I were able to attend.

Attendees included conservation and land management professionals and a number of local ranchers interested in learning about wetlands hydrology, biodiversity, and wetlands function in semi-arid land as well as management techniques, e.g. erosion control, weed control, prescribed fire, and grazing management.

This diverse group of land stewards was well fed; breakfast by Los Lovato Ranch family; lunch by the Piñon CowBelles, the local New Mexico CowBelles chapter educating the public about ranching while providing scholarships for students. The wetland overview and restoration discussion was absolutely fascinating! Leaders were Bob Sivinski, RCS Southwest consultant & botanist, and Mollie Walton, a Restoration Ecologist with the Cimarron Watershed Alliance. We learned about conservation landowner programs available and so much more.

We toured restored *ciénegas* and saw Zuni bowls and novel “juni” bowls at work; quickly restoring vegetation on eroded sites to restore watershed function. New to me was the use of short fences or brush piles above *ciénegas* and restored vegetation to prevent cattle and deer from creating paths that would begin the erosion process again.

What struck me most about this workshop was the sense of community among the participants and the ability to listen to ideas and differing views. The goal here as land stewards is to preserve these unique wetland systems for all communities, current and future: human, livestock, wildlife.



Bob Sivinski in the *ciénega* talking to restoration workshop attendees about its functions. Maximillian sunflowers ring the wetland, where cattle had been removed from the area.

Photo © Diane Stevenson

Information on Wetland Restoration & Conservation



Maximillian sunflower on edge of ciénega; back-ground yellow flowers include goldenrod
Photo © Diane Stevenson

*Jim McGrath described Zuni bowls as “riparian restoration activities on the land that have eliminated or halted gully development and caused drainages to become green with vegetation where previously existed the ugly scars of bare ground in the eroded drainages.” Juni bowls, an experiment using burned juniper trees on site, were constructed at DeHaven Ranch by the DeHaven family community.

- National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has several programs assisting landowners, including: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Wetlands Reserve Program

- NM Environment Department’s 62 page Wetland Action Plan by Robert Sivinski - <https://www-archive.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2017/WAP-Arid-Land-Cienegas-NM-2018-Final-for-Printing>
- NM Forestry Division’s Invasive Plant Management in Forested Areas Program and Land Conservation Incentives Act
- New Mexico CowBelles - <https://www.newmexicocowbelles.org/>
- US Fish & Wildlife Service’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program



Ipomopsis multiflora, many-flowered gilia in the Bernalillo County Milne Open Space in Cedar Crest, NM
Photo © Lee Regan



The Yerba Mansa Project Returns to the Field

Dara Saville, September 20, 2021

After a year and a half hiatus, the Yerba Mansa Project returned to our Tingley Beach-area Bosque restoration site with our volunteer crew on September 18. Although the pandemic prohibited large in-person gatherings, we remained connected with our community through livestreamed online classes and events co-sponsored by a variety of supportive local partners.

The long time apart made our in-person reunion all that much sweeter. With our largest turn-out ever at nearly 100 volunteers, it was a high-energy day filled with joyful returns for veteran crew members and welcoming new people. One thing I learned from the pandemic was just how important community is. I believe everyone who showed up agreed.

Our Bosque Restoration Field Day was a success on many levels. Not only did we gather all-ages in-person for a return to normal events and outdoor camaraderie (albeit wearing masks), we also did the important work of reaffirming our responsibility to the land through loving and thoughtful stewardship. Our crew arrived in three separate waves for orientation and training, heading into the Bosque before the next group arrived.

Our first group was comprised of families and children including a group from the International School and they planted wolf berry (*Lycium torreyi*) and golden currant (*Ribes aureum*), totaling 31 shrubs. Some kids lovingly decorated the planting areas with stick and rock arrangements to imbue the site with their personalized care then picnicked with their families when the work was done.

The second group to arrive removed over 450 nonnative invasive Ravenna grass plants (*Saccharum ravennae*) while clipping and bagging seed heads to minimize dispersal. This group included Albuquerque Native Plant Society members Jim McGrath and Curtis Miller, who have been devout volunteers for many years of our project and have personally removed large numbers of these plants.

The third group were our re-seeders who cleared coarse debris and raked in an Upland Bosque seed mix comprised of numerous native grass, forb, and shrub species helping to restore the native seed bank in the soil. This event was sponsored by the Santa Fe-based software company OpenEye Scientific, who enabled us to pay for the shrubs and other costs associated with this service.

We are grateful for the outpouring of community support the Yerba Mansa Project has received in its seven years of existence. Our primary partner, City of Albuquerque Open Space, has been especially important in enabling us to do restoration work by providing tools, logistical support, and training our field crews. The Native Plant Society of New Mexico has also provided critical funding for our initial GIS data collection; the NPS Albuquerque Chapter has donated to support ongoing professional editing of our iNaturalist [Plants of the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Field Guide](#). We have also recently accrued many new members to our year-round staff, who are all bringing their time, ideas, and professional expertise to our administrative, restoration, GIS data collection, and public education programs. Look for us to improve and expand on what we have been doing with the passion and professional contributions of our dedicated volunteers.

Curious about the Yerba Mansa Project? Visit us online at YerbaMansaProject.org or on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#); get involved by [volunteering](#) in the field or from home; Support our free services by becoming a monthly donor or inquiring about a [business sponsorship](#); attend our free community [educational events](#) or apply for your school classroom to participate in our free programs; read my recently published article “Cottonwood Forest Communiqué” about the Yerba Mansa Project in the [Journal of Medicinal Plant Conservation](#).



Yerba Mansa Project participants above and left

Photo © Dara Saville

Field Trips, an Ongoing Pandemic, and 2022 Field Trip Planning

Diane Stevenson, 09/27/21



Quebradas field trip incognito participants ~April 19, 2021
Photo by Doris Eng

As Chapter Newsletter Editor, I am on the Albuquerque Chapter NPS board. Like everyone else, we had to make many changes in 2020 due to a tiny little virus. An all-volunteer board, we usually meet 4 times a year; in 2020 we met 6 times, 4 on Zoom. Did I mention I was also Chapter President? You get the picture. We are busy with work & life. We are not a particularly fast acting board, unless we hear about wildflower hikes on short notice, like a late evening phone call for an early morning hike – we meet at 8 am. Priorities, you know.

In late winter 2020, our board decided not to plan field trips nor post them in the newsletter because of the pandemic. Fast forward a few weeks (light speed for us), Lee Regan volunteered to set up and administer a Facebook group open only to NPS members. Lee set up field trips through the ABQ NPS Facebook group; on his own. Eight, nine, or more field trips in 2021.

THANK YOU LEE!

A Zoom board meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2021, at 7 pm. Please ask for an invitation from any of us if you'd like to attend.

Before the pandemic, our volunteer board and interested members planned field trips and speakers for next year at this time. We already have our monthly meeting speakers set for 2022 since we haven't discussed field trips.

THANK YOU Sara Keeney!

Board meetings in fall and early winter are usually focused on next year's field trip planning. March '22 field trips have a late November '21 print deadline for the NPSNM State newsletter.

There are always TWO field trips. First, the scouting field trip when the field trip leader(s) visit the site, find and identify flowers, then make up a list of flowers for the official field trip. The leader



Rocky Point/Gravel Pit aka Ellis South group, 7/21/21
Photo provided by Doris Eng

tries to find an existing list if we've been there before.

Luckily, I went on two scouting trips before life got in the way.



Ellis field trip participants—add this to the list of 2021 trips
Photo provided by Doris Eng

Please forgive me *when* I miss field trips as I list them – Lee Regan scouted and planned mostly on his own, though several active and board members participated in this process AND got pictures!

1. April trip to the Quebradas Back-country Byway east of Socorro; we met Lee at the rest area north of San Acacia April 9 to scout for plants and build a plant list for the trips planned the following week (Lee planned several trips due to social distancing).

2. May 21, scouting Tecolote trail with Pam McBride; lion tracks meant we moved the field trip; a good reason to sign up for with Lee Regan and a very good reason to hike with a buddy. This field trip went elsewhere in the Sandia or Manzano Mountains.

3. July 15, Lee led a field trip to Santa Fe Ski Basin with beautiful results.

4. July 21, a field trip to Rocky Point & Gravel Pit, aka Ellis trailhead parking, going south. The Cibola National Forest Sandia District website has a great map of all the crest area trails you can download and print so you don't get confused when your phone is not available (there is a black-out area near the antennas.)

5. August 7, a field trip led by Kent Condie and Doris Eng ventured one canyon south of Red Canyon in the Manzanos to Ox Canyon.

6. August 25, Lee led the field trip to the Bernalillo County Milne Open Space in Cedar Crest by the post office. This field trip was well-attended, though some of us got rerouted because a water main break closed the intersection of Central and Tramway.

7. September 21, a new field trip to Santa Rosa to the Pecos Sunflower festival.

There were several trips between May 21 and July 15, not to mention the ones I missed entirely (like Ellis Trail) and any upcoming trips this year. Let's plan as a group for 2022!

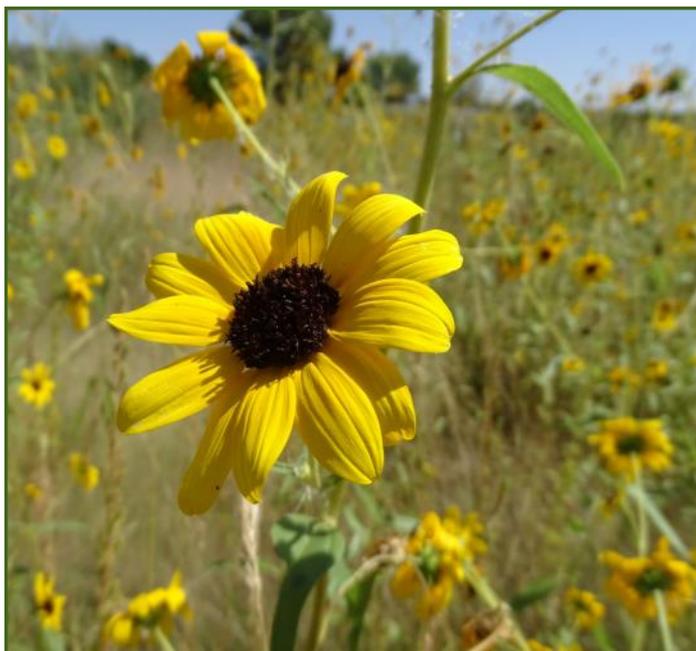
Lee, we are very grateful for all your hard work AND gorgeous photos with plant identification on the Facebook group site!

Thank you Kent Condie for your beautiful photos and field trip leadership!



L to R: Doris Eng, Jim Stimac, Jonathan Tanis, Sara Keeney, Diane & Craig Stevenson in an Ox Canyon meadow of *Verbena macdouglii*, Spike Verbena on 8/7/21

Photo © Kent Condie



Closeup of Pecos or Puzzle Sunflower, *Helianthus paradoxus*, Santa Rosa, NM, from our Facebook group page

Photo © Lee Regan



SPEAKING OF FIELD TRIPS

How about some photos?

Top left: Sandia Mountain Coral Bells, *Heuchera pulchella*
Center left: One-sided Wintergreen or Sidebells, *Orthilia secunda*
Bottom left: Bee on Rocky Mtn. Penstemon, *P. strictus*
Top Right: Violet Woodsorrel, *Oxalis violacea*
Bottom Right: Fireweed, *Chamerion angustifolium*

Rocky Point trail, Ellis trailhead south, Sandia Mountain
Field Trip, 7/21/21

Photos this page © Lee Regan



SUMMER SIGHTS

Santa Fe Ski Basin Field Trip 7/15/21

Clockwise from top right: *Pedicularis groenlandica*, Elephant head; *Sedum integrifolium*, King's Crown; *Aconitum columbianum*, Monkshood with bee; *Platanthera huronensis*, Northern Green Bog Orchid; *Pedicularis racemose*, Sickletop Lousewort

Photos this page © Lee Regan



Conservation Activities Summary Jim McGrath and Sue Small

Jim McGrath has been truly “outstanding in the field”, involved in a number of conservation organizations. Jim is active in three Cibola National Forest Collaboratives: Mt. Taylor—Zuni Mountains, Sandia Mountain (Tres Pistas & La Madera), and Magdalena Forest. Jim participated in a New Mexico Rare Plant Technical Council early in the year. Jim also made his presentation, “Evolution of the New Mexico Rare Plant Website” to the NPSNM Gila chapter on 3/19/21.

Sue Small attended a number of meetings virtually, including the Land and Water Summit, the Northern Wetlands Roundtable, Zuni Mountain Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR), & the Southern Wetlands Roundtable. Sue also participated in person in prescribed burn to limit potential catastrophic wildfire at Copperton in the Zuni Mountains.

In July, Jim, Sue, and Pam McBride participated in the one-day Zuni Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) Site visit with USFS, Forest Stewards Guild, and other agencies.

Please thank Jim McGrath and Sue Small for all their conservation work. Only a small part of their activities are listed here; they have been quite busy this year. Actually both are outstanding in the field!



Fallugia paradoxa with American Snout Butterfly
Photo © George O. Miller



2021 Otero Chapter Annual Meeting hike in Alamo Canyon
near Alamogordo Photo © George O. Miller

ABQ Backyard Habitat News Diane Stevenson

Backyards around Albuquerque are being certified, even if the pandemic slowed progress on wetland restoration and storm-water swale construction and Visitor Center work at the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge in the South Valley.

Creating a backyard habitat is a great cool season family project; planting native trees and shrubs can be holiday presents that you can watch grow, like children and grandchildren.

Why buy stuff made overseas to celebrate holidays when you can create habitat for our wildlife neighbors to enjoy too!

My garden is now certified core habitat; wildlife knows where to find water, food, and a spot to rest year-round.

Get started here: <https://friendsofvalledeoro.org/abq-backyard-refuge/>

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO – ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2021 EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 6 at 7pm, Zoom Meeting: Christina Selby will share her adventures over several years of chasing blooms while researching, writing, and photographing the guide book *Best Wildflower Hikes New Mexico: A Guide to the Area's Greatest Wildflower Adventures*, published in 2020. She'll share a photos and short videos to take you on a tour of some of New Mexico's best, most remote, and most diverse wildflower displays throughout the seasons and throughout the state. Interesting information about flower species and changing habitats will also be included in her presentation. Come be amazed by the beautiful treasures that await you from the lowland deserts to the alpine tundra and everywhere in between.

Wednesday, November 3 at 7 pm, Zoom Meeting: “Amazing Cacti of New Mexico,” Ralph Peters, a local cactus aficionado, will share his photos and wide-ranging information about NM and area cactus—along with some ocotillo species. The presentation will include examples from all quadrants of the state including many unusual forms and flowers. He will share the history of the miniature cactus, *Pediocactus knowltonii*, found only on one hill in NM. Ralph is an expert in germinating and growing cacti from seed, especially with challenging species and the presentation will include information about his propagation work, as well.

Saturday, December 4: Meeting & Election of 2022 Officers. Watch mailings for more information about the Meeting—a special in-person event may be in store for us.



Pecos or Puzzle Sunflower, *Helianthus paradoxus*, on the field trip to Santa Rosa, NM, 9/18/2021 Photo © Lee Regan

ETCETERA

From Tom Stewart, Chapter VP and State President: *Carmen Alexander is a new member and clearly likes to lend a hand, responding right away to the invitation for volunteers in this newsletter. All summer she has helped maintain the Oso Grande Pollinator Habitat. She says, "Before I moved here, I volunteered with the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge (Southern California), assisting in cataloguing and maintaining the native gardens there. I don't have formal botany background but am very teachable."* We are so glad that proved to be true! Welcome Carmen as our new chapter Communications Volunteer!

- October 18th at 7 pm is the next Zoom Board meeting. We'll discuss the December 4th meeting & elections where we can gather and be socially distant. You can participate if you let any of us know so we can send you the link.
- November 2, 2021 is an election day in Albuquerque. Don't forget to vote for the Library Bond monies.
- Great places to look for ideas to use to teach children of all ages (including yourselves) are: Project Learning Tree® <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/> and Project Wild® www.projectwild.org – this group has family nature activities here: <https://www.fishwildlife.org/projectwild/wild-parents>

Articles, photos, and news submissions for the Albuquerque chapter NPSNM Winter 2022 Newsletter should be submitted via e-mail to Diane Stevenson (distevenson331 [at] hotmail.com) by December 21, 2021. Thank you!

Become an NPSNM Member:

Join at <http://www.npsnm.org/about/join/>

NPSNM is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the conservation of native New Mexico flora. The Society, and its local chapters, work to educate its members and promote the conservation of our native flora so future generations may enjoy our valuable resource.

Membership Benefits

Members benefit from regional chapter meetings, field trips, an annual meeting, and four issues of the state newsletter each year. Some chapters also hold plant sales and annual seed exchanges and offer discounts on a variety of books providing information on native plant identification and gardening with New Mexico native plants.

Additional benefits to members include discounts on New Mexico Wildflower and Cactus posters.

Albuquerque Chapter Benefits

Members who show a valid NPSNM membership card

- Qualify for Plant World discounts without having to purchase a Plant World membership
- Receive a 10% discount at Plants of the Southwest

NPSNM Albuquerque Chapter

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