

2020 Donations, Grants, and Teacher Award Announced

by Wendy Graves, Gila Chapter, three years after

The NPSNM Board of Directors met at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge on January 25, 2020, to approve donations to the herbaria of New Mexico and El Paso, and to review and award grant proposals.

Herbaria: \$600 donations will be given to the following herbaria: University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, University of Texas at El Paso, San Juan College, and Western New Mexico University.

The **Jack & Martha Carter Conservation Fund** continues to support the grant awards. The Society expresses much gratitude and appreciation to the Carters, who generously established this fund, and to all who have contributed to this worthwhile cause. Please continue to support this fund so that it grows and can support the grants in the future.

Grants: The following grants were awarded:

- Taos County Native Versus Invasive Plant Educational Coloring Book; Shannon Romeling, Taos County Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Pecos Sunflower Storytelling Project; Christina M. Selby
- How Nectar Ecology Shapes Pollinator Communities in New Mexico's *Allium cernuum*; Charles Ray, Auburn University
- Educational Outreach Regarding Wetlands Restoration in Northeast New Mexico; Stephanie Brock, DeHaven Cattle Company, LLC
- Native Plant Identification in Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument for Dripping Springs Trail; Patrick Nolan, Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
- Seed Testing for Priority Chihuahuan Desert Restoration Species; Akasha May Faist, NMSU
- The Pinon-Juniper Woodland and Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve; Scott Canning, Santa Fe Botanical Garden
- Revive! Recreating a Historic Garden to Spark Education Opportunities for Girls; Susan Tweit, Women's International Study Center
- Rio Fernando Park Native Plant Propagation Project; Ben Wright, Taos Land Trust
- Getting Kids into Forest-Vans Needed; Melanie Gisler, Institute for Applied Ecology
- Middle School Lesson on Evolutionary Relationships of New Mexico Plants; Stephanie Bestelmeyer, Asombro Institute for Science Education
- Gila Wilderness Canyon Restoration & Non-Native Plant Removal; Patrice Mutchnick, Heart of the Gila

There was no **Teacher Award** this year.