

2021 Donations, Grants, and Teacher Award Announced

by Wendy Graves, Gila Chapter, two years after

The NPSNM Board of Directors met at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge on January 16, 2021, to approve donations to the herbaria of New Mexico and El Paso, to review and award grant proposals, and determine the Teacher Award for 2021.

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:

- Tyrone Community Park Native Plant Exhibit; Peter Wyman, Tyrone Property Owners Association
- Safeguarding the bryophyte herbarium collection at NMSU; Zachary Rogers, NMSU Herbarium
- Native NM Plant Restoration to Conserve Native Pollinators; Paul J. Polechla, La Cosecha CSA/ Dr
- Rio Fernando Park Herbarium; Ben Wright, Taos Land Trust
- Tamarisk Eradication on the Gila River; Donna Stevens, Upper Gila Watershed Alliance
- Launching ABQ Backyard Refuge Certification Program; Aryn LaBrake, Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge
- Host Plants for Recovery of the Sacramento Mts Checkerspot Butterfly; Melanie Gisler, Institute for Applied Ecology SW
- A Demonstration Plot of Native Grasses, Legumes, and Forbs in Compacted Soil; Tom Dominguez, Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners
- Educational Signs for Graze Days; Shannon Palermo, Railroad Park Conservancy
- Eco-Riparian Hydrology of the Middle Rio Grande; Benjamin Duval, NM Institute of Mining and Technology
- Project EAGLE Everyday Approach for Gozhóó Living Environments; Nantan Saenz, Chiricahua Apache National Order Mission and Alliance

Teacher Award: Estela Thompson of Santa Rosa High School will receive the \$500 award this year.