

2022 Donations, Grants, and Teacher Award Announced

by Wendy Graves, Gila Chapter, one year after

The NPSNM Board of Directors met by Zoom on January 22, 2022, 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:

- Bosque Botanical Population Assessments; Dara Saville, Yerba Mansa Project
- Tamarisk Eradication on the Gila River; Upper Gila Watershed Alliance
- Status Update on 2 Rare Mt thistles of Southern NM: *Cirsium grahamii* & *vinaceum*; John Gorey, UnderWing Biological LLC
- Puppies, Pussycats and Pollinators: Native Plants at the ASCMV; Elaine Stachera Simon, Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV)
- Quantifying the Distance Decay of Soil Feedbacks in two NM Desert Species; Melanie Merritt, University of Georgia

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