

**Taos Chapter NPSNM**  
**2025 Annual Report**  
**Bob Pokorney, Chapter President**

Our **chapter's** focus is mostly centered around gathering and growing many native plant varieties in our Taos greenhouse. We also distributed our book "Native Gardening in Northern New Mexico" in bookstores in Taos, Santa Fe and Los Alamos, as well as through Amazon. We held several public education and seed distribution events.

Officers and Activity Leaders:

Bob Pokorney, President  
Theresa Taggart, Secretary  
Jan Martinson, Treasurer

Kathryn Mayer, Greenhouse Manager  
Shelby Leonard, Hike/walk Leader

1/1-12/31

Taos Chapter Greenhouse – Managed by Kathryn Mayer -- Year-round, volunteers (avg. 10) gathered weekly on Wednesday mornings to maintain plants and the demonstration garden, to improve greenhouse structure and hardening off room, and prepare for multiple plant sales. New greenhouse door was built and installed after second break-in. Electricity installed May 2025

1/17-18

Jan Martensen, Treasurer, Bob Pokorney and Terry Bumgardner, co-presidents, attended to state board meeting Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, La Joya, NM

1/30 Taos Chapter board meeting attended by Terry Bumgardner, Bob Pokorney, Rachel Jankowitz, Virginia Brown, Jan Martenson, Jim Taylor, Shelby Leonard

3/5 First monthly meeting Kit Carson Boardroom – 48 people  
March 5 – Peggy De'Scoville, "NM: The effects of concentrated juniper thinning in pinyon-juniper forests"

4/2 Monthly meeting, Kit Carson Boardroom – 21 people  
Renee Galeano-Popp, "Does the Endangered Species Act Actually Save Plants?"

4/22 Earth Day at Taos Land Trust. Demos for students.

- 5/7 Monthly meeting Kit Carson Boardroom – 25 people  
Bob Pokorney and Fritz Hahn, “Cornelio Basin: From Historic Farm to Junkyard to Taos Gem”
- 5/24 Native plant sale at the Greenhouse
- 6/4 Monthly meeting, Kit Carson Boardroom – 18 people  
Bob O. Pinto, “Botanical Considerations of Creating a Traditional Western America Arrow”
- 6/29 Wildflower Walk organized by Jean Admire – Elliot Barker Trail – 19 people
- 7/2 Monthly meeting, Kit Carson Boardroom – 23 people  
Steven Gisler (Environmental Bureau Chief) and Andrew Alderete (Integrated Vegetation Management Specialist), presented “What’s New Along our Highways? Conservation initiatives for native plants, rare species, and pollinators at New Mexico Department of Transportation”
- 7/6 Mary Adams led a wildflower hike on the Agua Sarca trail – 7 people
- 7/20 Jean Admire led wildflower walk on Sunday, July 20 on the Angostura Trail, an offshoot from Forest Road 161 to Serpent Lake – 16 people
- 8/6 Monthly meeting, Kit Carson Boardroom – 17 people  
Quinlyn Bain of the Museum of Southwestern Biology & University of New Mexico, presented “Insect Galls of the Southwest”
- 8/7 Shelby Leonard led a group of 16 chapter members for a tour of Paul Cross’ greenhouse operation, with sixteen species and thousands of native plant plugs to be used in restoration work and/or seed multiplication in New Mexico.
- 9/3 Monthly meeting, Kit Carson Boardroom – 20 people  
Wayne Rutherford, “Maple Syrup in Taos”
- 10/1 Monthly meeting, Kit Carson Boardroom – 14 people  
Dr. Richard Rubih presented “A Seven Year Taos Native Conifer Arboretum Review”