

**Santa Fe Chapter NPSNM  
ANNUAL REPORT- 2007**

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**2. Programs:** approximately 40-45 attendees at each program

January 17, 2007

Dr. Michael Meyer- Department of Natural Sciences  
New Mexico Highlands University **"Plants and Soil Fertility in New Mexico"**

February 21, 2007

Robert Sivinski - a botanist for the New Mexico Forestry Division, where he coordinates various programs for rare plants & natural land conservation.

**"Who's in a Name? The People Behind Commemorative New Mexico Plant Names"**

March 21, 2007

Renee West- Biologist at Carlsbad Caverns National Park

**"That Brown Crusty Stuff is Alive"** A tour of the tiny non-vascular plants that inhabit the world's arid lands, algae, lichens and mosses.

April 18, 2007

Craig Campbell- Landscape architect & principal author of *Constructed Wetlands in the Sustainable Landscape* **"People and Plants: the Evolving Mission of Public Gardens"**

May 16, 2007

Bob Pennington, owner of Agua Fria Nursery

**"Superstars for your Garden"** Featuring the 90 or so incredibly hardy species that have survived and even thrived in his no water garden for the last 20+ years.

September 19, 2007

Steve West- Southeast Director for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance  
& author of Northern Chihuahuan Desert Wildflowers “**Otero Mesa,**” why the area is unique, the plants and animals occurring there and what can be done to protect it.

October, 17, 2007

Arnold Clifford- Navajo Botanist , Associate Editor for the Bolack San Juan Basin Flora Project and a member of the Dine’ (Navajo) Tribe, he will speak on the “**Flora of Navajoland.**” His interest in botany began at an early age with the influence of his maternal grandmother, Sarah Charley, an elder, weaver and herbalist. He has an incredible knowledge of the Four Corners flora.

Nov. 14, 2007

Dr. Glenna Dean- New Mexico State Archaeologist Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs  
“**The Archaeology of Color,**” Dr. Dean will discuss the discovery of preColumbian cotton farming in northern New Mexico through archeology and archeobotany, and the search for native plant dyes used in the past to color cotton textiles.

December 9, 2007

**Potluck Holiday Dinner** at the home of Truel & Joan West

### **3. Field trips:**

**June 15th,** Friday- Cactus Hill field trip with members from the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Discover cacti and penstemons galore. Bring bug spray, cameras, sunscreen, hat and water. Carpools leave Santa Fe (7:30 a.m.) and El Dorado (8 a.m.). This trip is 100 miles round trip, so we will be car pooling. We expect to be back around noon. Call Ellen Wilde at 505-982-1406 for reservations and information.

**June 23rd,** Saturday- Field Trip to the Santa Fe Ski Basin Area- Meet at 10:30 AM in main parking lot near the chair lift entrance- easy hike. This walk will be lead by Carolyn Dodson. For reservations and information call Mariana Bornholdt at 795-7797

**June 30th,** Saturday - Join the Native Plant Society for an urban tour of native plants in Santa Fe with Barbara Fix. We will meet at 9:30 AM in the parking lot of the Old Fellows Hall, 1125 Cerrillos Rd. We will tour the Old Fellows Cemetery, the Fairview Cemetery, the bio-remediation project of the Baca St. Well and also the future trail along the Acequia Madre behind the School for the Deaf. Call Barbara Fix at 989-8654 for reservations and information

**July 28th,** Saturday- 9:30- noon. Join Terry Foxx for a wildflower hike into areas of Bandelier burned in the 1997 fire and selected areas of the Cerro Grande fire. We will meet at the Ponderosa Campground in Bandelier near the corner of state Rt. 4 and west Jemez Rd. . For reservations and information email Terry [storyteller@comcast.net](mailto:storyteller@comcast.net) or call Tom Antonio at 690-5105.

### **4. Other activities:**

## **April 28, 2007**

Santa Fe Community Garden Fair, County Extension Buildings  
3229 Rodeo Rd. 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM. Volunteers from the Santa Fe Chapter staffed a table with information, sold books and new memberships

**August 25, 2007** - 9:30 AM-11:30 AM Workshop on pressing flowers for the Santa Fe Botanical Garden members. Dr. Thomas Antonio will be conducting a workshop on the correct scientific and artistic methods for drying and pressing plants. Whether you want to press plants from your own garden or wild collected plants, learn the proper techniques for making beautiful herbarium specimens. Each participant is asked to bring 2 freshly collected plants in a plastic bag to be pressed. The workshop will be held at the College of Santa Fe in Luke Hall Rm 215. Workshop is limited to 20 people.

## **September 22, 2007 activities-pre NM Native Plant Day**

**7AM-12noon- Farmer's Market:** Visit our non-profit booth at the Farmer's Market in Santa Fe. We will distribute informational material and list of events for Native Plant Day.

**10 AM - Santa Fe Greenhouses:** "Native Perennials" Help celebrate Native Plant Day with Native Plant perennial specialist Marc Cottom, who will share his expertise on indigenous plants of the SW.

**11 AM - Santa Fe Greenhouses** "Native Shrubs and Trees" Arborist Jeff Clark will discuss the Native Trees and Shrubs of the Southwest. Learn how to select the perfect water-wise tree that will provide shade in the summer and provide shelter for birds and small animals.

**9 AM – 6 PM-** Tours of the Santa Fe Greenhouses' xeric garden 2904 Rufina Street, Santa Fe 473-2700 <http://santafegreenhouses.com/events.html>

## **September 23, 2007- New Mexico Native Plant Day**

**10 AM - Leonora Curtin Wetlands Preserve:** "Riparian Native Plant Walk with naturalist, Nancy Daniel" is sponsored by the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. This rare natural cienega hosts a bountiful diversity of plants and wildlife. On west frontage road near the La Cienega exit and I-25 <http://www.santafebotanicalgarden.org/> 428-1684

**1 PM - Agua Fria Nursery:** "Hanging with the Superstars" Bob Pennington gives a guided walk through his own water-saving and remarkably hardy native plant garden. 1409 Agua Fria St, Santa Fe, 983-4831

**3 PM - Tropic of Capricorn:** "Native Plant Medicines", a talk by Mark Wood, Certified Health Counselor and long-time herbalist and horticulturist. Plant medicines abound in New Mexico. Our native plants are a rich source of home medicines, and have been used as such by Native Americans for many centuries and by the European cultures who came after them. Come and learn some of the common, native medicinal plants. 86 Old Las Vegas Hwy, Santa Fe, 983-2700 <http://www.tropicofcapricornsantafe.com/>

**10 AM- 4:00 PM- Plants of the Southwest:** Free native plant seeds will be generously offered to the public. 3095 Agua Fria Rd, Santa Fe, 438-8888

**October 29, 2007** - Dr. Thomas M. Antonio, President Santa Fe Chapter & Carol Johnson, Vice-President Santa Fe Chapter performance lecture at Pajarito Environmental Education Center, Los Alamos. **"The Dark Side of Plants"** This lecture uses slides and lecture to illustrate the darker aspects of plants- poisons etc.

**November 18-20, 2007**- Festival of the Cranes- Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Staffed a table to promote the NPSNM, sold books, posters and T-shirts