

2015 Annual Conference

**Durango, Colorado
July 16-19, 2015**



Flora of the High San Juans

Come enjoy a fabulous series of field trips for people of all interests and all physical abilities. In the incomparable alpine flora of the San Juan Mountains, we will have field trips for everyone from avid botanists to wildflower enthusiasts, from professionals to novices. You will be able to choose trips with no walking, miles of walking, deep botanizing, photographing, drawing, and sitting still in the silence surrounded by alpine flower fields.

We will also have walking and driving tours at lower altitudes. In Durango you will be able to survey the city trees, visit several environmental education organizations, hunt for wild edibles, and visit wildflower gardens. Along your drive of the San Juan Skyway you will see a wide variety of wildflowers and geologic formations. At Mesa Verde you will be able to visit the new environmentally designed Visitor Center with its native plants. In Cortez you will be able to visit a company that grows and sells native seeds. In the Farmington area you will see how the Anasazi used native plants and learn how Farmington put together its nationally recognized nature center.

[Click here](#) for detailed descriptions of the field trips, links to plant lists, flora books to buy, lodging suggestions, information about enjoying the Durango life-style, and everything else you need to know for a great time at the 2015 Annual Conference.



The registration form will be available about April 1 in the NPSNM “Newsletter” and here on the NPSNM web site. Registration will be open from April 1 to July 1. There will be no registration in Durango. Field trips are limited to 11 people so get your first choice of trips by registering early.

Quick Look at the Agenda



Thursday July 16, 1-5 p.m.: NPSNM Board Meeting on the Fort Lewis College Campus. Open to all members.

Friday-Sunday July 17-19: Thirteen field trips each day.

Friday & Saturday nights: Nationally famous guest speakers, John Kartesz and David Inouye.

Friday & Saturday nights before our speakers: Treat yourself to the beauty of botanical illustrations of rare plants in a new exhibit specially brought to Durango’s Fort Lewis College for our NPSNM Annual Conference.

Lodging

Summer is one of Durango’s high seasons, so it is best to make your room reservation as soon as possible. Four web sites do a nice job of listing most accommodations and giving you the flexibility of prioritizing according to your needs. See Trivago, Priceline, Hotelguides, & Expedia.

By far, the very best (actually incredible) deal in town is a Fort Lewis College Campus 2 bedroom, 2 person, apartment with kitchen for \$58 total. Call Greg Weiss, 970-247-7372, to reserve your room at the Mears Apartments. Click for photos of the [Mears Apartments](#).

The members of the San Juan Chapter look forward to seeing you in Durango so we can share the remarkable flora and scenery of the western San Juan Mountains.

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