

**OTERO CHAPTER NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO  
2021 REPORT**

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## **Committees**

- Book and Poster Sales Chairperson (and/or other willing volunteer!)  
Helgi Osterreich ~ 575-443-3928 ~ hkasak@tularosa.net
- Plant Sale Chairperson (and/or other volunteer!)  
Elva Osterreich
- Publicity  
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- Earth Day Booth (Questionable for 2022)  
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- Otero County Fair Booth (Questionable for 2022)  
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- Student Grant Committee  
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## **Membership Report**

- On January 1, 2021 the Otero Chapter had 53 memberships. (This does not include counts of family members.) Three memberships were complimentary: Alamogordo Public Library, Oliver Lee Memorial State Park, and Tularosa Public Library.
- On January 1, 2022 the Otero Chapter had 64 memberships. (This does not include counts of family members.) The three complimentary memberships were the same.
  - During 2021, nine memberships were dropped, and three members died. These members were: Diane Harris (longtime member from Roswell), Robi Cull (member for many years), and Don Lutjens (one of our most active members since the year 2000. He participated in a field trip as recently as March 2021.)
  - During 2021, we gained twenty-three new members.

## **2021 Programs and Activities**

- Jan. 23, noon - Annual meeting and potluck at LeAnne Roberts home
- Feb. 20, 1 p.m. - Trees with Elva (practice for state meeting presentation).
- March 27 - Indian Wells trails from the New Mexico Museum of Space History
- April 17 - Native plant sale held at LeAnne's home
- May 10 – David Bustos pre-trip walk
- May 22 - WSNP boardwalk trip led by Nancy Gregory
- June 12 - Pines Trail past Cloudcroft sort of led by Elva
- July 29 – 10:30 am. Presentation at White Sands National Park. “Ancient footprints near Lake Otero.” Park biologist David Bustos talked about the ancient footprints and related issues at the WSNP offices.

- **August 20-22 - NPS state meeting (Approximately 100 in-person attendees and 15 virtual/hybrid attendees and an overall net profit of \$6,300)**
- Sept 22-26 Otero County Fair
- Oct. 9 - Aguirre Springs - Pine Tree Trail
- Nov. 4 - Desert Foothills Park sunset critter watch walk at 5:15
- Dec. 4 - Holiday Party at Otero ArtSpace

## **Grants/Scholarships**

The Otero chapter paused the grant program in 2019 to reserve funds for the State Conference but will be issuing announcements for applications for the 22-23 school year.

## **Treasurer's Report**

See attached report