

2022 Santa Fe Chapter Report

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6 PM

A current Ethnobotany student at the Institute of American Indians Arts, Hunter Wahpepah will present a zoom presentation entitled:

Rediscovering the spiritual and ecological underpinning that helped define Native peoples' relationship to nature.

He is Kickapoo and was raised by Cherokees in Oklahoma. He will be showing images of winter and summer homes built using primarily cattails.

Please use the link below to enter the meeting at 6 PM on Wed. April, 27

June

Dear Santa Fe NPSNM,

Below are some summer events you might find interesting.

Please contact Sylvan directly for more details regarding directions to these field trips."

Thanks, Tom Antonio

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[CANCELED] July 2 9:30am - 1pm. Hike. Join Christina Selby, conservation photographer and writer, and author of Best Wildflower Hikes of New Mexico, on the Borrego Trail to discover why this is one of her favorite Santa Fe county wildflower trails. We will take a leisurely walk over to Tesuque Creek and back. This trail is 3.4 miles roundtrip with some moderately steep sections. Bring a lunch to enjoy by the creek. Carpooling is encouraged because the Borrego trailhead is a busy summer weekend trailhead - anyone willing to carpool can meet at the parking area opposite the Chamisa trail head at 9:15am. This trip is limited to 15 people. Please RSVP to Sylvan Kaufman, sylvan.kaufman@gmail.com or 410-310-0160.

[Led by Sylvan due to Chick having to cancel last minute] July 23 9am - 1pm. Walk. Chick Keller will lead us on a walk to discover what's blooming at the Santa Fe Ski Basin. Hopefully the monsoon rains will bring abundant flowers this summer! Bring a lunch if you'd like to picnic after the walk. Park at the Santa Fe Ski Basin.

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Directions to Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve:

(If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Barbara Fix at (505) 930-1414) The preserve is located on the I-25 Frontage road near the La Cienega exit. From that exit, turn north on the frontage road and the Preserve will be on your left. From 599, turn on to the frontage road going south and the preserve will be on your right. There is a small parking area at the Preserve and if we have a large turnout, some cars will need to park along the road.

Zoom Talk

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:00 PM

Dr. Douglass Tallamy

The Nature of Oaks

Join Zoom Meeting

[Tuesday night link to zoom talk](#)

In January, Dr. Douglass Tallamy gave a wonderful presentation at the Native Plant Materials Conference, entitled "The Nature of Oaks." Dr. Tallamy is the TA Baker Professor of Agriculture and Natural Resources, in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. We will be presenting his recorded talk on Zoom this Wednesday March 23 at 6 PM.

Please note, because this a recorded talk, obviously there is no possibility of asking questions. Please join the meeting promptly at 6 PM. I will hopefully mute all participants, but just in case make sure you have muted yourself on Zoom.

Thanks- we are working to present additional zoom lectures and a few outdoor activities in the upcoming months for the Santa Fe Chapter.

Thanks,

Tom Antonio

Pres. Santa Fe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico

505-690-5105

Join us next Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 PM for a Zoom presentation by

Dr. Richard Ford entitled "Exciting Plant Remains from Two Sites in Tijeras Canyon, east of Albuquerque."

This talk will report on a paleoethnobotanical project he has been working on covering economic plants and the reasons for their dispersal on these sites.

Zoom link is below

<https://iaia-edu.zoom.us/j/5654935949>

Dr. Richard Ford- Ethnobotanist had a long and distinguished teaching career at the University of Michigan in anthropology and botany. Dick Ford is one of the world's preeminent ethnobotanists. Over his career as ethnologist, archaeologist, cultural ecologist, and botanist, he has made immense contributions to our understanding of the ways in which Native peoples of North America managed and utilized plants as foods, medicines, and cultural symbols.

Dear Native Plant Society Folks:

We are working to begin in-person meetings for the Santa Fe Chapter but until then:

Please use the link below to view a video recording of a presentation given in September by Dr. Sylvan Kaufman on "Urban Weeds of Santa Fe"

<https://vimeo.com/620509493/f9acf78c07>

Also please read the report below from Barbara Fix our Conservation Chair who is looking for volunteers to help with 3 worthwhile projects, call her at **(505) 989-8654 if you can help.**

Thanks, Tom Antonio

Dear Native Plant Folk,

In these COVID times outdoor activities are much to be appreciated. The Santa Fe chapter has ongoing projects that you might enjoy participating in.

1. The Acequia Trail Project along the trail adopted by the Baca neighborhood. NPSNM's part may eventually might extend south across Baca to the Indian School, Ashbaugh Park and on. The Cactus Rescue Project with chapter funding created a magnificent cactus garden at the end of Felipe Place at the junction of the Acequia Trail. Future work involves perhaps a demonstration of the relationship of tree cholla (*Cylindropuntia imbricata*) to the endangered Santa Fe cholla (*C. viridiflora*), with a reference to *C. whipplei*). Volunteers can help with weeding and trash pickup, along with seeding and pruning Siberian elms.

2. Weed control, especially kochia, at the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve, now being managed by the landowner, El Rancho de Las Golondrinas. The Forestry Division's grant to Institute of Applied Ecology (IAE) for management of listed invasive plants has been renewed but does not include kochia. The Santa Fe chapter has granted IAE \$2,000 to address weed control at LCWP with an emphasis on kochia. Weed removal is starting next week. Volunteers will be needed, one or two now to rake up whacked weeds, more later. IAE may will provide truck.

3. NM Wildlife Center. The chapter has pledged \$500 for signage and costs associated with the Santa FE Cholla monitoring sites, including a path to a nearby plot of that cholla as an educational site. NPSNM volunteers could help with creating those signs and pathway. Volunteers are especially needed to control kochia and other invasive plants. The Cactus Garden there is now being well weeded by Wildlife staff.

If you are interested in any of these projects, please call **Barbara Fix at (505) 989-8654**

Below are events of interest!

The Santa Fe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico will begin having in-person meetings again at the Christ Lutheran Church located at 1701 Arroyo Chamiso Rd.

We are asking people to please wear masks!

NOTE:

We are now meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM beginning Sept. 13

September 13th meeting

Dr. Thomas Antonio will be giving a presentation entitled "How Plants Get Their Names? Or a Rose by any other name is *Rosa*." The talk will focus on understanding scientific latinized plant names. Aside from forever being president of the Santa Fe chapter, Dr. Antonio is an

Associate Professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts, where he teaches Ethnobotany of the Southwest.

Sept. 17 tour at Botanic Garden

There are still a few spaces left on the Sept. 17, 10am tour - Garden Tour at Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Care and Planting in a Piñon Juniper Woodland. Join Santa Fe Botanical Garden's Head Gardener Linda Churchill for a tour of native plants that grow in Piñon Juniper Woodlands and the basics of how to care for your Piñon Juniper woodland. This one-hour walk will be at the Garden and will include visiting the new Piñon Juniper natural area. Please RSVP to Sylvan Kaufman, sylvan.kaufman@gmail.com or 410-310-0160, as the walk will be limited to 20 people.

If you missed the incredible presentation given at IAIA on August 31st by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer author of the amazing book "Braiding Sweetgrass," you can view it by visiting the Santa Fe Botanical Garden web site. <https://santafebotanicalgarden.org/robin-wall-kimmerer/>

Regards,
Thomas Antonio

Aug. 23

Please consider volunteering 2 hours this weekend to help add Native Plants to Santa Fe Gardens. This is an extremely worthwhile project.

Regards, Tom Antonio

The Xerces Society is handing out 8,250 native pollinator plants this weekend to participants in the Santa Fe Pollinator Habitat Kit Program and needs volunteers to help! The habitat kits include nine pollinator-supporting native species which together provide blooms from spring to fall for a diversity of pollinator species, and once established, will create patches of pollinator resources to improve habitat connectivity throughout Santa Fe. See available shifts, learn more about the activities, and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944a9ad23a6fc1-xerces1>

Please note: the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, the Institute of American Indian Arts and the Santa Fe Chapter of the Native

Plant Society of New Mexico (NPSNM) will be hosting a talk by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), acclaimed author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, on **Wednesday August 31, at 6:30 PM** on the IAIA Campus.

Dr. Kimmerer, a botanist, embraces the notion that plants, and animals are our oldest teachers, as reflected in traditional Indigenous farming practices.

From 6:30–8:00 pm, she will give a public presentation in the gym at the IAIA Performing Arts and Fitness Center. Following her presentation, there will be a book signing with the author in collaboration with Collected Works Bookstore.

50 tickets have been allocated to (members) of the Santa Fe Chapter of NPSNM.

On Aug. 1 will send an email with a link to register for this event. These tickets are only for current members of the Santa Fe chapter. Please do not share the link you receive and please register only if you are committed to attending.

First come first served.

Santa Fe Native Plants Folks,

I would like to encourage you to register for the Native Plant Annual Meeting in Albuquerque Aug. 5-7. These meetings are wonderful for learning about native plants and a great place to meet interesting people.

A reminder that Sunday is the last day to register for the annual conference at the earlybird registration rate of \$100 for members.

Oct. 11th

The Santa Fe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico will have an in-person meeting at the Christ Lutheran Church, 1701 Arroyo Chamiso Rd.

We are asking people to please wear masks!

Join us next Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 PM for a presentation by

Clayton Meredith
Species Survival Officer for Plants
New Mexico BioPark SocietyNew

The title of his talk is *Trillium* Conservation in North America and Beyond

Clay Meredith is the Species Survival Officer for Plants at the New Mexico BioPark Society. In this role, he coordinates plant conservation strategy including assessment of extinction risk, conservation planning, and on the ground actions for medicinal plants across the globe. With a background in paleoecology and anthropology, he focuses on engaging communities in conservation efforts and seeking new partnerships for plant conservation strategies ranging from building new horticultural networks, to substituting wild plants used for medicinal purposes.

Regards,

Tom Antonio
President of the Chapter

Below is a link to an article from the New York Times entitled "Why Trillium Have Become the Poster Child for Endangered Native Plants" which discusses his research.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/25/realestate/trillium-endangered-plants.html>

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Join us next Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 PM at Christ Lutheran Church for this presentation by **Kaitlin Haase:**

Flower Power: How New Mexico Native Plants Attract Pollinators

Join Kaitlin Haase, Southwest Pollinator Conservation Specialist with the Xerces Society, to learn about the unique relationships between native plants and their pollinators. Kaitlin will discuss the intricacies of plant-pollinator mutualisms and share examples of relationships you can observe in New Mexico ecosystems.

Thanks, Tom Antonio, President of Santa Fe Chapter
505-690-5105

Santa Fe Native Plant Society Chapter HOLIDAY POTLUCK

We are once again having our Annual Holiday Potluck

DATE: Sunday, December 4

TIME: 4 PM

LOCATION: 84 La Paz Loop, in Eldorado

HOST: Renee Galeano-Popp

Following Google maps on the phone works well. Take I25 north to the Eldorado/Clines Corner exit and go south on Hwy 285. Go past 2 stop lights and take a right on Avenida Eldorado. Take first left on LA Paz Loop and go until there is another left on LA Paz Loop. We are the 4th house on the left.

Parking is going to have to be on the street.

It is 22-minutes from the Santa Fe Plaza to this potluck, so we hope many of you will consider making the drive.

Please let us know what you will be bringing. EITHER

1. Main dish, meat, or vegetarian
2. Salad
3. Appetizer
4. Dessert

We will provide wine and other beverages

Please RSVP to Renee at 970-294-2296 or email mtnpoppies@aol.com or to Tom at 505-690-5105 <tom@thomasantonio.org>

We hope to create a list of the dishes so that we have a variety of to eat.

Looking forward to seeing many of you.

Happy Holidays, Tom and Renee