

Project Year-End Summary Report

Title of Project: Piñon Country Exhibit at Santa Fe Botanical Garden

Begin answering in the shaded box right beside or below each question and it will expand to accommodate as you type. Use up to a total of two and a half pages for questions 1-8. More detailed presentations, a final report, articles or posters are welcome separately (See final instructions at the end of this form.)*

1. Organization name or Individual who received the grant: Christina Selby

2. Amount of Grant: \$ 1,000

4. Was additional outside funding obtained? (check box that applies) Yes No

Other funding source(s) if you checked "yes." Santa Fe Botanical Garden, Barbara Goede Foundation

5. Briefly, how was the grant money from the Carter Conservation Fund used?

Grant money was used for partially pay for printing costs of the images to display in the Botanical Garden.

6. Write an abstract or summary of the activities performed and the progress that was made this year on your project. (Save any conclusions, lessons learned, and benefits achieved for the final sections, 7&8.)

The 23-image exhibit with educational captions was installed at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden on April 26, 2023 and will remain up until November 26, 2023. The SFBG estimates an average of 22,000 visitors during that time.

Activities conducted along with this exhibit have included:

- April 26: I have an exhibit tour to SFBG docents and volunteers providing information and stories for them to conduct tours of the exhibit
- April 27: Public talk and slideshow at SFBG about the exhibit and environmental art
- April 28: Short presentation about exhibit to audience at SFBG Museum Café brunch
- Additional 90 minute Exhibit tours for public given in June, August, & September.
- April 29: Exhibit opening event and fundraiser for SFBG. I gave a public talk and SFBG docents conducted tours, over 150 people attended the event.
- I created a website www.pinoncountry.com and digital version of the exhibit that links through QR codes posted in the exhibit for this project.

7. How does your project further a Native Plant Society mission area, namely: *plant or ecological education; conservation/restoration of native plants and/or their habitats; adds to botanical research; promotes appropriate use of native plants to conserve water, land and/or wildlife.*

The exhibit images tell the story of the natural history of the Pinyon Jay, their important relationship with piñon trees, the threats to their survival and their habitat, and what viewers can do to help the Pinyon Jay and piñon trees thrive. In addition to raising awareness about the plight of the Pinyon Jay and piñon-juniper woodland to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden's

nearly 22, 000 visitors between April - November, the exhibit provided visitors information on how to participate in Audubon's community science project to collect data on Pinyon Jays, and piñon masts and help scientists build a more complete picture of the woodlands to direct their conservation efforts. The exhibit also directed viewers to the project website (www.pinoncountry.com) where they could learn more and connect to volunteer opportunities to help Pinyon Jays.

8. Any other conclusions., lessons learned, benefits to you, the community or the environment hopefully result from your work as assisted by this grant.

I think the exhibit was an excellent way to educate and engage a general audience in this issue. I received many comments from visitors and those who attended an exhibit tour with me that they learned a lot from the exhibit and intend to stay connect to the issue. I am now working on connecting with groups across the Southwestern states to host the exhibit in other Piñon Country communities.

Final Instructions

Please send your completed form as pdf as an email attachment to cartergrantapps@gmail.com by December 1.

** To remain in good standing for any future funding from the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, we ask that you educate our membership more fully in some way. This could be an article (250 words minimum, at least 1 high resolution illustration or photo) for our newsletter, **or** a paper or electronic copy or link to a published article connected with the past year's work, **or** by making an educational and visual presentation to one of our chapters. Contact information for our 7 area chapters is found on our website at www.npsnm.org under the Chapters tab.*

What are your intentions in this regard? I could write a photo essay using some of the photos and captions from the Piñon Country exhibit for a future issue of the newsletter, or to display at a future state conference.

This year end report is submitted by (Type your name) Christina Selby

My typed name is equal to my handwritten signature in testifying to the accuracy and truth of this report to the best of my knowledge today.

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Date October 18, 2023

Please contact us again at cartergrantapps@gmail.com if you have any questions or alternate suggestions.