



**NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO  
TAOS CHAPTER  
2024 Annual Report**

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**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

Demonstration Garden: Rosemary  
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Greenhouse: Kathryn Mayer

State Conference Planning  
Committee (in addition of officers):

Terry Brown

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**2024 Community Meetings with Speakers**

All community meetings were in person in 2024 at the Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Boardroom. Audio/visual recordings were made but have yet to be edited and uploaded. Previous years' video recordings of speakers can be seen on our YouTube channel:

[tinyurl.com/TaosNPSvideos](https://tinyurl.com/TaosNPSvideos)

March 6 Will Jaremko Wright – “Birds, Berries and Bears, 10 years of Juniper Seed Dispersal Ecology Research” (39 attendees)

April 17 Kaitlin Haase – “Native Plants and Pollinators – Mutualism?” (44 attendees)

May 1 Chick Keller – “Common Grasses of Taos” (50 attendees)



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- June 5      Arnold Clifford, Diné – “Ethnobotany of the Navajo Nation”  
(48 attendees)
- July 3      Shannon Lencioni – “The Cost of Self Defense: Browsing  
Effects on Arizona Willow” (21 attendees)
- Sept. 4     Richard Rubin – “Community Stories: Ty, Aldo, Estella and a  
New Mexico Land Ethic Handbook” (28 attendees)
- October 2   Chris Winkler, Robin Waugaman, Tony Benson – Three  
personal stories of restoration on one-half acre, 1,800 acres  
and 6,000 acres of native plants    (51 attendees)

**2024 Wildflower Walks/Field Trips/ Workshops**

- March 2    Seeding workshop for Food Forest with Kathryn Mayer
- May 11    Hike La Vista Verde Trail (6 people)
- June 8     Tour of cactus garden, John Ubelaker’s home, Arroyo Hondo (6  
people)
- June 22    Hike Angostura (5 people)

**2024 Projects and Public Outreach**

1. Annual State conference in Taos: July 25-38  
“Taos Mountains are Calling” (161 paid attendees, 125 at banquet, 240  
total: attendees speakers, student posters, volunteers).
2. Republished “Native Gardening in Northern New Mexico,” originally  
published in 2003. Taos Chapter direct sales - 190 copies; Amazon  
sales – 97 copies. Available for sale from Taos Chapter or Amazon.



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**3. Greenhouse - native plant and book sales**

Taos Chapter continues to collaborate with the Taos Land Trust, sharing our greenhouse in Rio Fernando Park and the space surrounding it. Under the direction of Kathryn Mayer, year-round, volunteers (avg. 10) gathered weekly on Wednesday mornings to grow and maintain plants and the demonstration garden, to improve greenhouse structure and hardening off room, and prepare for multiple plant sales. New greenhouse door was built and installed after second break-in.

May 25 – Plant and book sales at greenhouse (\$2,500 plants, \$500 books)

June 12, 19, 26 – Casual plant sales at greenhouse, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

October 2 - Plant clearance sale, with proceeds going to benefit Paul Bryan Jones, a Taos arborist and member of Taos Chapter, with his medical expenses.

**4. Information tables, plant donations and seed giveaways:**

March 7 – Donated several flats of plants for the UNM Bee Campus Garden

April 12 – Spring student exhibit at UNM (Kathryn Mayer and Roberta Chambers)

June 8 – Las Vegas, NM Wildlife Refuge event – information table (Kathryn Mayer, Jim Taylor, Terry Bumgardner)

June 30 – Taos Land Trust public event – seed giveaway

August 28 – Alcalde seed giveaway

October – Donated plants to Robin Waugaman and Gabe Abruns for community outreach gardens and to Taos Land Trust/Vista Grande student planting event

October 19 – UNM student seed giveaway – Kathryn Mayer and Roberta Chambers.



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October 26 – Taos Land Trust Harvest Day – seed/plant giveaway  
November 10 – Winter sowing demo/seed giveaway at the greenhouse

5. Continued involvement with TCCWMA Working Group: Chapter member, Bob Pokorney participated in monthly meetings of the working group for the Taos County Cooperative Weed Management Area [TCCWMA] and assumed the chairmanship position for Working Group in 2022. This group was established in 2018 to promote awareness of and develop actions to thwart the proliferation of noxious and invasive species in the county. [Other participants include Town of Taos, Carson National Forest, NMDOT, NM Dept of Agriculture, Taos Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD), Southern Methodist University/Taos, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Amigos Bravos, Taos Land Trust, BLM, USFS, and private citizen/educators.

*Submitted by Terry Bumgardner, Taos Chapter Representative*