



**NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
TAOS CHAPTER
2023 Annual Report**

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(in addition to officers):

Terry Brown

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2023 Community Meetings with Speakers

All community meetings were in person in 2023 at the Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Boardroom. Audio/visual recordings of most have been uploaded to our YouTube channel: tinyurl.com/TaosNPSvideos

April 5 Renee Galeano-Popp, retired forest ecologist – “Tale of Two Herbaria” (23 attendees)

May 3 Dr. Gwen Wion, Institute for Applied Ecology: “The Seeds Are Coming!” (38 attendees)

June 7 Dr. John Ubelaker, SMU Prof retired: “Rocky Mountain Bee Plant: the ‘Fourth Sister’ ” (34 attendees)

July 5 Dr. Andreas Wion, Research Ecologist, USGS: “Piñon Pines Masting” (31 attendees)

Aug 2 Dr. Owen Burney, Research Director of the John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center, Mora NM: “Post-Fire



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Reforestation Pipeline Challenges: Seed, Nursery
& Outplanting” (31 attendees)

Sept. 6 Paul Cross, owner Charybda Farms, Taos: “Starting Gambel Oaks
from Seeds” (no recording) (17 attendees)

Oct. 4 Harpo Faust, Collections Manager, UNM Herbarium: “Ferns
and Fern Allies of New Mexico” (21 attendees)

Nov. 1 Dr. Charles Curtain, Director of Regenerative Conservation
Design for Sangre de Cristo Initiative – “New Mexico
Wildfires: Past, Present, & Future” (18 attendees)

2023 Wildflower Walks/Field Trips/Workshops

May 20 Wildflower Walk on the Rift Valley Trail (16 attendees)

June 5 Field trip to Santa Fe Botanic Gardens for tour of the Piñon
Country exhibit/project with creator Christina Selby (7 attendees)

June 7 Greenhouse crew Field Trip to Charybda Farms owned by
member Paul Cross (6 attendees)

June 10 Wildflower Walk in Amole Canyon (23 attendees)

June 14 Field trip to John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center in
Mora (17 attendees)

June 21 Assistant State Botanist visited our greenhouse

July 7 State co-presidents Don and Wendy Graves visited our
greenhouse, greeting new and existing members (31 attendees)

July 8 Wildflower Walk Agua Sarca trail (11 attendees)

July 29 Field Trip to Aldo Leopold Cabin in Tres Piederas with lunch at
Chile Line Depot Café (25 attendees)



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- August 5 Wildflower Walk with Geologist tour at Valles Caldera (9 attendees)
- Sept. 15 Field trip to Dean Swift's farm, aster and conifer grower for restoration (12 attendees)

2023 Projects and Public Outreach

1. Greenhouse: 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 (3 were held throughout the summer).
Member Bob Pokorney finished building a storage shed next to the greenhouse and also built a bridge over the acequia adjacent to the greenhouse.
2. A committee was created to begin organizing the state conference to be held in Taos July 25-28, 2024. Deposits were made for conference and banquet venues.
3. Member Roberta Chambers is chapter liaison with UNM/Taos for their project "Bee Campus". We wrote a letter of support for a grant they are applying for and supplied several plants for the project.
4. April 23, day after Earth Day: Taos Land Trust/NPSNM-Taos Greenhouse open house and tea. (8 attendees)]
5. April 29 Arbor Day table in Kit Carson park, giving away Arizona Cypress.
6. The physical transfer of our herbarium to the UNM Herbarium in Albuquerque (directed by Hannah Marx) was completed.
7. TCCWMA Working Group: Chapter member, Bob Pokorney, participated in monthly meetings of the working group for the Taos County Cooperative Weed Management Area [TCCWMA]; he assumed the chairmanship position for Working



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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.]

8. **Publicity & Social Media:** The chapter has a Facebook page, Native Plant Society New Mexico Taos Chapter, to which we post announcements of upcoming events, links to articles of interest, and photographs. We also post meetings on the Taos News calendar, in addition to sending email announcements to both members and non-members who have requested to be placed on our 'courtesy' email list.

Submitted by Jan Martenson, Taos Chapter Representative