**Northern Nevada News**

March 3 - Sarah Kulpa and Erin Hourihan will speak about the importance of conserving soil and native plants in the Great Basin.

March 26 - Janel will be presenting a workshop on using wildflowers in the garden at the May Arboretum at 9:30 AM. NNPS members are invited to attend and there is a $5 fee to cover workshop supplies. Please see the May Arboretum Society site for more details: mayarboretumsociety.org

April 7 - Lea Condon, a 2013 recipient of NNPS’ Margaret Williams Research...
Grant, will give a talk entitled *Biological Soil Crusts of the Great Basin: An Examination of their Distribution, Recovery and Influences on Native Plant Communities Following Fire.*

**April 24** - Earth Day at Idlewild Park, Reno, 10 AM to 6 PM. Join us to spread the word about native plants. If you would like to volunteer to help at the booth, please email Janel at president@nvnps.org to let her know when you can be there.

**May 5** - Picnic at the Pollinator Garden at UNR. Meet in the pollinator garden behind the Fleischman Ag building at UNR. If you haven’t been there before, follow the usual directions to the herbarium, but instead of turning to enter the building, pass through the breezeway and turn right to enter the garden area. If the weather turns unpleasant we will retreat to our usual meeting location in the herbarium classroom.

**May 5** - NNPS members are invited to attend the May 5th meeting of the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada where Curtis Green will present a program on Native Orchids of the Sierra Nevada. The OSNN meets at the Moana Nursery Landscape Center, 1100 W. Moana Lane, Reno at 7 PM. Please note that this meeting overlaps with the NNPS picnic at the UNR Herbarium.

The March and April meetings will be in room 300G of the Fleischman Agriculture Building on the UNR campus, north of 9th Street and Evans Avenue. Park in the lot on the southeast corner of Evans and Record Way. Enter the building under the breezeway on the west side near the street. There's an elevator at the east end of the building. Meet on the third floor and down the hall from the UNR herbarium. Social time starts at 7:00 PM and the program starts at 7:30. The outside door will be automatically locked at 7:30.

*Sclerocactus* - J. Johnson
It is time to plan our 2016 field trip season! We will have a planning meeting at the South Valleys Library on March 12th from 10 AM to 12 PM. The Library is located at 15650A Wedge Parkway in Reno. Look for the large modern, yellow building near the north end of Wedge Parkway. Here’s the Google map link: https://goo.gl/maps/tfSPyXw8W9h

If you know of a location you would like to visit, feel free to attend — your input is always welcome. Should you have a conflict on that date, please contact me at johnpweiser@yahoo.com with your ideas, a brief description of the location, and preferred date. Don’t worry if you have never led a trip — I will be happy to guide you through the process. We are always interested in new locations but also revisit many locations from past trips.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who have lead trips in the past, I couldn’t do this alone. I hope new members will feel comfortable enough to join us in planning our trips.

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See NVNPS.org for meeting updates.
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