



NEVADA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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SOCIETY NEWS

NORTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

May 11– Annual Garden Party. Join John Weiser at his dry land rock garden in Sparks, Nevada. The garden features many native species of desert, mountain, and steppe plants from across the west with extensive collections of *Eriogonum*, *Penstemon*, and cactus species. The party begins at 5:00 PM and goes until dark (in other words, until you can't see your hand in front of your face). Bring light snacks to share (utensils and beverages will be provided).

Address: 485 O'Brien Way Sparks, NV

Photos of the garden: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskUYdCwW>.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/r2sD8uUE7Rm>.

Contact: John Weiser, (775) 331-4485, johnpweiser@yahoo.com.



SOUTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

June 5 – Southern Nevada Spring Photo- and Plant-share meeting. Bring in the best photos of native/unusual plants that you saw so far this spring (20-30 pics/person) to share with others. Please compile them on a USB drive and we will project them on the screen for all to view. Also, if you have live/dried plants that you can't seem to identify, or you have an unusual species to share, bring them along, too! We will have a dissection microscope and plant guides to highlight key characteristics so we can all learn how to identify them in the field.

Southern Nevada Meetings are held in Henderson the first Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted when holidays fall on first Mondays) at the U.S. Geological Survey office at 160 North Stephanie Street.

Our program coordinator is Lesley DeFalco. If you would like email updates for Southern Nevada events, please email her at defalco@usgs.gov and ask to be added to the list.

Events subject to change.
Visit nvnp.org for updates.

Top: Plant party! John Weiser's garden is site of this year's garden get-together (J. Weiser).

Left: The 2014 party.

NORTHERN NEVADA FIELD TRIPS

May 13 – Red Hill. This unique location on the north edge of Reno supports populations of seven species of eriogonum along with *Lewisia rediviva* var. *minor*, *Prunus andersonii*, *Minuartia nuttallii* var. *fragilis*, and *Allium parvum*. We hope to see early spring flowers on the slopes of altered andesite. There is plenty of parking on site.

Those who wish to carpool from Carson should meet at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street in Carson City at 9:30 AM. The destination is on the west end of Dandini Road in north Reno. Map to location: <https://goo.gl/maps/veoyMSzMWx22>. Contact John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.

May 20 – East Walker River. Tour the East Walker River from Rosachi Ranch to the future Walker River State Recreation Area. We will stop to see rare plants, upland areas, and the riparian corridor. This will be a long day with a lot of driving on dirt roads and vehicles must be able to cross a creek about 8 inches deep at Nine Mile Ranch.

Meet at the Carson City Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street at 9:00 AM. Bring food and water for a full day, we should be back to Carson City by 5:00 PM. Contact Janel Johnson: jdjohnson@heritage.nv.gov, (775) 684-2911.

May 29 – Annual Memorial Day Foray with Bill and Nancy Harnach along the Feather River in Plumas County, CA. Bill and Nancy conduct this event for the local public so this will not be a typical NNPS field trip. The plan is to explore the newly designated Sierra Valley Preserve. The preserve's 2,500 acres includes channels of the Feather River's middle fork and offer a rich variety of habitats with wetland marshes, montane meadows, dune habitat, and upland areas with sagebrush and bitterbrush scrub. Spring wild flowers and native bunchgrasses abound.

Those traveling from the Carson area should meet at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street in Carson City at 7:50 AM to carpool. Drive to the McDonalds Restaurant located at 120 Lemon Drive in north Reno. Those traveling from Reno will meet at the Lemon Drive McDonalds at 9:00 AM to await the arrival of the southern contingent. We will leave the second meeting point at 9:15 AM traveling north on Hwy 395 to Hwy 70 (Quincy turnoff). We will then proceed west toward Beckwourth. Contact Bill Harnach: billh@digitalpath.net, 530-944-3464 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.

June 2 to June 5 – Penstemon Annual Meeting in Vernal, UT.

June 3 – May Arboretum Society annual plant sale. Join the Nevada Native Plant Society at the May Arboretum from 8:00 AM to noon. The arboretum is located in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park at 1595 North Sierra Street in Reno. The sale benefits the May Arboretum.

June 10 – Churchill Narrows. Join us to see *Eriogonum diatomaceum*, a rare endemic restricted to the diatomaceous deposits of the Churchill Narrows area in Lyon County. There are many other interesting plants to see growing on these unique soils including *Eriogonum lemmonii*, *Nama aretioides*, *Phacelia fremontii*, *Abronia turbinata*, *Eschscholzia minutiflora*, *Psoralea polydenius*, *Glyptopleura marginata*, and *Eriogonum heermannii* var. *humilius*.

Those leaving from Reno should meet at the Doughboy's Donuts shop in the South Town Shopping Center at 57 Damonte Ranch Parkway by 9:00 AM. We will meet Carson City area members at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street and depart for Churchill Narrows at 9:30 AM. Map to location: <https://goo.gl/maps/m3ZWIRtpzAJ2>. Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.



Come see what all the buzz is about and celebrate National Pollinator Week in the Biggest Little Pollinator Garden! There will be garden tours, pollinator talks from our local experts, native bee and butterfly specimens, a bug petting zoo, poster and plant giveaways, native bee house making, and much more! This event is free and open to the public.

The Biggest Little Pollinator Garden

Special Scheduled Events	
Fleischmann Agriculture Courtyard	
Garden Walking Tours	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Sarah Kulpa, USFWS	10:30 am - 11:00 am
	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fleischmann Agriculture Room 109	
Caring for Native Plants	10:00 am - 10:30 am
Ryan Sharrer, NDF	
Nevada's Native Bees	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Jake Francis, UNR	
Nevada's Native Butterflies	11:00 am - 11:30 am
Dr. Matt Forister, UNR	
Don't Kill the Pollinators!	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wendy Hansen Mazet, UNCE	
Gardening for Pollinators Workshop**	
Kevin Burls, NV Bugs	
Rachel Williams, USFWS	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Michelle Hunt, USFWS	
Ryan Sharrer, NDF	

**To sign up for the workshop, please contact Kevin Burls at Kevin@nevadabugs.org
Limited to the first 25 people!

June 17, 2017

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

University of Nevada, Reno
Fleischmann Agriculture
Building Courtyard
Reno, Nevada

For more information:

Sarah Kulpa at sarah_kulpa@fws.gov
Cynthia Scholl at cynthia@nevadabugs.org
<https://www.facebook.com/NevadaBugsAndButterflies/>

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June 11 – Anderson Ranch Preserve. Our leader for this trip will be Marco Sandi. At an elevation of 4,800 ft, wedged between the Sierra Nevada, Diamond Mountains, and Cascades, the preserve features bountiful meadows. These meadows are surrounded by sagebrush, steep slopes and a forest of black oak, Jeffrey pine, and incense cedar. Come celebrate our recent conservation agreement on this extremely wet year and compare to past NNPS visits to this private property. Highlights include many *Astragalus* such as *pulsiferae* var. *pulsiferae*, *Caulanthus major* var. *nevadensis*, and a number of *Eriogonums*, *Phacelia*'s, etc. Edible and medicinal plants such as *Cammassia quamash* and *Peonia brownii* should be super-abundant, too.

Those traveling from the Carson area should meet at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street in Carson City at 8:30 AM. Drive to the McDonalds Restaurant located at 120 Lemon Drive in north Reno. Those traveling from Reno will meet at the Lemon Drive McDonalds at 9:00 AM. After we carpool in Reno we will meet our leader at the Hallelujah Junction Chevron station by 9:45 AM. It is a 6 mile drive to ranch headquarters. Bring a lunch and water. Bathrooms and spring water are available at the site. **Contact Marco Sandi: mvsandi@gmail.com, (530) 827-3328 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

June 17 – Sand Mountain. This "singing" sand dune 20 miles (32 km) east of Fallon along U.S. Route 50 is the only home of the critically imperiled Sand Mountain blue butterfly. The ruins of the Pony Express, Sand Springs Station also located within the protected area. We will look for *Penstemon acuminatus* var. *latebracteatus*, *Astragalus lentiginosus* var. *kennedyi*, *Castilleja angustifolia* var. *flavescens*, *Cymopterus corrugatus*, *Chylismia claviformis* ssp. *integrifolia*, *Oenothera deltoides* ssp. *piperi*, and a pink flowered form of *Castilleja chromosa*.

We will leave Carson and Reno as separate groups and meet in Fallon. Those

traveling from Reno may meet at the parking lot on the north side of the Sparks Marina at located at 300 Howard Drive by 8:00 AM. Those traveling from Carson meet at the Save Mart at Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Street by 8:00 AM. We will meet in Fallon at the Fox Peak Station on the east side of the city by 9:30 am. Map to the location: <https://goo.gl/maps/2axqxrK86Un>. **Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

June 17 – Pollinator Day at University of Nevada, Reno. Come celebrate pollinators and native plants at the UNR Biggest Little Pollinator Garden on June 17, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The garden is in the courtyard of the Fleischmann Agriculture building at the south end of the UNR campus. There will be garden tours, pollinator and native plants presentations from local experts, native bee and butterfly specimens, a bug petting zoo, kids crafts, and much more!

June 24 and June 25 – Treasure Hill/Hamilton. Treasure Hill is a spur of the White Pine Range in White Pine County; the ghost town of Hamilton is located nearby. This area has terrain composed of limestone, so we should see a different group of plants than we normally see in western Nevada.

This will be an overnight trip, the drive from Reno/Carson will take 4½ to 5 hours on Highway 50. Camping is available at the BLM's Illipah Reservoir Campground, with 17 camp sites at an elevation of 6,840 feet. Reservations not required. The nearest cities are Eureka, 43 miles to the west, and Ely, 39 miles to the east. Both cities have hotels and motels. **Contact Charlene Duncan: cirsium.down@gmail.com, (775) 530-7458.**

July 2 – Summit of Peavine Mountain. The last time we had substantial snow on Peavine, the summit's wind-blown scree was a virtual rock garden on July 4th with *Phlox condensata*, *Boechea puberula*,

Lewisia rediviva var. *minor*, *Phacelia linearis*, *Castilleja chromosa*, *Phacelia linearis*, *Erigeron aphanactis*, and *Astragalus purshii* var. *tinctus* simultaneously in full bloom. Hopefully this year will be similar.

Those traveling from the Carson area should meet at the Save Mart at the corner of College and Carson Streets in Carson City at 9:00 AM to carpool. Our final meeting place will be at the McDonalds Restaurant parking lot located at 120 Lemmon Drive in North Reno at 10:00 AM. After meeting up, we will carpool to Peavine. The road to the summit is generally a good one and four-wheel drive vehicles should not be required. **Contact John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

July 15 – Pinenut Mountains. Details TBA.

July 21 to July 24 – Eriogonum Society meeting in the Siskiyou Mountains.

July 29 – Paige Meadows. This interconnected series of five meadows ranging in elevation of 6,500 to 6,800 feet is above Tahoe City near the west shore of Lake Tahoe. Fields of camas lilies, buttercups, and bistort form massive carpets over most of the meadows.

Drive south on Highway 89 and turn right on Pine Avenue (approx. two miles south of Tahoe City). Go to Tahoe Park Heights Drive, turn right and continue all the way to the top to Big Pine Drive (the middle of three roads at the top). Continue on Big Pine Drive, turning left onto Silvertip Drive and proceeding to the end of the road and park. The trail is half a mile straight ahead. The trail to the first meadow goes off to the right. Map to location: <https://goo.gl/maps/8H4o17Yp6dP2>. **Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

August 6 – Buckaroo Chocolates and Ice Cream Parlor in Graeagle. As summer's heat bears down upon us, our priorities shift and we visit this excellent ice cream shop.

We'll also take a side trip to Madora Lake in Plumas County, CA to see *Chimaphila umbellata*, *Lilium washingtonianum*, *Pterospora andromedea*, *Platanthera dilatata* var. *leucostachys*, *Lilium pardalinum*, and other forest gems.

Meeting details will be posted in a later newsletter and are on the NNPS website. **Contact Gary Monroe: g.monroe@att.net, (775) 359-4863 or John Weiser: johnpweiser@yahoo.com, (775) 331-4485.**

Check the **NNPS webpage** before field trips for changes and updates.

Several dates are open if you wish to schedule and lead a field trip. We are always looking for new sights to visit - lead us to your favorites. **Contact John Weiser at johnpweiser@yahoo.com or (775) 331-4485 if you have suggestions.**

Bring lunch, hiking gear, appropriate clothing, wide brimmed hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, plenty of water and don't forget your hand lens and camera.



Erythranthe carsonensis and *Apis mellifera* on Prison Hill in Carson City, April 19, 2017.

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