



NEVADA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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SOCIETY NEWS

NORTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

November 2 – Janel Johnson, NNPS President, will provide us with an overview of iNaturalist.org, a website to share your natural history observations and help others identify their contributions. Janel will conduct a group session to identify your observations, so upload your photos to iNaturalist before the meeting. The [help section](#) provides detailed instructions for signing up and adding photographs.

February 1, 2018 – Our first meeting of the year features **Alison Agneray**, Ph.D. student with the UNR Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Department and recipient of our Margaret Williams Research Grant.

March 1 – Jan Nachlinger, botanist and NNPS Program Chairperson will present a program on the **flora and fauna of sub-Antarctic islands**.

April 5 – Shannon Swim will discuss her work as coordinator for the Nevada **Sagebrush in Prisons Project**. A tour of the greenhouse on Valley Road will follow the presentation.

May 3 – Annual garden meeting. If you would like to host this year's meeting and show off your yard or garden, please contact Janel Johnson at president@nvnp.org.

Help wanted – Jan Nachlinger, our **Reno Program Chairperson**, has announced her intention to 'retire' from the position in May. Jan has done a wonderful job arranging events and finding speakers for our meetings and we desperately need one of our members to take over this vital role. If you are interested, please contact Janel Johnson at president@nvnp.org.

Newsletter submissions – Please submit photos, essays, tales of your botany field trips, plant-related book reviews, or any other material that would be of interest to Society members for inclusion in future newsletters. Send submissions to [Janel](#).

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

▲ *Eriogonum caespitosum*, Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - R. Tietje

SOUTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

November 6 – Friends in Low Places: Plant Facilitation in Nevada's Harsh Ecosystems by Nicole Hupp, ecologist with the National Park Service Inventory & Monitoring Program, 6:30-7:30 PM. Meet at the U.S. Geological Survey office at 160 North Stephanie Street in Henderson.

April 27 to 30, 2018 – American Penstemon Society Meeting. The next **American Penstemon Society** (APS) meeting will be at beautiful **Bonnie Springs**, about 11 miles west of Las Vegas near Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in the Spring Mountains. The meeting is timed to coincide with the blooms of two rare species in the area - ***Penstemon albomarginatus*** and ***P. petiolatus***. Many other local penstemons will be in flower as well, including ***P. ambiguus***, ***P. bicolor*** subsp. ***bicolor***, ***P. bicolor*** subsp. ***roseus***, ***P. eatonii*** var. ***eatonii***, ***P. palmeri*** var. ***palmeri***, and ***P. utahensis***. For those wishing to see penstemons in a display garden context, the Springs Preserve should have the two bicolours, ***palmeri***, ***P. fendleri***, ***P. fruticiformis*** var. ***amargosae***, ***P. parryi***, and ***P. superbus*** in flower during the meeting and possibly more as the Preserve's horticultural staff continue to experiment with and expand their penstemon plantings.

Bonnie Springs has a motel onsite and is holding 40 rooms for APS members. If you wish to attend the meeting and want to stay at Bonnie Springs, contact them as (702) 875-4191 soon to reserve so you make sure you get a room. The rooms are being held in the name of APS/American Penstemon Society. No group rate has been negotiated.

Field trips will take place on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 with an optional field trip on Monday, April 30. Dinner followed by speakers and presentations on Friday and Saturday evenings will be at Bonnie Springs Ranch.

A recommended field guide for the Las Vegas area is Pam MacKay's ***Mojave Desert Wildflowers***. For those with a particular interest in the region's spiny plants, Stephen Ingram's ***Cacti, Agaves and Yuccas of California and Nevada*** would be a worthwhile library addition. Both are available from Amazon.

A reminder for those of you who will be taking photographs while you are here: the desert sun makes it difficult to see the display on a phone camera or a pocket (compact, point-and-shoot) camera. If you have a camera with a viewfinder or can borrow one, you will want to bring it and will be happy that you did.

Registration opens in February, 2018. For details or if you have any questions please email Bob Cosburn at bobcosburn@gmail.com.

To receive email updates for Southern Nevada events, please email Lesley DeFalco at defalco@usgs.gov.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION JOBS

The Powers and Gold Beach Ranger District of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest are hiring temporary positions for the 2018 field season. Apply from November 14 to November 20. Call Powers Ranger District at (541) 439-6200 or Gold Beach Ranger District office at (541) 247-3600 if you have any questions. Positions are available in:

- Recreation
- Timber
- Silviculture (stand exams, stand improvement, database input, GIS)
- Botany (invasive plants; native plant re-vegetation; rare plants)
- Archaeology
- Wildlife
- Fire and fuels

Pay ranges from \$11.17 to \$18.96 an hour. Applicants must apply online at usajobs.gov.

- *Penstemon petiolatus*
- ▼ *Penstemon albomarginatus*



- *Penstemon palmeri*
- ▼ *Penstemon bicolor* ssp. *roseus*



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