



NEVADA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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SOCIETY NEWS

▲ Antarctic landscape
– Jan Nachlinger

NORTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

March 8 – Jan Nachlinger, botanist and NNPS Program Chairperson will present a program on the **flora and fauna of sub-Antarctic islands**. **Postponed from March 1 due to inclement weather.**

April 5 – Shannon Swim will discuss her work at the UNR seed bank. 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@nvmps.org.

September 6 – Temitope Israel Borokini, Ph.D. Candidate with the UNR Department of Biology, will discuss his *Ivesia webberi* rare plant research.

October 4 – Ann Pinzl, Archives Chair for NNPS and long time member, will give a program on her **travels to Madagascar**.

November 1 – Jessica Kindred, with the State BLM Office, will cap off the year by giving a presentation on the **Seeds of Success** program.

Join our speakers before the meetings for dinner at 5:30 at **Great Full Gardens**, 555 South Virginia Street.

Meetings are in room 300G of the Fleischman Agriculture Building on the UNR campus, north of 9th Street and Evans Avenue. 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.

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@nvmps.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 newsletters@nvmps.org.

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

SOUTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

March 5 – Laura Eisenberg, who recently retired as Horticulturist and Nursery Manager at Springs Preserve as well as Urban Forester at Nevada Division of Forestry, will present her talk “The George T. Austin Herbarium: Mining data to reveal more of the fascinating behaviors of Nevada’s butterflies and the habitats that support them.”

April 2 – Bob Cosburn, long-time member of American Penstemon Society and devoted “Pent-Spotter,” will present his talk “Penstemons We Have Known and Loved in Southern Nevada: Adventures Chasing Down Penstemons Within 50 miles of Las Vegas.”

May 7 – TBA

June 2 – Dr. Lawrence Walker, Professor of Plant Ecology at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Fred Landau, Research Associate at University of Las Vegas, will introduce their new book “A Natural History of the Mojave Desert.”

Join us from 6:30-7:30 PM at the U.S. Geological Survey office at 160 North Stephanie Street in Henderson. Our program coordinator is Lesley DeFalco. Contact her at defalco@usgs.gov to receive email updates for Southern Nevada events.



OTHER EVENTS

April 27 to 30, 2018 – American Penstemon Society Meeting. The next **American Penstemon Society** (APS) meeting will be at **Bonnie Springs** west of Las Vegas near Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in the Spring Mountains. **Registration is now open.** Details are on the American Penstemon Society website, penstemons.org. Nevada Native Plant Society members in good standing need not be Penstemon Society members to register.

June 12-14 – Great Basin BioBlitz. Join Nevada State Entomologist Jeff Knight and other experts for the beetle bioblitz in Baker at Great Basin National Park. For more details visit nps.gov/grba/learn/nature/great-basin-bioblitz.htm.

June 14-18 – Eriogonum Society 9th Annual Meeting. The 2018 meeting of the Eriogonum Society will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens (Claremont Colleges) in Claremont, California. This is one of the top five locations Dr. Jim Reveal desired to hold a meeting of the Society. A great schedule of events has been assembled and the identification sessions will be back by popular demand. An optional field trip is planned for Monday, June 18. The gardens are truly beautiful and offer countless opportunities for photography. The meeting page on the society website, erigonum.org has the tentative schedule of events available. More detail will be added as speakers and field trip leaders are confirmed. You may register on the website or via post.

◀ Specimen at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens
– R. Tietje

GRANTS

2018 American Penstemon Society grants

The American Penstemon Society is seeking proposals for their 2018 Grants program. The purpose of the APS Special Projects Program is to stimulate activities that promote knowledge and appreciation of Penstemons. The Society is particularly interested in funding projects that:

- Promote conservation of Penstemon species in the wild, especially rare or sensitive ones, through understanding of factors that affect their survival, or
- Promote appreciation for the diversity and beauty of Penstemons in wild and domestic landscapes through horticultural research, dissemination of information to gardeners, or the construction or enhancement of educational display gardens.

Submit proposals to Dorothy Tuthill via email (dtuthill@uwyo.edu) or mail no later than March 15, 2018. Visit Penstemons.org for more information.

Graduate student scholarship grant

In addition to the program described above, the American Penstemon Society is pleased to announce a new program for graduate students researching Penstemon-related topics, with a maximum award of \$2,000. Full details of this program, including instructions for proposal submission, are available at penstemons.org/index.php/society/22-grants.



▲ *Penstemon speciosus*, Mount Rose, NV – J. Johnson

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR GLORIA

*By Jan Nachlinger,
Botany Leader for GLORIA Great Basin*

The **GLORIA** Great Basin (previously GLORIA California) program, which is part of the international Global Observation and Research Initiative in Alpine Environments project, is returning to Death Valley National Park, the White Mountains, and Great Basin National Park this summer to re-survey alpine plant communities on peaks and adjacent upper slopes. GLORIA's goal is to assess global distributional shifts of alpine plants in response to climate change.

We are soliciting volunteers to help with the field work which requires individuals in good physical condition with the ability to hike to alpine areas, spend long days in the field, and, depending on location, camp in dispersed or designated campgrounds or pay for use of a shared room at a research station. We are looking for a cadre of botanically skilled people as well as those willing to set up plots, record data, photograph, and help in other tasks unrelated to plant identification abilities.

The dates are:

June 25-30 – Death Valley National Park
Panamint Range, four peaks up to 10,965 feet.

July 10-14 – White Mountains
Campito Mountain downslope transects up to 11,480 feet)

July 18-24 – Great Basin National Park
Snake Range, four peaks up to 13,058 feet.

If you are interested in volunteering for field work please contact Brian Smithers, GLORIA Great Basin Co-director and Field Leader, at bsmithers@ucdavis.edu. If you would like to make a donation to the project to financially support our field efforts please contact Meagan Oldfather, GLORIA Great Basin Co-director and Treasurer, at meagan_oldfather@berkeley.edu.

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