



NEVADA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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SOCIETY NEWS

NORTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

Our field trip season begins this month and we still have dates open this summer. If there is someplace you want to go or if you wish to lead a trip, please contact John Weiser at johnpweiser@yahoo.com or (775) 331- 4485.

May 3 – Great Basin Brewery Beer & Science Series, Great Basin Brewery's Taps & Tanks Production Facility, 1155 S. Rock Boulevard, Suite #490, Reno.
5:30 -7:30 PM. Join NNPS for *The Buzz About Bees*. See the Pollinator Day article below for more details.

May 5 – Pollinator Day at the University of Nevada, Reno, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We need volunteers to help staff the Nevada Native Plant Society booth at the UNR Biggest Little Pollinator Garden in the courtyard of the Fleischmann Agriculture building. Contact Shannon Swim at shannonswim@gmail.com. More details in the Pollinator Day article below.

May 6 – Field trip to Comstock Seed in Gardnerville. Comstock Seed is a wholesale supplier of native seed for restoration projects. comstockseed.com. We will tour the facility and nursery. Those carpooling from Reno should meet at the **DoughBoys Donuts** shop in the South Town Shopping Center at 57 Damonte Ranch Parkway

at 9:00 AM. We will meet members from Carson City at the **Save Mart** at the corner of College and Carson Streets in Carson City at 9:30 AM. We should arrive on site by 10:00-10:30 AM. Directions are at this link: <https://goo.gl/maps/vRxjH5mtTkQ2> Charlene Duncan will lead the trip. Contact her at cirsium.down@gmail.com or (775) 530-7458.

May 10 – Great Basin Brewery Beer & Science Series, Great Basin Brewery's Taps & Tanks Production Facility, 5:30 -7:30 PM. Tonight's topic is *Monarch Mysteries*. Details below.

May 12 – Red Hill. This unique location on the north edge of Reno supports populations of seven *Eriogonum* species which we hope see in bloom. John Weiser will lead the trip and discuss the genus *Eriogonum* and its distribution across western North America. There is plenty of parking on site so we will not meet to carpool from Reno. If you are from the Carson area and wish to carpool, meet at the **Save Mart** on the corner of College and Carson Street in Carson City at 9:15 AM. The destination is the west end of Dandini Road in Reno. Be on site by 10:00 AM. <https://goo.gl/maps/veoyMSzMWx22> Contact John Weiser at johnpweiser@yahoo.com or (775) 331- 4485.

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

May 17 – Great Basin Brewery Beer & Science Series, Great Basin Brewery's Taps & Tanks Production Facility, 5:30 -7:30 PM. The topic of the final talk on native plants and pollinators is *Powerful Partnerships*. Details below.

May 18 – Annual meeting and potluck, Old Washoe City at the Washoe Zephyr Gardens. This property is the site of the 150+ year-old historic Washoe County Jail. John and Nancy Strickland have developed extensive gardens and rent this property out for weddings, meetings, and other social functions. We will get together from 5:30-7:30 PM. Bring food to share, utensils, and beverages of your choice. washoezephyrgardens.com You can drive through Pleasant Valley on US 395 or take the Davis Creek Exit #50 from I-580. Please RSVP to Charlene Duncan at cirsium.down@gmail.com or (775) 530-7458.

May 20 – Wildflower hike at Galena Creek Recreation Area, 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Join Janel Johnson for a guided tour of Galena Creek's native flowers. Meet at the **Visitor Center** located six miles up the Mt. Rose Highway from south Reno.

May 26 – Open garden tour of John Weiser's dry-land garden. Come visit John's beautiful garden anytime between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. His garden features many native species of mountain, desert, and steppe plants from across the west with extensive collections of *Penstemon*, *Eriogonum*, and cacti. Many will be in bloom! John will be available to answer any questions and he hopes to inspire you to include native plants in your landscapes. His Flickr page features garden photos through the years: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sierrarainshadow/albums/72157608573082260>. 485 O'Brien Way, Sparks, NV. Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/D5PmvcCTUzS2> Contact John Weiser at johnpweiser@yahoo.com or (775) 331- 4485.

Our monthly meetings at the UNR Herbarium resume on September 6th.

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 discuss the **Seeds of Success program** during our final meeting of the year.

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 members to newsletters@nvnps.org.

SOUTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

May 7 – Gail Brandys, University of Nevada Master Gardener and Native Plant Propagation Committee in conjunction with Nevada Division of Forestry will discuss how to **transform your yard into a Certified Wildlife Habitat** (and lessons learned from Nevada's hummingbirds).

June 4 – 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.

Join us for a

DAY at the MUSEUM!

SATURDAY | MAY 5, 2018 | 10 AM TO 4 PM

This event invites visitors to walk the University of Nevada, Reno's National Historic District and tour 9 museums on and around the campus. Each museum will feature a different hands-on activity and giveaway.

unr.edu/museums



FLEISCHMANN PLANETARIUM

The Place for Space! We feature a Dome Theater, an Exhibit Hall, and a Science Store. Free hands-on activities during Day at the Museum along with our regular schedule. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children, seniors, UNR/NSHE students/staff, and WCSD students/staff.



NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Learn about the silver state's history from the earliest times to the present at Nevada's oldest cultural institution. There will be lectures, museum short talks and scavenger hunts during the day. Visit the most extensive photography and research collections library in the West.



SHEPPARD CONTEMPORARY

in Church Fine Arts is showing three exhibitions of contemporary art including prints and paintings, extra large colorful contemporary rugs from Faig Ahmed, and video work by collaborative artists Mwangi Hutter.



BIGGEST LITTLE POLLINATOR GARDEN

Come see what all the buzz is about and celebrate pollinators in the Biggest Little Pollinator Garden! There will be garden tours, native bee and butterfly specimens, a bug petting zoo, poster and plant giveaways, and much more!



W. M. KECK MUSEUM

will have hands-on activities with 250 million year old Ichthyosaur fossils and minerals in our 107-year-old space.



MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Visitors can see animals and plants of the Great Basin, including live reptiles and insects, go home with native plants for the garden, and get a behind-the-scenes tour of our historic museum collections.



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO ARBORETUM

will help you to identify campus trees and will be selling copies of A Visitor's Guide to the University of Nevada, Reno Arboretum, hot off the press.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is celebrating Reno's 150th anniversary with Reno at the Crossroads: A Sesquicentennial Exhibit, throughout the building, with related activities for kids.



WILBUR D. MAY MUSEUM

Test your skills with a scavenger hunt in the museum! Search our rare collection of artifacts and animals from around the world. Complete the hunt and win a prize. (Located inside Rancho San Rafael Park.)

This event is ideal for families and anybody who is interested in art, history, earth science, life science and even outer space.



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OTHER EVENTS

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. You may register on the website or via post.

POLLINATOR DAY

This year's Reno observance of Pollinator Day will be on Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and coincides with UNR's **Day at the Museum** when nine museums on campus will be open to the public. The Biggest Little Pollinator Garden is adjacent to the Fleischmann Agriculture building which houses the **Museum of Natural History**. The Society will have an information booth in the Fleischmann Ag quad next to the garden. Our program this year will focus on outside outreach and activities.

On the first three Thursdays of May (May 3, 10, and 17) from 5:30 -7:30 PM we will present a series of public talks about native plants and pollinators as part of the Great Basin Brewery Beer & Science Series. These

talks will be held at Great Basin Brewery's **Taps & Tanks Production Facility**.

Here is a schedule for the talks on each of the three nights:

Thursday, May 3: The Buzz About Bees

- **6:00: Jake Francis**, UNR, Northern Nevada's Backyard Bees
- **6:20: Dr. Felicity Muth**, UNR, What Do Bees Think About?
- **6:40: Dr. Anne Leonard**, UNR, Helping Our Native Bees

Thursday, May 10: Monarch Mysteries

- **6:00: Cynthia Scholl**, Nevada Bugs and Butterflies, Western Monarch Threats and Conservation
- **6:20: Dr. Beth Pringle**, UNR, Milkweeds of the Great Basin
- **6:40: Julie Koop**, Nv. Monarch Society, Creating Habitat for Monarchs

Thursday, May 17: Powerful Partnerships

- **6:00: Dr. Sarah Barga**, UNR, Under the Shrubs - Overlooked Components of Great Basin Plant Communities
- **6:20: Gabriela Rios-Sotelo**, UNR, Bats - The Unsung Heroes of Pollination
- **6:40: Dr. Matt Forister**, UNR, Insects and Global Change

Taps & Tanks is at 1155 S. Rock Boulevard, Suite #490, Reno, NV 89502.

For more information, contact our Vice President Sarah Kulpa at vicepresident@nvnp.org.

EARTH DAY SUCCESS

Shannon Swim reports that we made \$144 at our Earth Day booth at Idlewild Park and donated a Wildflower book to the Earth Day prize raffle. Emma Wynn and Tinna Nappe were our rock star volunteers and helped Charlie and Shannon staff the booth. Thank you to everyone who helped.

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