

pinecone feeders for our  
feathered friends.

## Rockhound Ramblings



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### HISTORY

It's in the records now-our very first year. Our annual meeting was a huge success. We had many members and guests in attendance as well as three guests from Santa Fe; Rob Love, architect of our Visitor Center, Christy Tafoya, Cultural Resources, and Darcie Schlip, Volunteer/Friends Coordinator.

Special thanks to Sally Allen for a pretty and tasty cake.

We have \$931.94 set aside for the Park when Jesus decides how he wishes it to be spent. Not bad for our first year.

Thank you to everyone-it takes a team to get the job done.

Friends became a corporation March 15, 2004, a 501 C 3 on October 15, 2004, and signed the State Cooperative Agreement February 17/2005. We have had 4 native garden plantings, 9 weeding/cleaning dates, educational programs were offered at our meetings about local history, butterflies, public lands, birds, rockhounds, wildlife rehabilitation and we created over 1,000 luminaries.

In our year we helped educate 120 6<sup>th</sup> graders about their desert home, provided 2 evenings of Music in the Park and under the stars as well as our first annual fall plant sale. We gave SWNM fair goers the chance to make

pinecone feeders for our feathered friends.

Our current Board will retain their positions and the membership voted to retain the officers for another year.

We have received a grant from the Native Plant Society. We have three new posters: Native Plants Spring-Summer, Native Plants Summer-Fall and Cactus. They provided \$250 for the laminating and foamboard backing of these posters. Be sure you check them out on your next visit to a Friend's function.

We also have received a grant from Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc., for the printing of 300 copies of our Native Plant booklet with descriptions of the plants and pollinators in the garden. Additionally, they have provided funds to print 200 full color copies of the Checklist for Butterflies prepared by Steve Cary. Both will be available at Desert Alive! and our future programs.

First New Mexico Bank has generously agreed to sponsor our Easter Egg Hunt April 15<sup>th</sup> with \$300; Hummingbird Festival August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> with \$200, and the Marachi's September 16<sup>th</sup> with \$100.

Tinley Tee Tire has given us \$100 to use as we see fit for our various programs.

## *DESERT ALIVE!*

Put a big circle around your calendar for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our **Spring Plant Sale** will begin at 8:00 a m and run until noon or when we are sold out.

**Friends will be providing guided tours of the Native Garden.**

**National Wildlife Federation** will provide information about gardening for butterflies.

The **Deming Garden Club** has donated \$200 towards the expense of providing this program. Be sure to visit their booth and say THANK YOU.

The **Luna County Master Gardeners** will provide information about water wise gardening.

**New Mexico State Parks** has a whole schedule of events for the day.

9:00 to 11:00 am

Guided Plant Walk with

Gene Jercinovic at Spring Canyon

10:00 to 11:00 a m

Wildflowers for Kids (or Kids at Heart)

Visitor Center with Eric Weisman

12:00 to 1:30 p m

Butterfly Walk

with Steve Cary

Location: to be announced

1:30 – 3:00

People and Plants

Partners in Survival

Nancy Daniel will help us to discover the incredible and varied uses of plants

Location: to be announced

3:00 – 4:00

Daytime Astronomy

Sally Allen will help you discover that you can be an astronomer even when the sun is out

Location: Visitor Center

8:00 to 9:00 p m

(Almost) Full Moon Walk

April brings the “Full Pink Moon” as sure sign that spring has arrived.

Meet at the Visitor Center

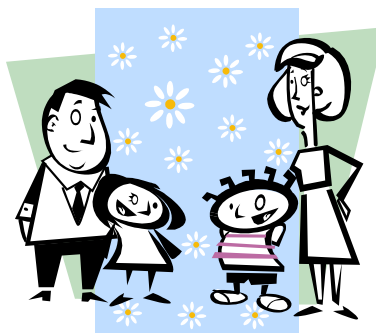
The Friends will be providing guided tours of the Native Garden from 8:00 until noon along with the Checklist for Butterflies.

Face painting will be offered from 10:00 a m to noon.

Silent Auction

Details & location:

To be announced



**DID YOU KNOW:**

Art & Brenda Vasquez donated 2  
3# fiberglass handle rock hammers to be  
rented out?

Ellen Pelton has donated 5 ceramic items  
for a future Silent Auction?

Julie Orban provides the sugar for the  
hummingbird feeders?

Jerry Owens recently donated \$100?

Les & Mary Bass provided the “Plant  
Sale” sign?

Gary & June Loudon provide the  
polished semi precious gem stones for  
the Visitor Center?

State Farm has donated 100 plastic bags?

Pepper’s Supermarket gives us a  
discount on all items we purchase?

The Tourist Development Council  
provided us with a grant of \$1500 from  
the Lodger’s Tax? (We used it for ads in  
the Enchantment, Columbus Electric  
newsletter, Bootheel magazine, and the  
visitor guide in rooms at the Best  
Western in Tombstone, where everyone  
is a tourist)

The park volunteers help raise funds for  
us by selling our promotional materials  
and renting the rock tools?

The wonderful weeders/garden keepers  
meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 to keep  
the Native Garden in shape?

**IT’S ROCKHOUND EASTER  
BUNNY DAY**

Come hunt Easter eggs!  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning  
(rain date April 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
at 10:00 a m  
Children up to age 4  
then  
at 11:00 am  
Children from ages 5 to 11

Have your picture taken with the bunny!

Come join the fun! Watch the children  
as they search for eggs!

First New Mexico Bank is the sponsor of  
this program. Be sure to say thank you  
when you visit the bank!

Do you know our Rockhound Bunny?

Hint: The bunny is a member and a very  
skilled seamstress and gardener!



## MUSIC in the PARK

Dancing under the Stars

Continues from May to September  
6:00 p m to 8:00 p m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Watch for details

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Veronika Barnes  
Vocalist/accordionist

June 24<sup>th</sup>

Joe Lara  
Mexican , country, oldies

July 15<sup>th</sup>

To be announced

August 19<sup>th</sup>

Bayou Seco  
Variety of music styles

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Marachi's and  
Folklorico dancers

## HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a m to 10:00 a m

Join Joan Day-Martin as she gives these  
flying jewels a silver bracelet.

## Board of Directors & Officers

Jim Brady	President
Julie Orban	Vice President
MaryKay Brady	Secretary/Treasurer
Marie Cardenas	Events/Programs
Art Vasquez	Fundraising
Sally Allen	Publicity

## Members

Brady, Jim & MaryKay  
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Pelton, Ellen  
Scot, Erik

## Welcome New Members

Everett & Veronica Hassman  
Skip & Pat Sherman  
Leslie & Mary Bass

## Sponsors:

### FRIEND (\$25)

Nelson, Jean

### BEST FRIENDS: (\$100)

Howard & Patty Roth  
Jerry Owens

### SPECIAL FRIENDS:(over \$100)

Mountain Equipment  
Larry Ceranski & Nora Devlin  
Country Club Estates  
Jim & Barbara Reedy

### Honorary members:

Eric Weisman & all the Park volunteers