

Arizona Native Plant Law May be Strengthened

The Arizona Commission of Agriculture and Horticulture held a public hearing on September 26, 1985. This hearing considered proposed changes to the list of plants protected under the the Arizona Native Plant Law. The botanical community was well represented by Stephanie Meyer (Arizona Native Plant Society), Tom VanDevender (Arizona Sonora Desert Museum), Tom Daniel (Arizona State University), Art and Barbara Phillips (Museum of Northern Arizona), Andy Laurenzi (The Nature Conservancy), Peggy Otwell (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Mary Butterwick (Bureau of Land Management), and Frank Reichenbacher (Reichenbacher & Associates).

Two main changes to the list were addressed at the hearing.

1. It was recommended that Federally-listed species, proposed species, and category 1 candidate species be included in section 3-901, Subsection B of the Arizona Native Plant Law. This subsection would provide the greatest protection for these species as they may only be collected for scientific or educational purposes. These changes would bring the state list more in line with the federal list and would enhance the conservation of those priority species.

2. Larry Richards, Native Plant Law Specialist, presented the proposed Native Plant Regulation R3-1-144 that specifically lists the plants protected under Section 3-901, Subsection C of the law. The testimonies offered were generally supportive of the proposal. Various deletions from the list as well as changes in the nomenclature were offered for consideration.

The Commissioners appeared supportive of the recommended changes. Mr William Embree, Chairman of the Commission, concluded the hearing by asking Larry to prepare a final proposal for the Commissioners' approval at their next monthly meeting.

We are hopeful that the recommended changes to the list will be approved. If implemented, the Commission will have taken a vital step in the development of an official state list of rare plants worthy of protection.

Mary Butterwick
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Society Has Come Long Way Since First Meeting

The annual meeting, hosted by the Flagstaff Chapter, was held in the Administration Building of the Arboretum of Flagstaff, located in the ponderosa pine forest southwest of Flagstaff. The meeting opened at 10:00 A.M. with a short business meeting largely devoted to the election of directors. A description of the Arboretum's plans and program by the Acting Director Dr. Charles Minor was followed by an illustrated discussion of the endangered species program of the Museum of Northern Arizona by Dr. Arthur Phillips.

After a barbecue lunch featuring chicken and ribs, a tour of the grounds was made under the leadership of Arboretum staff members. Following this, members of the Society were invited to an open house to view the biological collections and the research area at the Museum of Northern Arizona. The next day, Sunday, trips were arranged to the Inner Basin of the San Francisco Peaks and to Dairy Springs near Mormon Lake.

This was a landmark meeting as it was the first truly state-wide meeting of the Society fulfilling the hopes of the founders at the first meeting at the University of Arizona in the spring of 1976. The founders were represented at the Flagstaff meeting by Ron Gass and W. G. McGinnies.

The registration records show that there were a total of 62 members in attendance - 17 each from the Flagstaff and the Phoenix Chapters, 13 from the Tucson Chapter, 4 from the Yuma Chapter, 3 from the South Central Chapter, and 8 unclassified.

At the directors' meeting Howard Gentry, eminent botanist and devoted member, was elected to life directorship. Other business included a discussion on making a contribution to the California Native Plant Society toward the purchase of the site of the 12,000 year old creosote bush clone located in the Mojave Desert. Action on this was deferred until the next directors' meeting.

W. G. McGinnies
Honorary Director

Tucson Chapter Announces Illustration Contest

The Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Native Plant Society announces a botanical illustration contest for the purpose of raising money to help create an ANPS scholarship fund. Anyone, member or not, may enter the contest. The winner will receive \$200 and one year's membership in the ANPS. In determining the winner, the decision of the judges will be final.

The illustration chosen as the winner of the contest will become the property of the ANPS (Tucson Chapter) and will be auctioned off at a time and place yet to be announced. The original will be reproduced in poster size prints suitable for framing and these also will be sold to generate scholarship funds.

The winner of the contest will be chosen by three judges: one from the art community, one a botanical illustrator and one ANPS member.

The rules and conditions of the contest are as follows:

1. The subject of the illustration must be an Arizona native plant.
2. The illustration must be done in pen and ink; no other media will be accepted. Avoid felt tipped pens because of the difficulty in making reproductions.
3. For the same reason, no gray wash, pencil or fine hair lines will be accepted.
4. The finished poster size will be 17" by 20", so make your drawing accordingly. The quality of printing will be greatest if the original is also on 17" by 20" paper - or very close thereto.
5. More than one entry per applicant is acceptable.
6. Illustrations must be delivered to Jane Evans at Garden Flower Shop, 2936 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, 85705, no later than 5:30 P.M. on November 18, 1985. Judging will begin immediately and we will plan to have posters ready for sale at the December 11 meeting of the Tucson Chapter of ANPS.
7. Please direct any questions you may have to Jane Evans: 623-9485, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Welcome New Members

PHOENIX

Noel L. Benner
Martin Bond
Victoria Cutler
Julie Damon
Bruce Didier
Kate Ellison
Virginia Erickson
Barry Feldman
Mildred Hagerty
Suzanne N. Hawkinson
Tom Janca
Michael and Susan Kuznik
Dick McGuire
Bill Miles
Bill and Robin Stinnett

TUCSON

Ann B. Conway
Axel L. Johnson
Linda Leigh
Theresa and Dick Norris
Peggy Otwell
William Raves & Sheila Smith
Margaret M. Shaw
Carol A. Schumaker

FLAGSTAFF

John Hohstadt
Francis McAllister
Esther Morgenson

SOUTH CENTRAL

Patricia Coomer

Chapter Events

Tucson

OCTOBER 19-20. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service botanist, Peggy Olwell is planning a survey in the Avra Valley of the endangered *Tumamoca macedougali*. Call Stephanie Meyer, 296-4385.

OCTOBER 27. Jane Evans will lead a trip to the botanically famous Ruby area in Santa Cruz County. Meet and carpool in Denny's parking lot at St. Mary's Road and I-10 at 8:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 2-3. Overnight camping trip to the Muleshoe Preserve of the Arizona Nature Conservancy. Spectacular scenery. For details and map call Stephanie Meyer, 296-4385.

NOVEMBER 8. 2:00 P.M. Visit to the Desert Whale Jojoba Co., Inc. processing plant, 1665 E. 18th St., Tucson. Call plant at 882-4195 for reservations.

NOVEMBER 23. Join the South Central Chapter on trip near Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum. Meet at upper parking lot of the Arboretum at 9:00 A.M. Call Stephanie Meyer for details.

Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Botanical Garden.

Flagstaff

Chapter meets on third Thursday of the month at Flagstaff Adult Center, 7:30 p.m. For information call Dave Haygs 635-9234.

Prescott

The Prescott Chapter is a new edition to our organization. Lets give them our full support by offering our ideas and programs. For information call Robert Mason (w) 778-7202, (h) 778-7592.

South Central

Chapter meets the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Arizona College. For more information contact Bill Kinnison 836-8562 or Mary Lou Durbin 836-2430.

Yuma

Chapter meets on the first Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Yuma Extension Service Office. For information call Pat Callahan at 627-2773.

Phoenix

OCTOBER 14. Monthly meeting featuring Mark Dimmitt from Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. He will speak on plant evolution.

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NOVEMBER 11. Gary Nabhan discusses Indian plant resources for monthly meeting.

NOVEMBER 23. Field trip to Sahuarita, Asarco Mine to observe revegetation and reclamation efforts. Trip will be led by Stuart Bengtson, reclamation specialist.

Chapter meets the second Monday of the month at Desert Botanical Garden at 7:30 p.m. For more information about field trips contact Dan James 899-2564 or Marc Mittleman 265-0670.



TUMAMOCA MACDOUGALI ROSE.

Announcements

Join the University of Arizona and UNESCO in Tucson, October 21-25, 1985 for the International Arid Lands Research and Development Conference.

The 4th International Guayule Rubber Society Conference takes place October 16-19, 1985 in Tucson.

November 9-17, 1985 the Desert Botanical Garden invites you to their Annual Photography Exhibit, highlighting award-winning black and white prints and color slides.

This year's theme: "Deserts of the Southwest".