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Sandoval County Master Gardener Newsletter

February | President's Corner

Hello Master Gardeners! Welcome to the Intern Class of 2017. We have a great class started and I'm so excited by the learning and participation that's happening. The Sabana Grande Community Center is a fantastic space for the interns and "seasoned" master gardeners to learn from each other and the knowledgeable instructors.

Interns, do start now to see what interests you have and where you'd like to volunteer your time. This newsletter has a plethora of opportunities to volunteer. Start tracking your volunteer hours (education is covered by the class), volunteer hours (which includes administrative contributions), and outreach.

Please everyone, note that the Board Meetings will continue to be held at Sabana Grande from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month until the intern class is complete (May).

The Board conducted a Special Session in February. The session was facilitated by Marian Matthews a new Member at Large. The purpose of the session is to evaluate and make current our Sandoval County Master Gardener's Mission and Vision Statement. With so many new projects being initiated each year, our taking on the 2018 State Conference, and the focus on helping all the counties in New Mexico with Master Gardener programs develop common standards; the Vision and Mission needed to be revisited. The results of this meeting will be brought to a vote at the February board meeting and if accepted, revealed to all of SCMG and put into use via our SCMG publications, website, social media, newsletter, emails etc.

Enjoy the wonderful, warm days of January.
Think Spring!
Thank you,

Barbara Dawson
SCMG Board President 2015-2017
505-897-3773

Lynda's Corner

Believe it or not, it's time to think about starting your cool loving vegetables from seed indoors. Swiss chard, kale, collards, broccoli, cauliflower can be started now and planted when the soil can be easily worked. Other cold hardy vegetables include peas, spinach, radishes, turnips, lettuce, and cabbage.



Lettuce and onions will germinate when the soil temperature is 32 degrees. For more information about when to start your seeds and transplant see NMSU Circular 457-B "Growing Zones, Recommended

Crop Varieties, and Planting and Harvesting Information for Home Vegetable Gardens in New Mexico" online at <http://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/h/>.

You can start cold hardy plants outside in cold frames or under other protective structures such as low tunnels now. For more information, see NMSU Guide H-220 "Starting Plants Early Outdoors."

Don't forget the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference February 17 & 18 at the Marriot Pyramid Hotel. It's not just for farmers. The conference has sessions on saving NM apple varieties, medicinal herbs, rainwater harvesting, hops and much more.

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Getting a jump on gardening:

About a dozen people attended a class on seed starting January 17 at the Sabana Grande Recreation Center in Rio Rancho. County Extension Agent Lynda Garvin conducted the class as part of the 4 Seasons Gardening series, which is free to the public.



Text and Image: Dudley Vines

Starting your own plants in late winter can save a bundle over buying them in a nursery in the spring, and you will know what chemicals have been used as well as the source of the seeds. The 4 Seasons Gardening classes are held at the recreation center the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. You can check the schedule of classes on the SCMG website. Tip: The SCMG Seed Library might be a great resource if you're interested in seed starting.



SCMG Newsletter Submissions
Deadline: 21st of each month
Please submit news, articles, events
and photographs to: scmgnewsletter@gmail.com
Editor: Jannetta Lamourt-Dodson

Learning opportunities



Sandoval County Master Gardeners Present:

Pruning Your Garden

Saturday March 11
1:00 – 5:00pm

Sabana Grande Recreation Center
4110 Sabana Grande
Rio Rancho

Judy Jacobs, Lifetime Sandoval County Master Gardener and Elizabeth Gardner, Sandoval County Master Gardener and Certified Arborist will help the home gardener learn how and when to prune home garden plants and trees. Learn to prune fruit trees and small fruits, conifers, roses, shrubs, and perennials.



Cost \$10. Register online at <http://sandovalmastergardeners.org/public-class-registration/>. Payment by cash or check will be accepted at the door. Walk-ins will be accepted as space permits.



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If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate in classes, please call (505) 867-2582.



Free classes open to the public
Sponsored by the Sandoval County Master Gardeners

Third Tuesday of each Month at 7:00pm

Sabana Grande Recreation Center
4110 Sabana Grande Ave SE
Rio Rancho

For more information visit sandovalmastergardeners.org/gardening-classes

Upcoming Classes

Jan 17 Seed Starting with Lynda Garvin
Feb 21 Planning Your Vegetable Garden with Loren Meinz
Mar 21 The Challenge of Growing Tomatoes with Sam Thompson
Apr 18 Raised Bed Gardening with John Zarola
May 16 Chickens 101 with Gary Sims

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Tree Steward Training

May 6, 13, & 20, 2017
Rio Rancho City Hall
3200 Civic Center Circle NE



Join our team of community volunteers who help care for trees in city parks. Tree Stewards assist with light pruning, report tree and park concerns, and attend fun quarterly events. Volunteers will receive training from urban forestry experts during this three day interactive workshop.

A one year volunteer commitment is requested.



Become a Tree Steward today by calling
Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful at (505) 896-8389

Urban Horticulture



Free Classes Open to the Public
Sponsored by the Sandoval County Master Gardeners

Second Wednesday of the Month 1pm

Sandoval County Extension Office
711 S. Camino del Pueblo
in Bernalillo

For more information visit sandovalmastergardeners.org/gardening-classes

Upcoming Classes

Feb 8 Home Composting Basics & Composting with Worms with John Zarola
Mar 8 Cacti & Succulents of the SW with Richard Reif
April 12 Rare and Endangered Plants with Sharon Walsh
May 10 Creating Resilient Garden Systems II with Tiana Baca, Garden Manager, Desert Oasis Teaching Garden
June 14 Climate Extremes & Ways to Buffer it with Judith Phillips



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BERNALILLO COUNTY OPEN SPACE PRESENTS

Backyard Farming Series

2017

Gutierrez-Hubbell House
4079 Inleta Blvd, NW (1/2 miles South of Rio Bravo)

Landscape for Life: Spring Series

This nationally recognized program covers the basic needed to plan and design your home garden landscape focusing on sustainability, green solutions, and wise use of our limited natural resources. Each workshop builds on information shared from previous classes and offers tools to assist your home landscape. Participants who attend all five sessions will receive a certificate and have a chance to win a free tree barrel and other giveaways.

All the workshops are from 9am - 5pm with an extended session hands-on project for interested participants who want practical experience and do our usual getting their hands dirty.

Saturday, January 28 Tree Safety and Pruning Communication
Saturday, February 11 Introduction to Tree Trimming
Saturday, March 4 Sustainability in the Home Garden and Role of Soil
Saturday, March 18 Successful Plant Selection & Site of Trees
Saturday, April 1 Successful Water Practices in Role of Plants
Saturday, April 22 Successful Plant Protection & Selecting Materials
Saturday, May 20 Successful Landscaping Building Materials in the Garden & Complete Garden Design

The series is developed in partnership with the following groups:

Hubbell House Alliance BERNALILLO COUNTY



Bernalillo County Extension 2017 Master Composter Volunteers Training

26 hours of classroom and demonstration

April 12, 15, 22, 29, and May 6

at
Bernalillo County Extension Office
1510 Menaul Blvd. NW Ext, Albuquerque, NM

Open to experienced composters who would like to become volunteer composting educators.

Complete information and application are at:

nmcomposters.org

We are making plans for our 3rd Annual Plant Sale. This is SCMG's major fundraising effort of the year. **Three separate sales are planned: Late March/early April.** Perennial Delights Nursery will purchase 4-packs of vegetables and herbs from us. The nursery has some specific varieties they would like (see attached spreadsheet). In addition, we can provide them with varieties that we recommend and specifically any varieties that are heat tolerant. The nursery will provide us with the 4-packs for the plants.

Last Sunday in April. Corrales Grower's Market Plant Sale. The market is once again allowing us to sell plants to the public on the opening day of the summer season for Corrales Grower's Market.

May 2 last Intern Training Class. Plants will be offered for sale at Sabana Grande during the celebration of the end of the course.

Please help with this fundraiser. Contact Sam Thompson if you are willing to help grow plants for Perennial Delights (samandjohnthompson@gmail.com) If you plan on donating plants for the other two sales, please contact Julia Runyan at j23nana@gmail.com with your list so we don't get to many of one plant. If you grow plants please provide the following for each vegetable variety you provide: Name, Days to Maturity, Hybrid, heirloom or open pollinator, color. If tomatoes use (slicer, cooking, etc.). Photos would be helpful. We will be making a flyer about the varieties we are offering. We can also use other vegetables and landscaping and houseplants for the sale.



Daytime at Meadowlark- Lectures

Bokashi Bucket Composting

28 Feb. 2017 1:30 - 2:30 PM Free.

Open to seniors. Walk-ins welcome

"The Bokashi composting method may be done indoors during Winter."

Composting with Worms

9 March 2017 1:30 - 2:30 PM Free.

Open to seniors. Walk-ins welcome.

"Worm composting may be done indoors or outdoors, year round."

Both classes are particularly useful for those living in small spaces, eg. apartments. The science and methodology will appeal to those who prefer an easy home composting technique in any season."

Get excited for NEW CLASSES

Classes taught at the - Esther Bone Library, RR

Sat. April 22, 11AM - 12:00: Composting with Worms Taught by Mel Chavez

Sat. June 24, 10AM -12:00: Improving Desert Garden Soil Taught by John Zarola

Tues. June 27, 6:30PM - 8PM: Raised Bed Gardening Taught by John Zarola

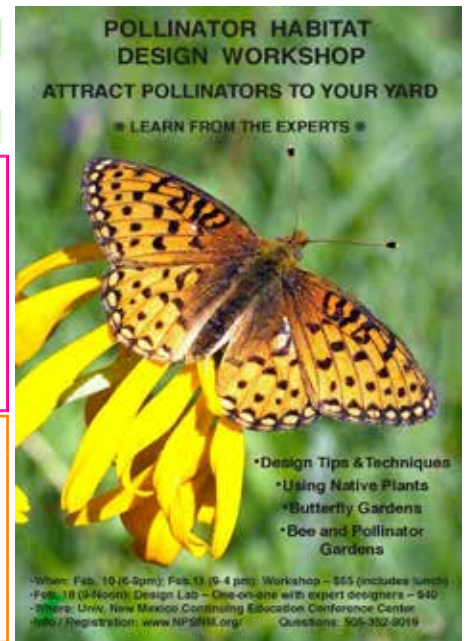
2017 Water Utility Authority WaterSmart Xeriscape Seminar

Series: Pruning Basics and Tools

Free workshop on

Saturday February 11, 2017

[Click for more information](#)



The SCMG 2017 Intern Class got off to a good start at our new digs at the Sabana Grande Recreation Center. The new interns who will be enjoying a curriculum that was revised to include two more classes and more emphasis on hands-on learning. The new classes have also been attended by a number of veterans interested in new skills and a review of past information.

Sandeeta Kala (left) and Gailen Zody made a presentation at the Orientation Class, which was focused on preparing interns for what they will encounter during their semester on Gardening. Lynda Garvin



lead the first class, focused on Sustainability and interacted with students. Retired Professor Dr. Curtis Smith also addressed the class during the third session on Botany and its many wonders.



Photos and text provided by Janet Blair



Compost and Curcubits by David Pojmann

Several years ago, I read an article about growing curcubits in a compost pile. I finally decided to try the concept in 2016. My compost pile consisted mainly of leaves and various plants from the garden. I had started it in the fall and decided to use the compost in June. After sorting and screening the compost, I found that there were some spots that did not have enough water and had not fully decayed. I made a new pile of that material and decided to do cold composting with it as the pile had rotted enough to not produce heat. That's when the thought came to me to try growing pumpkins in it. I had some seeds from a 50 pound pumpkin that I grew the year before, so after sprinkling a little 21-3-3 fertilizer over the pile, I put two seeds in it and added a water source.

The seeds sprouted quickly, and the vines grew, covering the pile and emanating out, eventually reaching a length of about 25 feet. The leaves were large and very healthy looking. The early blossoms were mostly male, but by late July pumpkins were forming. I eventually culled the fruit to one per vine and watched them grow. Instead of seeing a compost pile, I was now looking at green vines. The end result was two

pumpkins of about 45 pounds each, which I used for our yard decor. By this time the compost was ready for application to the garden, and I started a new pile using the pumpkin vines along with other vegetation and leaves from our cottonwood trees.

I may try different kinds of squash this year to see how other species do. Even though growth was healthy and rapid, I may add more nitrogen to the compost to see how that affects the end result. The pictures show the vines during early growth and the resulting fruits.



I grew the ghost pumpkin in normal garden soil to which I had added compost from the original pile.





Who's Afraid of Curly Top?

You may remember the old Shirley Temple movies, with that cute little tap dancing tot that could charm even the crustiest curmudgeon. Shirley was nicknamed Curly Top, and she even starred in a movie by that name.

But there is another Curly Top. And it strikes fear into gardeners' hearts. I speak of the dreaded curly top virus. There are no sprays to prevent it, and no chemicals to treat it. I have lost tomatoes to the curly top virus, and you will probably have too, or will. Before you set out tomato plants in your garden next year, while you have lots of time on your hands now that it's winter, look over this excerpt from NMSU ACES bulletin H-106 by Dr. Natalie Goldberg. If you're an intern, you'll have a class on Plant Pathology next Valentine's Day led by Dr. Goldberg, who is equally as charming as Shirley Temple.

Reading this may motivate you to go out and rid your property of those tumbleweeds and mustard plants that

seem to grow everywhere around these parts.

[Curly Top Virus](#) (click on link to see the complete bulletin) **Guide H-106** Natalie P. Goldberg, Extension Plant Pathologist

Curly top virus (CTV), or beet curly top virus (BCTV) as it is more formally known, is widespread throughout arid and semi-arid regions of the world. The virus is common in the western United States from Mexico to Canada and in the eastern Mediterranean Basin. The virus has a wide host range, causing disease in over 300 species in 44 plant families. The most commonly infected hosts include sugar beets (for which the disease was first named), tomatoes, peppers, beans, potatoes, spinach, cucurbits, cabbage, alfalfa, and many ornamentals. The virus also survives in many weeds, such as Russian thistle (tumbleweed) and mustard.

This disease is transmitted (vectored) from infected to healthy plants by a small insect called the beet leafhopper (*Circulifer tenellus*). The leafhopper is an effective vector because it is able to transmit the virus after feeding on an infected plant for as little as 1 minute and can subsequently transmit the virus for the remainder of its lifetime.

While the disease can occur in commercial fields, it is particularly troublesome in home garden situations. The occurrence of this disease in

home gardens may be due, in part, to the presence of alternate hosts that leafhoppers prefer to feed on, as well as an increased likelihood of infected source plants in the area. There are no chemicals available for controlling the virus, but several cultural practices can help reduce or eliminate infections. Although resistance to curly top is not known, growers may benefit from trying to identify cultivars that are somewhat tolerant of the virus. Good sanitation practices, such as weed and insect control, are also essential in limiting the occurrence of the disease. Home gardeners may also consider planting susceptible hosts, such as tomatoes and peppers, in a slightly shaded part of the garden, as leafhoppers prefer to feed in sunny locations. If the garden is in full sun, it may be helpful to place a netted cage over the plants when they are young. This netted material will provide a small amount of shade and, if the holes are small enough, may actually prevent leafhoppers from getting to the plants. If a cage is used, be sure the plant doesn't actually touch the netted material, as this will reduce the effectiveness. Remove cages when the plants are mature, as they are less susceptible to infection and will benefit from increased light for fruit development. All diseased plants should be removed from the field or garden as soon as they are noticed so that they do not continue to provide a source of the virus for transmission to healthy plants. *By Dudley Vines*

important dates

For a full explanation of the what, when and who on these Calendar items, please visit our [website](#)

PLACITAS GARDEN TOUR 2017

Date: SUNDAY, MAY 21st
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Where: VARIOUS PLACITAS GARDENS

Nine diverse gardens in Placitas will be featured. These unique gardens will provide a delightful and educational experience for visitors to learn about the combination of plants and the landscape designs of the garden owners. Plein air artists will be featured painting all the gardens.



Master Gardener's and Placitas Community Library volunteers will be available at each garden to answer any questions. Proceeds will benefit the Placitas Community Library and the Sandoval County Master Gardener's. The Anasazi Winery orchard was selected for the opportunity to provide orchard and acequia watering education. Registration and more information - Contact info: placitasgardentour@gmail.com or go to our website placitasgardentour.com.

FEBRUARY

- 1 DeLavy House Garden Work Session 9 am
- 7 Rio Rancho Tree Stewards: Steering Committee Meeting 4 pm
Gardening with the Masters 7pm
- 8 Urban Horticulture
- 11 Seed Save & Start Workshops 10am
- 21 SCMG Board of Directors Meeting 10:30 am
4 Seasons Gardening Series 7pm
SCMG Newsletter Articles Due by 6 pm
- 28 Bokashi Bucket Composting 1:30pm

MARCH

- 1 DeLavy House Garden Work Session 9am Rio
- 7 Rancho Tree Stewards: Steering Committee Meeting 4pm
Gardening with the Masters 7pm
- 9 Composting w/Worms-Meadowlark Senior Center 1:30pm-2:30pm
- 21 SCMG Board of Directors Meeting 10:30am
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volunteer opportunities

Placitas Elementary School Garden Club Leader

We have 13 third, fourth, and fifth grade students who maintain a garden within the school grounds with a greenhouse. Where: Placitas Elementary School When: Every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 pm during the school year Please contact Ginger Golden 463-5264 or email gingergolden@msn.com.

Placitas: Community-based Project Leader and Team Members!

The Placitas Community Library (PCL) is looking for a leader or co-leaders to head up its Landscape Team We are also looking for more team members. The landscape and gardens of the library are the result of local muscle, generous donations and grants to PCL. The gardens are comprised of native and xeric perennials, shrubs and trees, and a drip system and were featured on the Placitas Garden Tour this year. PCL's gardens also contain a community-designed and built, walking labyrinth, educational signs listing the names of plants, a 1000+ gallon cistern, bluebird houses, and a solar-powered water feature that keeps our "Designated Wildlife Habitat" status intact. Families are routinely spotted walking the gardens with their children eagerly leading the pack. It's truly a community-powered project and is Master Gardener sanctioned. If you are interested contact Suzanne Maxwell, Suzanne@aboutchanging.com or 505-867-3942.

Co-Chairperson for Gardening with Masters lecture series [Click here to Volunteer TODAY!](#)

Tree Preservation Advisory Board Volunteer

Hey Master Gardeners, It's Tom Neiman and I need your help. The Village of Corrales is looking for a Corrales resident to work on the Tree Preservation Advisory Board. We nominate local trees for landmark status, giveaway tree seedlings at the Corrales Growers' Market and celebrate Arbor Day in May. The Committee is also developing an arboretum concept. If you are interested in working with the committee (volunteer hours count toward your annual requirement), give me a call @ 505-681-4511 or tsubmit55@hotmail.com.

Communication and Publicity Committee

The Communication and Publicity Committee has a lot on its plate this coming year and we could use some help!! Those of you with writing, Facebook, photography, web development or other social media skills are really needed to help us with our communications and the outreach which is our mission as Master Gardeners. Please contact Janet Blair at jkblair@swcp.com or 505-259-0203. Thanks!!!

Volunteers don't get paid,
not because they're worthless,
but because they're priceless.

-Sherry Anderson

SCMG Volunteers at the Corrales Growers Market: Did you know that SCMG is represented weekly during the Corrales Growers Market? We are able to do this with the help of volunteers sharing with visitors at our SCMG booth. Our primary function is public education and interface with marketplace visitors. Master Gardener Volunteers answer questions and share information on all gardening topics. **You do NOT need to know EVERYTHING about gardening to volunteer-** We have resources and experts to consult- you will not be alone. Volunteer hours can meet your outreach requirement. [Click here to find out more!](#)

The SCMG Board would like to invite members to serve the SCMG organization. These are volunteer/appointed positions.

Annual Meeting Chair: This meeting occurs annually at the end of SCMG's fiscal year, sometime in October. The Chairperson is responsible for organizing this meeting in conjunction with the Coordinator, the Agriculture Agent, and Membership. Final voting and initiation of new Board members take place during this meeting.

Intern Graduation Ceremony: This event occurs at the end of the Intern Training. The chairperson is responsible for organizing this important and fun event in conjunction with Coordinator, the Education Committee Chair, and the Agriculture Agent, including location, logistics, refreshments, room set up, and agenda. Please contact the Education Committee Chair, Sam Thompson.

Registration: Marianne O'Sullivan has graciously volunteered to be the Chair for this position, and needs a few respon-

sible people to help at various venues for registering participants in SCMG classes, including Intern Training, Continuing Ed and any other SCMG sponsored classes. Please contact Marianne if you are interested in being a part of this important team.

Fund Raising: The chairperson is responsible for specific fundraising projects that are subject to approval by the Board of Directors. May include – but not limited to - overseeing the purchasing of SCMG logo clothing and items, plant sales, etc. What could be fun than buying and selling stuff?

Librarian: The Library Chair shall be responsible for the organization and upkeep of the Extension Office Casita Library reference books, NMSU horticultural circulars, and any other pertinent periodicals. Since the Extension office was flooded out during a storm recently, they could really use some help with this one!

Outreach/Hotline: The chairperson for Hotline shall work with the Extension Agent to organize and coordinate Hotline activities, including scheduling phone volunteers, outreach clinics, and other special outreach events. Remember, all members need to have at least 10 hours of Outreach service in order to maintain their membership – so this is easy-peasy [to get volunteers!](#)

Refreshments: This chairperson is responsible for refreshments served at SCMG training and events, such as the Intern Graduation Ceremony and any other special SCMG training classes and/or events, such as HomeScapes Solutions. Yay! Yummy food for all!

[CONTACT VIA EMAIL TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!](#)



Membership dues for 2017 are due now. You may mail your check made out to SCMG to Johanna Johnson for \$15. A new feature this year also allows members to conveniently pay their dues on the SCMG Website via PayPal; there is a small fee of \$.75 for this service. **The link to pay dues via PayPal is on the first page of the SCMG Website in the top right corner or [CLICK HERE](#).** The address to mail your check is: 48 Camino de los Desmontes; Placitas, NM 87043 johannaj@comcast.net NOTE: Those who have not paid dues for 2017 have been moved to inactive status. You will be reactivated when dues are paid. Remember...those on **Leave of Absence** also pay annual dues of \$15.

Southwest Plant of the Month **New Mexico Hop** *Humulus lupulus var. Neomexicanus*

Humulus lupulus var. Neomexicanus is a wild hop that is native to the streams and river areas of the New Mexico mountains and throughout the Western states region. *Humulus* (hops) belongs to the Cannabaceae flowering family of plants that includes around 170 species grouped in about 11 genera that also includes its more famous cousin, *Cannabis* (hemp), as well as, *Celtis* (hackberries).

Below, Sandoval County Master Gardener, Jim Dodson, son Aseph and daughter, Mary-Elizabeth, posing in front of some late season blooms of *Neomexicanus* in early October, which commonly trellis up and over various small trees and bushes that complement the area, providing a means to stretch upward to the sun. These specimens were found and harvested wild from a secret location to be locally grown in Bernalillo at HOP313, an experimental vertical garden featuring local wild *Neomexicanus*.



Neomexicanus offers unique high value characteristics that traditional

production hops varieties are lacking. These characteristics include; drought tolerance, hail resilience and it typically tests as disease free because it grows wild and has not been overgrown, which is a serious problem with traditional production hops, which have become diseased because of centuries of over production. *Neomexicanus* is also unique in that it produces "branching" which creates more cones than some other hops strains.

Brewers Gold is the oldest recognized Hop strain for beer production and most other hop varieties derive genetically from it and are therefore more susceptible to disease. Except for wild hop, like *Neomexicanus*, which has been left to produce naturally because it was either undiscovered or did not provide the aromatic properties that brewers covet. In recent years, global warming is having a major impact on traditional hop producing states such as Washington and Michigan, creating flooding problems that can lead to mold and other diseases that now make New Mexico an alternative location for hops because of our lower cost of land, ample sunshine and less chance of too much rain.

As a result, New Mexico State University is testing and studying *Neomexicanus* and other varieties of hops in the Four Corners area to help encourage small farm producers to grow it to supply the fast-growing expansion of small breweries in New Mexico with a locally sourced crop. They even purchased a mobile hop

harvester that can come to the farm site and automatically strip the hop cones from the bines.

Last year, global hop producer, Hopsteiner, sent their hop hunter to New Mexico where they harvested wild *Neomexicanus* samples to take back for genetic breeding of its special characteristics to produce a new proprietary strain that could potentially be worth millions or more in global production.

While hops are best known as a bittering agent for flavoring craft beers, it has other high value uses including extracts used to help preserve food and beverage products as well as medicinal uses to help reduce pain for women during childbirth and as an aid for inducing sleep, as Alice in Wonderland once discovered when she fell into a long nap beneath a canopy of hops.



By Jim Dodson, Chief Hop Farmer @ HOP 313 in Bernalillo, New Mexico.
<https://www.facebook.com/Hop313-229384784185887/>
Humulus lupulus var. neomexicanus - A. Nels. & Cockerell
Informal Taxonomy: Plants, Vascular - Flowering Plants - Other flowering plant
Kingdom Plantae Phylum Anthophyta Class Dicotyledoneae Order Urticales Family Cannabaceae Genus Humulus



Keep an eye on this site for great WORKSHOPS! [Southwest Soil Health Consortium](#)



[Native Plant Society of New Mexico](#) New Mexico's Voice for Native Plants
[Check for their excellent workshops!](#)



Share Your Gardening Adventure!

What's your favorite organic gardening story? Do you have a memory of gardening or a trick to keeping pests large and small away from your plants? . Take pictures of your gardens, flowers, trees and more and share with us! If you feel that writing is not your fortay - contact Jannetta (your newsletter editor) at scmgnewsletter@gmail.com and she will arrange an interview and write your story for you!