

# Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners Newsletter

## On His Belly

Book review of *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature*,  
by David George Haskell  
(Penguin, 2012)

by Eugenia Parry

A man is lying prone in the Tennessee woods, staring at a patch of ground with a magnifying glass. He's a biologist. He wants to see exactly what happens when a mosquito bites him. The fine, flexible needle, jutting from the head of this "hungry lady," pierces his skin. Deftly probing to find a capillary, she injects chemicals that keep the blood from clotting. Then he watches her invading body swell with his blood.

Such minute and intrepid seeing is the subject of *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature*. Its author is a rare combination of scientist and poet. He discovers a creative process: observe, feel, ponder, write.

In a rash move, he stripped naked at minus 20 degrees to learn why his body wouldn't stay as warm as a chickadee's when it successfully winters over and survives. He discovered nothing except the sting of incipient frostbite and admiration for chickadees.

His program was simple. Visiting the woods he absorbed only what took place within a circular patch of ground, a meter in diameter. His model was the patient concentration he witnessed in two Tibetan monks as they streamed colored sand through funnels laboriously to create a circular mandala depicting a lotus flower. Their mandala was not made to last. After completion, the monks swept its

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## The Forest Unseen

A Year's Watch in Nature

David George Haskell



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sands into the wind. The biologist thought about how mandalas recreate the path of life, the cosmos, the enlightenment of the Buddha. His mandala would also be “the whole universe ... seen through this contemplative window, a small circle of sand.” He would respond only to what occurred there in a single year. As the seasons changed, the truth of the entire forest would be revealed.

With every visit to his mandala, blooming hepatica, emerging fungi or moss, the sound of earthworms, the glances of animals touched resources within himself. He began writing—54 essays—about microbes and root hairs, medicinal mayapples, the necessity of vultures, the geometry of snowflakes, the resourceful genius of coyotes compared to the mere rages of wolves. Hearing a tiny shriek under the leaves, he found a shrew and contemplated the hysterical anxieties and “furious metabolism” that shorten shrews’ lives. He pondered the incredible, latent “power stored in quiescent plants” in winter. He realized how trees affect our minds and that the Japanese have turned this recognition into a practice. Through *shinrin-yoku*, or bathing in forest air, we meet the wet chemical core of ourselves.

Why should the meditations of this forest gazer be required reading for gardeners? Because they’re a beautiful primer that awakens us to the meaning of our work. Each of our gardens is a point of intense focus. We compost, dig, plant, mulch—we’re always at it. Why not stop? Flop down on our bellies. Smell earthworms’ sweet soil-building excrement. Love their industry. Reflect on the images that pass through our minds as we respond to “the overwhelming otherness of the physical earth.” We come to gardening not only to work and promote growing things. Our gardens are our mandalas. They fasten us to our place in the universe.

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# From the Board

by Steve Schmelling, project coordinator

March is the time when Master Gardener projects really start moving. Spring is in the air and the end of winter is in sight. The board and our hard-working project leaders have been busy planning the year ahead. Here are some of our upcoming events.

**The Project Expo:** To be held on Saturday, March 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds, the expo is the time and place to learn more about SFEMG's many projects. If you're an intern, you won't want to miss it, but even established members can benefit by becoming more familiar our group's different ventures. Representatives will be there to talk about the projects and the opportunities they provide to learn more about gardening in Santa Fe. [Sign Up Genius](#) will go live later that day, at 6 p.m.; from that point forward you can sign up for the projects that interest you. There will be door prizes and refreshments at the expo.

**The Garden Fair:** The Annual Garden Fair and Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Help is needed for almost every area of the fair, our premier annual education event and a major source of funding for our projects and other expenses. If you'd like to participate, please contact Bonnie Martin or Holly Henry, or go to Sign Up Genius starting at 6 p.m. on March 16.

**Gardening 101:** Offered again this spring for the fifth year, this popular two-day presentation highlights basic information on growing vegetables in Santa Fe's challenging environment. This year's classes are on March 24 and April 7. Register on our [website](#).

**Composter Training:** SFEMG's Compost Action Team (SCAT) is offering a three-day training program on home composting, including lectures, demonstrations, and field trips. Classes begin on March 30. SCAT also provides free composting clinics from April through October. Visit our website for more information.

**Let's Grow:** Our Let's Grow public education series has started; one or two classes are offered every month between now and the end of summer. See the schedule in this issue of the newsletter.

**Ask a Master Gardener:** During the growing season, Master Gardeners work tables at various sites throughout the city to address gardening questions from the public. Leaders are still needed for a few AAMG sites. If you can help, please contact Wendy Wilson at [wendylinneawilson@hotmail.com](mailto:wendylinneawilson@hotmail.com).



2019 SFEMG Board

# Webinars: Excellent Resources for Learning (and Earning CES)

by Terry McGuire

A webinar is a live, web-based presentation on the internet, connecting the presenter to a worldwide audience of viewers. The host speaks about a topic and typically includes slides, videos, and/or demonstrations. Many webinars offered through university websites and professional organizations provide research-based gardening information.

Webinars need not be passive. One I recently “attended” on [urban trees](#) offered online polling, a chat room where participants commented and shared additional references, and a question-and-answer session at the end of the talk. In many ways, participants are more connected to the speaker than is possible in a traditional lecture.

Often webinars are both live and on demand, so you don’t have to miss one because of time conflicts. With a recorded version you lose some interactivity, but you have the ability to pause to take notes or to back up the presentation if you missed an important point. Easy to view, they can usually be streamed through YouTube.

One snowy afternoon I attended a webinar by Gail Langellato on the [latest research on bees in the garden](#) (Oregon State University Extension); a second webinar, by Elizabeth Brown, called [Drain Flies, House Flies, and Fungus Gnats](#) (part of the 2017 All Bugs Good and Bad webinar series at [eXtension.org](#)); and a third, by Rick Carr, on composting, at the [Rodale Institute](#). You would be unlikely to find this many diverse seminars available on a single day in Santa Fe.

In general, look for webinars from universities, professional organizations, or governmental agencies (see partial list below). All of the webinars I attended were free. For members of SFEMG, many of these classes are accepted for CE credits. Live webinars will be announced by eBlast, while recorded ones may be chosen from an approved list of organizations.

## **Free webinar sites currently accepted by SFEMG:**

[American Public Gardens Association](#)

[Conservation of Natural Resources](#)

[eXtension Learn](#)

[Iowa State University Extension](#)

[Ohio State University Bee Lab](#)

[Oregon State University Extension](#)

[US Composting Council](#)

[Utah State University Forestry Extension](#)



# March Delights: Daffodils and Shamrocks

by Karen E. Armijo

With the roar of March, we welcome the coming of spring. Two of my favorite flowers of the month are daffodils and shamrocks. Both make excellent gifts, are easy to care for, and offer a bright sign that spring has sprung.

## Daffodils

The traditional March flowers are daffodils, which symbolize unequalled love, renewal, and fresh starts. Their botanical name is *Narcissus*, a nod to the inherent numbing and poisonous properties of the flower. There are thousands of daffodil hybrids and cultivars; the Royal Horticultural Society categorizes 13 divisions, including large cups, smaller trumpets, jonquils, and wild varieties. The pleasant shapes and bright colors of daffodils are inviting to humans, while their poisonous properties make them ideal for critter-exclusion borders.

Daffodil bulbs are relatively low-maintenance but require moister conditions during flowering. They are cold tolerant and hardy, making them a good choice for novice gardeners. They are best planted (and most available) in fall, and they will not bloom without a cold, dormant period. It is recommended to plant the bulbs in moderately fertile, well-drained soil as they are susceptible to rot if soil conditions are too moist. The bulbs intake nutrients after the bloom expires to feed the next year's bloom. To ensure the nutrients are directed towards the bulb for the following year, it is recommended you dead-head the spent blossom but let the leaves die back naturally, after which they can be removed with no harm to the bulb.

## Shamrocks

Shamrocks (*Oxalis* species) can be found as groundcovers or as houseplants. Because of their association with Saint Patrick, shamrock plants are popular gifts in March, when that saint is celebrated. They symbolize rebirth and are perfect for welcoming the spring. The two best-known varieties for houseplants are *Oxalis regnelli* and *Oxalis triangularis*, the latter known as false shamrock or purple shamrock. *Oxalis regnelli* is a classic green tri-leaf version with small, delicate white flowers, while *Oxalis triangularis* has dark purple leaves and pinkish lavender flowers. These plants enjoy bright, indirect sun and well-drained soil with regular watering, though the soil should dry out a bit between waterings; soggy soil will cause the plant to lie low, whereas soil that is too dry will result in wilted stems. The plants are hardy and can be divided anytime of the year simply by separating the tuberous roots into clumps and repotting.

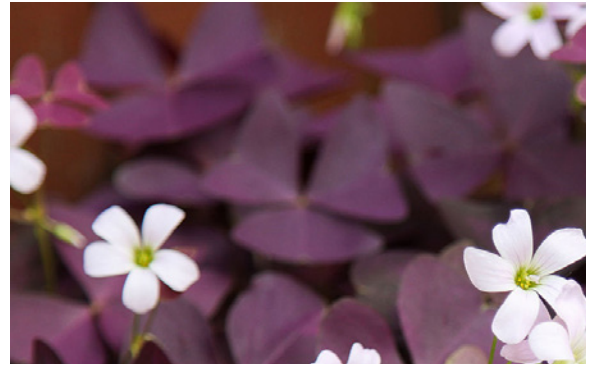
## Resources:

American Daffodil Society, [Daffodil FAQs](#)

Houseplant 411, [Shamrock Plant](#)

Michigan State University Extension, [The care and feeding of purple-leaf shamrocks](#)

Old Farmer's Almanac, [Growing Daffodils](#)



*Oxalis triangularis*. Photo by Maja Dumat.



Guided by the Cactus Rescue Project, Master Gardeners install the cactus garden at the Wildlife Center, in 2017. Photo by Sandy Powell.

## Project Highlight: New Mexico Wildlife Center Land and Habitat Restoration

by Sandy Powell

The New Mexico Wildlife Center (NMWC) is mostly known for being a rehabilitation center that cares for approximately 800 wild animals each year, ranging from small reptiles and birds to large mammals. It is also a wildlife science and education center providing many educational opportunities to the community.

Located in northern Santa Fe County, the center sits on about 20 acres previously owned by the Bureau of Land Management and used as the Rio Arriba County Rodeo Grounds. As such, the soil had been severely compacted and eroded, with invasive species replacing native vegetation.

In 2015 Liz Kulka and Steven Fellows submitted a project to Santa Fe Master Gardener Association with the goals of restoring the damaged landscape and reintroducing native plants to build healthy habitat. Since then Master Gardeners, working in conjunction with other groups, have installed several gardens, added drip irrigation, built rockworks to eliminate erosion, and started a cactus conservation garden, featuring the endangered Santa Fe cholla.

Each year we offer a number of workshops to educate SFEMG members, interns, and the public. This year's selection includes our ever-popular soil testing in February and March; native bees and bee houses in March; drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting, and tree planting in April; restoring disturbed soils in June; and growing, harvesting, and using herbs in May and September. Additional workshops are in the planning stages. A number of workdays will also be scheduled, where you can brush up on your skills in cactus pruning, learn about Zuni bowl building for erosion prevention, and work on plant identification.

Master Gardeners are also invited to participate in two NMWC-sponsored events each year: Bird Migration Day in May and an open house in October. Each event gives our members the opportunity to act as docents to our gardens and answer gardening questions from the public.

Our 2019 goals are to harvest more rainwater to enlarge the riparian garden, plant an herb garden, add a compost area to reduce landfill waste, plant more trees to screen and shade the animal mews, and provide more food for the animal hospital.

# Master Composter Volunteer Training Course

Please note the following updates to the upcoming Master Composter Volunteer Training Course:

- There will be three sessions (not four): March 30, April 6, and April 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The deadline to apply has been extended to March 23rd.
- The fee for both Track I and Track II is \$45.
- Register/apply by going to Sign Up Genius (if you are a current SFEMG or intern), by clicking on the course announcement on the home page of the SFEMG [website](#), or by picking up an application at the extension office, at 3229 Rodeo Road, during normal business hours.



## The Garden Shed

Spring cleaning? The Garden Fair is coming up, on May 4, and the Garden Shed is seeking “gently used” gardening items, such as tools, garden decor, outside furniture, pots, and books on gardening in the Southwest. The Garden Shed will sell these donations at the fair to raise funds for SFEMG’s many activities. You can drop off your items at the SFEMG office between 1 and 3 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, or contact Mike McGeary at 202-841-1551 or at [mmcgeary@comcast.net](mailto:mmcgeary@comcast.net).







## Winterfat (*Krascheninnikovia lanata*)

by Lissa Johnson

“Winter fat”: something some of us humans become familiar with during the season of short, cold days! And something many of our animal cousins survive on during the hibernation months. In this case, though, we’re talking about the native perennial winterfat, so called because it’s a favorite grazing shrub for wild and domesticated animals, providing them with necessary nutrients, especially protein, to help them through long winters. Despite this attention, these plants are long-lived and may last more than 120 years. Perhaps their taproot, up to six feet long, helps support these powers of endurance. The only caveat is that before they are established, younger plants may be damaged by foraging creatures, including rabbits; grasshoppers and Mormon crickets may damage even mature winterfat stands.



Photo by Stan Shebs

The plant has habitat throughout the Rocky Mountain range and westward states. In New Mexico it is found at mid-to-higher elevations of 3,500 to 9,500 feet in scrublands, plains, and piñon-juniper woodlands, in a variety of dry soils—sandy, gravelly, clay, limestone, or saline.

Winterfat is monoecious (male and female flowers on same plant) and evergreen, with feathery seed heads that form in late summer and fall, giving the plant year-round interest in the landscape. Its membership in the amaranth family (*Amaranthaceae*) becomes quite obvious once the shrub is in seed. Its grayish-green leaves are alternate, narrow blades about three centimeters long.

**Planting and care:** Quick to germinate, winterfat is primarily wind-pollinated. In full sun it is fast growing, up to three feet tall and wide, and not choosy about soil, as noted above. While it may thrive with 10 to 12 inches of annual precipitation initially, once established it will survive on much less and therefore does not require supplemental irrigation.

**Landscape use:** Winterfat may be used as an accent plant, often looking best when several plants are clustered together. Although the May through November blooms are quite small, the white seed heads are showy and the woolly stems offer additional interest. These shrubs provide good erosion control; in addition to their deep taproot, they have an extensive shallow-root system.

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Winterfat (*Krascheninnikovia lanata*)—cont from page 8

**Flower type:** perennial shrub

**Bloom time:** May through November

**Size:** 1–3 feet tall and wide

**Exposure:** full sun

**Soil moisture:** dry

**Zones:** hardy to zone 3

**Other advantages:** Winterfat is touted for its medicinal properties by New Mexico’s Tewa and Zuni peoples, the latter using it in particular for treating burns.

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- SNaPP, [A Guide to Native Plants for the Santa Fe Landscape](#) (2018)
- USDA NRCS Plant Guide, [Winterfat](#)



## We Are Here to Help!

If you have a gardening question, Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners are available to help. Go to our [website](#), click on the Garden Questions? link in the bar below the photo, and pose your question. Someone will do research and get back to you.



*The temperament that makes up all serious gardeners must have a large component of melancholy. For however glorious the garden’s display might be, the true gardener seems always to look behind with regret at what has passed and ahead with longing at what is to come...*

—Joe Eck and Wayne Winterrowd (*A Year at North Hill*, 1995)

# New & Noteworthy

Have you recently read a plant-related article, visited a horticultural website or blog, listened to podcast, or seen a nature show or documentary you think other gardeners would enjoy or find useful? Send a link to the newsletter ([news.sfemg@gmail.com](mailto:news.sfemg@gmail.com)) and we'll include the information in the next issue. **Note that some of these sources have paywalls.**

*The Atlantic*, [Death-Cap Mushrooms Are Spreading Across North America](#), by Craig Childs

Desert Blooms (NMSU), [Snowmelt and Winter Irrigation: How Much Is Enough?](#), by Marisa Thompson

*Independent*, [Plan to plant genetically engineered trees throughout US to save dying forests](#), by Josh Gabbatiss

*New York Times*, [As Climate Warms, Plants Will Absorb Less CO2, Study Finds](#), by Kendra Pierre-Louis

*New York Times*, [Inside the Spittlebug's Bubble Home](#), by James Gorman

*New Yorker*, [Succulent-Smugglers Descend on California](#), by Dana Goodyear

Quartzly, [There's a good reason bonsai growers think of trees as their children](#), by Ephrat Livni

Rewilding Earth, [Introducing the Santa Fe based Cactus Rescue Project](#), by Nancy Lehrhaupt

*Santa Fe New Mexican*, [Santa Fe's trees face growing risk amid climate change](#), by Daniel J. Chacón

Smithsonian.com, [Border Wall Construction Threatens Texas Butterfly Sanctuary](#), by Brigit Katz

Smithsonian.com, [Dornith Doherty's Mesmerizing Photos Capture the Contradictions of Seed Banking](#), by Lila Thulin

[Wildflowers of New Mexico](#), new website launched by George O. Miller, president of the Albuquerque chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico

# The Garden Journal Radio Show

Every Saturday

10–10:30 a.m.

*Live from the Farmers Market*



Tune in to KSFR 101.1 FM on Saturday mornings from 10 to 10:30 to listen to a lively, entertaining, and informative gardening show.

- Mar 02 Santa Fe Botanical Garden/Lindsay Taylor: Guests Tracy Neal, on his upcoming pruning workshop, and Rebecca Jensen, on the Food for Thought series
- Mar 09 Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners/Christine Salem: Librarian Brita Sauer and MGs Bonnie Martin and Susie Sonflieth on the launch of Santa Fe Public Library's seed library, in partnership with Extension Master Gardeners
- Mar 16 Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute/Carrie Core: Farmers, food, and friends
- Mar 23 Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners/Christine Salem: Kathy Morse, Santa Fe Compost Action Team (SCAT) member, on composting techniques and upcoming SCAT training
- Mar 30 Home Grown New Mexico/Jannine Cabossel: The Tomato Lady shares her tips and techniques for next month's veggie garden; more info at [Giant Veggie Gardener](#)

Schedule subject to change. For updates and to listen to previous broadcasts, visit [this section](#) of our website.



# Let's Grow 2019



A **FREE** Monthly Education Series for the Home Gardener  
from the Santa Fe Extension Master Gardener Association

## Soils Testing Workshop (two-part class!)

Sun, Feb.24 & Sun, March 24, 1-4 pm each day

NM Wildlife Center, Espanola

Learn how to prepare paperwork and package soil samples for testing at CSU Soils Lab. Demonstrations on how to cheaply, easily and accurately determine your soil structure, how to use the soil triangle, and why knowing your soil is important. Return March 24 to learn how to interpret the results from the CSU Soil Lab, including amendments recommended to add to soils for certain conditions. Both sections taught by Sandy Powell and Steven Fellows.

## Rose Pruning Clinic (hands-on!)

Saturday, April 13, 9 am - 12 pm

Harvey Cornell Rose Garden

Bring your handheld pruners, gloves and long sleeved clothing. Learn the correct way to prune roses from Master Gardeners Kim Martinez and Shelly Cooper and then practice in this historic garden at 1315 Galisteo Parkway. Instruction from 9 - 9:30 a.m. and hands-on pruning from 9:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m

## Native Bee Basics, Building Bee Houses and Selecting Plants that Attract Them

Saturday, April 27, 10 am - 12 pm

Randall Davey Audubon Center

Taught by Audubon Project leader Joy Mandelbaum. Santa Fe Native Plants Project (SNAPP) will showcase the native plants that attract bees. Sessions will be held in the Education Classroom of the Randall Davey Audubon Center at the end of Upper Canyon Road.

## Cactus Propagation

Saturday, May 11, 9 am - 11 am

County Fairgrounds Cactus Garden

Learn to divide cactus and how to grow more. Tips on soil preparation, planting and maintenance. Drop-in demos every half hour. Taught by Jill Foster and Cullen Hallmark.

Saturday May 18, 2019, 10-11 am

## Save Water! Plant Natives!

Santa Fe Water Conservation Office

Join Members of the Santa Fe Native Plant Project (SNaPP) to explore the new water conservation garden at the City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Office, 801 W. San Mateo. Handouts, free seeds, raffle prizes and updates on plans for the garden.

## Basic Composting (hands-on!)

Saturday, June 15, 9 am - 11 am

County Fairgrounds Compost Area

Participate in a hands-on compost demonstration, and learn how to start a new compost pile and to maintain it as it develops. Worm and straw bale composting basics will be covered. Taught by Vicki Jacobson and Madeline Pryor.

## Selecting Native Plants for Your Landscape

Saturday, June 22, 10 am - 12 pm

Randall Davey Audubon Center

Taught by Helena van Heinegen, Joy Mandelbaum, Susie Sonflieth, this will include a tour of native plants in the Audubon Gardens.

## Historic Garden Restoration

Friday, July 26, 5 pm- 7 pm

El Zagan Garden at 545 Canyon Road

Tour the garden with Janet Hirons, Lissa Johnson, Nyla Rasmussen and Joan Dayton, during 4th Friday Art Walk on Canyon Road. Learn how Master Gardeners are restoring this garden and maintaining its historic layout and ambiance with plants appropriate for our current climate.

## How to Plan a Fall Vegetable Garden with Cool Season Crops

Sunday, August 11, 12 pm - 2 pm

County Fairgrounds Vegetable Garden

Learn how to plan for fall gardening. Tips on extending your growing season and things to consider while the summer winds down. Taught by Jannine Cabossel, Bob Zimmerman, Linda Flemming, and Diane Pratt.

## Herb Harvesting and Propagation

Saturday, August 24, 9 am - 11 am

County Fairgrounds Herb Garden

Discover herbs that prosper in our region and how to propagate them from cutting, as well as techniques for growing, pruning, harvesting and preserving herbs. Taught by Cherry Payne.

For more information, visit [sfemg.org](http://sfemg.org) and Please LIKE us on Facebook



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## Calendar of Events

All events are open to the public. Visit the [events calendar](#) on our website for a complete list of garden-related activities and classes with times, locations, and registration information.

Note: phc stands for “per hour of class time.”

DATES	EVENTS	CREDITS
Mar 01	Webinar: Emerald Ash Borer, noon–1 p.m. (EL)	1 CE
Mar 02	Climate Change, Water & Resiliency, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (SWSF)	NA
Mar 02–16	Developing Your Own Landscape Site Plan, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. (SFBG)	3 CE
Mar 02	Pruning Young Fruit Trees, 1–3 p.m. (SFBG)	2 CE
Mar 05	Community Seed Packing Night, 5:30–7 p.m. (SFPL)	1 OS
Mar 05	Wetland Ecology Course (9 monthly classes), 5:30–8:30 p.m. (SFBG)	3 CE
Mar 06	Garden Superstars, 7–9 p.m. (SFCC)	2 CE
Mar 09	Water Wise Gardening, 9 a.m.–noon (SFCC)	3 CE
Mar 13	Seed Exchange, 4–6 p.m. (HGNM)	NA
Mar 14	Lecture: Intentional Landscapes, 3–4:30 p.m. (SFBG)	1.5 CE
Mar 16	Arid Land Restoration, 9 a.m.–noon (SFCC)	3 CE
Mar 16	Why a Cactus Garden, 1–2 p.m. (CRP)	1 CE
Mar 23	Santa Fe Landscaping from the Ground Up, 1–5 p.m. (SFBG)	3 CE
Mar 23	Spring Garden Prep for Roses, 9 a.m.–noon (HCRP)	1 CE, 2 OS
Mar 24	Soils Testing Workshop, Part 2, 1–4 p.m. (NMWC)	3 CE
Mar 27	Xeriscape Gardens, 7–9 p.m. (SFCC)	2 CE
Mar 30	Tree Identification & Inventory Workshop, 2–4 p.m. (AWP)	2 CE

**AWP:** Amelia White Park, Old Santa Fe Trail; event sponsored by [SFEMG](#)

**CRP:** Cactus Rescue Project, [jwo1959@gmail.com](mailto:jwo1959@gmail.com); event at Eldorado Library

**EL:** [Extension Learning](#); register on website 15 minutes before webinar

**HCRP:** Harvey Cornell Rose Park; event sponsored by [SFEMG](#)

**HGNM:** [Home Grown New Mexico](#); event at Santa Fe Area Home Builders Assoc., off Camino Entrada

**NMWC:** New Mexico Wildlife Center, in Española; event sponsored by [SFEMG](#)

**SFBG:** [Santa Fe Botanical Garden](#), 715 Camino Lejo, 505-471-9103

**SFCC:** [Santa Fe Community College](#), 6401 Richards Ave., 505-428-1676

**SFPL:** [Santa Fe Public Library](#); Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Dr.

**SWSF:** [Save Water Santa Fe](#); community discussion at Chavez Community Center

**Members Only:** For a complete list of Master Gardener projects and to sign up, please visit Sign Up Genius, a link to which is in the [Members Only](#) section of the website. To log hours worked and to see year-to-date totals, visit Track It Forward in the same location.



### Mission Statement:

*Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to learn, teach, and promote locally sustainable gardening through reliable, current research-based practices*

*New Mexico State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educator*