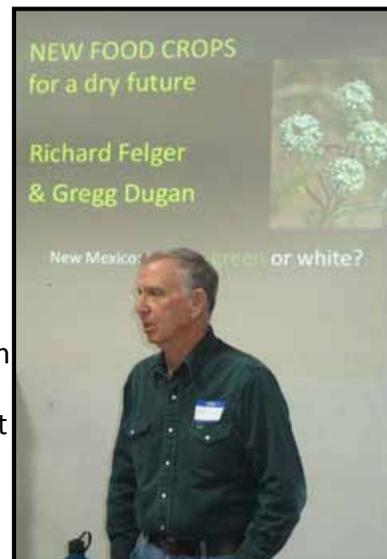


# What's Rockin' at Rockhound April, 2015

## March 25 Meeting

Our guest speaker last month, Dr. Richard Felger, who is an ethno-botanist currently residing in Silver City, spoke of new food crops to fit our southwest high desert region. As you know, drought in our area is a very real factor to consider when planting each year. Several good sources of food that grow naturally here are Apache Red Grass, Giant Sacaton, and Lemon Weed. The Apache Red Grass grows in the Silver City area and may need watering in Deming, but it is gluten-free, good tasting, the grains are small, and it has greater protein content than wheat. What a good addition this would make to our Native Garden at Rockhound! We already have a number of Giant Sacaton in the Garden, whose grains are tiny and like flour. The Lemon Weed, also known as Limoncillo/*Pectis augustifolia*, is a ready-to-go crop, said Dr. Felger. His motto was, "Fit the crop to the land, not the land to the crop." We thank Gene Jercinovic and Betty Griffin for asking Dr. Felger to be our guest.



## Desert Alive/Plant Sale

April is a-poppin', with poppies, that is...the Floridas are alive with wildflowers this month. Please join us at our Desert Alive! and Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM to 11:30 AM...always a grand time to be at the Park.

## April 29 Meeting

Our monthly meeting for April should be fun: we'll have several young fellows who are associated with the Deming Arts Council and the Grant County Archaeological Society speak to us about their recent trip to Peru...That's Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Education Building (Garage) at the Visitor Center.

## FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC.

### Board Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2015

Board Members Present: Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Veronika Barnes, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Marilyn Goble, Director; Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President. Also Present: Robert Apodaca, Rockhound State Park.

1. Meeting called to order by President Sally at 9 a.m..
2. Minutes of the February 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting read; motion to approve by Donna, seconded by Marilyn, motion carried.
3. Minutes of the February 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting read; motion to approve by Marilyn, seconded by Keith, motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report read; motion to approve by Marilyn, seconded by Art, motion carried.
5. ROBERT'S REPORT:
  - a. In the process of interviewing for Park's seasonal hire, April – September
  - b. For two weeks, beginning early April, inmates will be working on the Jasper Trail.
  - c. Trail assessment at Spring Canyon has been done.
  - d. The Park's RV/camping spots have been near full capacity .
6. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:
  - a. Rockathon meeting is April 15 at 10 a.m. Will contact several key people in the community who might be of help in getting participants.
  - b. Plant sale order goes in on March 27<sup>th</sup>, for the April 11<sup>th</sup> Desert Alive!and Native Plant Sale.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. MANY THANKS go out to Friends' member Lowell White for the donation of a 50" flat-screen TV and video/DVD player for use in the Education Building.
  - b. MANY THANKS go out to Friends' member Barb Hanson for her donations of items for the Coleman Memorial Geology display, located in the Education Building.
  - c. The library has been relocated to the Education Building. Stop by to check out (via honor system) some really interesting reads (fiction and non-fiction) about the southwest!
  - d. President Sally presented the Visitor Center store lease for signatures by board members, to be forwarded to Santa Fe.

There being no further business, Sally adjourned the board meeting to the general meeting and guest speaker Dr. Richard Felger's presentation: "Native Food Plants for the World Today."

Respectfully submitted,

Veronika Barnes, Secretary