

The 2024 SFEMG Garden Fair *A Plant Sale and So Much More!*

Story by Avra Leodas, Garden Fair Project Leader

As most of you already know, the 2024 SFEMG Garden Fair will be held at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds, 3229 Rodeo Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. We hope you can attend!

Once again, this is a free public event celebrating our shared interests in learning about and participating in every aspect of gardening in the Santa Fe area. The Garden Fair is the SFEMG's primary fundraiser and helps support all SFEMG education-based projects in Santa Fe.

The SFEMG website is continually updated, so please check the [Garden Fair page](#) to learn about all activities planned as part of this multifaceted event. You will find more details, schedules and locations for our speakers, vendors, exhibits and demonstrations, the Garden Shed and Plant Sale, kids' activities, food trucks and live music. Please check back frequently as information will be updated right up to the last minute.



Know Before You Go

- The Garden Fair opens at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 11.
- No pets allowed except trained service animals as defined by the U.S. Department of Justice: "A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability."
- Parking for volunteers and the public will be orchestrated by Santa Fe County 4-H Club members on the day of the event. There will be parking in the visitor parking areas at the west end of the Fairgrounds (see map on page 4) with overflow in the Rodeo Grounds parking lot.
- There will be designated pickup areas for your merchandise and plant purchases. Once you have finalized your purchases, you will be able to bring your cars to these locations to load.
- There will be accessible parking spaces in the parking lot west of the Exhibit Hall.
- For assistance or special accommodations, please contact the Santa Fe County Cooperative Extension Office, at (505) 471-4711 or via email at santafe@nmsu.edu



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Santa Fe Extension Master Gardeners (the SFEMG) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to learning, teaching and promoting locally sustainable gardening through practical, research-based knowledge and programs.

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The SFEMG is one of more than a dozen county-based master gardener programs run under the auspices of New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. It is overseen locally by a volunteer board of directors under the direction of the county extension agent.

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Save Water Santa Fe

City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Rules and Regulations

No outside watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
between May 1 and October 31.
Violators are subject to fines.

It is recommended that watering is limited to
no more than three days a week.
One of those days should be on the weekend.

Click [here](#) for more information.



A Message from SFEMG Board President Anne Rivas

The SFEMG demonstration gardens near the Santa Fe County Cooperative Extension Service Office at 3229 Rodeo Road are living examples of what we can achieve at home.

The [Rose Family Garden](#) is the most recent addition. It is on the site of the [Earth-Kind Rose Field Trial](#) from a few years ago and showcases the roses that survived after the trial concluded, accompanied by additional plants in the family Rosaceae. It is located between the upper and lower parking areas near the Extension Office.

Above the Rose Family Garden is a [rain garden](#) put in by the Santa Fe County Sustainability Division. It is designed to capture water running off the pavement between the barn and the Exhibit Hall and slow it down so it can be absorbed.

The Extension Office building is graced by [three gardens](#) put in by the SFEMG's [Santa Fe Native Plant Project](#). On the east side of the building are a pollinator garden and a system of depressions and dams to control the rainwater that flows off the roof of the barn and keep it from washing away seeds and new plants in the pollinator garden. The front of the Extension Office building is home to a small, formal native plant garden, showing us what can be done in a courtyard or small yard next to a home. The west side of the Extension Office building is a meadow of grasses and wildflowers. It's hard to believe that the area had been used as a parking lot for many years. SNaPP gardeners amended the soil, had it graded into terraces, and planted it with a mix of native grass and wildflower seeds. After two years of irrigation the plants are well-established, and the temporary irrigation system has been removed.

The original demonstration gardens are at the east end of the parking lots. The [Herb Garden](#) offers herbs that are successful in our northern New Mexico climate, ranging from culinary annuals to aromatic and culinary perennials.

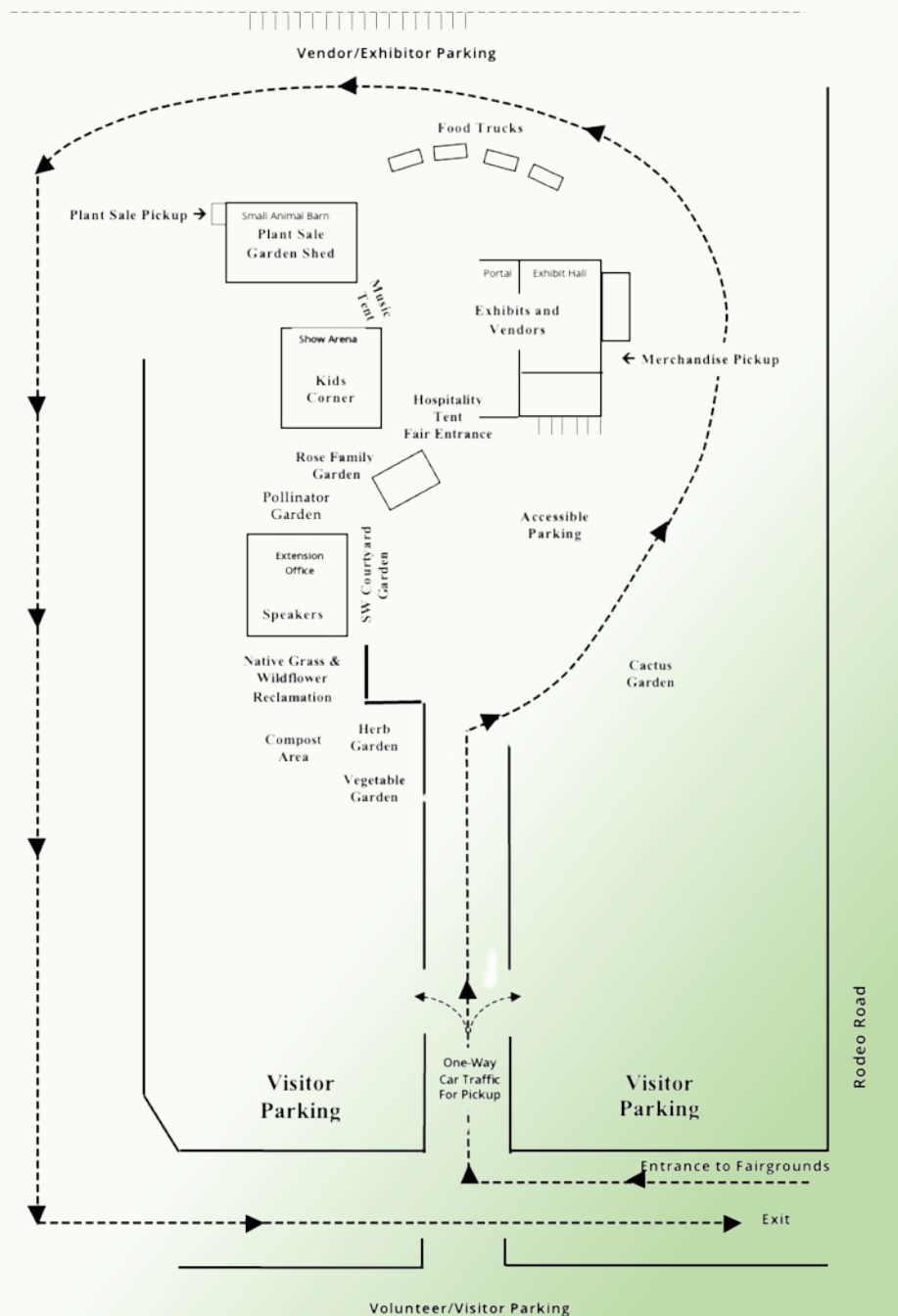
The [Vegetable Garden](#) contains various types of raised vegetable beds. The project leaders have teamed with NMSU's [Family and Consumer Sciences](#) staff to teach people how to grow and prepare vegetables for meals.

The [Cactus Garden](#) is a showcase of cold-hardy cacti native to the Southwest in an appealing garden that needs minimal maintenance and almost no supplemental water.

We invite you to visit the gardens for inspiration when you attend the [SFEMG Garden Fair](#) on May 11.

Bring your entire family and make this day-before-Mother's Day festival a special day for your mothers, aunts and grandmothers. Plan to purchase plants, visit the demonstration gardens, attend a lecture, have some lunch while listening to live music, and meet your friends while you take in all that this year's Garden Fair will have to offer.

Hope to see you there! The map shared here is meant to help you find your way around on May 11. It is not drawn to scale.



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Santa Ana Nursery Manager Mike Halverson flanked by succulents and cacti at the nursery
Photos courtesy Avra Leodas

2024 Plant Sale Features Plants from Three Nurseries

Three vendors have partnered with the SFEMG in support of the 2024 Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11. They are [Santa Ana Nursery](#), Santa Ana Pueblo's nursery specializing in the native and drought-tolerant plants of the Colorado Plateau and Desert Southwest; [cornucopia](#), which is located 12 miles south of Santa Fe off New Mexico State Road 14 and features "plants for the edible landscape;" and [Trees of Corrales](#), a wholesaler that specializes in cold hardy, high desert appropriate plant material, including grasses, perennials, xeric shrubs, container trees and field grown specimen trees.

Plants that will be offered at the Plant Sale include cacti, grasses, perennials, shrubs, succulents, trees and vines. Click [here](#) to download a copy of the plant list and check out the Santa Fe Native Plant Project's "[Learn More About Native Plants](#)" web page to help you make the the best plant choices for your gardens. Please note that listed plants are subject to availability at the time of the sale. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions about featured plants.



Garden Shed Promises a Cornucopia of Gardening Goodies

Are you THAT person who shops estate sales and secondhand stores to score the perfect find? Then you won't want to miss the Garden Shed sale at this year's Garden Fair. Located in the Small Animal Barn, the Garden Shed will feature gently used gardening gear, including tools, garden décor and books.

A REMINDER: This coming Saturday, May 4, is the last day to donate items to be sold in the Garden Shed. Drop your items off at the SFEMG Office on the west side of the Exhibit Hall at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds, 3229 Rodeo Road. Donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. to noon, or you can email Deborah James at djames1224@icloud.com to arrange a pickup.

Garden Fair: Something for Everyone! ***Speakers, Exhibitors, Vendors, Food Trucks and Music***

SPEAKER SCHEDULE → Extension Office Classroom

9:15-10:15 a.m. *"How Does My Garden Grow?"* with Jannine Cabossel, The Tomato Lady

10:30-11:30 a.m. *"Beyond Sustainability – Using Urban Stormwater to Regenerate Our Cities and Ecosystems"* with Reese Baker, owner and founder of The RainCatcher Inc.

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. *"A Dive into the Santa Fe Watershed"* with Morika Vorenberg Hensley, Executive Director of the Santa Fe Watershed Association

1-2 p.m. *"Community Farm and Composting – Connect with Reunity Resources"* with Juliana Ciano, Co-founder and Program Director at Reunity Resources

EXHIBITORS and DEMONSTRATIONS → Exhibit Hall

- Cactus Rescue Project
- El Rancho de las Golondrinas
- Institute for Applied Ecology
- Keep Santa Fe Beautiful
- Native Plant Society of New Mexico
- New Mexico Healthy Soils Working Group
 - Pam McFarland's Bees
 - Santa Fe Botanical Garden
 - Santa Fe Cactus & Succulent Club
- Santa Fe Community College Controlled Environment Agriculture Program
 - Santa Fe County Community Development Department
 - Santa Fe Conservation Trust
 - Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute
 - Santa Fe Garden Club
 - Santa Fe Iris Society
 - Santa Fe Rose Society
 - City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Office
- City of Santa Fe Municipal Tree Board and SFEMG Santa Fe Public Spaces Tree Inventory
 - SFEMG President Anne Rivas on "How-to-Plant Basics"

VENDORS → Exhibit Hall

- Agua Fria Nursery
- Ampersand Sustainable Learning Center
 - Big Jo True Value Hardware
 - Chlorophyll Fine Houseplants
- Cutting Edge professional tool sharpening services – *tool sharpening on-site*
 - Grow Y'Own
 - Mud Hub Greenhouses
 - N8 bees
 - Newman's Nursery
- Plants of the Southwest – *accepts cash and checks but not credit cards*
 - Purple Adobe Lavender Farm
 - The Firebird
- Wild Birds Unlimited – *can accept cash and checks but not credit cards*

FOOD TRUCKS and ENTERTAINMENT

Andale! (Mexican) Poki Tako, (modern Asian and Mexican) and Tender Fire (wood-fired pizza)

9-11 a.m. Zuva Marimba

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. High Altitude Band

1:30 p.m.-Closing Singer Martin Cordova on guitar

KIDS CORNER in the Show Arena

Fun and educational activities for children and families

SFEMG DEMONSTRATION GARDENS, OUTREACH and PROJECTS

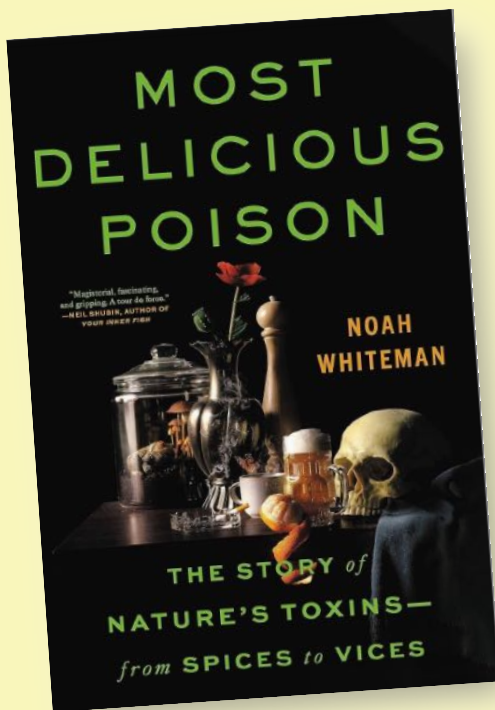
Cactus Garden, Herb Garden, Vegetable Garden and Rose Family Garden (onsite)

Santa Fe Native Plant Project Demonstration Gardens (onsite)

Composting with the SFEMG's Santa Fe Compost Action Team (onsite)

Learn more about the SFEMG at our Information Outreach Area:

- Ask a Master Gardener
- Become a Master Gardener
- Santa Fe County Extension Office Hotline
 - *The Garden Journal* Radio Show
- Harvey H. Cornell Sr. Memorial Rose Garden Park
- "Let's Grow" free public education series for the home gardener
 - *SFEMG Newsletter*
- Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary Garden
 - The Garden at El Zaguán
 - Santa Fe Native Plant Project
 - Santa Fe Seed Library
 - Yard Habitat Certification



A Book Review By Eugenia Parry

"The dose makes the poison."

– Paracelsus, Swiss physician, alchemist, lay theologian,
and philosopher of the German Renaissance

This magisterial book is a daunting compendium, burdened at times by polysyllabic mouthfuls, like dimethyltryptamine or DMT. It's also absorptive reading because the author interweaves clear observational science with details from his own life's story. He can't help exploring his feelings. His subject requires it.

Professor Noah Whiteman is an eminent evolutionary biologist. His professional responsibilities, achievements and honors make a staggering list. His zeal – equally staggering – makes this book (his first) a toxic treasure. He likes letting us know that the attractive plants, including the St. John's Wort that a florist innocently assembled for Whiteman's wedding boutonniere, were lethal.

A leitmotif in these pages is the author's struggle to understand the mystery in the chemicals that killed his wayward, alcoholic father, found dead and abandoned in a trailer park. Once a beloved guide, this parent trained his son's eye and instilled the kind of curiosity that scientists live for. As the author confesses, "My salve in all the seasons of my life was to get lost in whatever page of the book of nature was open, as macabre as the setting was."

Thirteen chapters offer a bevy of poisons – good and bad – that show up in our daily lives, often on our fingertips: deadly daisies; toxic, titillating, tumor-killing terpenoids; caffeine and nicotine (the author confesses to a serious caffeine addiction, exploring the chemistry of a perfect cup of coffee); abiding alkaloids; forests of phenolics and flavonoids; and opioid overlords. These are no side show, Whiteman assures us. They're the main event. Nature's pharmacopoeia did not evolve for our benefit. We've appropriated it. Gardeners! Pet that toad? Wash your hands!

Paracelsus pondered, knowing like all alchemists what a losing game these quests could be. By contrast, Whiteman refers continually to evidence that Indigenous cultures successfully used poisons for harm and benefit, largely from tropical plants, for millennia. Bufotenine, an alkaloid, was found in the hair of 1,500-year-old Chilean mummies. In a notable part of his text, the author tries to repair Western science's abiding ignorance about this fundamental work in the culture of toxins.

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This is a book of wonderment that probes deeply. It wants us to know how plant toxins influence strange behavior in insect brains: that black-backed orioles gorge on monarch butterflies selectively dissect them to avoid the toxins, that some savvy pollinators cheat by boring holes at the base of a flower to steal nectar there because it's easier and that some nontoxic plants turn toxic when they are injured.

Based on work with colleagues all over the world, the author presents chemical dramas that save lives and destroy others. He finds evidence for the blur between medicinal and spiritual among cultures that regularly use alkaloids. But he goes further. He reveals secrets. He startles us with knowledge.



Bee on chocolate flower (*Berlandiera lyrata*) | Courtesy Kathy Haq

A REMINDER: 2024 Yard Habitat Reviews Begin in June *Schedule Yours Now!*

By Catherine Wygant

The SFEMG's Yard Habitat Certification project will begin conducting in-person yard assessments in June and continue scheduling through September.

Master gardeners will assess your yard and help you create a garden habitat using research-based maintenance practices with plants that not only thrive in Santa Fe but also provide food, shelter, nesting sites and water to dwindling pollinator populations.

To request a free review, email yhc.sfemg@gmail.com. Please be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and preferred day for a visit: Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Other days are possible on request. The assessments last between 1 ½ to 2 hours.



Pollen: Bane or Boon

By Peggy Rudberg

At least one in four American adults had seasonal allergies in 2021, according to the most recent study by the Centers for Disease Control. When a person is allergic to one or several types of pollen encountered through inhalation or contact, the body's immune system releases chemicals such as histamines to fight off the perceived threat. Itchy eyes, runny nose, sneezing, coughing and throat congestion are common symptoms of seasonal allergic rhinitis, also called hay fever.

Most allergic symptoms emerge when we are young but may take years to develop and often run in families. Hormonal shifts during our lifetime can also affect the advent of allergic symptoms. Diverse plant species produce pollen made up of various proteins that provoke allergic reactions.

For all living organisms the ability to reproduce is required for their continuing existence. One way plants propagate is by producing seeds, either asexually or sexually. Sexual reproduction, combining the genetic information of two separate entities of different sexes, allows the creation of a new organism with possibilities for variation. Pollen, the male means of sexual reproduction in the seed-plant life cycle, evolved over 375 million years ago. It appears as powdery particles or dust carried by numerous means to the female organ where pollination for fertilization takes place. Initially distribution of pollen was probably by insects that evolved along with plants but later development of wind pollination (anemophily) offered increased dispersal. Most allergies are triggered by wind-pollinated plants. About 18 percent of angiosperms (flowering plants) and 98 percent of gymnosperms such as conifers are wind pollinated. Higher reproductive success rates are also achieved by increased pollen production resulting in pollen as a considerable portion of airborne elements in Earth's atmosphere. Pollen count is highest early in the day or when windy.

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As our climate warms, many plants are expanding their range, entering their reproductive cycles weeks earlier and extending their growing season while changeable wind patterns may carry pollen into new territory. Studies show that increased carbon dioxide makes some pollen more robust.

Trees release their pollen first. In New Mexico, juniper (*Juniperus* spp.), cottonwood (*Populus* spp.) and Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*) are major offenders. Then grasses such as Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*) and fescues (*Festuca* spp.) kick in. Later weeds like four-wing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*), sagebrush (*Artemisia* spp.) and ragweed (*Ambrosia* spp.) bloom to irritate us. Although counterintuitive, rain may not relieve pollen sufferers. Heavy rain can break pollen grains into lighter fragments that may remain in the air for up to 11 hours.

Although pollen can cause misery for some people, it is a crucial part of life on planet Earth. Many of our crops, much of the natural world around us, bees and other pollinators and the human race depend on pollen to survive.

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["It's not just you. Here's why pollen allergies are worse than ever"](#) by Brenda Goodman, *CNN* (April 4)

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Yamamoto, Naomichi in *Fundamentals of Bioaerosols Science* (2023) ["Anemophily: Human health impacts."](#) *ScienceDirect*.

["How Pollen Works"](#) by Jessika Toothman, *HowStuffWorks* (Nov. 30, 2023)



FREE public education series for the home gardener

There will be 11 events from June through September. Topics include composting, gardening with native plants to create habitat, seed harvesting, and more. Always free and no registration is required.

Look for the complete schedule In the June 2024 SFEMG Newsletter.



Engelmann's Daisy, Cutleaf Daisy (*Engelmannia peristenia*)

Story and photo by Ruthbeth Finerman

Awarded 2015 "Plant Select" honors, Engelmann Daisy is a single species herbaceous perennial in the aster family (Asteraceae). Its name pays tribute to German immigrant physician and botanist George Engelmann (1809-1884), who documented many native North American plants and helped found the Missouri Botanical Garden. The species term *peristenia* derives from Greek (*parisso*, meaning either an "excessive" or "odd number" and *tenia* signifying a "ribbon-like structure"). A synonym, *Engelmannia pinnatifida* or "feather shaped," references its tapered flower petals.



This hardy, low-maintenance plant features prolific and exceptionally long-flowering blooms. A large crown of golden-yellow 8-petaled blossoms up to 2 inches in diameter cluster at the branching end of sturdy 2- to 3-foot-tall stems. The stems sprout from a basal rosette of dark green, 3-inch-long leaves that are deeply cleft, the source of its other common name, cutleaf daisy. In lower elevations the rosette remains evergreen. In summer the flowers may droop in the afternoon but reopen the next morning.

Landscape use: Masses of bright yellow blossoms add vibrant color to sunny xeric gardens and rocky slopes. Flowering from late spring through late fall, the Engelmann daisy is also a reliable source of nectar and pollen for native pollinators, especially bees and butterflies, and seeds that attract birds. Its deep tap root makes it an excellent resource for erosion control. While not aggressive, it will sometimes self-seed.

Planting and Care: Place in full sun to maximize flower production. It thrives on loam but is highly adaptable to a range of soils; specimens are found on roadways and hillsides with dry, sandy or limestone soils. While blooming increases with moderate watering during dry periods,

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it tolerates drought once established. The roots need good drainage and overwatering can trigger rot. Deer resistant but high in protein, rabbits and cattle sometimes browse the tender basal leaves of young specimens but largely ignore mature plants. Tall, upright stems benefit from staking to support the top-heavy crown of flowers.

Faded blossoms can be deadheaded, or the plant can be cut back in late summer to encourage repeat blooming in the fall. If cutting back for reblooming trim the stems by about one third after flowers are past their prime. A tap root makes Engelmann Daisy unsuitable for transplanting. Wait until late spring to prune as beneficial insects often overwinter in the dry foliage and birds devour the seeds. Shear to the ground in spring after new green shoots begin to emerge.

Propagation: Commercially available in pots or grown from seeds that should be sown in fall. It forms a tap root: transplant seedlings by early spring or leave in place.

Plant type: Herbaceous perennial

Bloom time: Late spring until frost

Size: 2 to 3 feet tall by 1 to 2 feet wide; taller stems may need staking

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Soil: Any

Water: Drought tolerant once established; extra water during dry periods improves flower production; avoid overwatering and ensure good drainage

USDA Zones: 5 to 10

References:

- [Plant Select](https://plantselect.org/2015-winners-announced/)
<https://plantselect.org/2015-winners-announced/> and
<https://plantselect.org/plant/engelmannia-peristenia/>
- [Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center Plant Database](#)
- [National Gardening Association Plants Database](#)
- [SEINet Portal - *Engelmannia peristenia*](#)



Photo courtesy Bruce Leander
Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center



Calendar of Educational Events

All classes shown here are open to the public. A \$ indicates there is a cost to attend.

Master Gardeners are required to complete 10 hours of Continuing Education between Jan. 1 and Nov. 30 to maintain their Extension Master Gardener status. Be sure to post your hours in [Track It Forward](#) as soon as possible after completing an event so you don't forget as the year progresses. The CE credit requirement does not apply to interns. Check the SFEMG website for [current listings](#).

[Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Santa Fe Chapter](#)

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14

["Process-based Beaver Habitat Restoration in Headwater Streams of Northern New Mexico"](#)

with Reid Whittlesey, Restoration Program Director with Rio Grande Return

Free / 1 CE

Save the date!

Thursday, July 25 - Sunday, July 28 in Taos

[New Mexico Native Plant Society 2024 Annual Conference](#)

\$ / registration required / 1 CE per hour in attendance



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[NMSU Ready, Set, GROW! Webinar Series](#)

NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service offers this free gardening series online at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month.

Past presentations are recorded and available on demand. (1 CE per class)

[Santa Fe Botanical Garden](#)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 11

715 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe

["Roots of Knowledge Series - Everything Seed:](#)

[How Humanity Got Our Heirloom Seeds and How To Make Sure We Keep Them"](#)

with Jared Hagood of Lineage Seeds

\$ / registration required / 2 CE

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Santa Fe Cactus & Succulent Club

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21
Christ Lutheran Church, 1701 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe
Free / 1 CE

Save the date!
Friday, July 26 - Sunday, July 28
Santa Fe Woman's Club, 1616 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe
["18th Biennial Mid-States Conference"](#)
\$ / pre-registration now open / 1 CE per hour in attendance

Santa Fe Community College, Continuing Education

Registration is open now for Summer 2024 continuing education classes. See the ["Home and Garden" catalog section](#) for classes including greenhouse design, hydroponics, native plants, and container and small space herb gardens.
\$ / registration required / 1 CE per hour in attendance

Santa Fe Rose Society

6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7
Santa Fe Public Library, Southside Branch, 6599 Jaguar Drive, Santa Fe
"Rose Photography"
Free / 1 CE

Seed Savers Exchange

[44th Annual Seed Savers Exchange \[Virtual\] Conference](#)
Presented online beginning Friday, May 3, continuing June 7, July 12 and Aug. 2
\$ / registration required / 1 CE per hour of participation

Smithsonian "Let's Talk African American Gardens!" Series

10 a.m. MT Thursday, May 9
["Cultivating Wakandan Resilience: Afrofuturism & Gardening"](#)
Registration required / 1 CE

To watch past webinars, visit the [Let's Talk Gardens! Video Library](#)
(1 CE per hour of video watched)

New & Noteworthy

Have you recently read a gardening-related article or book, visited a horticultural website or blog, listened to a 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) and we'll try to include the information in the next issue. Note that some of these sources may have paywalls or advertisements.

["Master Gardeners: Thawing Out for Spring"](#) by Emeritus Master Gardener Laurie McGrath, *Santa Fe New Mexican* (April 7)

["Gardening is 'Saving' People From Grief By Providing a Safe Space for Reflection"](#) by Sarah-Louise Kelly, *HuffPost* (April 26)

["A Kitchen Garden Is the New Trend That Brings Gourmet Flavor to Your Countertops"](#) by Lauren Blum, *First For Women* (updated April 26)

["Hardscaping 101: Brick Patios"](#) by Ellen Jenkins, *Gardenista* (April 26)

["Terrariums Are Making a Major Comeback—Plus 3 More Houseplant Trends for 2024"](#) by Madeline Buiano, *MarthaStewart.com* (April 24)

["Every day is Earth Day at Biosphere 2"](#) by Mikayla Mace Kelley, The University of Arizona news release (April 22)

["Everything You Need To Know About Straw Bale Gardening"](#) by Laura Fenton, *Real Simple* (April 21)

["5 Things Nobody Tells You About Mulch"](#) by Kier Holmes, *Gardenista* (April 19)

["The history of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show,"](#) Royal Horticultural Society web page (April 2024)

["Landscape Architect and Designer Career Path"](#) by Lisa Hallett Taylor, *the spruce* (updated April 17)

["Water Matters: Spring into Action"](#) by Christine Y. Chavez, manager, Santa Fe Water Conservation Office, *Santa Fe New Mexican* (April 7)

["NMSU Extension to host Small Acreage Stewardship and Homesteading Skills workshop series"](#) by Tiffany Acosta, NMSU news release (April 5)

["A Garden from Scratch: How to Choose Plants and Put Them Together"](#) by Clare Coulson, *Gardenista* (April 2)

["Scientists Gain Insight into a Buzzing Spring Pollinator that Plays a Significant Role in the Almond Industry"](#) by Maribel Alonso, U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service news release (April 2)

["What Is Catnip and What Does It Do to Cats?"](#) by Heather Hoffmann, DVM, *petMD* (March 13)

["Underground seed banks hold promise for ecological restoration"](#) by Josephine Woolington, *High Country News* (March 1)

["Can we really cope with allowing our gardens to go wilder?"](#) by Andrew Timothy O'Brien, *Gardens Illustrated* (Feb. 29)



10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays on KSFR 101.1 FM | Streaming live at ksfr.org

MAY 4: Slow Food Santa Fe Outloud Edition

Slow Food Santa Fe's Lissa Johnson and Nina Rosenberg join members of the New Mexico Cheese Guild for a conversation on new opportunities in cheesemaking in New Mexico, including traditional cheesemaking going back centuries.

MAY 11: The SFEMG Edition with Santa Fe Water Division Director Jesse Roach

Join host Alexa Bradford in conversation with Jesse Roach, to discuss his "What's Up With Water" report on Santa Fe's water resources, the status of Two Mile Pond and upcoming projects.

MAY 18: New Edition Under Development

Tune in for a rebroadcast of a favorite show, while we finalize our new edition of *The Garden Journal*, launching in June 2024.

MAY 25: The Giant Veggie Gardener Edition

Host Alexa Bradford talks with Jannine Cabossel, "The Tomato Lady," about what to do in your vegetable garden in June.

You can find past episodes of *The Garden Journal* [here](#).

Email: gardenjournal@ksfr.org



Ask a Master Gardener

If you have gardening questions, the SFEMG can help.

Pose your questions online [here](#).

We'll do some research and get back to you.