

Jack & Martha Carter CONSERVATION FUND



of the

Native Plant Society of New Mexico

Research & Education Funding by Native Plant Society of NM Examples of Activities 1998 - 2008

- Funding for University Herbaria:
 - New Mexico State University
 - University of New Mexico
 - Western New Mexico University
 - University of Texas - El Paso
 - San Juan College



- Nob Hill Early Childhood Education:
Native Plant Landscaping
- Environmental Science Curriculum
Development at the Chihuahuan
Desert Nature Park



- Floristic Inventory of Vermejo Park
Ranch
- Grass Workshops Throughout the State
- Wildflower Posters Distributed to
New Mexico Schools
- Publication of a Native Plant Guide:
Chihuahuan Desert Gardens
- Financial Support to the NM Rare Plant
Technical Council



One has begun to know the meaning of life when you plant
shade trees under which you know full well you will never sit.
Ellen Trueblood, "Truth in Words"

JACK L. & MARTHA A. CARTER CONSERVATION FUND DONATION FORM

Yes! I would like to help protect New Mexico's plants by contributing:

_____ \$1,000 Benefactor _____ \$500 Patron _____ \$100 Sponsor _____ \$50 Friend _____ Memorial _____ Other

Name(s) _____

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<http://npsnm.unm.edu>

Make your check payable to:
NPSNM—Carter Endowment
and send to
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Dedicated to Promoting the Conservation of the Native Flora of New Mexico

MISSION



The Native Plant Society of New Mexico was founded in 1976

to promote the conservation of the native flora, and the habitats in which it occurs, and to encourage the appropriate use of native plants throughout New Mexico. The Society encourages the use of suitable native plants in landscaping as a water conservation measure, for the improvement of wildlife habitat, and because native plants are integral to the environment of the Southwest.

In the past decade, through a small grants program, the NPSNM has supported limited research and education activities in New Mexico schools, universities and other not-for-profit organizations. The board has provided funding for more than forty research, education and landscaping grants.

Why Establish an Endowment Fund?

Protecting planet Earth into the future will be extremely difficult. In the next thirty to forty-five years, New Mexico's population is projected to double, and there are few prospects for slowing this rate of growth. At the same time, if New Mexico is to protect the flora and fauna that attract people to this place, education and research must be expanded; support is needed from a wide range of individuals and organizations.

An endowment fund is a long-term investment into the future.



For the NPSNM to maintain a balanced budget and be able to award grants to individuals and organizations, there is the need for a long-term fund that will provide considerably more funds for the future than are currently available.

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Short- & Long-Term Plans

The development of an endowment fund is a long-term operation that must start small, with plans for future growth. The NPSNM will initiate this endowment fund, while maintaining the annual operating budget at approximately the same level, and will continue to support the present level of grant funding. This means the current dues structure will continue to support the present operations.

The Carter Conservation Fund Seeks Funding Above Dues Structure

Our plan calls for 50% of the income from investments in the Conservation Fund to be used to support research and education grants. The remainder will stay in the fund. This plan is directed toward today and the future; it is a means of protecting our small part of planet Earth for future generations.

Jack & Martha Carter LIFELONG CONSERVATIONISTS

This fund honors twenty years of service contributed by Jack and Martha Carter to conserving the flora of New Mexico. They became participating members of the NPSNM several years before moving from Colorado to New Mexico. With their arrival in the state, they demonstrated enthusiasm for protecting the flora by actively participating in board meetings, field trips, lectures and annual meetings. As early members of the Gila Chapter, they joined with a group of willing workers to elevate a small chapter into one of the most successful in the state. They have held a wide number of offices at the state and local levels and have never lost their sense of responsibility for protecting New Mexico's native flora. The Carters have a clear understanding of the path they want to see the NPSNM follow:

To educate every citizen to recognize that the green plant holds the future of all life on Earth and must be protected.



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