



Welcome to our course, Landscaping with Native Plants, offered by the Gila Native Plant Society. Our course consists of the following modules.

Module 1) Students will be introduced to basic principles of landscape design. Facilitator: Jeff Boyd.



Jeff Boyd: I moved to the Silver City area in 2010, having lived in Phoenix for 26 years prior to retiring. I have a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. Besides chemistry, my work experience includes Information Technology and Geographic Information Systems. I completed a certificate program in Desert Landscaping from the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix in 2003, and designed and installed two front yards in Phoenix. I have a life-long interest in plants, especially trees and shrubs, as well as ecology.

Extras) Students will be introduced to such topics as scientific names, landscaping for pollinators, and several other topics of interest. Facilitator: Don Graves, President Gila Native Plant Society.



Don Graves has spent the better part of his adult life in education, both informal and formal. He taught Biology at the community level for over thirty years. In 2007, Mr. Graves was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Working with youth has always been a special focus and Mr. Graves has worked closely with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Student Conservation Association, where he led high school students from across the country in summer work projects in national parks across the Midwest. Don is currently acting as the GNPS liaison for the Board of Directors of the Southwest New Mexico Audubon Society and is currently president of the Gila Native Plant Society, a chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico.

Module 2) Students will explore the variety of native plants (trees, shrubs, vines, herbaceous perennials, cacti, etc...) that can be used while creating a landscaped garden or space. Native plants highlighted will include those of the Silva Creek Botanical Garden. Facilitators: Betsy Kaido and Elroy Limmer.



Betsy moved to Silver City from upstate New York 12 years ago after retiring from a career in the public sector. Freed from the tyranny of mowing turf lawns and snow blowing driveways, she turned her attention to learning about the native plants of the Gila region. She continues to develop her home landscaping using native plants, and volunteers at the Silva Creek Botanical Garden.



Elroy Limmer moved to Silver City 17 years ago. I have spent most of my life involved in horticulture. I received my BS in wildlife management and a minor in horticulture from South Dakota State. Spent 7 years working in zoos, in fact my first zoo job was supervising the installation and maintenance of the landscape at the new Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls, SD. I worked at the Zoo in Peoria IL. for 2 years and move to a horticulture position and spent the rest of my career in the field, supervising just about all aspects of green space. In 1980 I became City Arborist for Peoria, and held that position until I retired.

Module 3) Students will learn how to plant, prune and care for their native plants. Facilitator: Elroy Limmer.

Module 4) Students will take a virtual tour of Silver City environments landscaped with native plants.