



NEWSLETTER

December 2019

Chapter Updates

NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Above: A portion of the board members gathering at the 2019 SER-SW conference in Tucson. From the left: Molly McCormick, Elise Gornish, Rebecca Mann, Steve Plath, Carianne Campbell, Marci Caballero-Reynolds, and Lorelee Larios

Outgoing board members: Thank you for your work & commitment. We hope to see you around!

Carianne Campbell (past president)
 Molly McCormick (president)
 Shawn Stone (NM rep)
 Scott Abella (NV rep)
 Rebecca Mann (UT rep)

SER-SW Board for the next year:

Elise Gornish (vice president)
 Ondrea Hummel (secretary)
 *Don Falk (at-large rep)
 *Tiffany Periera (Nevada rep)
 Steve Plath (AZ rep)
 *Lorelee Larios (CA rep)
 *Cameron Weber (NM rep)
 +Caity Winterbottom (NAU student rep)
 +Marci Caballero-Reynolds (U of A student rep)

*Newly elected members

+student reps are non-voting members appointed by student associations

More information about new board members coming in the next newsletter!



THE CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS!

217 Attendees

121 Presentations

7 Workshops

5 Field Trips



34 Student Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to our student poster contest awardees:

FIRST PLACE: Justin Johnson "Brush management treatment in semiarid grassland enhances hydrologic sinks five years post-treatment."

SECOND PLACE: Lia Ossana "Nitrogen dynamics as an indicator of mine waste revegetation progress."

THIRD PLACE (TIE): Marci Caballero-Reynolds "Constructing and Operating a Bicycle-Powered Seed Pelletizing Machine for Use in Gardening and Ecological Restoration Projects."

THIRD PLACE (TIE): Alison Agnery "Patterns of local adaptation in plants of the Great Basin after review of over 300 experiments."

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Applied Ecology Laboratory at the University of Nevada Las Vegas** is hiring four full-time botanists/research assistants (salary position) for February 2020 through May 2020 (4 mo). The latest start date can be February 10 but preferred start date is February 3. Project sites will be in southern Nevada and southeastern California (Mojave Desert and Sonoran Desert).

More Information>>

Restoration Program Manager - Tucson Audubon

Tucson Audubon seeks a dynamic and adaptive Restoration Program Manager or Restoration Biologist to join our team in building multiple program areas within our multifaceted Restoration Department. The types of projects being implemented to best achieve bird conservation aims are diversifying and constantly being informed by new research in the field. The successful candidate will demonstrate capacity to manage and build multiple program areas, be knowledgeable of the current state of the science in restoration, be able to combine information from multiple fields into novel solutions, and be able to communicate the bird + wildlife conservation needs specifically addressed by each project.

More Information>>

Invasive Species Strike Team Crew - Tucson Audubon

Tucson Audubon seeks two members to join our Invasive Species Strike Team. Team members will work under the supervision of the Crew Lead to accomplish invasive species threat assessment, control, and monitoring as directed by Agency partners in some of the most ecologically sensitive areas of the region. Inventory and threat assessment and post-treatment monitoring will involve substantial hiking and use of GPS or app-based data collection. Treatment will include a variety of mechanisms through an IPM approach and will include use of herbicide (primarily backpack sprayers for spot spraying), manual removal, and other means as determined appropriate. Team members will receive training in safe application methods and all applicable laws and regulations and in the use of personal protective gear.

More Information>>

Mojave Desert Native Seed in Prison Project Lead (Contractor) - Institute for Applied Ecology

The Contractor will support IAE's Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP), a multi-state, multi-partner effort to improve habitat for wildlife and engage diverse incarcerated people in pro-social action, conservation science, and vocational training. <https://appliedeco.org/programs/sagebrush/>

The contractor will lead the SPP's Mojave Desert Native Seed Project at the California City Correctional Facility. This project improves habitat for the threatened desert tortoise by engaging incarcerated individuals in the seed production of native plants that the tortoise eats. Incarcerated crew members will propagate several native plant species and harvest seeds to add to a seed bank. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be using the seeds to restore desert tortoise habitat.

More Information>>

Desert Botanical Garden - Milkweed Grow Out Intern

Assist in the activities of Great Milkweed Grow Out, including native plant propagation, community outreach, research and to develop skills in the field of habitat conservation & plant propagation while working with Garden professionals.

More Information>>

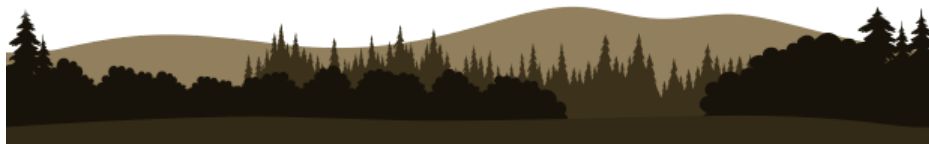
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