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## News Release

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## **HERBFEST AT RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER STATE PARK** *A Springtime Celebration of Nature and Music*

**Albuquerque, NM:** Join us for an educational, fun family oriented event at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 13th and 14th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park will host **Herbfest 2017**, a springtime celebration benefiting education at the Nature Center. **Herbfest** will highlight fun activities for all to enjoy:

- Guided Bird Walks at 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. both days
- Guided Nature Walks Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Guides Nature Walk- Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- Music in the Park by *Cheap Shots, Dog Star, Lady Fingers, Eagle's Whistle, Music for all Seasons, Adobe Brothers, Red Light Ramblers and Jug of Punch*

Enjoy live music and make-and-take crafts for kids! There will be a Biofacts table, an exciting raffle, and refreshments will be served. Herbs, wildflowers, native plants and arts and crafts will be on sale as well.

Day-use parking for non-members of the Friends is \$3. For more information, contact Dave Hutton, Festival Chair, at [jamesdhutton@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesdhutton@hotmail.com).

### **Saturday, May 13th Speakers**

12 p.m. *Dr. Olivia Messinger-Carril, "Bees in the Backyard"*

2 p.m. *Wes Brittenham of Plants of the Southwest, "Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden"*

### **Sunday, May 14th Speakers**

12 p.m. *George Miller of the NM Native Plant Society, "ABC's of Pollinator Habitat Gardens"*

1 p.m. *Mike Halverson, Manager of Santa Ana Native Plants Nursery, "Native Plants from the Natural to the Landscape"*.



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*Conditions are Right for Adventure at Your New Mexico State Parks!*

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