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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.

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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