



Bernalillo County Open Space Master Naturalist Advisory Committee receives 2016 ANROSP Outstanding Team Award

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO (September 23, 2016) – The Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs (ANROSP) concluded its national conference with an awards ceremony held at the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

The [Bernalillo County Open Space Master Naturalist](#) Advisory Committee received the 2016 ANROSP Outstanding Team Award. This award recognizes ANROSP member program and partner efforts to define an issue and create a functional team to address the needs identified.

Bernalillo County Open Space's Master Naturalist Advisory Committee is credited with starting up the first Master Naturalist program in New Mexico with Coordinator Colleen McRoberts, which has inspired many to learn about local ecology and become stewards of the environment. Formed in 2009, this committee has been dedicated to developing, implementing and constantly improving the Master Naturalist Program. Their efforts have also birthed additional research, citizen science, and education programs in New Mexico. Such programs include the Seasonal Sightings Calendar and iNaturalist projects, BioBlitz events and Naturalist Apprenticeship program for youth.

The Bernalillo County Open Space Master Naturalist Advisory Committee includes the following people:

Dan Conklin, Master Naturalist Representative
Kathy Ferris, Master Naturalist Representative
Steve Glass, Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District
Karen Herzenberg, Ranger Karen
Laurel Ladwig, Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center
Tish Morris, New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science
Jennifer Owen-White, Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge
Colleen Langan-McRoberts, Bernalillo County Open Space and Master Naturalist Program Coordinator

Karen Herzenberg, Kathy Ferris, Tish Morris, Colleen Langan-McRoberts, and Steve Glass accepted the award on behalf of the Bernalillo County Open Space Master Naturalist Advisory Committee.

Amy Rager, ANROSP President and Minnesota Master Naturalist Program Director, said "ANROSP provides member programs an opportunity to share their best work in the areas of Outstanding Educational Materials, Outstanding Volunteer Project, Outstanding Team, Outstanding Program Evaluation and Program of the Year. Each year ANROSP is proud to highlight programs from across the United States in each of these categories." Award applications are peer reviewed and selection is made by the ANROSP Awards Committee, chaired by the ANROSP Vice President.

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