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## Chair's Column

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Greetings ERMD!

First, I would like to thank our ERMD board members for their service and continued work on behalf of the division. Returning board members Chris Clotworthy (Secretary), Amy Schuler (Treasurer), and Sabrina Holley-Williams (Immediate Past Chair) are important contributors to ERMD and continue to do great work. Thank you all!

I am happy to share some of our exciting activities planned for SLA 2017 in Phoenix. We have a great session on Monday, June 19 at 9am titled "Water in the Southwest: History, Policy, and Data." The speakers will be Sarah Porter, Director at the Kyl Center for Water Policy at the Morrison Institute, Arizona State University and Grant Weinkam, Research Analyst at the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center. Attendees will learn about water policy in an arid environment and the tools by which water data is gathered and tracked. The Legal and Food, Agriculture and Nutrition Divisions are co-sponsoring this session.

We are pleased to co-host two additional sessions with FAN. Daoqin Tong will present on "The Science of Food Deserts" at 9am on Sunday, June 18, discussing communities that lack access to affordable and healthy food. Ethnobotanist Martha Ames Burgess will talk about traditional uses for desert plants in Arizona during her presentation "Food and Medicine from the Desert" on Monday, June 19 at 10:30am. Samples will be available to taste, so bring your appetite! ACSESS will sponsor both of these sessions.

Finally, we will be holding a joint board and business meeting early Sunday morning at 7:30am. Even though it is early, I hope to have a good turnout as we have important business to discuss regarding the future direction for our division. Recruiting new board members has become increasingly difficult in recent years, and this year we were unable to fill our Chair-Elect position and had no new volunteers for any positions. While we are all grateful for the contributions of our board members, it is not sustainable for the same small group of people to continue to hold office indefinitely. In response to these developments, we have begun discussions regarding a merger with the Food, Agriculture and Nutrition Division. I hope you will attend the meeting and provide input on the merger, and please contact me directly at [tans@msu.edu](mailto:tans@msu.edu) if you cannot attend the meeting and have questions, thoughts, concerns, or feedback.

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## Editor's Note

by Bobbi Weaver, [baw@cwsl.edu](mailto:baw@cwsl.edu)



I realize it has been awhile since our last issue, but I did want to publish an issue before the conference next month in Phoenix. From Eric's column, it appears that changes are being considered for the Environment and Resource Management Division. I encourage members to attend the meetings to give their input on the future of the Division.

In this issue, Eric has outlined the planned programs in his column. There are also some links to videos on what to do while visiting Phoenix. The book reviews deal with books on some of the natural beauty of the state of Arizona. Finally, for those who will be lucky enough to visit the Grand Canyon, check out the DVD review on the film on the canyon and the importance of the Colorado River to the Southwest U.S.

Since I will be occupied with programs for other divisions during the conference in Phoenix, I need some volunteers to report on the educational sessions the division is sponsoring or co-sponsoring. Please see the ad on [page 8](#) for the list and times of programs. Please email me at [baw@cwsl.edu](mailto:baw@cwsl.edu) if you can cover a session. I will try to put a chart together on Google Docs and share the link to the public list. Also, if you get any good photos from our social events, please send those to me as well/ Please send copy by July 11 to me at [baw@cwsl.edu](mailto:baw@cwsl.edu).

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## A look at Phoenix via



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Although I am just a short plane trip away, I must admit that I do not venture much into Phoenix. I am coming equipped with my guidebook, but decided to use new technology to explore other venues in the area. Here are some of my finds.

### Downtown Phoenix

The [Phoenix Convention Center](#) and the conference hotels are located in Downtown Phoenix, so the following videos feature what to see and do in the area.

Downtown Phoenix: It's Cooler Than You Think (2012)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DiuTJEL080>

--A somewhat humorous look at what to do in Downtown Phoenix.

Top 5 Things to Do in Downtown Phoenix (2010)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNr3bX2beZQ>

--This video shows museums, sports, shopping and dining in Downtown Phoenix.

All of the fun things to do in Downtown Phoenix (2012)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQRQ\\_wpKXcU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQRQ_wpKXcU)

--A video of a news story on what to do in Downtown Phoenix.

Downtown Phoenix: Here comes the night (2016)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZNXy6Rnpic>

--No narration, but this short video provides scenes from some of the favorite watering holes of Downtown Phoenix.

### Wildlife viewing

Arizona's desert environment provides the area with some unique wildlife viewing opportunities. If you have the time, you might want to check out some of the sights featured in these videos.

Official Wildlife of Arizona (2015), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73UEtSy-7mq>

Sonoran Desert Wildlife (2007), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYzDsO9-QQE>

Butterfly Wonderland in Scottsdale, Arizona (2014),

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M7UAo4Bzq0>

--No narration but lots of video of the butterflies and plants you can see at the Butterfly Wonderland, 9500 East Vía de Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ (<http://butterflywonderland.com>)

2013/2014 Arizona Wildlife Views - Show 12

(2014), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_82xFtN2gU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_82xFtN2gU)

### Independent Bookstores

We just can't get enough books. Chain stores sell online, but check out some of the unique independent bookstores Phoenix has to offer.

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## Book Reviews

Bailowitz, Richard, and Hank Brodtkin, *Finding Butterflies in Arizona: A Guide to the Best Sites*. Boulder: Johnson Books, 2017. ISBN: 9781555663520. Available from Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions.

Reviewed by Bobbi Weaver, [baw@cwsl.edu](mailto:baw@cwsl.edu)

For the butterfly enthusiasts, the authors provide specific guidance on when and where to find particular species of butterflies within the state of Arizona. The book is divided into three major sections. Section I deals with locating butterflies by their regional habitat within the state. Section II deals with the types of butterfly species indigenous to the area. Finally, Section III indicates which butterflies are prevalent in the different months of the year.

A section of the book is devoted to the Phoenix area, and the authors suggest three areas for butterfly-viewing in the Phoenix area. The first area discussed is the [Hassayampa River](#). The authors provide written instructions for accessing this site along with a map printed in the book. The [Pipevine Swallowtail](#), [Mexican Yellow](#), and [Red Admiral](#) butterflies are among the many species the authors indicate can be found in the area of the river.

The second area within the Phoenix area discussed by the authors is the [Tres Rios Wetlands](#)—an area where the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria rivers meet. Written directions and a map for accessing this location are provided in the book. Several butterfly species have been seen in this area, including the [Fiery Skipper](#), [Southern Dogface](#), and [Mimosa Yellow](#) butterflies.

The final site within the Phoenix region that is discussed by the authors is [Cave Creek/Seven Springs](#). Again, the authors provide written directions along with a map to find this area. The authors mention a wide variety of butterfly species that have been sighted in this area. They note that regular species include the [Arizona Powdered Skipper](#), varieties of the [Desert Orangetip](#), [California Patch](#), and [Empress Leila](#) butterflies.

If you are spending some extra time in Arizona and would like to see a wider variety of butterflies, check out “June” in Section III. This section will note which species are prevalent and where they are sighted in the month of June.

There is an insert of color photographs of the various species. The detail of the photos is exceptional, and each photograph is noted with the species’ common name.



## Book Reviews [cont'd from p. 4]

Epple, Anne Orth. *Plants of Arizona*. Guilford, CT: Falcon Guides, 2012. (Photography by Lewis E. Epple & Updated by John F. Wiens.). ISBN: 9780762770359. Available from Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions.

Reviewed by Bobbi Weaver, [baw@cwsu.edu](mailto:baw@cwsu.edu)

This book consists of over 900 records of plants indigenous to Arizona. Each record contains a detailed photograph along with a description of the plant's common and scientific name, its height, presence and color of flowers, blooming season, elevation and description of its habitat, and additional comments on the species.

The book is organized by type of plant. There are four sections of descriptions of angiosperms, organized by the color of the flower produced by the plant. The book features color-coded tabs, which somewhat correspond to the color of the plant's flowers.

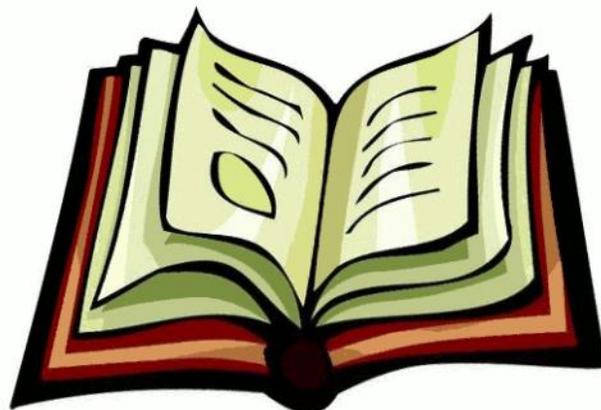
After the descriptions of the angiosperms, the authors provide descriptions of the various cacti found in Arizona. The [Saguaro cactus](#), the largest in the U.S., is the first description featured in this section. The book's description indicates that this cactus grows at a slow rate but can have a longevity of 150 to 200 years.

The next section features gymnosperms. The first plant described in this section is the Arizona Cypress. The author notes that this plant is an evergreen and can be found in canyons and slopes at elevations of 3,500 to 5,500 feet.

There is an index for this volume, but it does not include references to regions of the state. There is some discussion of the regional plant life in the preface section titled "Arizona's Life Zones." Following this section in the preface, there is an extensive listing of plant family descriptions.



The clear photographs and detailed descriptions make this an excellent book to take with you on hikes through Arizona. The color-coded tabbing also make it great for easy reference. On the back of the book, there is a small ruler in inches and centimeters that botanical explorers can use to measure the plant life they encounter.





***Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk*** (MacGillivray Freeman Films, 2009). Available for rent on Netflix and available for purchase on Amazon.

For those who might have time to venture to see the Grand Canyon, the cinematography of this film gives you just a preview of the beauty of the area. But, this DVD also packs a message on water conservation as well as documenting the rafting trip of these modern-day explorers down the length of the Colorado River as it flows through the Grand Canyon.

Robert Redford begins the narration of this film by noting the worldwide shortage of fresh water and how that shortage has hit the Southwest United States. He notes that the Colorado River, the river that cut through rock to form the Grand Canyon over the many years, is now one of the most threatened rivers in the world.

Redford then introduces Wade Davis, the narrator for the remainder of the film. Davis researched and wrote a [book](#) on the natural history of the Colorado River, and he and his daughter, Tara, were among the participants of this expedition.

Davis notes that 75 percent of the Colorado River's water comes from the snow pack of the Rocky Mountains. Unfortunately, natural and manmade actions have altered the river's flow and ecology.

Dams along the Colorado River have formed reservoirs, but they have also changed the ecology of the Colorado River. For example, water released from the dam is now colder and threatens fish accustomed to a warmer climate. Rainfall in the Southwest U.S. has been declining for about a century.

The reservoirs are also being depleted by increased water consumption. Eighty percent of the water from the Colorado River is used for growing crops. Farmers have no incentive to conserve because they do not pay a lot for water use. At the current rate of expansion in the Southwest, there will not be enough water to sustain future growth.

Robert Kennedy Jr., known for his work in water conservation through the organization [Waterkeeper Alliance](#), was also part of the rafting expedition. He recalled the changes in the environment of the Colorado River from when he explored the area with his family as a child.

Davis also compared the photographs taken during this expedition with those taken by John Wesley Powell during his trip in 1869. He found the water levels of the river had decreased dramatically.

Davis noted that only 8 percent of the water of the Colorado River ever reaches Mexico today. During the final credits, trip participants give some suggestions for conserving water every day.

## Chair's Column (continued from page 1)

Even with Phoenix quickly approaching, we are also looking ahead to SLA 2018 in Baltimore. I will continue to serve as lead conference planner in the absence of a Chair-Elect. Please contact me with any ideas for session topics or division meetings.

Thank you all for your interest and membership in ERMD and I hope to see you in Phoenix! Bring your sunscreen!

## Phoenix videos (continued from page 3)

Interview with Cindy Dach, Changing Hands Bookstores(2014), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPR628op2Cw>

--Ms. Dach talks about the innovations of her Changing Hands bookstores (<http://www.changinghands.com/changinghandsphoenix>). Stores in Phoenix and nearby Tempe. Browse the books and have a beer, no really. Check out the food and drink menu on the store's web site.

Scott's Marketplace Cash Mob at Dog Eared Pages Used Books (2013), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4K5Qhlas8Y>

AND

Barbara Allan, Dog Eared Pages Book Store in Phoenix (2014) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1U3aTjEH5BI>

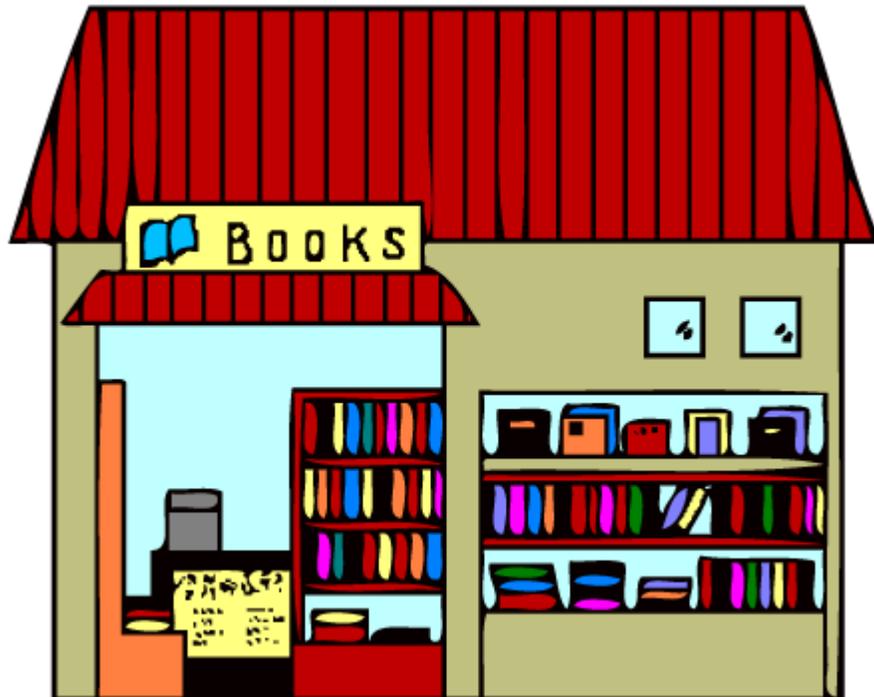
--These two videos feature Dog Eared Pages Used Book at 16428 N 32nd St # 111 in Phoenix.

Bilingual bookstore opens in Phoenix (2016), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGHfBHtGOVg>

AND

Palabras Bookstore—More Than a Bookstore (2016), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B94MdJM\\_DgQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B94MdJM_DgQ)

--These two videos feature Palabras Libreria at 1738 E McDowell R in Phoenix. (<http://palabrasbookstore.com/>)





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*ERMD News* needs volunteer reporters to cover the following sessions:

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Sun. June 18, 9-10 am.
- Water in the Southwest,  
Mon., June 19, 9-10 am
- Food & Medicine from the Desert  
Mon., June 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Please email me with your name, contact info, and session you plan to cover for the *ERMD News*. If you can copy the list so we don't have two reporters covering the same session, that would great. Thank you for your help.

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