Author to Reveal How Climate Change Impacts Native Gardening, April 3 in Jemez Springs, NM

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—Author, teacher and professional landscape designer, Judith Phillips, will reveal how climate change can impact native gardens and how to garden using New Mexico’s native plants to create aesthetic appeal during a talk on Sunday, April 3 from 1–3 p.m. at the Jemez Springs Presbyterian Church in Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

Phillips will provide strategies for dealing with greater extremes that the Southwest, especially, is seeing resulting from climate change. Phillips says that warmer winter temperatures are causing native plants to respond differently than they used to, so learning to understand where one lives and how the environment is changing is important.

“With deluges of rain or months without it, New Mexico plants particularly are feeling the impact,” said Phillips. “Plants now need more water or are dying back from the cold so, for forested areas, that can mean that trees and shrubs are drying out quicker and become susceptible to bark beetles that kill them. I will provide strategies on how to do things like harvest rain and water strategies that can help keep plants healthy for gardens and native landscape.”

Admission to the lecture is $15 which will directly benefit the Jemez Springs Public Library. The lecture is sponsored by the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library.

Phillips will share how to incorporate colorful native New Mexican plants, which require very little water to maintain, to create a beautiful xeric garden. She will discuss efficient use of water, how to design resilience into the garden, land contouring and paving the way to resilience using hard surfaces.

Phillips is the author of several books including, Growing the Garden Southwest, New Mexico Gardener’s Guide, Southwestern Landscaping with Native Plants, Natural by Design and Plants for Natural Gardens. Phillips’ books will be available for sale at the event.

Phillips is a part time faculty member in the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of New Mexico. Phillips also owns Design Oasis design services. More information on Phillips can be found at http://www.judithphillipsdesignoasis.com/.

The Jemez Springs Public Library, which the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library support, offers monthly programs and events including “Movie Night,” “Little
Ducklings” for preschoolers, a summer reading program and more. The library has an extensive collection of rare books and works on display from late author Tony Hillerman.

For more information about the library or the Village of Jemez Springs, visit www.jemezsprings.org.

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