

# #RepresentationMatters on International Women's Day!



Some information to learn more about these incredible women!

[Breaking Ground: Pioneering Women in Botany & Public Horticulture](#)

By Zach Evans

[The Pioneering Female Botanist Who Sweetened a Nation and Saved a Valley](#)

By Leila McNeill

[Woman of Firsts: Marie Clark Taylor](#)

By Lucy Dinsmore via Women in Horticulture

[Centuries Later, America's First Female Botanist Lives On in a Community Garden](#)

By Sabrina Imbler via Atlas Obscura

[Ynés Mexía: Mexican-American Botanist and Adventurer](#) PBS (video)

[Ynes Mexia](#) via National Park Service

[The Early Feminist Who Used Botany to Teach Kids About Sex](#)

By Leila McNeill

[Gardening Clubs, Fertile Ground for Women's Activism](#)

Via the the National Women's History Museum

## *About the project logo & the Latina-led nonprofit*



The image was inspired by the indigenous plant fertility spirits created by the Otomi people of Mexico through the ancient tradition of amate paper making from the pulp of the fig and mulberry trees. The nopal was chosen for its important role in our ecosystem and because it is one of the most sustainable, nourishing, and resilient crops in the world.

The nopal or nōpalli is not only an ancient symbol of Mexican culture, but is also a cultural reference that has been flipped by those who are proud to wear “el nopal en la frente” (the nopal on our forehead) and honor our Mexican roots.

Founded on March 8, 2001, Arte Sana (art heals) is a national 501 (c)(3) Latina-led nonprofit based in Texas. The Plants & People / Plantas y Gente initiative was launched by Arte Sana in 2022 to reaffirm and restore our relationships with indigenous plants by remembering and relearning their original names, as well as their ancestral medicinal and cultural significance.

## *2022 summary of activities & resources developed*



- ❖ The first Dripping Springs Earth Day Proclamation recognized local and state conservation groups.
- ❖ **Lights out, Texas! ¡Apaga las luces, Texas!** social media toolkit Spanish language translation was facilitated by networking with Hays County Friends of the Night Sky.
- ❖ An [Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Board Development Reading List](#) & [EDI Reading & Resource List](#) were developed and shared with leadership of the Native Plant Society of Texas.
- ❖ The [Green Juneteenth Reading List](#) was supported and shared by local conservation groups.
- ❖ An original graphic was created and included in a bilingual social media post for #LatinoConservationWeek
- ❖ The [Our Raíces \(roots\): A Latin American Naturalist Reading & Resource List](#) was compiled for Latin American Heritage Month 2022