

## **Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition continues effort to save the Castner Range**

Members of the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition are gearing up for another Poppies Celebration this year to help gain public support for long term protection of the Castner Range. The event is planned for Saturday, March 15 from 10 AM to 6 PM at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road.

### Free Admission and Family Fun!

Enjoy nature talks and walks, wildlife displays, educational exhibits, demonstrations from 10 AM to 3 PM and, live music, spirits, and dancing from 3 PM to 6 PM. Invited guests include Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Silvestre Reyes, and local elected officials. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the beauty of the mountains and the [Mexican poppies](#) during this fun FREE event. Participating organizations include El Paso Museum of Archaeology ([www.elpasotexas.gov/arch\\_museum/](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/)), El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS, [www.epas.com/](http://www.epas.com/)), and Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, (FMWC, [www.franklinmountains.org/](http://www.franklinmountains.org/)). For more Information: 755-4332 or [www.franklinmountains.org](http://www.franklinmountains.org).

From 3 – 6 PM there will be Tequila Tasting at the Archaeology Museum. They will sell tickets for very small tastes (delicious) with profits going to the museum.

FMWC is asking people to write a note on a special poppies postcard asking Senator Hutchinson to protect the poppies and preserve Castner Range. They then plan to collect all the postcards and give them to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson during the Poppies Celebration March 15, 2008. The postcards will be put in a photo book.

There are four different postcard pictures coming in packets of 20 cards. Postcards are available by contacting: Judy Ackerman, 3344 Eileen Dr., El Paso, TX 79904 915-755-7371 or Scott Cutler, 112 Colina Alta, El Paso, TX 79912, Work: 915-747-6668, Home: 915-581-6071. All postcards need to be returned by March 5, 2008. If you want to keep the postcards for your personal use, they are \$1.00 each