

CROSS TIMBERS CHAPTER

of the NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY of TEXAS*****

To Promote the Conservation, Research & Use of Native Plants & Plant Habitats of Texas through Education, Outreach & Example*****

Greetings From the President

Greetings from the north land! Glad most of you live south of us, cause it's COLD today.

As of today I have one New Years resolution left to break and I will have that out of the way for the year.

John Snowden brought out a new perspective in the Native Plant Landscape, besides color, texture, variety, etc. with Native Grasses we also add MOVEMENT. We went home, observed and took note of our grasses, and how they added another dimension to the landscape.

If anyone is considering building a hoop green house, we have access to a tube bender. It would take a couple of weeks to make the arrangements.

There is not much other news on the horizon. The plant raffle went well, so if you have a plant you would like to donate to help us out, go for it. See you all in February. Stay warm and safe.
Duane

Kate Hillhouse: Kate passed away on Jan. 3rd. For those of you who didn't know Kate, she was the NPSOT president for 1992-1993. There will be a memorial service on Sunday, January 27 in Livingston.

Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2007—

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

By president Duane Smith.

Old Business- Although it was discussed at the November 2007 meeting to donate money to our speakers to help defray the cost of fuel, no action was taken on the issue. To settle the issue, Jerry Reedy made a motion, seconded by Linda Morgan, to give \$25.00 to help defray the cost of fuel. Motion passed. We also agreed to initiate the plant raffle again as a way to raise additional funds.

The propagation class last fall went really well. Another one is being planned in the spring.

Diane Bleau reported on the Azle Library project. It is on hold at present as several issues are being dealt with, such as upcoming classes and a target date for planting.

Our web page is looking great, thanks to web master Bill Hopkins.

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New Business-Duane announced new phone numbers where he can be reached. Work number is 817 884-1857, cell number is 817 312-2434.

He will no longer have a home phone number.

Lee Ann Nave brought packets with goodies and info from Clark Garden

We are pleased to announce that one of our own, Bill Hopkins, now holds the office of secretary at the state level for NPSOT. Way to go Bill! We thought his wife Trish could represent us for any complaints!

Eileen Porter passed the sheet around for volunteers for refreshments for the year.

Guest speaker, John Snowden, was introduced by Jan Daniels. John is owner and operator of Bluestem Nursery in Arlington. Mr. Snowden gave a very informative presentation on native drought tolerant grasses for water conservation. He handed out material on these grasses, identifying species and their requirements. A sheet on ornamental grass references was included. The program was very educational and enjoyed by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Kate Measures, Secretary

Plant of the Month:

Ilex decidua or Possum haw is showing it's bright fruit this month. There are all kinds of information about this popular native on the internet. Our local Stuart Nursery has this holly for the January "plant of the month". It's known for the multitude and persistent fruit the females carry from fall thru the winter. If purchased from a nursery these will be female clones of a particular variety. In order to have a good "set" of fruit we need to have a sufficient population of male plants for ample pollination. Without that mature male plant out there along the side of the road we may be lucky to have such beauty this winter. Jerry Reedy



Perennials for Parks and Wildlife:

The following is a list of Perennial plants I ran across that is recommended food for animals. They are also hardy and are good for soil erosion. Most are supposed to be native to Parker County but I stand to be corrected. I am always looking for native plants that have these attributes for a landowner that has enough acreage for wildlife and is trying to save the soil and our native plants.

- 1)--Blackberries-dewberries *rubus* spp
- 2)--Maximilian sunflower-*Helianthus maximiliani*
- 3)--Vine-mesquite-*Panicum obtusum*.
- 4)--Yellow indiagrass-*Sorghastrum nutans*
- 5)--Prairie cord grass *Spartina pectinata*
- 6)--American elderberry *Sambucus canadensis*
- 7)--Switchgrass *Panicum virgatum*
- 8)--Illinois bundle flower -*Desmanthus illinoensis*
- 9)--Chickasaw plum *prunus angustifolia*
- 10)--Side oats grama *Bouteloua curtipendula*
- 11)--ashe juniper *juniperus ashei*
- 12)--Cottonwood *populus deltoides*
- 13)--Fragrant sumac *rhus aromatica*
- 14)--Virginia creeper *parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- 15)--Broom sedge bluestem *Andropogon virginicus*
- 16)--winged elm *ulmus alata*
- 17)--Water smartweed *Polygonum amphibium*
- 18)--coralberry *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*
- 19)--Round head bush clover *Lespedeza capitata*
- 20)--Dotted smartweed *Polygonum punctatum*
- 21)--Trumpet honeysuckle *Lonicera sempervirens*
- 22)--Little bluestem *Schizachyrium scoparium*
- 23)--Purpletop *Tridens flauus*
- 24)--Pecan *Carya illinoensis*
- 25)--Rusty Black haw *Viburnum rufidulum*
- 26)--Riverbank grape *Vitis riparia*
- 27)--American beautyberry *Callicarpa Americana*
- 28)--Texas persimmon *Diospyros texana*
- 29)--Mustang grape *Vitis mustangensis*
- 30)--Farkleberry *Vaccinium --arboreum*
- 31)--Red mulberry *Morus rubra*
- 32)--Texas mulberry *Morus microphylla*
- 33)--Broadleaf wood oats *Chasmanthium latifolium*
- 34)--Pinchot juniper *Juniperus pinchotii*
- 35)--Blue grama *Bouteloua gracilis*
- 36)--Green sprangletop *Leptochloa dubia*

- 37)--Honey mesquite *Prosopis glandulosa v. glandulosa*
 - 38)--Buffalo grass *Buchloe dactyloides*
 - 39)--Desert willow *Chilopsis linearis*
 - 40)--Common persimmon *Diospyros virginiana*
 - 41)--Lotebush *Zizyphus obtusifolia*
 - 42)--Possum-haw (deciduous holly) *Ilex decidua*
 - 43)--Smooth sumac *Rhus glabra*
 - 44)--Common honey locust *Gleditsia triacanthos*
 - 45)--Sugar hackberry (sugarberry) *Celtis laevigata*
 - 46)--Roughleaf dogwood *Cornus drummondii*
 - 47)--Chinkapin oak *Quercus muhlenbergii*
 - 48)--Hairy grama *Bouteloua hirsuta*
 - 49)--Frost grape *Vitis cordifolia*
 - 50)--Agarito *Mahonia trifoliolata*
 - 51)--American elm *Ulmus americana*
 - 52)--Slippery elm *Ulmus rubra*
 - 53)--Cedar elm *Ulmus crassifolia*
 - 54)--Swamp privet *Forestiera acuminata*
 - 55)Chittamwood *Bumelia lanuginosa*
 - 56)--Sedges *carex* spp.
 - 57)--White clover *Trifolium repens*
 - 58)--Common greenbriar *Smilax rotundifolia*
 - 59)--Inland ceanothus (redroot) *Ceanothus herbaceus*
- Jerry Reedy

CROSS TIMBERS Member Perks 10% discount at Stuart's Nursery

CROSS TIMBERS Meetings

We meet Second Thursday of the month except July-Aug & Dec at the Harberger Hill Community Building 701 Narrow St. in Weatherford, Texas Social at 6:30 P.M.

Come to Order at 7:00 P.M.

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