

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*****

This Meeting

The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) resumes its regularly scheduled meetings at 6:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 11, after a two month summer hiatus.

Greetings From the President

Greetings friends,

We hope everyone had a good summer vacation. It sure went fast. Just ask the kids.

Our next meeting will be September 11th. We are looking forward to seeing each of you!

Election of officers will taking place at our November meeting, so we will be asking for three people to step forward and serve on the Nominating Committee. If you would consider serving in this capacity, please let me know.

If any office interests you, please let me know.

The Cross Timbers chapter was invited to attend and participate in a planning meeting with the Denton chapter for the 2010 symposium. Vice President, Jan Daniels, and Eileen Porter represented us. There will be a report found in this newsletter also.

I would personally like to thank Jan and Eileen for taking time out of their busy schedule to handle this meeting. We do appreciate you so much.

Recently our Pastor made mention that I was involved with the Native Plant Society. A family approached me with the request that we aid his son with a school project requiring samples of native plants. We were thrilled to help. He was required to have 25 exhibits. We were able to provide about 40 species from our property. That is what being involved with any club is to help the people! Opportunities abound and we need to be ready when they come our way.

See you on the 11th,
Duane

“How to on symposium 2010”

In August various members of Natural Plant Society met in Plano for a “How to on symposium 2010”.

Collectively, it was envisioned that the 2010 symposium will seek presentations from and for (but not limited to) growers, neighborhood associations, city staff, developers, builders, farmers, ranchers, landscape personnel, landscape architects, nurseries, corporations, botanical gardens, conservation and

non-profit groups, Habitat for Humanity, Master Naturalists, city council members, gardening editors in local newspapers and anyone needing continuing education credits.

Any group that can help us get the message out is fair game. We must do something and quickly to save our natural heritage. We must begin to educate any and all who love to play in the dirt, that we must save as much water and as many of our natural plants, as quickly and efficiently as we possibly can. The broader the contact spectrum - - - the louder the message. The louder the message, the more people will begin to pay attention and ask questions and try new things in their world of gardening.

Our basic theme was collectively decided and the following will be the heralded cry for 2010 - - -

“Save Texas One Landscape at a Time: Our Native Plants Light the Future”

A call has gone out from the meeting for each and every chapter to select some one area to participate in on a collective basis. Opportunities to volunteer as a club are as follows:

- Finance/(Trinity Forks) (Budget, silent auction, sponsors, exhibitors, hotels, meeting site)
- Events/(open) (Thurs, Fri, Sat nights)
- Education & Programs/(open) (Speakers, field trips, workshops, tours)
- Communications/ (open) (Graphic design, all printed materials website, publicity and advertising)
- Hospitality/(open) (Housing options, art or photo contest, T-shirts, decorations, welcome bag)
- Logistics/Trinity Forks (Signage, registration, coordinate facilities and volunteers, handbook editor)
- On-Site Jobs/(open) (Speaker equipment coordinator, photographer, hospitality table, registration table, miscellaneous)

As you will note, Trinity Forks has already garnered two of the stations. The others are open for selection by the remaining chapters. If you want our chapter to be a part of an exciting direction that the whole state will be moving – then you need to make your choice known and soon.

You need to indicate to Duane Smith at the very next meeting, where you feel our chapter can contribute. We must have time to step up and begin to exchange paper work and ideas with the rest of the working chapters for the success of this already imposing symposium.

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If handled correctly --- this symposium has the potential to impact as no other has done on the future of Texas in the rescue, propagation and continuation of Texas most valuable assets:

---WATER RESOURCES AND NATURAL PLANTS.

How about it??? Will you be counted as one who pioneered in another Texas Success???

Jan Daniels -Vice President -Cross Timbers

NPSOT Annual State Meeting and Fall

Symposium

"The Big Thicket"

October 16-19, 2008

Will be headquartered in Beaumont at the

Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza

3950 I-10 South & Walden Road

For reservations, call 409.842.5995 or 888.465.4329.

Ask for special room rate for Native Plant Society of Texas

Special room rates are:

\$90 plus tax for Double or King

\$100 plus tax for Corporate Suite (King bed & sleeper sofa)

\$110 plus tax for Executive Suite (2 rooms, bedroom & sitting/work) Bill Hopkins

From Heard Garden And Sanctuary News

Roger Sanderson, formerly the Curator and Wildlife Biologist at the Heard, was promoted to his new position as Director of Botanic Gardens and Wildlife Biologist. With this new title came new responsibilities, including coordinating and creating new designs for gardens and plantings around the buildings and making sure that they are implemented.

To enhance the existing collection of gardens, Roger has formed new plans for them. Certain to become an important educational resource, he is creating a Sanctuary Garden outside the backdoors of the museum to illustrate many of the species that visitors will encounter on our trails. The Cactus/Desert Garden in front of the SRC that was begun many years ago will be revitalized. Additionally, the entrance to the SRC will be improved with a new landscape design.

Establishing a better first impression for visitors, Roger is also designing an impressive formal entrance to the museum on Country Club Drive (FM 1378) and a newly landscaped area around the front gate area.

Sanderson plans to return the Native Plant Garden to only those plants that are native to Texas.

Currently, this garden hosts a few non-native but drought resistant varieties. This change will provide inspiration to those garden enthusiasts looking for ecologically friendly ideas for their own landscapes!

After all of these projects have been completed, Roger also plans to extensively label garden and trail plants.

This project will make these resources an even more valuable educational experience for visitors.

These projects require resources and time, and the Heard will need your manual and financial support to accomplish this. Financial contributions are necessary to achieve each of these projects. The Heard is a 501(c)(3) organization and therefore contributions to the museum are tax-deductible.

Volunteers who are willing to donate their time are also important to these projects. For information on becoming a Heard Native Plant Garden Volunteer or Nature Sanctuary Restoration Volunteer, please consult our website where you can find an application as well as further descriptions of these opportunities.

Also, be sure to check out our annual Fall Plant Sale, October 10-12, 2008. This year we hope to provide more diversity and perhaps more of some popular plants. The Members Only Sale will be Friday, October 10, 4 to 7 p.m. The sale is open to the public Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th.

<http://www.heardmuseum.org>

Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Jan Daniels in the absence of President Duane Smith.

A short business meeting followed. We were reminded of the election of officers in the fall, and to keep in mind those whom we felt would serve. Eileen Porter asked for a description of the offices to be filled and their responsibilities be email to her.

The future of the organization was discussed at length, with input from several members.

The program for the evening was to be presented by a representative from Clark Gardens, who was a no show for the second time this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Kate Measures, Secretary

Invasive Plants

The program begins at 6:30 pm presented by Marilyn Sallee, Coordinator for the Cross Timbers Invaders, Texas Invaders Program, administered by LBJ Wildflower Center. The Cross Timbers Invaders is the largest and most active chapter of the Texas Invaders program; they identify and track the spread of invasive plants in Texas. They have partnered in reporting and removal of invasive plants with the City of Ft Worth, Arlington, and the Army Corps of Engineers, as well as many individual property owners. The Plant Wise program is allied with the Texas Invaders program, offering education to homeowners about alternatives to invasive plants.

Learn how to help track the location and spread of invasive plants in Texas. Invasive species threaten native plants and native plant communities.

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After habitat destruction, invasive species are the single largest cause of native plant extinction.

The rate at which new, potentially invasive, species are being introduced is increasing. They threaten crop production, erode forest productivity, and ruin our waterway's ecosystems.

There are many invasive plants, grasses, and trees in our area. Tracking invasive plants can be done when you are out hiking trails, driving down country roads or strolling through city parks.

Watch for Chinaberry tree, Chinese Tallow Tree or Chaste Tree along roads and walkways. Dandelions and Dallisgrass, Bermuda grass and Nutgrass sedge, Chinese Honeysuckle and Japanese Privet, Giant Reed and Mimosa, and even the common Nandina - they are all non-native invasive plants and we need to track how they are spreading.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about invasive plants. The general public is invited and light refreshments will be served.

Richard & Eileen Porter

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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