

SAVE THE DATE!!!

5th Annual Wildscapes Workshop

Better Basics: Backyards, Birds & Butterflies

Presented by the Fredericksburg Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas

When: September 11, 2010
Registration & Plant Sale opens at 8:00 am
Seminars 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Garden Tour 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Where: United Methodist Church
1800 North Llano Street
Fredericksburg, TX

The 5th Annual Wildscapes Workshop promises to be bigger and better than ever. This year's theme, **Better Basics: Backyards, Birds & Butterflies**, will take a comprehensive look at using native plants to provide a sustainable environment that will attract the local wildlife to your landscape. Our speakers will show you how to expand your living space by building outdoor "rooms" using native plants and hardscape.

Kelly Bender - wildlife biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and author of *Texas Wildscapes*, will explain what wildscapes are and why they are important to our environment.

Rufus Stephens - wildlife biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will identify the native plants that attract birds to your landscape.

Cathy Nordstrom - landscape designer, and owner of San Souci Gardens nursery, will show how to bring water into gardens with natural or rain-fed water features.

Kathy Lyles - of the Native Plant Society of Texas, will share which native plants serve as nursery and food plants for caterpillars and butterflies.

The cost of \$30.00 for NPSOT members (\$35.00 for non-members) will include morning snack and lunch, along with afternoon tours of gardens that exemplify the information taught during the seminars. Raffles, a big door prize and a silent auction to raise money for the local chapter will be ongoing throughout the day. Several local nurseries will be selling hard-to-find native plants and the volunteers from the Fredericksburg Chapter will be selling even harder-to-find books about native plants.

Registration will start this summer. More information will be released on our website at www.npsot.org/Fredericksburg as it becomes available or contact Lynn Sample at 830-889-1331.