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# The Grama Gazette

Newsletter of the Native Plant Society of Texas  
Garland Chapter

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## Side Oats Notes

Happy New Year! to one and all.

I hope everyone stayed warm during our cold snap last week. Hopefully our plants will fare well thru the winter...and if not...we will set some more out.

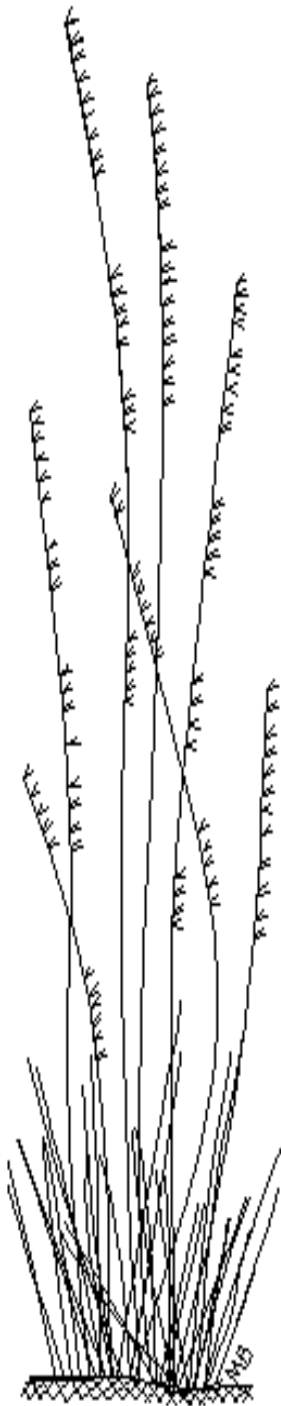
I look forward to seeing everyone at our chapter meeting this Sunday. Jim Varnum will be the speaker, just as he was last January.

Jim is a well-known and dedicated Master Naturalist in our area. His love and knowledge of Native Plants is boundless.

We will introduce the 2010 officers and kick off a great new year.

Thanks for supporting our chapter,

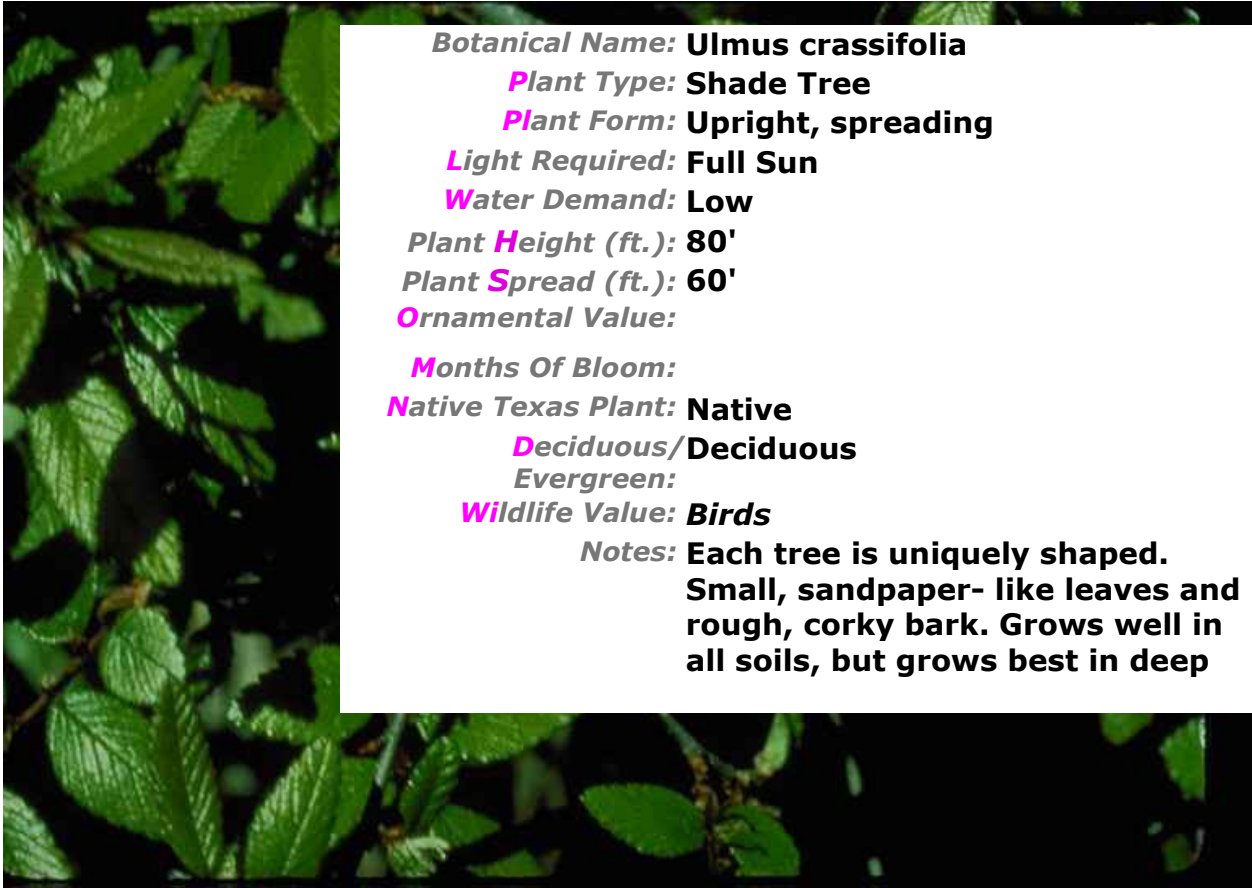
Derrell  
President



**Sideoats Grama**  
(*Bouteloua curtipendula*)  
Enjoys full sun;  
grows two to three feet tall  
with attractive seed heads on  
one side of the stem;  
attracts birds and butterflies;

# Cedar Elm

Photo provided by: Randy Weston, Weston Gardens Inc.



**Botanical Name:** *Ulmus crassifolia*

**Plant Type:** Shade Tree

**Plant Form:** Upright, spreading

**Light Required:** Full Sun

**Water Demand:** Low

**Plant Height (ft.):** 80'

**Plant Spread (ft.):** 60'

**Ornamental Value:**

**Months Of Bloom:**

**Native Texas Plant:** Native

**Deciduous/Deciduous**

**Evergreen:**

**Wildlife Value:** Birds

**Notes:** Each tree is uniquely shaped. Small, sandpaper- like leaves and rough, corky bark. Grows well in all soils, but grows best in deep



Go to [North Central Texas Smartscape®](#) for tips and information on how to :

- Conserve water and save money on water bills
- Beautify your home and local environment
- Attract butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife
- Prevent and help reduce storm water pollution

The link is also on our chapter website. You will find a Water Conservation Guide, a photo gallery of water smart gardens, a calendar of events and classes, native plant lists, maintenance tips and much more.

Please join us for our January meeting of the NPSOT, Garland Chapter, Featuring:

Jim Varnum,  
Master Naturalist  
Presenting

## “The Wonderful World of Leaves”

January 17, 2010  
Meeting/Question & Answer Time at 2 pm  
Program begins at 2:30 pm  
Rohde's Nature Store and Nursery  
1651 Wall Street  
Garland  
972-864-4445

Please bring a friend!

## Community Events

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**Texas Discovery Gardens:** 214-428-7476 or visit the website at [www.texasdiscoverygardens.org](http://www.texasdiscoverygardens.org)

Now open daily from 10 am to 5 pm (with the exception of New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). The last Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House & Insectarium admission is sold at 4:15 pm daily. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 3-11, and free for ages 2 and under.

### Organic University: Garden Planning Timeline

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010

**Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm

**Cost:** \$20, \$16 for members

**Enjoy the first in this series of classes on all things organic!** Organic University is a series of gardening classes that utilizes the whole urban ecosystem to create organic vegetable and butterfly gardens utilizing native and adapted plants. You can take just one class or complete all 9 classes to earn the Organic University Certificate from Texas Discovery Gardens. If you miss a class, you can always make it up next year to compete the series.

For this one, plan your 2010 Gardening Calendar. To register, call Barb at 214-428-7476 x 343 or email [Booking](#).

### Fascinating World of Tea Workshop

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010

**Time:** 10 am to 11 am at Gardens; 11 am to noon optional field trip to 'Cultured Cup.'

**Cost:** \$20, \$16 for members

Our tea garden walk proved so popular we've expanded it into a workshop with tea samples, a lively discussion on types of tea, and an optional field trip to the Cultured Cup tea shop. To register, call Barb at 214-428-7476 x 343 or email [Booking](#).

### Organic University: Propagation

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010

**Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm

**Cost:** \$20, \$16 for members

Grow your own plants from cuttings.... It's fun, cheap and easy! Learn to propagate plants at home using easy-to-learn, easy-to-employ methods that can save you money when starting a garden. To register, call Barb at 214-428-7476 x 343 or email [Booking](#).

## *Minutes of the November 2009 Meeting*

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The November meeting of the Garland Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, the annual Holiday party, was held November 22nd, 2009 at the home of Derrell Dixon. It was a beautiful November afternoon and Derrell took the group on a tour of his garden.

Derrell opened a short business meeting. He passed out copies of the state organization financial statements and told the group a little bit more about the state conference he attended this year. We discussed how we might be able to help the Denton Chapter when they host the State Conference next October 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Derrell will contact them and solidify what we can do to help.

The next order of business was the election of a slate of officers for the year 2010.

The newly elected officers are:

President:	Derrell Dixon
President Elect/Programs	Susan Anderson
Treasurer	May Foreman
Secretary	Nellann Roberts
Newsletter Editor	Ray Prevott
Webmaster	Barbara Merry
Historian	Shauna Feely
Publicity	Kim Uhlmann
Membership	Diane Glass

Discussion followed about how we might increase our membership (each of us reach out to 5 like minded individuals) and retain existing members. Derrell closed the meeting and members enjoyed the refreshments.

Glenda McCune,  
Secretary

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## Join the Native Plant Society of Texas

Membership is renewable annually and extends for a year from the date we receive your original payment. If you wish to join or renew your membership, mail this form and the appropriate remittance, to:

**Native Plant Society of Texas  
P.O. Box 3017  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830/997-9272**

[http://www.npsot.org/application/join\\_npsot.html](http://www.npsot.org/application/join_npsot.html)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student.....\$15.00                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior citizen (65+).....\$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple (one member 65+) ..... | \$30.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual .....                     | \$25.00   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting.....                      | \$500.00  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime.....                        | \$1000.00   |

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New  Renewal  Address Change

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

For IRS income tax purposes, the full amount of your NPSOT membership dues is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

*The purpose of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to promote the conservation, research and utilization of the native plants and plant habitats of Texas, through education, outreach and example.*



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