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Happy New Year Native Plant Lovers!

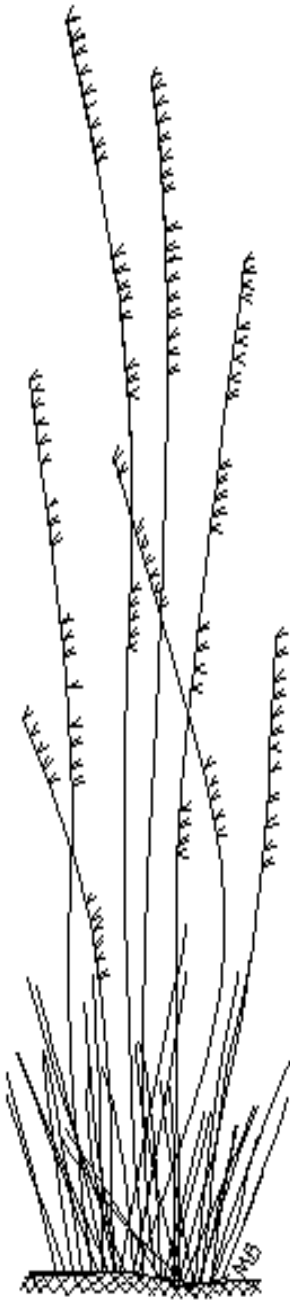
We have implemented a new schedule for our meetings. Our first meeting will be on March 20 to be followed by April 17, May 15, Sept 18, and Nov 20. October is being left off the calendar in order for our members a chance to attend the state symposium without the usual schedule conflict. November is still going to be our mixed holiday party and meeting which we usually hold at a member's house. The meetings March through May and September will be held at Rohde's Nursery at 2:00 for meet and greet and 2:15 for the meeting to open. You will still get a monthly newsletter so that everyone can stay in the loop with what is happening with our chapter!

Let's do a demonstration bed clean-up for Spring Creek Preserve on Saturday, January 15. Our garden is located on the western side of Holcomb Road at 1787. You may get to Holcomb from Arapaho or Highway 190. Bring gloves and your favorite garden tools! Be there at 9 am if it is not raining, if it is raining, then we will meet at the same time on Wednesday, January 19. If by any chance we are rained out both days, then we will try again in February: Saturday 13 or Wednesday 17.

I have been enjoying the winter berries of Possumhaw, *Ilex decidua* on the back roads as I have been driving around. They are such a bright and cherry red. Another way to see pretty and colorful berries at this time of year is to grow American Beautybush, *Callicarpa americana*, which has purple berries or Coralberry, *Symphoricarpos orbiculatas*, which has coral- pink to purple berries. All of these are edible for the birds. Many natives have berries and are such great plants for attracting and feeding birds that prefer berries to seed, such as the Mocking Bird.

Hopefully, you too will have an opportunity to see some spectacular natives at this time of year.

Susan Anderson
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;
Is the state grass of Texas

Minutes

The November meeting of the Garland Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, the annual Holiday party, was held November 21st, 2010 at the home of Shauna Feely. There were seven members present. We enjoyed a fantastic selection of both appetizers and desserts.

Susan Anderson opened a short business meeting. The first order of business was the election of a slate of officers for 2011. The newly elected officers are:

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| President: | Susan Anderson |
| President Elect: | Open |
| Newsletter Editor: | Ray Prevott |
| Webmaster: | Barbara Merry |
| Treasurer: | May Foreman |
| Secretary: | Kathryn Piazza |
| Historian: | Shauna Feely |
| Publicity: | Kim Uhlmann |

Susan discussed the results of the recent membership survey. We will keep the meeting on Sunday afternoons at Rohde's. Because of the decreasing attendance at the meetings it was decided to have only six meetings per year in March, April, May, September, October and the holiday party in November.

The business meeting was closed. Following that, members participated in a gift exchange of native plants provided by the chapter. Shauna took the group on a tour of her garden and showed us all the changes she has made since we were here two years ago.

Glenda McCune,
For Secretary



Our demonstration bed at Spring Creek Forest Preserve.



COMMUNITY NEW AND EVENTS

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Jim's field trips and nature walks in January from Jim Varnum's "This and That"

Jan. 8 - Birding at White Rock Lake, Dallas. Meet at Sunset Bay at 8:00 AM. See calendar, below.

Jan 15 - Birding at Cedar Ridge Preserve at 8:00 AM. See calendar, below.

Jan 15 - Winter nature walk at Cedar Ridge Preserve at 11:00 AM. See calendar below.

Jan 29 - Birding at Hagerman NWR. Meet at temporary office building at 9:00 AM. More next time.

February - Winter tree walk at Connemara Meadow, Trout Lily walk at CRP, more.

*Please join us for our meetings of the NPSOT, Garland Chapter, this year
being held in*

March, April, May, September, October and November

Meeting/Question & Answer Time at 2 pm

Program begins at 2:15 pm

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Please bring a friend!

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