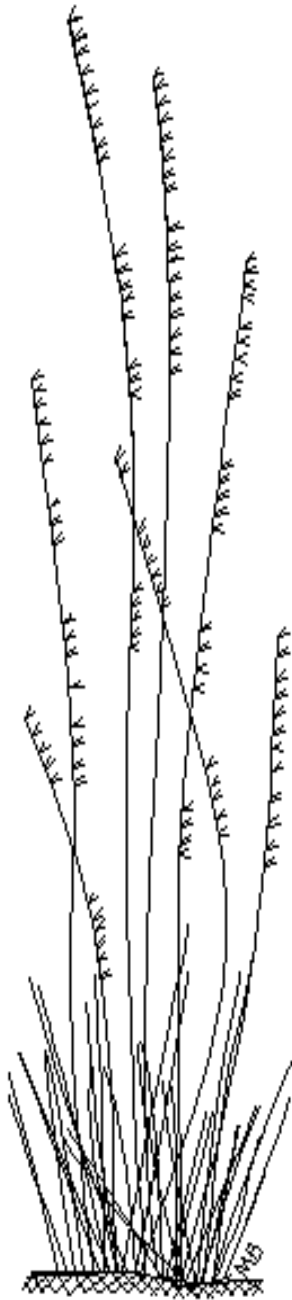


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Happy Spring Native Plant Lovers!

The Redbud and Mexican Plum trees are welcoming spring into our area, while under story coralberry and American beautyberry bushes are sporting fresh, bright-green leaves. Salvias, echinaceas, pavonia, and penstemons are all starting to sprout or are sending out new leaves. Bees, spiders, and a few butterflies are all appearing in my garden daily now. I am enjoying watching my plants come up and relish the thought of putting in a few more!

Our annual spring plant sale will be April 30th at the First Christian Church, located at 115 S. Glenbrook Drive in Garland. We will be part of the annual garage sale that the church will be holding that day. Our sale will run from 7 to 3 during the same time of the garage sale. Please bring or donate tables and shade tents as they make the sale a more pleasurable experience for the shoppers, plants, and those of us tending the plants during the sale.

This Sunday we will have Bobette Brasfield of the Texas Conservation Alliance as our speaker. Please join us to hear how we can avoid building any more reservoirs by conserving water.

April 17 we will have Chris Ebling of the Blackland Prairie Master Naturalists presenting "Native Trees of North-Central Texas and How to Identify Them".

On May 15 Jim Varnum will talk about "Wildflowers of the Blackland Prairie". After Jim's talk we will not have any meetings or speakers until the September meeting. You will still get a monthly newsletter.

Hope to see you at the meeting Sunday!

Susan Anderson

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

Our demonstration garden 2011.

This is our demonstration bed at Spring Creek Forrest Preserve on March 15, 2011. The brown, hairy plants in the middle are Little Bluestems that haven't quite greened up yet and the ball of greenery growing over the edge is pink skullcap. Nothing is blooming beyond a few weeds.



***Please join us for our meetings of the NPSOT, Garland Chapter,
this year being held in
March, April, May, September, October and November***

Our March speaker will be

Bobette Brasfield
from the Texas Conservation Alliance

Speaking on the topic

“Smarter Water for North Texas”

Explore the low-impact water supply options that will allow us to avoid the monetary and human costs associated with unnecessary new reservoirs.

Meeting/Question & Answer Time at 2 pm

Program begins at 2:15 pm

Rhode's Nature Store and Nursery
1651 Wall Street
Garland
972-864-4445

Please bring a friend!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

At Texas Discovery Gardens

Saturday, March 19, 11 am to Noon. **Garden Walk: Children's Garden Photography.**

Calling all 'budding' photographers! Discover how to photograph your spring garden and your favorite wildlife friends. Appropriate for ages 5+. Included with admission. Admission is \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, and \$4/children 3-11.

Saturday, March 26, 9 am to Noon. Composting Workshop.

Put your yard and garden trimmings to use as you prepare for your summer garden! Explore various composting techniques, earth-worms, compost tea and integrated pest management. \$60; \$48 for TDG Members.

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Speaking on the topic

**“Native Trees of North-Central Texas and
How to Identify Them”**

April Meeting

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

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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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