

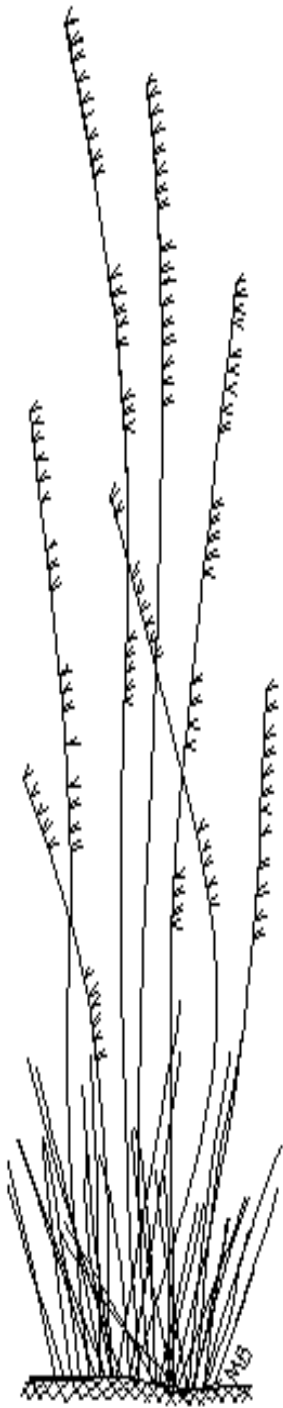
# The Grama Gazette

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Garland Chapter

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## 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

## Side Oats Notes

Greetings to members and friends alike,

Its time to end our calendar year with our last meeting of 2009.

I hope everyone will join me at my house on 11/22/09 at 2 pm for snacks, drinks and a good time with native plant lovers.

I enjoyed my term as President this past year. I had a great time lining up the speakers. I want to thank everyone that participated in the Plant Sale. Considering the weather (rainy) and the new location. I thought the Plant Sale went great. I am sure we will have an even better turnout next year.

I would like to thank our Officers: May Foreman-Treasurer, Susan Anderson and Glenda McCune - Secretaries, Barbara Merry-Webmaster, and Butch Simon our Publicity Director. These individuals are the wheels that kept our club moving.

Special thanks to Ray Prevott our Newsletter Editor. He kept me focused and on-track with his gentle e-mail reminders.

Again, I hope to see everyone in two weeks on 11/22 at 2 pm...5301 Alazan Bay Dr, Rowlett.

I will post directions.

Looking forward to 2010.

Derrell

214-282-1541

*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.*

## Community Events

### **Guided Garden Walks**

Third Saturday Garden Walks give you an in-depth look at garden ecology, maintenance strategies, and other interesting topics. Stroll through the Gardens with knowledgeable staff and local experts for about an hour and learn gardening tips and tricks.

Cost: Free with Paid Garden Admission: \$3/adults, \$1.50 for kids ages 3-11, and \$2 for seniors. Become a Garden member and enter for free!

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### **About Texas Discovery Gardens**

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*Please join us for our November*

*meeting of the*

*NPSOT,*

*Garland Chapter,*

*at the home of our president*

*Derrell Dixon*

Located at

5301 Alazan Bay Drive in Rowlett.

November 22, 2009

**Minutes for the October 18, 2009 Meeting of the Garland Chapter of the Native Plants of Texas**

Along with chapter members, a group of students from Eastland Community College met in the Red Barn at Rhode's Nursery and Nature Store. President Derrell Dixon brought the meeting to order by introducing our speaker, Laura McLarry, who is a local Certified Arborist and degreed Horticulturist.

Laura's talk was on "Tree Selection, Planting, and Establishment". She provided us with much information regarding her topic points and passed along some insider tips such as:

When tree trimming, Oncor Electrical Service has the right to take 10 feet from their lines to any point on any surrounding plants, with the larger lines needing more than that amount. They are working on trimming the most significant lines first and later the smaller ones.

When buying a tree, never buy the last one in stock or one with double or triple trunks (they grow into each other), borer holes, weird swellings on the trunk, or signs of disease. You should have a reasonably straight trunk and see the root flare.

Call 1-800-DIG-TESS for marking of underground lines at no charge.

When planting, make sure the sides of the hole are roughed up and that you never pick up the tree by its trunk. If you are planting a ball and burlap tree cut through all the wires if you can't remove them; the roots will automatically spread them.

Cut through, but you don't need to remove any circling roots to prevent them girdling the tree.

Fertilize with compost to avoid lots of nitrogen, as it will encourage top growth, not root growth, and create a greater chance of the tree being blown over.

Irrigation alone will not be adequate to water a newly planted tree: it doesn't go deep enough to saturate the root ball. Gator bags allow the trunk to stay wet: the oozing donuts are preferred.

Lignans in trees develop with movement so only stake in a windy area with a 3-point system.

The only trees that might need trunk wrap for the first year are the Red Oaks since they have thin skins that can burn easily, especially if grown in shade and then planted in sun.

Our meeting closed after a few plants brought by members were selected to take home.

"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden."-- Thomas Jefferson

## 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:

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P.O. Box 3017  
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