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Side Oats Notes

Greetings Members,

It's hard to believe this is my last presidents' letter. Writing them is the hardest part of this job for me. I don't know where this past year has gone. I've enjoyed being of service to our chapter in the various positions I've held. There are some ideas I didn't get accomplished due to time constraints, laziness, or because I thought of them too late. One is having our chapter represented at some gardening or nature events. Perhaps Donna will let me help with that next year? If I've stepped on any toes, I apologize now. Please be willing to step forward and contribute your share. There are many ways to help. I'm not the most knowledgeable or the best equipped member, so if I can do this job so can you!

My gratitude goes to all the members who have given of their time and talents this year: Donna Simon, president-elect; Carol Shoemaker, our treasurer, running for a third consecutive term as treasurer; Carol Mills, completing her second year as secretary/newsletter editor; Barbara Merry, who as webmaster has spent countless hours creating and maintaining a website we can be proud of. Barbara is planning to continue as web-master extraordinaire. Shauna Feely as the first historian in three years has updated and organized our chapter information. Mary Cariker created the monthly newsletter events calendar. Butch Simon, who helped spread the word about us with publicity, volunteered to assist in the new church garden project or the demo garden maintenance crew. Thanks also to the Simons for hosting our plant sale and all sale workers, plant contributors and purchasers for making our sale a winner. I appreciate those who have volunteered to assist in the new church garden project or the demo garden maintenance crew. Last but *not least*, my husband Marvel, who took over as hospitality person and helped behind the scenes in many ways making this chapter work better and my life easier. If I've neglected to mention someone please consider yourself thanked.

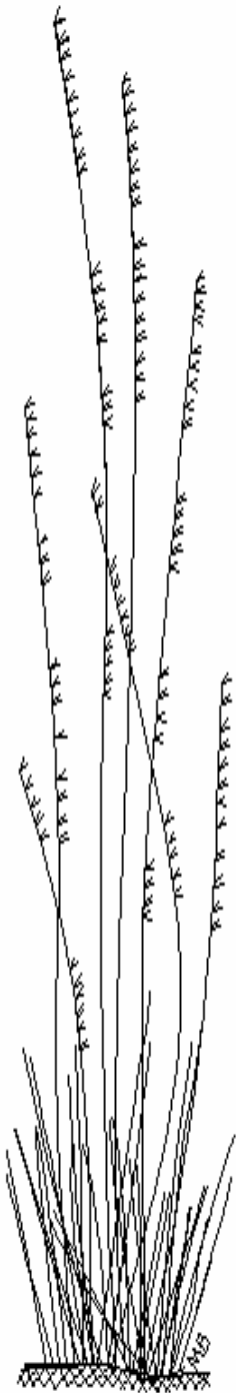
When I agreed to be president I chose my successor, Donna Simon, as president-elect because I knew she would do a good job, bringing energy and a fresh perspective to making this a better chapter. She already has some speakers scheduled. I'm pleased that when I asked Shauna, she agreed to run as the new president-elect. The president-elect takes over as president the following year and Shauna will also be an effective leader. Your other officer candidates are Mary Cariker for newsletter editor and Glenda McCune for secretary. I appreciate all of those who volunteered. We will need a new historian which entails keeping up the club scrapbook.

I got to attend my first NPSOT Fall Symposium in San Antonio last month. Now I'm sorry I missed all the previous events. It was interesting, pleasurable and fun to learn about and explore another part of Texas from people who know the area. While there, Marvel and I got to enjoy the company of some other chapter members including Derrell Dixon's son Dillon. The 2007 symposium's eco-region is the blackland prairie. The host club is Georgetown. I suggest you try to attend; you will be pleased you did.

November is our last meeting of the year. It will be held at my house. I will e-mail directions separately. We will have a very short meeting to hold chapter elections. The real purpose is to finish our year with a party. Please bring a cocktail party type dish to share. If you're cooking challenged or don't have time a purchased dish is fine. We will again play a mystery plant game so everyone will leave with a new plant funded by the club. Even if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please come to share the fellowship and good food. If you would like to bring a family member please do.

Happy Gardening,

Antonia



Sideoats Grama
(*Bouteloua curtipendula*)

Sun, attractive seed form on one side of stems, state grass of Texas, attracts birds and butterflies, two to three feet tall.

Upcoming Events

Most organizations will be having their holiday gatherings for members this time of year, but a few still have events to offer to the general public:

- **Texas Discovery Gardens**

Holiday Plant Sale, M-F 10-3pm Now through December 31st.
Visit the Texas Discovery Gardens for their holiday plant sale. They will be selling various varieties of trees, shrubs and flowering plants for all of your gifting needs. Their plants serve as great gift ideas for all occasions and ages. Feel free to call for more details and plant varieties. Ask for Beverly at 214/428-7476.



- **Spring Creek Forest Preserve**

Work Day, December 9th at 1770 Holford Rd., Garland, TX
Mark trail and visit with Tom Frey to discuss restoration of a trail vista.

Lake Ray Hubbard Christmas Bird Count, December 17th
Visit the Spring Creek Forest Preserve website for more details:
www.springcreekforest.org



November Meeting and Holiday Party



Sunday

November 19, 2006

2:00 P.M.

At Antonia and Marvel's.

*Look for Antonia's e-mail with
driving directions.*

*Thanks to Greg Rohde for allowing us to meet
at his nursery this year.*

Rohde's Nursery is located at:

1651 Wall Street

Garland, TX 75041

972/864-4445

www.beorganic.com

*Rhode's has lots of wonderful holiday gifts for
the gardeners on your list.*

Next meeting at Rohde's on January 21, 2007.



Officer Candidates for 2007

- President.....Donna Simon
- Vice PresidentShauna Feely
- Secretary.....Glenda McCune
- Treasurer.....Carol Shoemaker
- Webmaster.....Barbara Merry
- Newsletter EditorMary Carriker
- Historian..... Write-in

Correction:

The minutes of the October 2006 meeting stated that a motion to adopt the Gloria Dei church project was proposed and accepted when, in reality, it was decided that an ad hoc committee would study the project further and that the committee would then report their findings to the chapter so that the members could make a better-informed choice. No decision was made regarding this project at the October 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, clip and mail this application, along with the appropriate remittance, to :

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P.O. Box 3017
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830/997-9272

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You may also give your application and remittance to Carol Shoemaker at the next meeting. How easy is that?

