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Garland Chapter

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Greetings Native Plant Lovers!

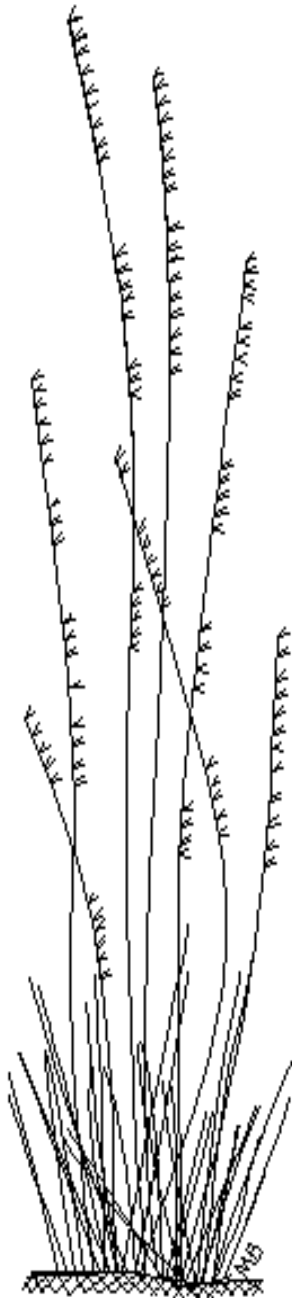
October has arrived and goldenrod is beginning to bloom as the sunflowers are still showing their sunny faces. Many grasses are also blooming with seed heads such as grama grass, side oats grama, and little bluestem while others are beginning to show the early stages of their plumes, as bottlebrush bluestem is about to. Obviously, this is a very abbreviated list of what is blooming out there, but I am sure the gardens and wild spaces you see are beginning to show their fall coloration, whether it is in the foliage, flowers, seed heads, or berries that are beginning to emerge.

We are also on the cusp of seeing greater quantities of monarchs as their migration usually comes through here around October 14th. Not all monarchs will be part of that migration, as some of them remain here over the winter in chrysalis form to emerge in the spring. Our local *Asclepias viridis*, Green Antelopehorn, is a great plant to have in your garden and it is a popular choice as a host plant. Don't be surprised if any of your milkweeds have eggs or caterpillars and remember that these will become the overwintering butterflies! Since they will emerge in the springtime, it is a good reason to have nectar and host plants available to them at that time.

Unfortunately, not every plant is desirable. We will be having a guest speaker from the Blackland Prairie Invaders Group at our October 16 meeting to educate us about the undesirable plants that are popping up in our region. Perhaps this will help you to identify something the birds have sown for you, or perhaps it will save you from planting it yourself in the future.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Susan Anderson, Chapter 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



Texas Discovery Gardens is hosting the Green Exhibit at the State Fair of Texas®. Discover ways to increase your family's sustainability and reduce your environmental footprint!

When: From Sept. 30, 2011 through Oct. 23, 2011

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Highlights:

Daily butterfly releases at **10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**

Monarch tagging demonstrations at **11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.**

DFW Truck Farm Storytime at **1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.**

The Texas Discovery Gardens **Green Exhibit** celebrates fun, easy ways to live more sustainably. Multiple vendors will be on hand with natural treats, eco-friendly transportation, and more.

Sculptures and paintings throughout Texas Discovery Gardens connect art with nature, featuring the work of Silvia Thornton, Anne Neal, Dan and Lori Dudley, student sculptors at El Centro College's Bill J. Priest Campus, and more.

We are also proud to unveil a public art display with the City of Dallas from Vancouver artists Michael Vandermeer and Cheryl Hamilton of i.e. creative, featuring stunning **glass and steel nature-themed pieces** that hang from our two story lobby ceiling.

Open daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. during the fair, Sept. 30-Oct. 23. \$3 admission.

Please join us for our October meeting of the NPSOT, Garland Chapter this Sunday at Rohde's Nursery and Nature Store.

*1651 Wall Street
Garland, Texas 75041*

Remaining meetings:

October and November

Please join us for our meeting of the NPSOT, Garland Chapter, this weekend being held at Rohde's Nursery

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**The Blackland Prairie Invaders
Group**

"to educate us about the undesirable plants that are popping up in our region."

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

- () Student.....\$15.00 () Senior citizen (65+)...\$20.00
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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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Thanks to our host Greg and the staff at Rohde's. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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