



# THE TEXAS SAGE

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## The President's Corner



Hello, Native Plant Society,

I have three different things to tell you about:

1. The Neil Sperry Garden Show was a surprise. Friday had more people than our regular shows, but not twice as many. I was worried Saturday as I drove to the show around noon. It had rained all morning. *Did I throw your money away?*

By the time I got there the regular huge parking lot was packed. The overflow parking lot was full. The emergency overflow parking lot out by I-30 was well over half full. All along the sidewalk and in front of the Arlington Convention Center was a sea of umbrellas waiting to get under the

building's cover from the rain. I was grinning from ear to ear.

In a steady rain Saturday they came. It was like going to the mall two days before Christmas. They came from everywhere. I talked to people from Sherman, Oklahoma, Houston, Austin, and several from Waco. From 10 till 3 we really needed four people. Why four people? We can't fit six volunteers into our booth.

Saturday, there were still people asking questions at our booth 30 minutes after the doors closed. Sunday we could have still used three volunteers for all but the last 2 hours. I will be in favor of doing the Sperry show again next year.

We gave out around 190 of our invasive books at Neil Sperry's, mainly to garden groups, landscapers and nurseries. These have turned out to be a great benefit. We gave out our last 50 to similar groups in Cleburne. Now we need more!

2. We need members to e-mail [pubrequest@srs.fs.usda.gov](mailto:pubrequest@srs.fs.usda.gov), which is the Southern Research Station for the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Simply request a box of 40 of their *Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests* to give to your garden group. In around 8 days, UPS will deliver a box of 40. It **IS** that simple. It costs you nothing and is a great resource for NPSOT. The hardest thing is to bring them to a NPSOT meeting. If you haven't seen this book, you can view it at [www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/](http://www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/).

We always tell people to ignore the control section in the back of the book. Instead of spending millions of dollars in labor to put out train cars full of herbicides just to control these invasive plants, save the manpower and the money by leaving the plants in the store. Everybody understands this point.

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April meeting: Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm,  
Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Deborah Beggs Moncrief  
Garden Center, Orchid Room

Our speaker will be Julia Burgen, former Arlington City Council Representative and environmental enthusiast. Julia's topic will be Native Plants and Children—a natural fit. She will discuss the Hill Street Elementary Wildscape Garden and various school garden projects. Anyone involved with a school garden is welcome to bring a display of their project.

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3. We now have one logo! It is the Purple Coneflower. This means that our shirts, hats, and name badges remain the same. We will be changing our newsletter, Web site and stationary to match. I hope to have our board approve the replacement drawing at the next board meeting at 5:30 pm on the day of our regular meeting.

See you at our next meeting on April 13th at 7pm.

Thanks,

John Bridges

## Third Lone Star Regional Native Plant Conference

**May 25-28, 2006**  
**Nacogdoches, Texas**

The Stephen F. Austin State University Pineywoods Native Plant Center in Nacogdoches, Texas is proud to host the Third Lone Star Regional Native Plant Conference in association with the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.

Join a unique blend of plant enthusiasts, nursery professionals, landscapers, botanists and horticulturists to hear nationally-known speakers address region-specific topics such as East Texas ecosystems, landscape use, invasive and exotic plants, and conservation efforts.

Enjoy local flora on fabulous field trips including a mature oak-hickory-beech forest and box canyon, Weches outcrop, xeric uplands, mesic bottomlands, pitcher plant bogs, outstanding nurseries and a local reintroduction site for endangered species.

Learn from hands-on workshops with topics including edible natives, propagation, photography, tissue culture, dendrology, herbaceous plant i.d., and creating hypertuffa containers for your natives.

For more information, visit <http://pnpc.sfasu.edu>.

## Natives Wanted

The Fort Worth Nature Center would appreciate donations of plants for their butterfly garden in the courtyard. Please bring to the meetings or contact Marilyn Sallee at 817-471-7388 or [marilynsallee@uwmmail.com](mailto:marilynsallee@uwmmail.com).

Beautyberry	Crossvine	Scarlet Sage
Bee Balm/Horsemint	Flame Acanthus	Sedges
Black-eyed Susan	Foxglove	Snailseed
Blue Mist Flower/Wild Ageratum	Gayfeathers	Western Ironweed
Bluebonnet	Inland Sea Oats	Winecup
Butterfly Weed	Ironweed	Yuccas — all kinds
Cliff Fern	Maximilian Sunflower	
Coralberry	Mexican Hat	Shade plants
Coral Honeysuckle	Purple Coneflower	Wet area/bog plants

## Thanks for the March Raffle Items

Dagmar Higgins - Lily plant  
 Redenta's Arlington - White Salvia Greggii  
 Calloway, Arkansas - Hot Lips Salvia Greggii  
 Marilyn Sallee - Cholla Cactus

Marilyn Sallee - Red Salvia Greggii  
 Green Mama's - gift certificate  
 Bob Ressler - birdhouse  
 Dawn Hancock - stuffed singing robin

# Texas Wildscape Workshop and Texas Native Plant Sale



## Workshop:

Saturday, April 29 9:00 am - 12:00  
The Montessori Academy  
3428 W. Arkansas Ln  
8:30 am - 9:00 am  
Registration and refreshments

**On Saturday morning,  
learn how to create  
your own wildscape.**



## Plant Sale:

Saturday, April 29 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Molly Hollar Wildscape at Veterans Park

For a list of plants expected to be available  
and more details, go to  
*ArlingtonConservationCouncil.org*

**On Saturday afternoon,  
invest in organically grown  
native plants for your wildscape.**

## Texas Wildscape Workshop

Location: The Montessori Academy. North of I-20 at 3428 W. Arkansas Lane. From Green Oaks Blvd go east on Arkansas Lane to entrance road.



Rosa Finsley, landscape architect and native plant authority, and John Davis, Urban Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., will show you how to use native landscaping and employ thoughtful design to create a backyard that is inviting to people and wildlife alike.

Included in topics covered will be design, plant material, water use, and ordinances.

Workshop requires pre-paid registration.

## Registration deadline April 22

Confirmation - By email or phone; will not be mailed out. **Refund - Requires notification by April 22. No refunds for late cancellations or no-shows.** Questions? Call Marian Hiler at 817-277-3998 or email *info@arlingtonconservationcouncil.org*

### Mail check and registration form to:

ACC, PO Box 216, Arlington, TX 76004-0216

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Box lunch from Jason's Deli (optional, add \$6.00)

Sandwich choice, check one:

turkey  roast beef  ham  vegetarian

Workshop \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Box Lunch \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

### Next Meeting

**Thursday, April 13**

7:00 pm

Fort Worth

Botanic Gardens

**Julia Burgen**

former Arlington City Council  
Representative

**Native Plants and Children—  
A Natural Fit**

Visit us on the Web  
at

***www.txnativeplants.org***

### Join the Native Plant Society of Texas!

We invite you to become a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Membership is open to any individual, family, or organization. Membership is renewable annually and extends for a year from the date we receive your original payment.

If you wish to join, please indicate your category of membership, then clip and mail this application with the appropriate remittance to:

Native Plant Society of Texas  
PO Box 3017, Fredricksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-9272

_____ Student	\$15	_____ Group	\$35
_____ Senior Citizen	\$15	_____ Patron	\$50
_____ Individual	\$20	_____ Benefactor	\$100
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## THE TEXAS SAGE

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For changes of address or information about contributing to the newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor.

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