



Native Plant Society Of Texas

Northeast Texas Chapter



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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.

Monthly Meeting: Regular meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month 7:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 2108 Ridgewood, Longview (just off Hollybrook Drive
<http://www.npsot.org/NortheastTexas/>

SEPTEMBER MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23 7:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: Allen D. McReynolds, President of Mitigation Strategies, L.L.C.

TOPIC: Mitigation and Restoration Projects in the ArkLaTex and his organization's special relationship with Native Prairies

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by *Floyd Anderson*

Shorter days. Cooler nights. Cool season plants are coming. Folks, it just doesn't get any better than that. Fall is the best season of the year.

NPSOT lost Cassandra Loos way too soon and our thoughts are with Peter. They were native plant people extraordinaire.

Do remember the Symposium in Denton and the SFA Plant Sale. See the rest of the newsletter for more information.

We hope to see you Thursday, September 23!

GREAT PROGRAM PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 23

By *Caroll Flourney*

Our speaker this month will be Allen D. McReynolds. Mr. McReynolds is an independent consultant and mitigation specialist whose work involves developing ecologically-sound conservation banks for endangered species and wetland mitigation banks. He is a habitat restoration specialist with experience in important eco-regions of Florida and the Southern United States. Mr. McReynolds assists in the development of Habitat Conservation Plans for municipalities and performs strategic planning for eco-systems protection and creation of complex wildlife corridor systems.

Mr. McReynolds is a 1975 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and earned an M.B.A. from the University of North Texas. He has served as Special Assistant to the Secretary for Lands, *U.S. Department of the Interior*, where his work involved acquiring and restoring endangered species habitat, creating preserves and wildlife corridors through federal, state and locally-owned lands, and creating a system within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the utilization of conservation banks and wetland banks as a funding mechanism for acquiring and restoring endangered species-occupied lands in California, Florida, Texas, Nevada, and Utah. Mr. McReynolds has served as Executive Vice President of *The National Tree Trust*, a non-profit corporation created by President G.H.W. Bush to encourage the planting of trees as an environmental restoration strategy in communities across America. He raised a \$20 million endowment for urban tree planting and tree farm operations in the largest U.S. municipalities. He has also served as Executive Director, *Dallas Parks Foundation*, where his major efforts included acquisition of MKT (The Katy Trail) rail line for a hike and bike trail, landscaping of City of Dallas downtown boulevards, Woodall-Rodgers Freeway, and various community parks.

Mr. McReynolds is a leading member of *The Sierra Club*, *Galveston Bay Foundation*, *Gulf Coast Restoration Network* and the *Native Prairies Association of Texas*. He has written various technical reports related to habitat conservation and threatened species protection.

His presentation will cover mitigation and restoration projects in the ArkLaTex and his work with *Native Prairies Association of Texas* to restore native prairie habitat in East Texas and to re-establish habitat and wildlife corridors in the major river drainages.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EXCITING MEETING

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REMINDER

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE ON THE 4TH THURSDAY

INTERESTING READING

Go to the Native Plant Society of Texas Website

www.npsot.org

This month's articles include:

- ❖ Something a little different
 - Indigenous eryngo
 - Water primrose
 - Texas Shrimp plant
- ❖ Mountain cedar – water guzzler or not?
- ❖ A Society of garden clubs? ---Not!
- ❖ Mountain Cedar – does it deserve such disdain?
- ❖ Information about NICE (Natives Instead of Common Exotics)



This year's Symposium will be the observance of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Denton has been chosen as the location for this meeting. Our theme for 2010 will be

\$ave Texas One Landscape at a Time: Our Native Plants Light the Future

We envision a “How-to-do-it Symposium” in which we seek presentations both from and for a wide audience. This will include, but is not limited to, developers, builders, farmers and ranchers, landscapers, landscape architects, nurseries and growers, neighborhood associations, city staff (parks, arborists) and city council members, educators at all levels, corporations, botanical gardens, conservation groups and other non-profits such as Habitat for Humanity and Master Naturalists, gardening editors in local newspapers and—of course—our own members, too. For those who need continuing education credits (CEUs), we will pursue qualifying through their professional organizations. The message itself will encompass our botanic heritage, the current status and future uses of native plants and plant habitats in Texas, as well as how native plant communities can help us with pressing needs to conserve water, money and wildlife habitat. We will also present historical programs from the early years that show what the founders of NPSOT envisioned, as we compare then to now to the future.

For the first time ever we are striving to reach a broad audience across Texas with our message. We hope more people will pay attention and ask questions and try new things in their gardening and landscaping. It has begun already, but the message is urgent and we can do much more! We must begin to educate any and all that we must save as much water and as many of our native plants and plant habitats, as quickly and efficiently as we can.

Please join us from **October 7—10** at Texas Woman's University in Denton for Symposium 2010! This statewide meeting has the potential to impact as no other has ever done on the mission of the Native Plant Society of Texas:

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and plant habitats of Texas, through education, outreach and example*

We invite you to join us in Denton and help us to Help Texas! We will see YOU in October—and please bring a friend!

Cynthia Maguire
Symposium 2010 Chair

Cathy Lustgarten
Symposium 2010 Co-Chair.

Native Plant Society of Texas Website is www.npsot.org. Visit it for registration information.

FROM MY NATIVE LANDSCAPE

Please write about one of the plants in your landscape and email it to bgmorgan46@yahoo.com or mail it to Betty Morgan, 100 Lakeview Circle, Jefferson, TX 75657. One or more submissions will be featured each month.

Linheimer's Muhly – *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*



This is a heat and drought tolerant **Texas Native grass** that grows around streams in the Edward's Plateau area and is very nice in East Texas landscapes. Lindheimer's Muhly has an up right growth habit and blue/green foliage. The blooms in the fall are at first pink-tinted then later fade to tan. It's a great replacement to Pampas Grass since Muhly is **non-invasive**.

Hardiness Zones: USDA Zone 7 (0 °F) to USDA Zone 9 (20 °F)

Height: Grows 18-30" tall. Space 12-18" apart.

Exposure: Plant in Full Sun.

Bloom Time: Blooms in fall.

Water Requirements: Water once per week until established. Requires excellent drainage. Drought tolerant.

Before adding a plant to your landscape do some research. Go to: <http://texasinvasives.org> and click on Resources. Then click on Invasive Database and click on the arrow beside Common Name to view a list of Invasives.



**You are invited to the
Official**

**Texas Historical Commission
Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant
Marker Dedication**

**Saturday, September 25th beginning at 9 a.m. and to the reception
immediately following the dedication**

**At the
Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge
(formerly Longhorn Army Plant site)**

**15600 Hwy 134
Karnack, Texas**

**Sponsored by the
Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Friends of Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Caddo Lake Institute**

The event is free and open to the public. You're invited to attend and bring your friends. The Refuge will be open for touring.

For additional information call Leta Kay at 903-679-9144.

EVENTS AND NOTICES

October 2: Fabulous Fall Plant Sale at Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretum in Nacogdoches. 9:00 a.m.

October 7-10: NPSOT 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting. Symposium 2010 “Save Texas One Landscape at a Time: Our Native Plants Light the Future” will be held at the Texas Woman’s University in Denton. For more information visit the Native Plant Society of Texas Website at www.npsot.org.

Caddo Wildflower Chapter NPSOT: meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in Atlanta at Horn Enterprises located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Texas Hwy. 77 and Texas Hwy. 43. (Just off U.S. 59 on the southwest side of Atlanta.) The old Texas National Guard armory sits diagonally across the same intersection on the southwest corner. The Atlanta ISD Junior High School is across the street.

Lake Country Chapter NPSOT: meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday at the Titus County AgriLife Extension building, 1708 Industrial Road (FM 1402), Mount Pleasant.

Four Corners Chapter NPSOT: meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday at Williams Memorial United Methodist Church parlor, 4000 Moores Lane, Texarkana.

Tyler Chapter NPSOT: meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Monday of the month (unless a holiday, then 2nd Monday) September – May at the Fairwood United Methodist Church, 1712 Old Omen Rd., Tyler.
www.npsot.org

Northeast Texas Organic Gardeners: meets at 10:00 a.m. the 1st Wednesday at Wildwood Eco-Farm in Kilgore. For directions call Carole Ramke at 903-986-9475

Cypress Basin Chapter Texas Master Naturalist: meets at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday most months. For information on location email the president, Ted Barrow, @ barrowted@hotmail.com

East Texas Chapter Texas Master Naturalist: meets at 7:00 p.m. 1st Thursday at the County Extension offices at the Cotton Belt Bldg. 1517 W. Front Street in Tyler

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Members are encouraged to submit articles for the monthly newsletters. Items for Events and Notices are welcomed. Contributions are greatly appreciated. Deadline for the October newsletter is October 21. You can contact Betty by email @ bgmorgan46@yahoo.com or mail to: 100 Lakeview Circle, Jefferson, TX 75657.