



# Trinity Forks Native Plant Press

The Newsletter of Trinity Forks Chapter  
Native Plant Society of Texas

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May 2008

## *From the Prez*

At the May chapter meeting we will hold our semi-annual Book Fest. If you have a favorite book to recommend related to native plants, be sure to bring it to "show and tell" during the social time before and after the business meeting and program. All our chapter literature will also be available on the display tables. As you will note in the next column, we again have the same **TEMPORARY CHANGE OF LOCATION** for the May meeting while the ACT building is being renovated.

Congratulations to Trish Biedermann, who won the decorated plant press that was on display during our spring plant sale. In addition to donating plants, and working at the sale, Trish is our Publicity Chairman. Truly a Member with a Purpose!

Mark your calendar now for our August Ice Cream Social, 7 pm, Aug 28. This year we will hold it at South Lakes Park. We'll have lawn games for the kids and an opportunity to check out the plants in the park's natural area. There will be no newsletters during the summer, but we'll send a reminder in time for you to whip up your home made ice cream specialty to wow us.

Our next regular meeting will be in September with a program on invasive plants, hopefully back at the ACT building. But it's not too soon to start getting ready for YOUR part in the October meeting, a Member-to-Member Plants & Pix night. Instead of having a speaker, we want everyone to bring photos to show & tell. These could be of your yard, a favorite place you like to go see wildflowers, or shots of a special plant. Or how about a mystery plant to stump us? So get busy with your camera now & all through the summer! In addition, we will have a plant swap plus our fall Book Fest in October. This right after you all get back from the NPSOT annual Symposium, "Go Wild in the Thicket".

I have saved the most exciting news for last! Trinity Forks will host the NPSOT Annual Symposium in Oct. 2010, commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of NPSOT, which occurred right here at TWU! Yes, that means lots to do, but we have over 2 years to get ready, and many capable and innovative members to make this a fun and memorable event. If you would like to serve on the steering committee, if you have a suggestion for any part of the event, or if there is a specific role you would like to play, please step right up and let me

know! This will be an outstanding opportunity to show all those other chapters why Trinity Forks is the only one to have been awarded "Chapter of the Year" 3 different times. GO Trinity Forks!!

*Cathy Lustgarten*, President -- off to see the wildflowers of NE Oregon by the time you read this.

## **May 22nd Meeting**

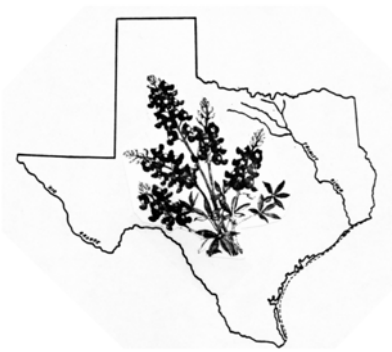
Learn some of nature's recently-discovered secrets about "how plants work". In response to NPSOT members' questions about native plant research at local universities, **Dr. Camelia Maier**, a NPSOT member and Associate Professor in TWU's Dept. of Biology, will summarize some of the very diverse research projects in her lab. These include the role of plant estrogen compounds on plant development and reproduction, the functions of biomineral depositions in plants, mechanisms of plant wax deposition, interactions between carnivorous plants and microbes/ herbivores/pollinators, and her trout lily research done in collaboration with local NPSOT members.

Our **meeting location** for this month will be the same as last month, room 313 in the Arts & Science building located on Oakland St. just SW of the Clock Tower bldg. Enter from Oakland St. There are 2 parking lots along Oakland that are close to the A & S building. Gather at 6:30 for displays and chatting, as usual, just in a new location.

*Trinity Forks Chapter of NPSOT meets on the fourth Thursday of January through May and September and October. Sign-in, social time with refreshments, educational displays, etc. starts at 6:30. The program begins at 7:00pm.*

*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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**Trinity Forks Open Positions**

(can you help?)

Vice President

Ways & Means Chair (plant sales)

Program Chair

Field Trip Chair

Education Chair

Historian

**Membership Corner**

We give a big Thank-You to all these folks who have recently renewed their memberships in Trinity Forks. Hope to see you at the next meeting. You are what makes Trinity Forks special!

Mark Chapin, Argyle

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