

Native Plant Society of Texas



Tyler Chapter

Promote the conservation, research, and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach, and example.

<http://www.npsot.org/Tyler/>

January 2012 Newsletter

Next Chapter Meeting

**Monday
January 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Tyler Nature Center
11942 FM 848
Tyler, TX**

5:00 Dinner at Posados, 6:30 Workshop at Nature Center, 7:00 Meeting at Nature Center

Directions: In Tyler take Loop 323 to SH 248 (southeast of Tyler). Go east on SH 248 past the UT Tyler Campus to FM 848 (about 3 miles). Turn right on FM 848 and travel 0.7 mile. The Nature Center is on the right.

This Month's Program

Confirmed Waiting on Title - Dr. Donald Pratt

President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler, wetter weather. 2012 starts off quickly for our NPSOT chapter since our next meeting is January 2nd. Then I'll be attending the State board meeting in Fort Worth on January 21st. It is also time to gather trees, shrubs and perennials for upcoming plant sales. If you have any oak tree seedlings or other native trees and plants growing in flower beds or other places that you don't want them to, please dig them up, put them in a paper bag with some soil and bring them to the meeting and I'll take them home and pot them up.

Record drought and heat, devastating wildfires, and a drop in visitation have led to a critical situation for Texas state parks. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (www.tpwd.state.tx.us) needs to raise \$4.6 million to keep state parks operating, and they can't do it without us. We can help by:

1. Donating online: <<http://bit.ly/sVdilb>>
2. Checking the \$5 donation box on our vehicle registrations
3. Visiting state parks this holiday season

Thanks and see you in the new year!
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January Field Trip

The field trip for January is planned for Wednesday, the 18th, to Bruce Lyndon Cunningham's Studio in Nacogdoches. Bruce is a forester-artist. He illustrated Trees, Shrubs, & Woody Vines of East Texas by Elray Nixon and just recently published Gymnosperms of the United States & Canada with Elray S. Nixon. We also used his book Winter Key to Deciduous Woody Plants of East Texas for our winter twig id field trips at the Loper's. Visit his website for more information on his notecards, t-shirts and botanical illustrations at <http://www.forester-artist.com/>

We will meet at 9:30 am at The Brookshire's in Whitehouse, which is on Hwy 110, in order to car pool. We will then meet Bruce for lunch at the Hotel Fredonia where they serve a delicious buffet. After lunch, Bruce will take us to his studio at 102 Shields Dr., Nacogdoches, TX 75964, probably after 1:00. Call Bruce on his cell if you are coming later and need directions: 936-462-0672.

We should be back by 5:00 pm.

Sonniah Hill and Betsy Smith

Upcoming Events and Announcements

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.

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 3rd Tuesday most months. For information on location email the president, Ted Barrow, @ barrowted@hotmail.com

Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

Currently the Tyler chapter is seeking volunteers for the following positions:

Publicity Coordinator: this job involves putting together meeting announcements including: date, time, location as well as speaker information to submit to the Tyler newspaper approximately two weeks prior to the meetings. Other duties could include preparation of announcements regarding other chapter activities (field trips, workshops and etc.) as well as collaborating with the N.I.C.E. coordinator to promote the N.I.C.E. program within the chapter and to other nature-related organizations and the media. A person experienced with social media and who is interested in developing ways of integrating and publicizing the chapter's activities

with social media outlets is especially encouraged to volunteer. The coordinator is welcome to seek additional chapter members to assist with any or all of the suggested tasks.

N.I.C.E. Coordinator: this job involves visiting nurseries, especially those who sell native plants, to introduce them to the N.I.C.E. program and to help the nurseries promote the use of native plants in home and commercial landscapes. The position is supported by a N.I.C.E. coordinator in the NPSOT state office and can seek advice from the state office. Collaboration with the Publicity Coordinator is encouraged so as to promote the program within the chapter and to other nature-related organizations and the public in general.

Promoting a native plant of the month with supporting articles in the newspaper and other media outlets are encouraged as well as the development of new ideas.

Photo Section

Remember to visit: [Spot, Snap, Send, & Share](#) on our web site.

<http://www.npsot.org/Tyler/Album.html>