

Native Plant Society of Texas



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

October 2011 Newsletter

Next Chapter Meeting

**Monday
October 3rd @ 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

The Untouched Woods of Newton County &
Economic Development through Nature Tourism
Unique plants found nowhere else in Texas
Looking outside of the City Limits to discover a New World of Economic
Partnership.
- Mark Price - TX AG Extension Agent

President's Message

Cool weather has finally arrived in East Texas. I hope we all get a chance to get outside and enjoy it. Vice-president Lynn Andrews has set us up with great programs for the year beginning with the upcoming meeting on October 3rd. Field Trip Coordinators, Sonnia Hill and Betsy Smith are working on an upcoming field trip to BRIT next month. Additional opportunities to enjoy nature and learn about native plants are also available and mentioned in the newsletter. If you have some plants that you would like help in identifying, please bring them to the meeting on October 3rd at 6:30 pm when Sonnia Hill and other knowledgeable members host a plant identification workshop and are available to help you key the plants out. It is recommended that you bring a 10x magnifier and a Peterson Field Guide titled Southwestern and Texas Wildflowers to the plant identification workshop. Many members wish to continue the Chapter's tradition of having dinner at 5:30 pm at Posada's Mexican Restaurant on E. Fifth St. prior to the meetings and all members are invited. Please read this newsletter and the meeting minutes that were sent out a few weeks ago for more information about the Chapter. See you Monday!

Kay Jenkins

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NPSOT November Field Trip

“TRIP TO BRIT”

November 9, 2011

The Northeast Texas NPSOT Chapter has invited us to go along with them to the BRIT tour on Wednesday, November 9th. They have chartered a bus and will stop at the Lindale exit to pick up the Tyler NPSOT group. We have not decided on the exact location in Lindale. Departure time from Lindale will be 8:45 am. The cost per person is \$20.

As you know, the BRIT has a new home <http://www.brit.org/> Here is some information on the layout of the new BRIT <http://www.brit.org/visit/sustainable> The BRIT tour will emphasize the herbarium and the library, specifically for our group.

Please let me know, preferably by October 9th, if you will be going as the availability of seats on the bus is limited. Email me at sonnia36@hotmail.com. I will be posting updates as they come in from Ellen and Floyd.

Welcome New Members

B.J. McGee of Holly Lake Ranch
Susan Waldron of Tyler

Upcoming Events and Announcements

October 3: Native Plant Society of Texas, Tyler Chapter Meeting at the Nature Center at 7:00 pm preceded by a plant identification workshop at 6:30 pm; speaker Mark Price on "The Untouched Woods of Newton County & Economic Development Through Nature Tourism"

October 6: Remarkable Riparian Summit hosted by the Nueces River Authority; free event; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Blue Star Contemporary Art Center, 116 Blue Star, San Antonio, Texas; slewey@nueces-ra.org; 830-278-6810

October 8: Smith County Fall Bulb Conference and Sale; 9:00 am to 1:30 pm; Harvey Hall in Tyler

October 13-16: NPSOT Symposium on Gulf Prairies and Marshes at the Omni Hotel in Katy (Houston), Texas

October 21: Land Conservation Tools to Aid Farmers and Ranchers workshop hosted by the Connemara Conservancy (www.connemaraconservancy.org); Mr. RJ Taylor (214-351-0990)

October 17-23: Native Plant Week

November 8-10: Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Conference; Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center; Austin, Texas

November 18-19: State of the Prairie Conference in Houston; Native Prairies of Texas

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>