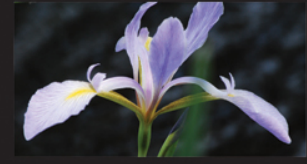


Native Plant Society of Texas



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/>

November 2011 Newsletter

Next Chapter Meeting

**Monday
November 7th @ 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

" Post Oak Savannah Restoration Project and
the lessons learned "
Tucker Slack

President's Message

The Native Plant Society's 2011 Symposium held earlier this month in Houston was great! This was the first symposium that I have attended and I really enjoyed the field trips, presentations, meals and accommodations. With only one paid staff, the volunteers who help the state organization do a fantastic job organizing this annual event. Local artist and member, Bart Soutendijk, had a booth as did Bruce Cunningham. Ruth Loper contributed a beautiful cross stitch square for the quilt that will be raffled in December to support a scholarship fund. Ron and Ruth Loper and Sonnia Hill and I attended from the Tyler chapter.

Just after our last meeting, Mike Price and Neal Stilley from the East Texas Master Naturalists contacted me and we have met at the Nature Center to look at shaping up the demonstration gardens at the building entrance. They are very interested in partnering with us in this endeavor. We have met with Nathan Garner, TPWD Wildlife Regional Director, about the project as well. Sonnia, Mike Price, David Sierra, Larry LeBeau and I met last week and identified and marked plants in the flower beds that we want to keep. The Master Naturalists are having a workshop and work day on November 5, 2011 at the Nature Center. They will have a program in the morning and then they will work in the beds that afternoon to remove non natives or over populated natives from the flower beds. Please feel free to join them if you can. The next step will be designing the demonstration gardens and I will work on the design. When the design is finished, we'll get the design approved by both organizations and by Nathan and then we can develop the implementation plan. This will be a good project to promote both organizations and the N.I.C.E. program. You can help with this project by bringing me a list or emailing a list to me of your favorite native plants that you have in your gardens. Native plants that come back every year and that are relatively low maintenance would be best.

Kay Jenkins

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NPSOT November Field Trip**“TRIP TO BRIT”**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Here are the details:

The Northeast NPSOT Chapter bus will pick us up at the McDonald's at Hwy 69 and Interstate 20 at 8:45.

\$20 fee for bus ride to be paid on tour day.

Arrival in Ft.Worth around 11. On your own for lunch until the tour starts at 12.

Complete the tour and be back around 4 or 5. Time is flexible in case the tour takes longer or some people want to visit the Botanical gardens which are next door to the new BRIT buildings.

Sonia Hill and Betsy Smith

Upcoming Events and Announcements

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>

