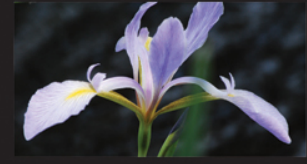
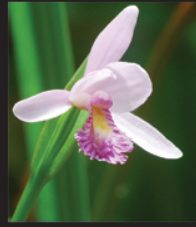


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Tyler Chapter

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

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December 2011 Newsletter

Next Chapter Meeting

**Monday
December 5th @ 5:30 PM
Tyler Nature Center
11942 FM 848
Tyler, TX**

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

Audubon & NPSOT 2011 Christmas Party

President's Message

Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying our cooler and wetter weather. Several of us participated in the field trip to BRIT a few weeks ago with the East Texas chapter. It was great and hats off to Sonnia for arranging the trip. See you on the 5'th for our Christmas party with Audubon. Remember it starts at 5:30 pm. Thanks, Kay

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NPSOT November Field Trip

On November 9, our Tyler NPSOT Chapter was invited to join the Northeast NPSOT Chapter on a trip to the newly-built BRIT in FT. Worth. Ellen and Floyd Anderson rented a bus for the trip and said we could come along for a small fee. I was delighted that we would not have to drive and could just relax on the way there.

We were picked up in Lindale on that morning. We arrived around 11:30, ate a delicious lunch at the Gardens Restaurant, next to the Brit.





Photos from left to right: Fran, Clyde and Cecil; Ron, Ruth, Lynn and Marjorie; Clyde, Rosanna , Fran and Marjorie waiting to go to the BRIT.

After lunch, we started our tour of the BRIT with an introduction and welcome from Tiana



Rehman.

Photos from left to right: Barney and Tiana; Fran, Clyde and Barney

We were divided into two groups, one led by Barney Lipscomb and the other by Sam Kieschnick. We were taken to the specimen mounting room, the herbarium and then the library. The photo of several books in glass cases shows *Plantarum Rariorum Horti Caesarei Schoenbrunnensis* by Nikolaus Joseph von Jacquin - 1797-1804, *De Materia Medica* by Dioscorides – 1549, and *Species Plantarum* by Carolus Linnaeus – 1753.



Photos from left to right: Betsy, Jo, Tamara, Sonia, Keith and Sam; Keith and Betsy.



Barney introducing us to the BRIT Library.

The tour ended with a presentation by Tiana of the Atrium Project. This is a digital herbarium which BRIT is uploading county by county. The Northeast Chapter has donated funds to have Gregg County specimens entered into this database. Tiana walked us through all the information that is available and it was extensive.



Tiana

We enjoyed the visit and would like to return to spend more time on each aspect of the tour.

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

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