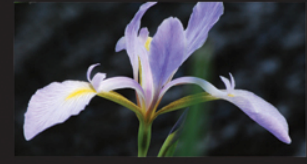


## Native Plant Society of Texas



## 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/>

## April 2010 Newsletter

### Next Chapter Meeting

a joint meeting with the Tyler Audubon Society

Tuesday

April 13th

Pollard United Methodist Church Auditorium

3030 New Copeland Road

Tyler, TX

**5:00 PM**

**Dinner at Cotton Patch on South Loop 323, across from R. E. Lee High School**

**6:30 PM**

**Workshop at Pollard United Methodist Church on Copeland Rd.**

**7:00 PM**

**Joint meeting with Tyler Audubon**

### Program

Dr. Mike Legg, retired from Stephen F. Austin State University will discuss his hobby of forest folklore. Special features of his talk involve the pioneer uses of trees and, therefore, how many of our trees' common names were derived.



Dr. Legg

For 36 years, Dr. Legg has taught classes in Conservation Education, Environmental Interpretation, Park Management, Recreation Marketing, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and Recreation Program Planning at both the graduate and undergraduate level at the Nacogdoches, TX University. He has been recognized as a Regents Professor of Research at SFASU for his contribution research in the field of Forest Recreation and support of graduate studies. He is a Fellow in the National Association for Interpretation.

One of the thirteen original founders of Texas Outdoor Education Association, he has been and currently is an office holder in the Society of American Foresters. During his career, Dr. Legg has supervised over 60 MS students and 10 Ph.D. students to completion of their degrees, and in the last ten years, he has received over a million dollars in grants and research contracts.

Dr. Legg has received an award for the most outstanding Challenge Cost Share Project in Region 8 of the USDA Forest Service. He is a certified Project Wild and Project Learning Tree Facilitator, an author or editor of eight books and co-author of numerous research publications and reports, including two comprehensive conservation education packages for the USDA Forest Service. He will speak to the two clubs' members about the pioneer uses and myths about various species of trees; the topics in a book on which he currently is working entitled, "Folklore in the Forest."

Dr. Legg and his wife of 42 years live on a six acre woodlot with its own nature trail and water garden.

### President's Message

Well, I think that spring is finally here. The Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), that the Bradford Pear was developed from, is through blooming. The Mexican Plum (*Prunus mexicana*) is about through. The Redbuds (*Cercis canadensis*) and Dogwoods (*Cornus florida*) are out next. The azaleas seem to be a total flop this year. I wonder how the native azaleas in the Big Thicket are doing. Little white dots of Crow Poison (*Nothoscordum bivalve*) seem to be everywhere this year. And there is still a lot of pinky-purple Henbit (*Lamium amplexicaule*). And speaking of *Lamium*, find a bunch and look for some white-flowered ones mixed in. We have had some in our yard before, but I haven't seen any this year. It's like looking for four-leaf clovers. But don't confuse them with *Lamium purpureum*, which has leaves with a definite purple cast. Have you noticed the yellow flowers in the fields? They are Ragwort (*Senecio*

*ampullaceus*) and are endemic to East Texas. "Endemic" means found in only one area, and I used to think that something endemic was perhaps rather rare. Such is not the case with Ragwort.

The field trip/brunch at our house on March 27 was a lot of fun. Thirteen of us ate some good food and then walked down to the bog. Some new trillium plants were found on our side of the fence, but the other colony seems to be gone. We did find some orchids. By the way, Jason Singhurst, botanist for Texas Parks and Wildlife, says that our trilliums are really *Trillium texanum* after all, a separate species, and not *Trillium pusillum* var. *texanum*.

I've committed our Chapter for two dates where we can meet the public and pass out information on NPSOT. Please donate a few hours of your time to help on these projects. Earth Day will be held at Camp Tyler on Sunday, April 18 from 10:00-5:00. We will have a table there with free things to pass out and maybe some to sell. And then on Saturday, May 1, we will be at the Boo Eubanks home passing out NPSOT flyers. Her yard will be on the Master Gardeners Home Garden Tour, emphasizing natives, and you will get a chance to see it free at our field trip on April 29.

Enjoy the spring season. Take time to pick and examine up close the little wild flowers (weeds?) before they get mowed. They're just as exquisite as the bigger Bluebonnets, Paintbrush and Phlox that we will be seeing shortly. Spring is definitely the season for wildflowers.

**Ruth Loper**  
President, Tyler Chapter, NPSOT

### Field Trips

Save the date!

The next NPSOT field trip will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be touring Boo Eubanks' home to help identify all her native plants. Her home has been selected to be on the Smith County Master Gardener's Tour of Homes for 2010. Details will be emailed later about the time and location. Mark your calendars for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Sonia Hill & Fran McKinney**

### New Members

Dr. Lynda Folts  
Gun Barrel City, TX 75156

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday April 17, 2010**

**Stephen F. Austin Spring Garden Plant Sale**

**Saturday April 24, 9:30--2:30**

**Tyler Men's Garden Club Spring Fling**

In the parking lot at Broadway Square mall

Featuring many plants grown by members, including assorted "pass-along" plants

**May 1, 2010**

Texas Conservation Alliance 2010 Alliance POW WOW Tyler State Park

**May 1-2**

Texas Woodland and Wildlife Expo at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center in Conroe; for more information <http://expo.tamu.edu>.

**June 2-5**

**Lone Star Regional Native Plant Conference**

Stephen F. Austin University

**June 2-5**

5<sup>th</sup> Lone Star Regional Native Plant Conference in Nacogdoches. For detailed information visit: <http://arboretum.sfasu.edu>.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday most months. For information on location email the president, Ted Barrow, @ [barrowted@hotmail.com](mailto:barrowted@hotmail.com)

