

## **Chapter Challenge Competition Designing with Dried Texas Native Plants Guidelines for Entries**

NPSOT is encouraging Chapters across the State and other interested Symposium participants to enter this design competition in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Arrangements will be placed in Hubbard Hall for viewing by all Symposium participants.

Arrangements may be taken to the Registration Table at the Symposium on the day of your arrival and must arrive by 1 pm on Saturday, October 9th.

Please fill out [Chapter Challenge Information Form](#) and turn it in with your arrangement when you bring it to Registration.

### **Contest Rules:**

1. Each Chapter/participant may enter only one arrangement. Any individual attending the Symposium may place an entry, in addition to the Chapter Entry.
2. All plant materials must be native to the State of Texas. Include a species list with your arrangement. Common names are acceptable. (SEE INFORMATION FORM)
3. All plant material must be dried. No fresh flowers, foliage, pods, vines, etc. will be allowed.
4. No artificial colorants, paints or dyes are permitted
5. The Container for your arrangement must be a recycled object.  
Suggestions: Objects found in nature (interesting wood, stones or other natural artifacts), containers/objects used in the home or garden, vases/containers/objects purchased at a thrift store. The container should complement the design.
6. Stabilization of arrangements is required in order to

prevent damage to the design when moved. Materials commonly used in the floral trade to secure and stabilize arrangements are acceptable and encouraged (foam, wire, tape, vines, rocks, sand). Unless these “mechanics” are meant to be an integral part of the design, they must not be visible.

7. Size:

Maximum Width/Length—24” X 12”

Height—Unlimited

No minimum size limits

**Judging criteria:**

1. Principles of Design: Distinction, Individuality, Originality
2. Visual Qualities of the Design: Line, form, space, texture, pattern, color and size as integral parts of the design
3. Condition of Dried Plant material: Color, shape, form, integrity
4. Use of container as an accessory to the design

Cash awards and certificates will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Winners will be announced and Awards presented at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

All arrangements will remain property of the designer and must be removed from the banquet hall on Saturday night following the banquet.