



## July/August 2023 Newsletter

### President's Message:

Well, I am just glad we don't live in the desert southwest - no wonder they landscape with lots of rocks! We will survive another hot dry summer and most of our native plants will too, although they may not look like it just now. Despite the heat, I hope everyone is having a nice summer filled with vacations to fun places or staycations at home in cool places.

Our chapter board members will meet again on Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30pm and if anyone wants to learn about being on the chapter board next year, this is a great opportunity to listen in on our hour long meeting - it's not as intimidating as you may think! A major agenda item will be the nomination of officers for this next year (Oct 1 - Sep 30). Our existing treasurer and vice president are serving again, so we need members to join our group as president, secretary, and president-elect. I will be filling the past president position. Contact me ASAP at 830-431-6155 or [pamela.bransford@npsot.org](mailto:pamela.bransford@npsot.org) if you have questions.

Hope to see you at our next Chapter gathering on Tuesday, September 5 at 6pm. Bring a snack to share with everyone. Please also note that this will be Gary Rogers last chapter meeting as the hospitality chair - so it will be our "last supper". This next year, plan to eat your evening meal elsewhere. We definitely need some member volunteers to step up and help on the hospitality committee- providing a meal to our membership at the chapter meetings is not a requirement, it was something Gary chose to do out of the kindness of his heart. The hospitality committee's main role is to simply coordinate who's bringing which snacks so we have a nice variety.

Website update - our chapter website, which is directly linked to the state website, is going through a major transition. Our local website coordinator, Mackenzie Brown, is working tirelessly (and on occasion getting quite frustrated) to get our chapter website up and running with current information. Your continued patience is needed and appreciated.

Watch for more updates in the September newsletter and get the details on the presentation at the September 5th meeting. Stay cool, stay hydrated!

Pam Bransford

### June Potluck Dinner

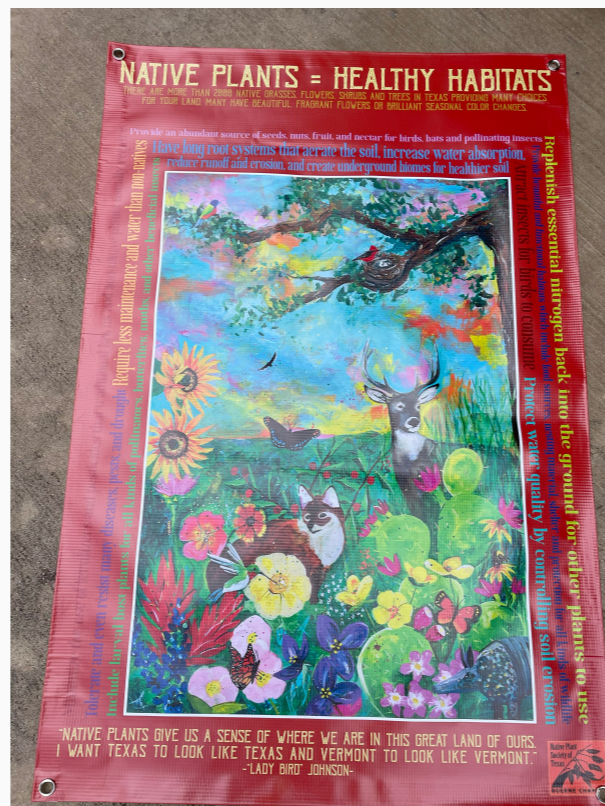
Everyone had a great time at the annual summer potluck dinner. There was lots of delicious food and great conversation. We all enjoyed the slideshow of this past year's events provided by Bill Wagner and the many prizes that were raffled off.



### Native Plant Poster

by Kathy Webster

Boerne Chapter NPSOT Board Members recently engaged in a cooperative effort with Susan Longbrink, a talented artist and Texas Master Naturalist, to design a poster touting the benefits of native plants. The colorful poster features Susan's original artwork and text that describes how native plants contribute to healthy habitats. At the bottom of the poster, there is a quote by Lady Bird Johnson: "Native plants give us a sense of where we are in this great land of ours. I want Texas to look like Texas and Vermont to look like Vermont." The Board ordered posters in two sizes, 24x36 inches and 18x24 inches. Some of the posters are printed on vinyl banner material making them suitable for outdoor use. Hopefully, these beautiful and educational posters can be used in public education activities including NLCP classes and Cibolo Nature Center teacher trainings, among other things.



### Mark Your Calendar

**September 5** - Next chapter meeting

**October 14** - Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP) Level 3 at Cibolo Nature Center. Fall 2023 Class Registration will Open August 1st. For more information about the NLCP or to volunteer, please contact Veronica Hawk at [veronica.hawk@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.hawk@gmail.com).



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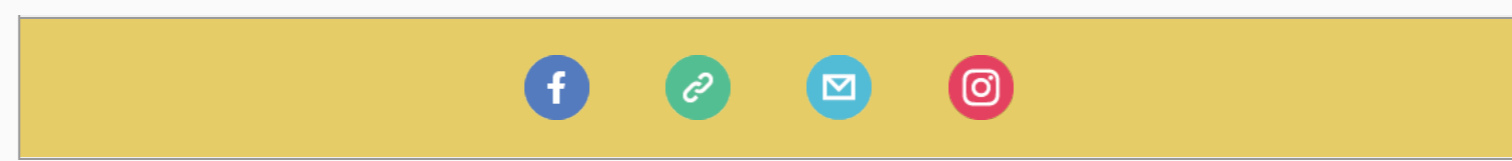
**NICE! Plant of the Month July/August**

**Nolina**  
Devil's shoestring  
*Nolina lindheimeriana*



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For more information about July/August NICE! Plant of the Month, click [here](#)



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