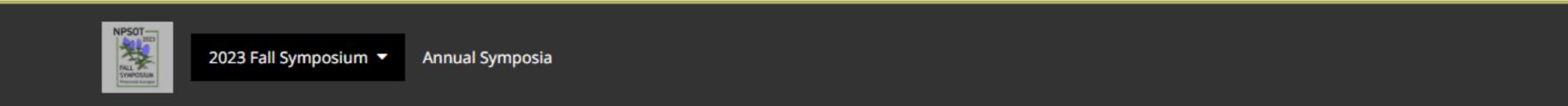


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2023 Fall Symposium



Welcome!

The NPSOT 2023 Fall Symposium is coming to Nacogdoches, Texas! This year's event will take place at the historic Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center and will focus on conserving plants native to the Pineywoods Ecoregion of East Texas. (Photo credit: Jug Hole, Sabine Forest by Peter M. Loos)

Event Overview

The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center will serve as the symposium headquarters with NPSOT group-rate lodging available. The event schedule includes a "no host" meet and greet on Thursday evening, followed by a kickoff plenary session with Matt Buckingham on Friday morning that will segue into a day of field trips around the region, followed by a Friday evening reception. Speakers and panel sessions will be held throughout the day on Saturday, and an awards banquet on Saturday night. Participants can participate in our silent auction and see vendor and exhibitor displays at the hotel. In addition, a list of suggested self-guided field trips is available for those traveling on Thursday and Sunday. This hybrid event includes a variety of registration options for in-person and virtual attendance, with in-person Society member and scholastic discounts. This event has been planned by the NPSOT 2023 Fall Symposium Committee.

About the Pineywoods Region

The Pineywoods of Texas is the easternmost ecoregion found in Texas. It is bordered on the east by Louisiana, to the west by the Post Oak Savanna, and to the south by the Gulf Prairies. Maximum elevation reaches 500 feet and soils are mostly sandy and acidic. Average rainfall can be more than 50 inches per year. The region is dominated by pine forests that were historically populated with longleaf, shortleaf and loblolly pine. Fire is a key component in the landscape, creating botanically diverse, forested grasslands dominated by little bluestem grass. The topography is generally rolling hills; hardwood bottomlands, and lowlands that include swamps, bogs, and marshes.

Blueberries (*Vaccinium* species) grow wild, as do native *Rhododendron* species and both species of pawpaw (*Asimina*). Here you will find orchids, pitcher plants, and numerous rare plants, such as *Gaillardia aestivalis* var. *winklerii*, *Hibiscus dasycalyx*, *Yucca cernua* and *Trillium texanum*. Plants of note on some of the tours include *Sarracenia alata*, *Hamamelis ovalis*, *Gentiana saponaria*, and *Spiranthes odorata*.

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Schedule

Speakers and field trips are being finalized and are subject to change. EVENTS SCHEDULE: All In-person events are shown below. For Virtual registrants, * indicates a live streaming session that



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WHAT TO DO WHEN COMING AND GOING This is a collection of interesting stops and field trips you can take on your own while traveling to and from the symposium Special Hotel Rates for NPSOT 2023 Symposium Attendees **The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center block is now full. Please see other lodging recommendations below!** The Native Plant Society of Texas





Venues

The centrally-located Freedonia Hotel & Convention Center will be the primary venue for the 2023 Fall Symposium. On-site activities will include plenary and concurrent sessions, the Friday night reception, the

Silent and Online Auctions

Online Auction The online auction features four special packages designed with plant lovers in mind and is open to all interested parties to bid. You could win items like a

Photo, Video, & Newsletter

Contests

The submission period for our 2023 Photo, Video, and Newsletter contests has passed. You can view all of this year's photo submissions on our SmugMug site. The 2023 winners of



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This section will include anticipated and frequently asked Fall Symposium questions throughout the registration period. If you need additional clarification, please email adminassist@npsot.org. When will registration open? Registration with event



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Our 2023 Fall Symposium in Nacogdoches promises to be a fascinating review of the east Texaspineywoods plant communities! From forests to fungi – learn about it all. We welcome NativePlant

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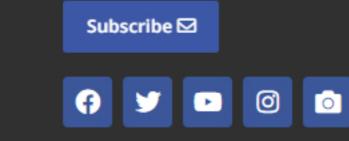
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EVENTS SCHEDULE:

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Thursday, November 9th

Self-guided field trips on way to the symposium

6 – 7:30 pm – Meet and Greet, Fredonia Brewery: It's been too long! Come to the Fredonia Brewery to see your friends and renew acquaintances. Compete in the Lone Star Trivia event at 7 pm. This is a "No Host" event – visit https://fredoniabrewery.com/ for menu and pricing.

Friday, November 10th, 9 am – 10 am

Morning – Plenary Session, Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center Matt Buckingham, An Overview of the Plant Communities of the Pineywoods*

Friday, November 10th, 10:30 am – 5 pm

Lunch

Afternoon – Guided field trip options (start times vary):

Angelina National Forest Upland Island Wilderness Area

Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve

Pineywoods Native Plant Center, Stephen F. Austin State University

Scrappin' Valley

- Sabine National Forest, Fox Hunters Hill
- USDA-NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center and Winston 8 Tree Farm
- Davy Crockett Neches Bluff Overlook
- Big Thicket National Preserve, Pitcher Plant Trail
- Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

Friday, November 10th, 5 pm – 8 pm

Evening, 5 pm – 8 pm Reception, Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center: Come share your fun field trip experience with colleagues. Take some time to contemplate and place (first) bids on your favorite silent auction items. Talk to the vendors and sponsors. Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages hosted by the Native Plant Society. Cash bar.

Saturday, November 11th, Morning 8:30 am - 1:45 pm

Plenary Sessions, Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center

Peter Loos, Ornamental Garden Plants Native to East Texas*

 Dr. David Creech, Director of SFA Gardens, Stephen F. Austin State University, Lessons Learned from Forty Years of Native Plant Studies in the Pineywoods*

 Dr. James E. Van Kley, Professor, Department of Biology, Stephen F. Austin State University, Introducing 'Plants of the Pineywoods Part 1'.*

Lunch, Society Annual State Meeting of Members*

Visit Vendors, Exhibitors, Silent Auction

Saturday, November 11th, Afternoon 1:45 – 5:30 pm

Choice of:

Workshop, 2 – 4:30 pm:

Gail Barton, Make More Plants In Your Own Backyard!

-OR-

Concurrent Sessions 1:

 Suzanne Birmingham Walker, Owner/ Vice President of Azimuth Forestry Services, Inc., New Occurrences and Rediscoveries in East Texas Flora*

David P. Lewis, Research Associate, S.M. Tracy Herbarium, College Station, TX, History of Mycology in Texas*

Tyson Hart, NRCS, Geology and Plants; (this session will not be recorded or broadcast)

-OR-

Concurrent Sessions 2:

Dawn Stover, Fire as the Great Renewer**

Jordan Cunningham, SFA Gardens Greenhouse and Nursery Manager, Pollination Station: Native Plants at SFA Gardens**

 Leslie L. Bush, Owner, Macrobotanical Analysis, Manchaca, TX, How to Build a Grass House: The Archaeology of Traditional Caddo Building Materials and Landscapes in East Texas**

 Margaret Johnson, Undergraduate Student at Stephen F. Austin State University, Native Plant Trials at the Plantery Student Botanic Garden **

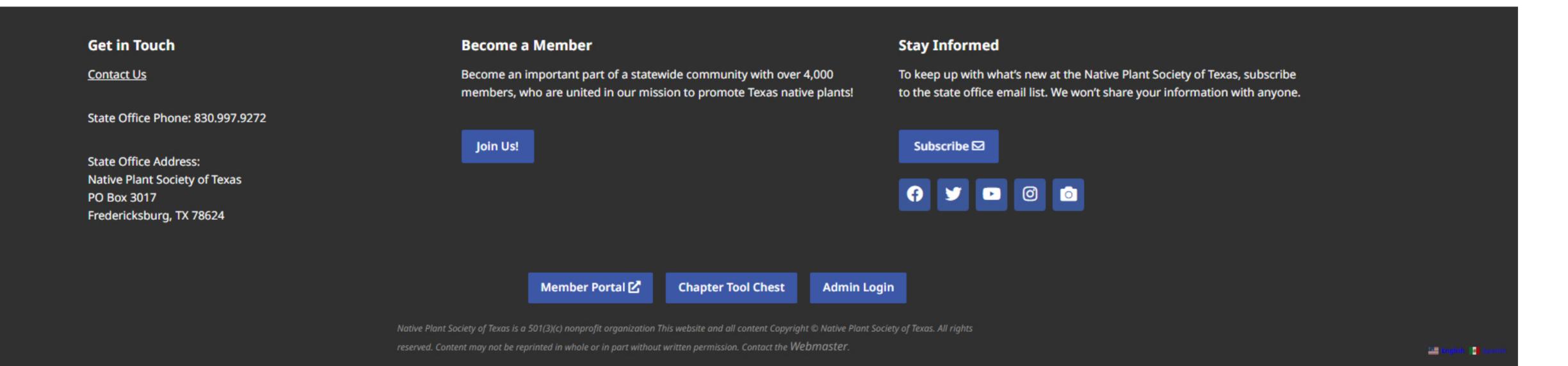
Saturday, November 11th – Evening 6:45 – 9:15 pm

Awards Banquet

Presentation of Awards*

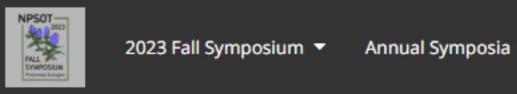
Sunday, November 12th

Self-guided field trips on way home





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Registration Options

VIRTUAL EVENT REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Virtual Registration Type	Price
Non-Member Virtual Event Included: live access to Friday plenary speaker presentation, Saturday Concurrent Sessions 1 plenary speakers, Annual State Meeting of Members, and Awards Banquet; plenary recording links of all live sessions and of Saturday Concurrent Sessions 2 emailed to registrants approximately two weeks after the event	\$50
Member Virtual Event Included: live access to Friday plenary speaker presentation, Saturday Concurrent Sessions 1 plenary speakers, Annual State Meeting of Members, and Awards Banquet; plenary recording links of all live sessions and of Saturday Concurrent Sessions 2 emailed to registrants approximately two weeks after the event	\$50

NOTE: IN-PERSON REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!

The event is open to the general public. NPSOT Members receive discounted rates, but must be logged to their NPSOT account to receive them. Click on your preferred event type below to begin the registration process. Up to four attendees are allowed per registration transaction. The registrant is charged for each attendee they register based on the choices selected. Please note alcoholic beverages are not included in ticket prices for any event.

For assistance or questions, email admin-assist@npsot.org. (Please note response will be fastest during office hours of Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 3-5, and Thursday 9-1.)

THREE-DAY PACKAGES:

When Registering for Any 3-Day Package: Be sure to make selections for these items and review your choices on the "Event Registration Summary" page before you select the "Complete Registration" button:

- Thursday Night Meet and Greet RSVP: your selection is your RSVP for this event
- Friday Field Trip Selection: review field trips here before making your selection. The selection made during registration is final and cannot be changed at the Symposium.
- SPECIAL NOTE: You must 1) click the field trip check box AND 2) select your desired field trip from the dropdown menu. If your field trip does not appear on the "Event Registration Summary" page, you have skipped step 1 and must go back to complete this step.
- Friday Night Reception RSVP: your selection is your RSVP for this event
- Saturday Concurrent Session or Workshop Selection: 1) click the sessions check box and 2) select your session option

Saturday Banquet and Awards Event (Additional Fee): select an optional banquet ticket add-on to the package registration for each attendee as desired.

3-DAY PACKAGE TYPE	PRICE
Non-Member 3-Day Package Included: Thursday night Meet & Greet; Friday & Saturday lunch & refreshments, Saturday Breakfast; Friday night reception; plenary sessions; Saturday night reception; choice of field trip; vendor & exhibitor access; live access to all events streaming virtually; and event recordings of all virtual events	\$230
Not Included: Saturday Awards Banquet	
When registering: indicate field trip option, reception RSVP, meet and greet RSVP, and add-on Awards Banquet for additional \$45 if desired	
Member 3-Day Package Included: Thursday night Meet & Greet; Friday & Saturday lunch & refreshments, Saturday Breakfast; Friday night reception; plenary sessions; Saturday night reception; choice of field trip; vendor & exhibitor access; live access to all events streaming virtually; and event recordings of all virtual events	\$180
Not Included: Saturday Awards Banquet	
When registering: indicate field trip option, reception RSVP, and add-on Awards Banquet for additional \$45 if desired	
Non-Member Scholastic Package (Educator or Student) Included: Thursday night Meet & Greet; Friday & Saturday lunch & refreshments, Saturday Breakfast; Friday night reception; plenary sessions; Saturday night reception; choice of field trip; vendor & exhibitor access; live access to all events streaming virtually; and event recordings of all virtual events	\$115
Not Included: Saturday Awards Banquet When registering: indicate field trip option, reception RSVP, and add-on Awards Banquet for additional \$45 if desired	
Member Scholastic Package (Educator or Student) Included: Thursday night Meet & Greet; Friday & Saturday lunch & refreshments, Saturday Breakfast; Friday night reception; plenary sessions; Saturday night reception; choice of field trip; vendor & exhibitor access; live access to all events streaming virtually; and event recordings of all virtual events	\$90
Not Included: Saturday Awards Banquet	
When registering: indicate field trip option, reception RSVP, and add-on Awards Banquet for additional \$45 if desired	

SINGLE-DAY EVENT OPTIONS:

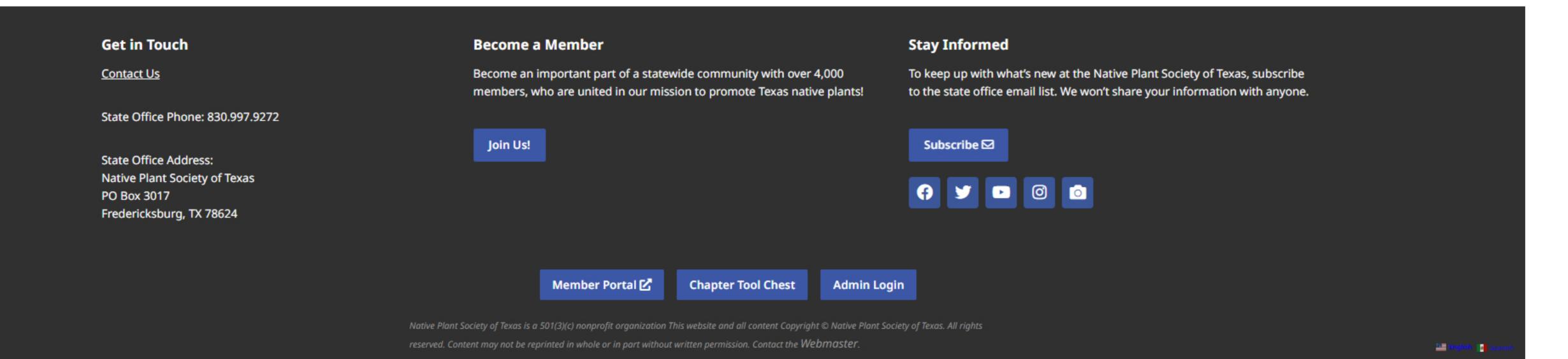
Friday-Only Event and Saturday-Only Event registrations allow attendees to register for one day of the symposium, with the limitations noted below.

SINGLE-DAY EVENT TYPE	PRIC
Non-Member FRIDAY ONLY Option <i>Included</i> : Friday lunch & refreshments; Friday plenary sessions; choice of field trip; Friday night reception; vendor & exhibitor access When Registering: Choose your field trip option	\$115
Member FRIDAY ONLY Option Included: Friday lunch & refreshments; Friday plenary sessions; choice of field trip; Friday night reception; vendor & exhibitor access When Registering: Choose your field trip option	\$90
Non-Member SATURDAY ONLY Option Included: Saturday lunch refreshments; Saturday plenary sessions Not Included: Saturday Awards Banquet When Registering: Choose your Saturday Concurrent Session or Workshop Selection by 1) clicking the sessions check box and 2) selecting your session option. Select the add-on Awards Banquet for additional \$45 if desired.	\$115
Member SATURDAY ONLY Option Included: Saturday lunch refreshments; Saturday plenary sessions Not Included: Saturday Awards Banquet When Registering: Choose your Saturday Concurrent Session or Workshop Selection by 1) clicking the sessions check box and 2) selecting your session option. Select the add-on Awards Banquet for additional \$45 if desired.	\$90

GUEST OPTIONS:

Guest option for the Saturday Awards Banquet (e.g., for someone not attending any other symposium events, such as an Awardee, or someone traveling with a Symposium attendee).

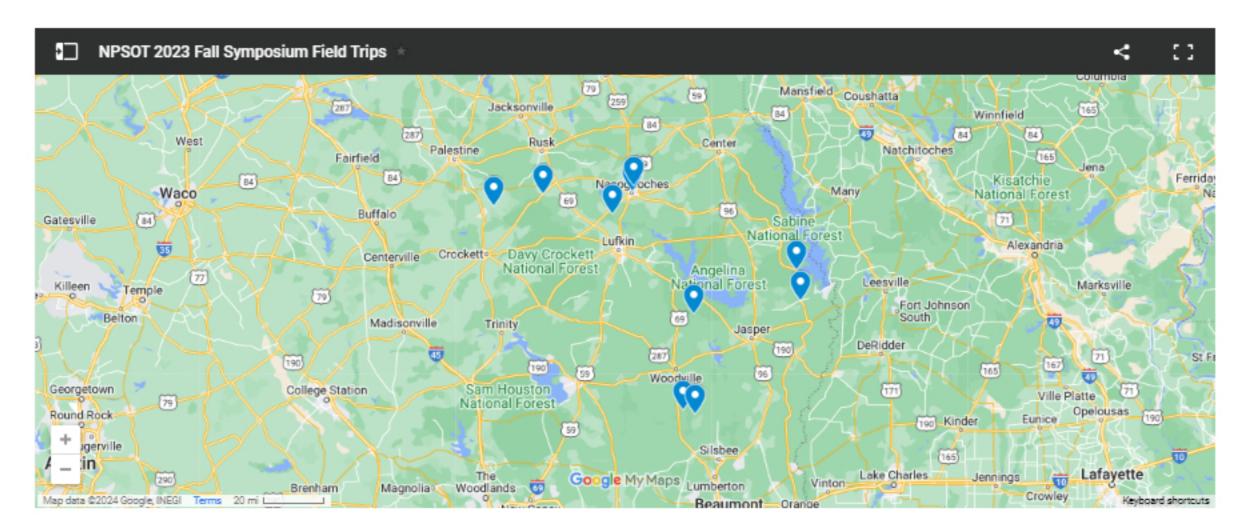
GUEST TICKET TYPE	PRICE
Saturday Evening BANQUET ONLY	\$45
Included: Saturday Awards Banquet	
Not Included: Any other symposium events or meals	



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Friday Field Trips

Attendance for most field trips is limited, and consequently the field trip selection made during event registration is final and cannot be changed at the Symposium. Please review possible choices below and ensure you are comfortable with the option you are choosing (there is also an option for no field trip). For assistance or questions, email admin-assist@npsot.org. (Please note response will be fastest during office hours of Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 3-5, and Thursday 9-1.)



Printed field trip information will be available at the symposium. Distance and travel times are estimated from The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center in downtown Nacogdoches.

F1. Angelina National Forest Upland Island Wilderness Area Bouton Lake Rec Area, Zavalla, TX 75980 57 miles, 1 hour

Description:

This walk will allow participants to experience several healthy Habitats on what Ned Fritz called Longleaf Ridge. From bogs/baygalls, seeps, savannahs, and a Longleaf Sand Cap. Some rare plant species at the site include Louisiana Squarehead/ Tetragonetheca ludivichiana, Texas Bartonia/Bartonia texanum, Bog Giant Coneflower/Rudbeckia scabrifolia, and Bogmoss/Mayaca aublletii. There are several species of Milkweed/ Asclepias spp, Gayfeathers/Liatris spp, Asters amongst the Grasses galore. Location is located in part of what Ned Fritz coined Longleaf Ridge.

Leader: Peter Loos and Jason Singhurst

Difficulty: Moderate, no formal trail. Keep in mind that Baygalls and Bogs are wet by nature, otherwise hiking boots are encouraged. Some elevation change. Wheelchair/ADA accessible: No Start Time: Noon Duration: 3-3.5 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: No

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link

Other: Field trip occurs during hunting season. Wear bright colors, such as blaze orange.

US59/I69 south from Nacogdoches to Lufkin, around loop to southeast side of town to US69 South, go south through Huntington to Zavalla. You can either come in from west side by staying on US69 to the Countyline but suspect road expansion construction will still make the left turn hard to recognize at time of trip. Alternative route is at Zavalla take Hwy63 exit, go past school stay right at fork, south of town.

F2. Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve

527 CR 4777, Warren, TX, United States, 77664 98 miles, 2 hours

Description:

This walk will allow participants to see excellent examples of a pitcher plant Bog, with slopes dominated by Longleaf Pine Savanah. Home to one of the larger populations of the rare Chapman's Fringed Orchid there are several other orchid species found at the site. Other unusual species at the Preserve include Sweet Pepper Shrub/Clethra alnifolia, Bigleaf Magnolia/Magnolia macrophylla, Liatris spp, several species of Milkweed/Asclepias spp (to include Rubra, Lanceolata, obovata), and Tall Catchfly/Silene subcilliata

Links for more information: Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve on Facebook Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve Website

Leader: Joe Liggio

Difficulty: Easy; Property has areas of dirt based paths and boardwalks to maneuver through the bog areas. Minimal elevation change. Wheelchair/ADA accessible: No Start Time: Noon Duration: 2.5 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No

Facilities: Portable Toilet

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link Take Bus 59 (North Street) south to Lufkin Loop, take loop around to US 69 exit, go south on US 69 through town of Warren, approx. 2 miles

south of town take left (east) on Lake Hyatt Estates road, follow sign to preserve (after crossing lake spillway take left fork in road).

F3. Pineywoods Native Plant Center, Stephen F Austin State University

2900 Raguet St, Nacogdoches, TX 75965 2.3 miles, 10 min

Description:

One of the premier public display gardens in the Pineywoods and in Texas, the PNPC is a part of the SFS Gardens. Home to the twice held annually SFA Garden Plant Sales, the property is home to numerous display areas to include a prairie/meadow and extensive collections of numerous species. As part of its mission statement, there also are numerous trial species, a number of which can be found scattered throughout the landscape.

Leader: Dr. David Creech and Staff Difficulty: Easy Wheelchair/ADA accessible: Yes, in places Start Time: 11 am Duration: Flexible as it can include other native collections located in other parts of the Gardens Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: Yes

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link Located north of the hotel on Raguet St. on the northwest edge of campus, directly adjacent to Raguet Elementary

F4. Scrappin' Valley

North Newton Co. Meeting at corner of TX-87 and State Hwy 255 86 miles, 1.5 hours

Description:

Scrapping Valley is a wonderful example of Longleaf Pine habitat and contains numerous plant communities to include Pitcher Plant Bogs, Dry Upland Sand Caps, Baygalls, Mesic Creeks, and Barrens. Located in part of the area Ned Fritz coined Longleaf Ridge. Highlight will be a stop at what some call a cave but is more of a Grotto where one might see Tall Catchfly, Bottle Gentians, Native Azaleas. The property has become a conservation area since changing ownership and continues to have numerous scientific research activities from monitoring RCW (Red-cockaded Woodpeckers) to Louisiana Pine Snake.

Leader: Scott Walberg

Difficulty: Moderate; No organized trails but short walks from roads at numerous stops, some sites have gentle slopes. Wheelchair/ADA accessible: No Start Time: 11:45 am Duration: 2.5-3 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: No

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link From the Fredonia, take Main St (Hwy21) go east to San Augustine, turn right (south) on US96 to PR255, turn left to corner of TX-255/State Hwy 87 (northwest corner) to meet leader.

F5. Sabine National Forest, Fox Hunters Hill

TX-87 Sabine Co. (Meet at Public Boat Ramp south side of lake crossing at community of Six Mile.) 72 miles, 1.5 hours

Description:

Another site located on Longleaf Ridge, this location is another excellent example of Longleaf Pine habitat. Plant communities include Sand Cap/Dry Sand Hills, Wet Creek bottoms, Mesic Creek Bottoms, Pitcher plant Bog, Baygalls Catahoula Barrens and Savannahs. Two of the more unusual species participants should see include Bottle Gentians and Bigleaf Witch Hazel/Hamamelis ovalis. Home to numerous RCW (Red-cockaded Woodpecker) clusters, the site also include large colonies of Sandhill Sellaginella and several colonies of Tall Catchfly/Silene subcilliata and Yellow Sandhill Blazing star/Liatris bridgesii.

Leader: Suzanne Walker

Difficulty: Difficult; no trails, numerous slopes Wheelchair/ADA accessible: No Start Time: 11:45 am Duration: 2.5-3 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: No, though there are Rest Rooms at the meeting site Other: Field trip occurs during hunting season. Wear bright colors, such as blaze orange.

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link

Take Main St (Hwy21) east to San Augustine, south (right turn) on US96 to Pineland, turn left on FM 1 go ¼ mile to FM 2426 turn right (east) to end at Hwy 87, turn right (south) through community of Six Mile across lake. Public Boat Ramp is on the left.

F6. USDA-NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center and Winston 8 Tree Farm

6598 FM2782, Nacogdoches, TX 75964 12 miles, 20 min

Description:

The group will start with a tour of the Pineywoods Plant Material Center facilities and field plots. After that the group will travel to the nearby Winston 8 Tree Farm, a wonderful example of pine savannah dominated habitat. There will be plenty of opportunity to see numerous Savannah plant species such as Gaillardia aesitvialis, Salvia azurea, Eyringium yuccafolia, Liatris bridgesii, Liatris pycnostachya, Liatris squarrosa, and numerous species of Grasses. The property also has several Baygalls as well as mesic creeks and dry sandhills. The property is also home to the recently designated State Champion Southern Sugar Maple/Acer barbatum.

Leader: Dawn Stover

Difficulty: Easy, there will be several short walks from unpaved roads. At Winston Ranch there are some gentle slopes. Wheelchair/ADA accessible: No Start Time: 11:30 am Duration: 3-3.5 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: Yes

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link Take BUS 59 south becoming US59 continue south to FM 2782, take right turn continue along FM past TxP&W WMA to entrance to the SFASU Experimental Forest/ NRCS-PMC, turn left, go through two gates and take right turn when you reach several buildings (PMC).

F7. Davy Crockett Neches Bluff Overlook

Neches Bluff scenic overlook FR511A, Grapeland, TX 75844 36 miles, 60 min

Description:

After meeting at the Neches Bluff Overlook where participants might see Clematis carrizoensis, Thaspium sp, the group will caravan to a nearby seasonal wetland "bowl" full of Spiranthes odorata which also contains two species of Hibiscus and Cardinal Flower. Next stop will be a Post Oak dominated roadside site with a large colony of Palafoxia sp. From there its on to Pond Camp along the way seeing Louisiana Squarehead/Tetragonetheca ludivichiana adjacent to a large colony of Bluejack (or Sand Jack) Oak. At Pond Camp there will be an opportunity to see Liatris aspera, Liatris tenuis, Rattlesnake Master/Eryngium yuccifolium, and Red Ring Milkweed/Ascelepias varigata.

Leader: Mark Tietz

Difficulty: Moderate, no formal trails off roadsides Wheelchair/ADA accessible: No Start Time: 11:45 am Duration: 2.5-3 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: Yes, only at Neches Bluff overlook Other: Field trip occurs during hunting season. Wear bright colors, such as blaze orange.

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link

Take Hwy 21 west through Alto and just across the Neches River turn left on FR 511 to FR511A take left go to overlook at end of road near Rest Rooms.

F8. Big Thicket National Preserve, Pitcher Plant Trail Co Rd 4850, Warren, TX 77664, Tyler County

90 miles, 2 hours

Description:

One of the Big Thicket Preserve's premier Pitcher Plant bogs and home to numerous bog species to include Bog Coreopsis/Coreopsis gladiata, several Gayfeathers/Liatris spp (to include pycnostachya and acidota) numerous orchid species such as Grass Pinks/Calypogon, Rose Pagonia/Pagonia, Yellow Fringed Orchid/Plantanthera cilliaris, and Chapman's Fringed Orchid/Plantanthera chapmanii. The bog is surrounded by Baygall on lower wet side with Swamp Titi/Cyrilla racemiflora, Tall Inkberry Holly/Ilex coriacea, and Sweetbay Magnolia/Magnolia virginiana. The higher drier land on the walk in has Beautyberry, Dwarf Pawpaw/Asimina parviflora, and several Oak species.

Leader: Eric Keith

Difficulty: Easy, paved trail from parking lot to boardwalk at Pitcher Plant Bog Wheelchair/ADA accessible: Yes Start Time: Noon Duration: 2.5-3 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: No Facilities: Yes Other: Wearing bright colors suggested. Field trip occurs during hunting season but this field trip is in a no shooting zone with wellestablished asphalt/boardwalk trail.

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link

Take bus59 south to Lufkin, take Lufkin Loop around east side to US69 to Warren, take left at light on FM 1943 (east) past Turkey Creek to CR by Brown Sign for the Pitcher Plant Trail (not the Turkey Creek Trail with roadside Picnic Area) turn right, entrance to parking area is on right.

F9. Caddo Mounds State Historic Site 1649 State Hwy 21 West, Alto, TX 75925 32 miles, 35 minutes

Description:

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Tour the Caddo Mound grass houses and discover how they are constructed using local vegetation. Learn about how the Caddo utilized native plants for food and medicine. Get to know the plants established at the prairie restoration site.

Leader: Rachel Galan and Leslie Bush

Difficulty: Easy; Main trails are composed of a gravel that is rated for accessibility and golf carts are available for visitors to use. Wheelchair/ADA accessible: Yes; talk/walk will occur in areas that are accessible to the attending group. Start Time: Estimated 11:45 Duration: 2.5-3 hours Maximum number of attendees: 30 Fees: \$4 Facilities: Family restroom expected to be open in new museum area.

From The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center: google map link Head west on E Hospital St toward N Fredonia St. Turn left onto Pearl St. Slight right toward W Main St. Turn right onto W Main St. Continue onto TX-21 W/Douglass Rd/El Camino Real. Continue to follow TX-21 W. Destination will be on the right.

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This is a collection of interesting stops and field trips you can take on your own while traveling to and from the symposium or during down time. There are no organized field trips planned for Thursday or Sunday.

No NPSOT registration is required, but please check the link for any site of interest to plan your visit with regard to directions, hours, tickets and registrations, accessibility, and possible changes due to Covid-19, weather, fire-risk, road closures, or maintenance.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our symposium is at the beginning of regular deer season, so be sure to check for trail closings and wear hunter safety type clothing in any public outdoor situation during this time of year in East Texas, with exception on the city trails in Nacogdoches.

IN OR NEAR THE SYMPOSIUM AREA (within Nacogdoches)

- SFA Gardens (home to the Pineywoods Native Plant Center)
- Lanana Creek Trail (AllTrails link)
- Historic Walking Tour of Nacogdoches
- Diedrich Rulfs Architectural Driving Tour Throughout Nacogdoches

SOUTH (within ~2 Hours):

- Big Thicket National Preserve Pitcher Plant Trail
- Big Thicket National Preserve Sundew Trail
- Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary

SOUTHWEST (within ~.75 Hours):

Ratcliff Lake (Davy Crocket National Forest)

SOUTHEAST (within ~1.5 Hours):

USFS Sawmill Hiking Trail

- AllTrails list of trails in Martin Dies, Jr. State Park
- Trail Between the Lakes (via AllTrails)

NORTH (within ~1.25 Hours):

Tyler State Park

NORTHWEST (within ~1.25 Hours):

I.D. Fairchild State Forest

NORTHEAST (within ~2 Hours):

Caddo Lake State Park

WEST (within ~.75 Hours):

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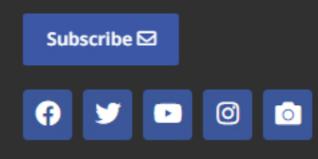
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Venues



Exterior image of The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center, Nacogdoches, TX

The centrally-located Freedonia Hotel & Convention Center will be the primary venue for the 2023 Fall Symposium. On-site activities will include plenary and concurrent sessions, the Friday night reception, the awards banquet, vendor, exhibitor, and sponsor displays, and the silent auction raffle activities. It is located at 200 N Fredonia St, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 and the phone number is 936-564-1234.





SFA Pineywoods Native Plant Center

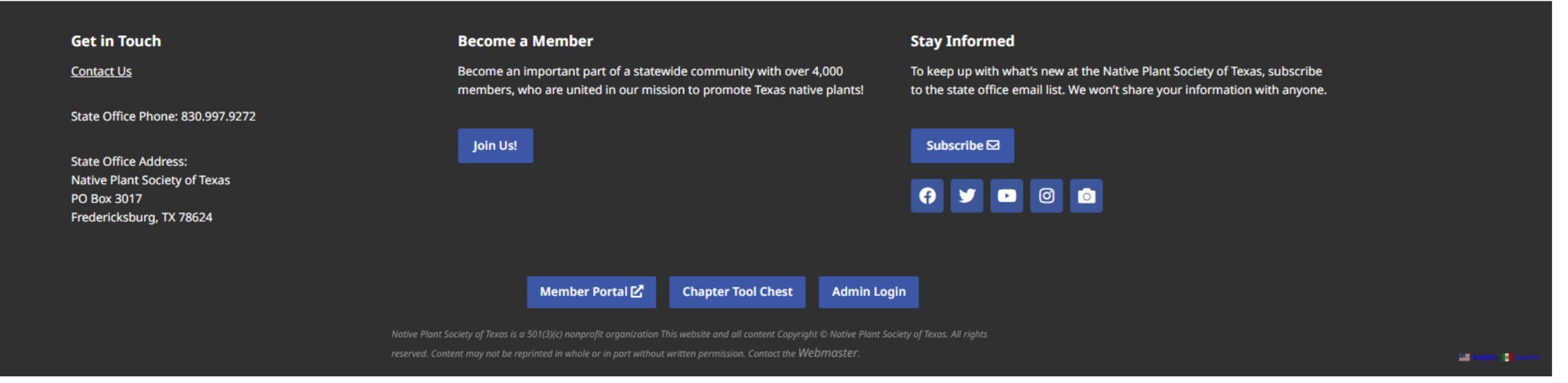
The SFA Pineywoods Native Plant Center will be the site of the Symposium workshop offering, a plant sale, and other activities to be determined. It is also open for garden visits from dusk-till-dawn seven days a week.

This 42-acre garden on the north end of the Stephen F. Austin State University campus is a unique mixture of uplands, mesic mid-slopes, and wet creek bottoms. The Tucker House serves as the central feature of the property, which is surrounded by native forest and gardens that celebrate the wonderful diversity of native plants in the region. Additionally, the Tucker Woods Trail offers two miles of handicap accessible trails among varied habitats, as well as through the horticulture demonstration gardens surrounding the Tucker House.

It is located at 2900 Raguet St., Nacogdoches,TX,75962 and the phone number is 936-468-1832.



The Freedonia Brewery will be the site of the site of the Thursday evening "no host" meet and greet activities. This microbrewery is located one block from the Freedonia Hotel and Convention Center at 138 N Mound St, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 and the phone number is 936-305-5125.





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Silent and Online Auctions



2022 Silent Auction in Alpine, Texas, Alan R. Lusk

Online Auction

The online auction features four special packages designed with plant lovers in mind and is open to all interested parties to bid. You could win items like a cool river stay on the Native American Seed Farm, a Pineywoods cabin stay and private field trip from Symposium Speaker Peter Loos, or a Allen Acres Bed and Breakfast stay & Edible Plant Class hosted by Symposium Speaker Charles Allen, and more! And your winning bid also supports the Kate Hillhouse Scholarship Fund and the Ann Miller Gonzalez Research Grant Fund!



Silent Auction

The silent auction will be set up in the Fredonia Hotel along with exhibits and vendors. During the symposium, donations will be accepted Friday afternoon, 11/10/23 from 2pm-4 pm and through Saturday afternoon, 11/11/23. If you want to donate an item to the silent auction, but are unable to attend the symposium and cannot coordinate with someone who is, please email Renata Lucia at admin-assist@npsot.org for mailing instructions. Mailed items must be received by 10/23/23.

All items must be accompanied by a bid sheet with the name, description of the item, estimated item value and suggested opening bid completed. Twenty percent of the estimated value is recommended for the suggested opening bid.

BID Sheet as a Word doc

Bid Sheet as a PDF

Please note that donations do not have to be expensive or related to native plants. Whether it is a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant or store, an admired book that you want to pass on to another native plant lover, or perhaps a treasure of your own making, each donation contributes to a very worthwhile cause. Items of local interest are especially popular.

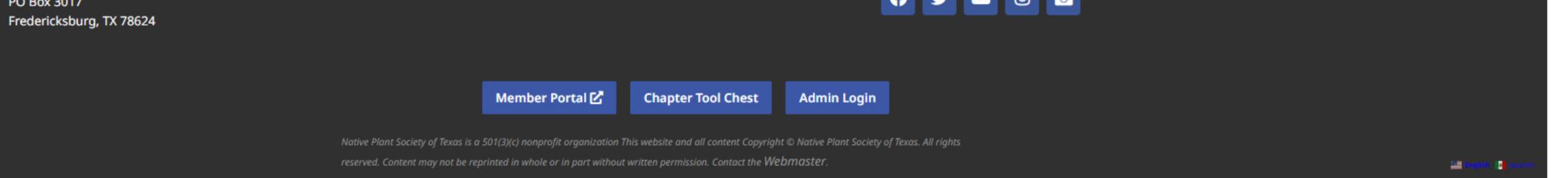
About the Proceeds

Proceeds from the silent auction go toward the Kate Hillhouse Scholarship Fund and to the Ann Miller Gonzalez Research Grant Fund. Kate Hillhouse and Ann Miller Gonzalez were early supporters of Texas native plants and were devoted to preserving our area native plants thus funds generated from these two events provide us with a way to honor them. Please help us make this year's symposium a great success by participating in these events!

Silent Auction Volunteers Are Needed

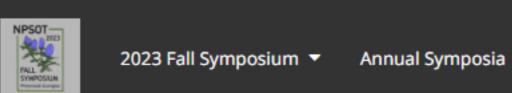
The Silent Auction Committee is asking for volunteers to help during the symposium. If you can volunteer for the silent auction or have any questions about the auction, please contact Betsy Farris, Co-Chair of the 2023 Silent Auction.

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Rudbeckia hirta by 2022 Gulf Coast Prairies & Marshes Ecoregion Winner Linda Kuhn

The submission period for our 2023 Photo, Video, and Newsletter contests has passed. You can view all of this year's photo submissions on our SmugMug site. The 2023 winners of all contests will be announced during the Fall Symposium Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 11th!

Questions?

Contact Bill Hopkins at Bill.Hopkins@npsot.org

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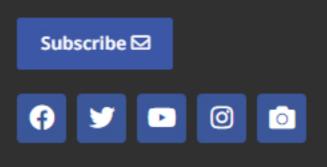
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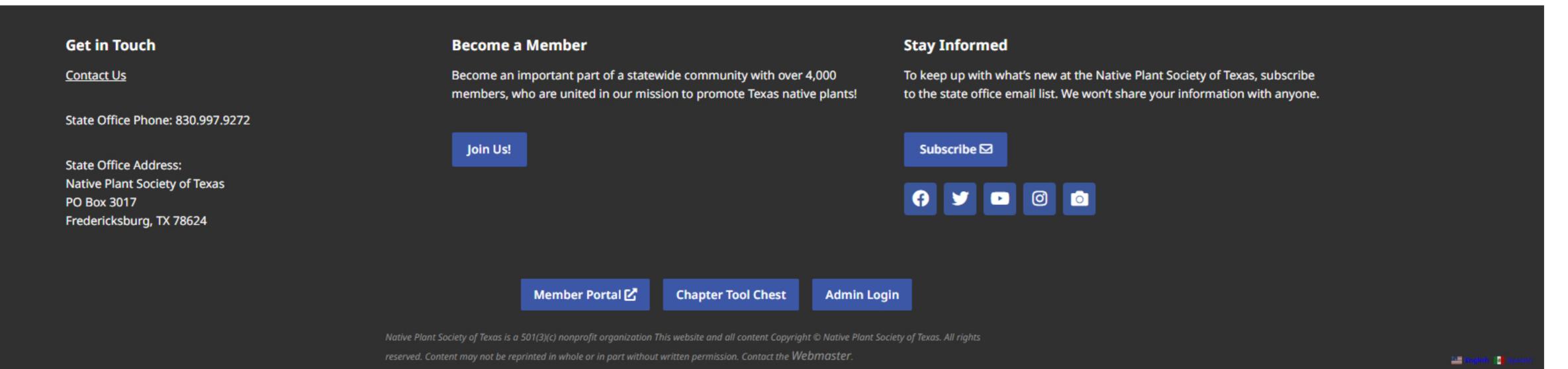
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If you and your business are native plant champions – consider sponsoring and/or being a vendor at our event!

The Native Plant Society of Texas is a state-wide organization with 33 chapters and more than 4,000 members who promote conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach, and example.

The Society has assembled a remarkable schedule of recognized experts to speak about the astounding East Texas Pineywoods Plant Communities. The symposium is open to anyone interested in learning how to restore and preserve our state's rich and diverse native plant communities. Highlights include plenary and concurrent sessions, workshops, field trips, a silent auction to raise money for scholarships, a native plant sale, vendors and exhibitors, and an awards dinner and ceremony honoring outstanding achievements in the field of Texas native plants.

Symposium 2023 will draw a diverse audience of more than 200 academics, professionals, conservationists, educators, and landscaping experts from across Texas. It should not be missed! Make the most of this opportunity!

Thank you for choosing to support the Native Plant Society of Texas and the native plant habitats of Texas. The conservation and education goals of the Native Plant Society of Texas benefit us all, but we can't do it without the generous support of friends like you. As a leader in this community, your support is truly needed – and appreciated – to make this event a success. We hope that you will join us and be a part of this year's event.

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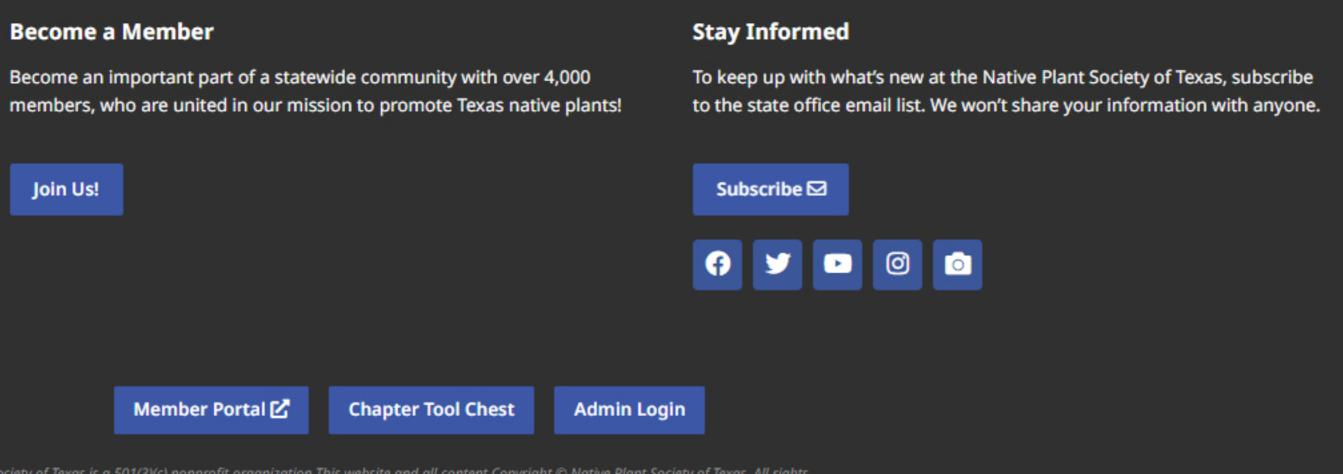
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Our 2023 Fall Symposium in Nacogdoches promises to be a fascinating review of the east Texas pineywoods plant communities! From forests to fungi – learn about it all. We welcome Native Plant Society of Texas chapter donations to help the Society keep registration costs down and host the best fall symposium yet!

When completing your chapter name on the donation form, be sure to use this format: "(Chapter Name) Chapter - NPSOT" This will ensure that your chapter is credited properly. If your donation is eligible for free registration packages, please notify our Administrative Assistant, Renata Lucia admin-assist@npsot.org, as soon as the chapter determines the recipient(s). Registration packages include selections of concurrent sessions and field trips – so please hurry!

We welcome your recommendation for corporate sponsorships, vendors, and exhibitors. Please direct everyone to the "Become a Sponsor, Vendor, or Exhibitor" link on the symposium webpage.

Click here to donate – THANK YOU!

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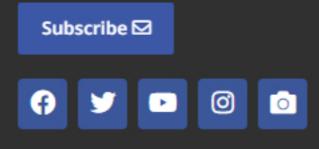
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Rattlesnake master Eryngium yuccifolium blooms at the Winston 8 Tree Farm Dawn Stover

clarification, please email admin-assist@npsot.org.

When will registration open?

Registration with event details is expected to open August 1.

Will there be a 2023 Quilt Raffle?

There will not be a quilt raffle this year. We will have our silent auction event as usual.

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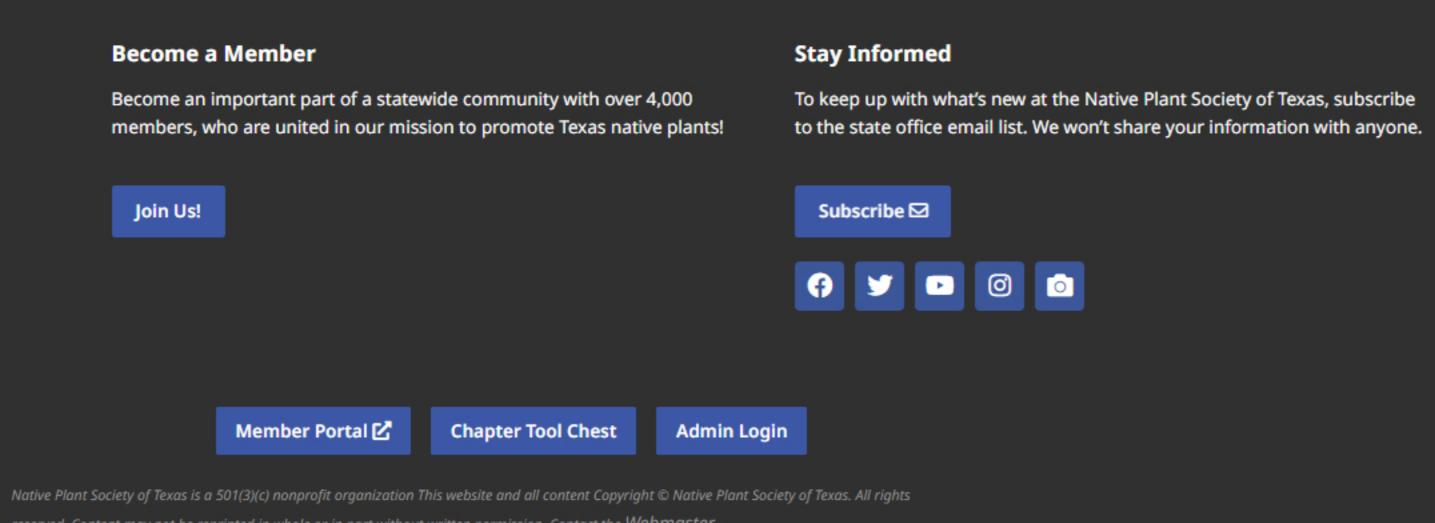
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Symposium FAQs

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