



**FEBRUARY 2024**

**Boerne Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas  
Chapter Meeting  
Tuesday, February 6  
Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium  
6 - 6:45 pm - Check-in/Hospitality/Announcements  
7 - 8:00 pm - Presentation  
8 pm - Clean up\***

*\*Please bring a dish to share. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up of the auditorium.*

**President's Message  
Felicia Zeitman**

*Hello Everyone!*

*Every year the State office of the Native Plant Society of Texas asks each chapter to complete the Chapter Activity Report (CAR). This report is what the State Office uses to determine, "The Chapter of the Year."*

*One of the questions on the CAR is how many volunteers and hours are usually dedicated to a specific project?*

*I amazed that only 20 - 30 volunteers (including Second Saturday volunteers) put in ~800 -1000 volunteer hours annually in supporting the various special projects in the Boerne community.*

*In compiling the information for this report and reviewing all our activities, I am so proud of the involvement and dedication of the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.*

*And speaking of volunteers, thank you to Marianne Manger and Cynthia Brown. They are our new hospitality co-chairs. They are responsible for organizing our pot-luck dinners and making sure we have the utensils and fix'ns for our dinners.*

*They asked me to remind volunteers to bring a dessert and/or side dish for the dinner and request that having a few extra savory dishes or vegetables would be helpful, as it appears we are going to have plenty of desserts!*

*Looking forward to seeing you at the Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, February 6th.*

**"How to Grow Maples from Seed"  
Presented by Chuck Janzow**

**Chuck Janzow** is a founding member of the Boerne Chapter of NPSOT and has been a member of this chapter for 20 years. He is a retired science teacher from Boerne High School. His native plant interest started in 1992 and he started a nursery in 1994 focused on woody perennials.

He will be sharing his tried and true wisdom of how to a maple tree from a seed.

**For Just A \$1 Raffle Ticket...**

We will have two items for this month's raffle. A Mexican Silktassel plant and one of the new NPSOT Member yard sign. Come with your dollar bills and be ready to win one of these great prizes!



**Welcome new member!  
Colleen Rutherford**

**Goal – Win Texas!**

Native Plant Society of Texas-Boerne, we need your participation! City Nature Challenge 2024 is coming this April 26-29. The challenge started as a friendly competition between San Francisco and Los Angeles in 2016. The goal was for citizen science teams in these rival California cities to document local wildlife. Los Angeles area won that first contest with 10,352 observations, 1,601 species and 574 participants. Now the challenge has spread across the world! The CNC 2023 winner was the city of La Paz, Bolivia.

How can the Boerne Chapter participate in City Nature Challenge 2024? Download the iNaturalist app, take photos or record sounds of local nature on April 26-29, then upload your photos/sounds into iNaturalist by May 5. It's that easy!

We invite you to explore plants with a fresh purpose on April 26-29. There are **12 counties** included in the San Antonio Metro Area...Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Gillespie, Goliad, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties. Take a road trip, visit a park or walk around your neighborhood. Just remember to take iNaturalist along, and let's win City Nature Challenge 2024 together!

We've got you covered with more inspiration and tips in the coming months. Follow us on Facebook at "City Nature Challenge Team: San Antonio Metro Area", and visit us at [www.CNC-SA.org](http://www.CNC-SA.org).



**Dates to Remember**

- Tuesday, Feb. 6** - Chapter Meeting @ 6 pm  
Presentation by Chuck Janzow  
Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium
- Saturday, Feb. 10** - Second Saturday, 9 am - Noon  
Cibolo Nature Center with Veronica Hawk
- Tuesday, Feb. 20** - Boerne Chapter NPSOT Board Meeting @ 5 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 2** - Spring Symposium - Join virtually or in person at Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin!  
Registration is now open. For event details and registration click [here](#).
- Saturday, Apr. 20** - Spring Plant Sale  
Herff Farmers Market Teaching Barn

**Upcoming 2024 Speakers**

- March** - Janet Wrede and Rufus Stephens
- April** - Ryan Bass
- May** - John Benedict (tentative)

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*Special thanks to all our contributors.*



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**NICE! Plant of the Month February**

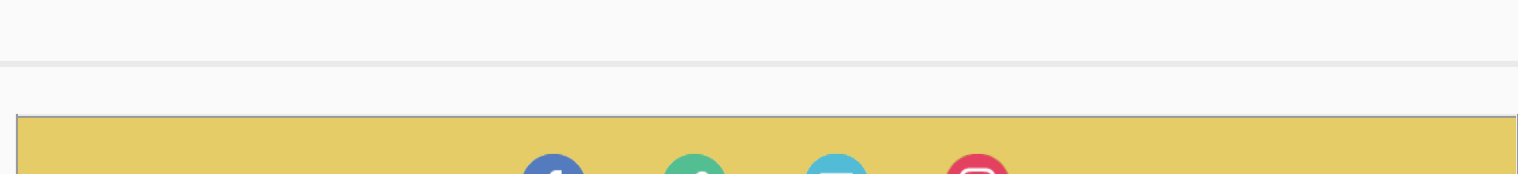
**Eastern Red Columbine  
Wild Red Columbine  
(Aquilegia Canadensis)**



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Native Grown article by Emily Weiner and Delmar Cain: [Wild Red Columbine](#)

For more information about February NICE! plant of the Month, click [here](#)



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