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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

The Boerne NPSOT Annual Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Hunke Hall
33 Herff Road
 (Hunke Hall is located next to The Nest School)
 Use the Farmers' Market Entrance turn
 left to park in front of the school.)
5 pm - Set up*
6 pm - Social Hour
6:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner
Clean up*

**Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up of the Hall.*

Letter from President

Please note, the Boerne Chapter's annual potluck dinner will be in a different venue this year. The board has decided to host the dinner at Hunke Hall which is located next to The Nest School. The address is 33 Herff Road, use the entrance to the Farmers' Market and turn left to go to the school.

The board is interested in getting your feedback about this venue as it is believed it will be easier for people to park and access the Hall. Also, the kitchen facility is very user friendly with plenty of storage.

If the majority likes this "new" venue, we will coordinate with Cibolo Nature Center to start hosting our chapter meetings here.

Also, the chapter is providing the main entree, BBQ from Holy Smokes. We ask everyone who is interested in attending to please provide a side dish or dessert to share with the group. As always, these dinners are BYOB!

Please share the change of venue with your Boerne NPSOT friends just in case they miss the newsletter.

WANTED: WBNP (Well Behaved Native Plants)
 by Kathy Webster

Reflecting on the Chapter's recent plant sale, I find myself thinking about the wonderful native plants that were NOT offered for sale, or that are donated in very small numbers each spring and fall. These tend to be very desirable plants that would be in high demand if available, but we simply don't have them. I'm guessing the reason we don't have them is because these plants are well-behaved in the landscape. They grow where you put them. They don't colonize, spread easily, or re-seed freely.

I am wondering if there might be growers out there that would take on the challenge of propagating these well-behaved species that would be great sellers if only we had them! So here's my WISH LIST of well-behaved native plants for the fall sale. Of course, I don't want these species ONLY, but would like to have these represented in greater numbers in addition to our usual stock. Thank you in advance to any growers who take on this challenge!

Aromatic sumac	Four-nerve daisy
Bee brush (Alyosia gratissima)	Fragrant mimosa
Blackfoot daisy	Orange Milkweed (Asclepias tuberosa)
Bushy skullcap (Scutellaria wrightii)	Shrubby boneset/White mistflower (Ageratina havanensis)
Coral honeysuckle	Skeletonleaf Goldeneye
Crossvine	Texas lantana (Lantana urticoides)
Damianita	Texas milkweed (Asclepias texana)
Esperanza/Yellow bells (straight native; not from nurseries which may be from tropical stock)	Turk's cap
Evergreen sumac	White honeysuckle (Lonicera albiflora)

Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP)
 by Veronica Hawk

The Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP) Level 4 class went very well. Thanks to Gary and Brenda Fest and Felicia Zbrank for all their help with the set up, class day details and student questions. While in a torrential drizzle, Kathy Ward led the class of 25 from the marsh through the prairie, down to the riparian area for a discussion surrounding the upper and lower Cibolo habitats. The class then walked to the woodlands to discuss open and closed canopies, as well as invasive plant species. This stewardship of habitats class covered the human-habitat connection, the identification of habitats and the plant communities they support. We learned about soils using the EDIT database that provides reference details for the lands we steward. This class could not have been possible without Rufus Stevens, Donna Taylor, Ben Eldridge, Kathy Ward and everyone who participated in Wildlife Field Research days. Thank you to all, including the NLCP participants who stayed and helped with clean up.

It is now time to think about teaching NLCP in the Fall, 2024. The schedule is due in early July, for registration on August 1st. If you are interested in instructing, volunteering or supporting, please contact veronica.hawk@gmail.com to learn more.

Second Saturday Volunteer Day at Cibolo Nature Center
 by Veronica Hawk

The Butterfly Garden is still looking beautiful! Thanks to Rita King, Don Rawls and Veronica Hawk who picked up and pulled Malta Star thistle and Johnson grass as well as rescued some small Mexican plums from Bill's Garden. We will revisit plant signage over the summer and review NLCP plant lists to be sure that demonstration plants are available for the classes.

Second Saturdays are a great opportunity to learn more about native plants and their habitats. Veronica is a great teacher, to learn more about volunteering, please contact Veronica Hawk at veronica.hawk@gmail.com

Field Trip Friday
 By Karla Marchell

Our May 10 plant hike at Kreuzberg Canyon Natural Area went very well with great weather and plenty of plants and wildlife to see. Attendees were Veronica Hawk (hike leader), Mike and Laurie Hampton, Marvin Hatter, Rheda Boardman, Crystal and Jay McElhenney, Lars Nielsen, and Karla Marchell.

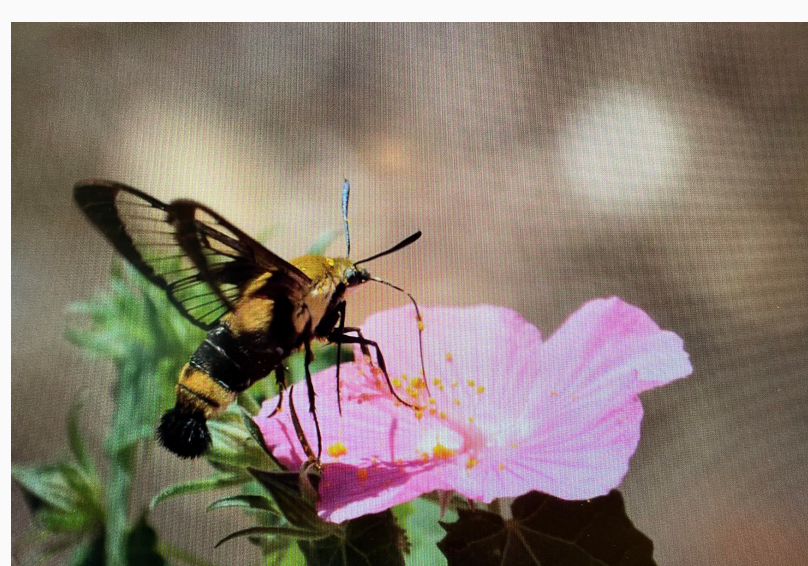
Mike & Laurie Hampton live near the park and have volunteered there over the years. They provided interesting commentary about the park and its pollinator garden. Veronica helped identify many plants for us and provided interesting background on several topics, including the dangers of poison hemlock and the life cycle of mistletoe.

Marvin pointed out several plants to the group including a beautiful little yellow succulent called sedum, or "stonecrop". Rheda spotted a yellow-breasted chat singing away on a tall cypress tree along the Guadalupe River.

Karla was interested to learn that the park is designated as an iNaturalist project, and that time spent photographing and uploading photos qualifies for Texas Master Naturalist volunteer hours.

The group spent three and half hours wandering the park and came away with improved plant knowledge and new friendships.

Field Trip Second Friday (FTSF) in June may be held at the YMCA Roberts Ranch in Comfort. Please watch for an email regarding the date and location of this hike.



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, June 4 - Chapter Meeting - Pot Luck Dinner (Hunke Hall, 33 Herff Road, next to The Nest School)

Saturday, June 8 - 2nd Saturday workday at Cibolo Nature Center 9 am - Noon

Friday June 14 - Field Trip Second Friday - YMCA Roberts Ranch in Comfort

July & August - No chapter meetings

August - NPSOT Board will meet

September 3 - Resume Chapter Speaker Meetings & Pot Luck Dinners

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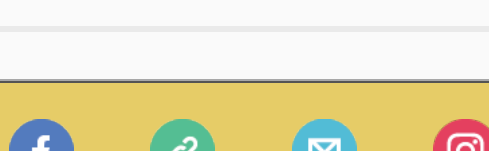
NICE! Plant of the Month - June

Flame Acanthus
Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. *wrightii*



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