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Challenges of the Pineywoods: Fire, Biodiversity and Fragmentation

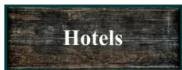
Welcome to the Pineywoods and Huntsville, Texas, for the 2017 annual symposium of the Native Plant Society of Texas. The symposium committee has worked hard to pull together great native plant tours, workshops, and speakers for this year's meeting. Following a stop or two on incoming tours to Huntsville, we hope to see you Thursday afternoon, November 2, at the base of the Sam Houston statue, which according to the Sam Houston Statue Visitor Center, "is the world's tallest statue of an American Hero at 67 feet tall on a 10-foot sunset granite base". We will be hosted to a wine and cheese welcome Thursday from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm at the visitor center's adjacent office which is located in a restored dogtrot home. Friday morning and Saturday we convene at the Walker Education Center on the grounds of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. A full slate of workshops will occur Saturday afternoon, we hope to have several that you will find to be must attends. We have lined up excellent speakers and presentations related to the Pineywoods region of East Texas. Don't forget to bring an item or two for the silent auction that benefits our scholarship programs.

*–Ricky Linex
2017 Symposium Chair*



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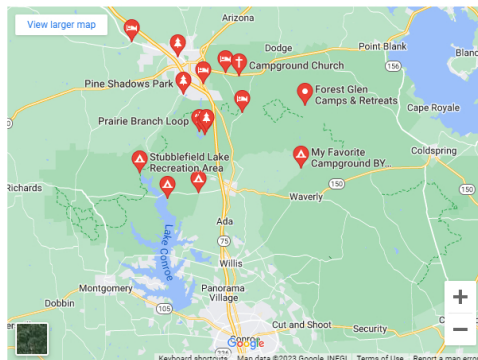


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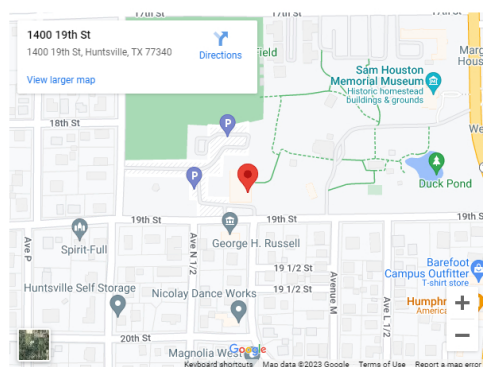
The 2017 Symposium venue will be held at the Walker Education Center located on the grounds of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Registration and T-Shirt sales will be in the Atrium on the main level. The Auditorium and Exhibit Hall, also on the main level, will showcase the Plenary Speakers on Friday and Saturday, the Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle, the Photo Contest and Exhibitor and Vendor Booths. The Workshops and Saturday night Awards Banquet will be held in the Gibbs Hall Lower Level.



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Take exit #116 on I-45.

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Turn right on Sam Houston Avenue. (It is the stop light at the town square which is the Walker County Courthouse).

Head south on Sam Houston Avenue until you reach 19th Street. (You will pass our main museum on the right.)

Turn right on 19th Street. (It is a stoplight and is the only way to turn.)

Turn right into the Katy and E. Don Walker Sr. Education Center Driveway (1400 19th Street)



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SAM HOUSTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Welcome to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Republic of Texas Presidential Library!

Update: February 1, 2023

We are dedicated to preserving the memory of Sam Houston and his times on an approximately fifteen-acre complex located on the site of the homestead of General Houston.

One thing staff has noticed more and more, visitors are relying on some sort of map app on their phone to get to the museum complex causing some confusion over where to park and start your visit. There are three locations you can check-in, pay admission and grab a [museum map](#):

- Sam Houston Memorial Museum (1836 Sam Houston Avenue)
- Wigwam Neosho Museum Store (located in the center of the Museum Grounds)
- Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center (1402 19th Street)

Limited parking is available by the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Wigwam Neosho Museum Store while there is plenty of parking available at the Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center. You are welcome to park either inside the museum grounds, if places are available, or at the Education Center – just keep in mind that our museum grounds are spread out over fifteen acres and there will be a bit of walking!

Interested in booking a school or group tour? Visit the [Education page](#) to learn more about guided and virtual tour offerings.

For up-to-date information on museum events and what is happening around our fifteen acres [follow us on Facebook!](#)

Why is Sam Houston Texas' Greatest Hero?

Get to know General Sam Houston – born leader, statesman, governor, champion of Texas independence and first president of the Republic of Texas.

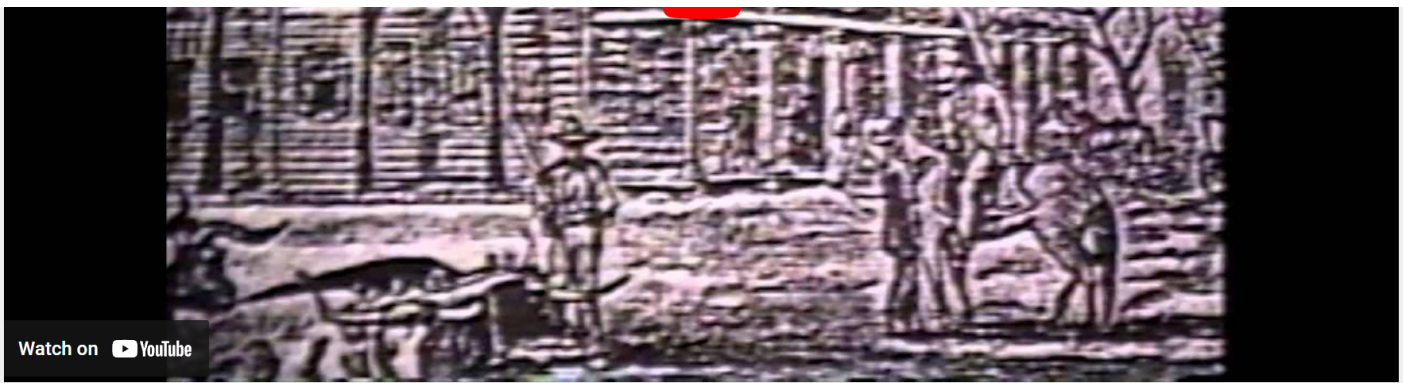



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Museum Overview



Located on 15 acres of the Houston family's original homestead, the museum celebrates the life of General Sam Houston

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Groups & Field Trips



At the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, students and patrons alike can experience rich Texas history and explore the life and legacy of General Sam Houston.

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Rental Facilities



Whether hosting a corporate event, wedding or retreat, there is no place more unique. Our event staff will ensure that it is a memorable occasion.

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Upcoming Events

Please note that dates and times are subject to change.



Exhibit: Bones of Texas

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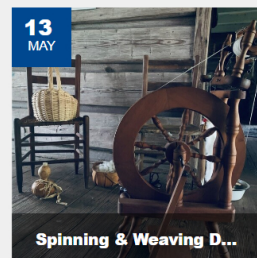


The grounds at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum & Republic of Texas...



Blacksmithing Demon...

Learn about blacksmithing at Joshua's Forge, located on the Sam Houston Memorial...



Spinning & Weaving D...

Learn about spinning & weaving at Bear Bend Cabin, located on the Sam Houston...



Kick Wheel Pottery De...

Learn about the art of kick wheel pottery. This free, come and go style event, will be at...

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1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Facility and Exhibitor/Vendor Setup	Walker Education Bldg., 1402 19th St. Huntsville, TX 77340
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION	Sam Houston Statue, Huntsville Visitor's Center, 7600 Highway 75 S. Huntsville, TX 77340



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7:15 AM	12:00 PM	Registration & Speaker Check-in	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Atrium
7:15 AM	12:00 PM	T-Shirt Sales	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Atrium
7:15 AM	12:00 PM	Deliver Silent Auction Items to the Auction Check-in Table	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Exhibit Hall
7:15 AM	5:00 PM	Exhibits & Vendor Area Open	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Exhibit Hall
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	COFFEE BREAKFAST	Walker Education Bldg., Gibbs Hall, Lower Level - President Houston Room 115
8:00 AM	8:10 AM	Friday Plenary Session Begins Welcome & Introductions: Linda Knowles, NPSOT President Announcements: Ricky Linex	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
8:10 AM	9:00 AM	Pines, Pawpaws, and Pocket Prairies - One Man's Mission to Preserve a Bit of Everything Pineywoods --Greg Grant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service <i>Horticulture Agent, Tyler, Texas</i>	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
9:00 AM	9:15 AM	BREAK	
9:15 AM	10:05 AM	Introducing the East Texas Natives Project --Anthony Falk or Keith Pawelek, Texas Natives	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
10:05 AM	10:55 AM	USDA NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center Plant Development --Alan Shadow, Manager, USDA NRCS East Texas PMC, Nacogdoches	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	NPSOT State Board Meeting	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	LUNCH Attendees pick up lunch boxes	Walker Education Bldg., Gibbs Hall, Lower Level - President Houston Room 115
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	FIELD TRIPS	
FRIDAY NIGHT - FREE NIGHT Explore Huntsville, local sites & restaurant list included in registration packet			



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7:30 AM	8:00 AM	COFFEE BREAKFAST	Gibbs Hall Lower Level - President Houston Room 115
8:00 AM	8:10 AM	Saturday Plenary Session Begins - Announcements	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
8:10 AM	9:00 AM	Rare Plants and Imperiled Communities of the Pineywoods --Matt Buckingham, District Biologist, Texas Department of Transportation	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
9:10 AM	10:00 AM	Virtual Herbarium Search Engine --Raul Pena	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 AM	11:05 AM	Grazing Management of Native Grasses and Forbs --Dr. Robert Lane, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
11:05 AM	11:55 AM	History of the Pineywoods and the Lumber Industry through Time --Mike Oliver, State Forester, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple Texas	Walker Education Bldg., Upper Level - Auditorium
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	LUNCH and Annual Membership Meeting	Gibbs Hall Lower Level - President Houston Room 115
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	WORKSHOPS A-1 thru A-4	See Workshop Schedule
2:20 PM	3:05 PM	WORKSHOPS B-1 thru B-4	See Workshop Schedule
3:05 PM	3:15 PM	SHORT BREAK	
3:15 PM	4:00 PM	WORKSHOPS C-1 thru C-4	See Workshop Schedule
	5:00 PM	Silent Auction ENDS	Walker Education Bldg. Upper Level - Exhibit Hall
6:30 PM	9:30 PM	AWARDS BANQUET	Gibbs Hall Lower Level - President Houston Room 115



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8:10-9:00 AM

Pines, Pawpaws, and Pocket Prairies-One Man's Mission to Preserve a Bit of Everything Pineywoods

—By Greg Grant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Horticulture Agent, Tyler, Texas

Greg Grant, seventh generation East Texan and lifetime member of the Native Plant Society of Texas will present *Pines, Pawpaws, and Pocket Prairies-One Man's Mission to Preserve a Bit of Everything Pineywoods* where he will tell his story of growing up with, falling in love with, and studying the lost Pineywoods ecosystem along with creating his Rebel Eloy Emanis Pine Savanna and Bird Sanctuary.

9:15-10:05 AM

Introducing the East Texas Natives Project

—By Anthony Falk or Keith Pawelek, Texas Natives

Commercial supplies of ecotypic native seed for use in restoration projects in East Texas are not currently available to consumers. We have begun working with private landowners, interested partners, and funding agencies to develop an East Texas Natives (ETN) Project as part of the Texas Native Seed Program. Efforts in East Texas will center on collection, evaluation, increase, and commercialization of important native plant species for grassland, savannah, and forest understory restoration. Ecoregions included in the project will include the Pineywoods, Blackland prairies, and oak woods and prairies. Native plant species for use in restoration of herbaceous understory plant communities in longleaf and shortleaf pine ecosystems will be a top priority of ETN.

Other large scale restoration needs, including for seed sources of native plants suitable for pipeline and highway right of way re-vegetation needs will also be focal areas. Other needs in East Texas include seed sources and methodology for converting Bermuda grass and other non-native pastures to native prairies. Important cooperators in the East Texas Natives project include many supportive private landowners, the USDA NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center, Boggy Slough Conservation Area, and several non-government conservation organizations. In May 2017, an initial project meeting was held to plan for and scope the project, and in autumn 2017, a project technical committee will be convened to select species for collection. We hope to begin field operations of the East Texas Natives Project, and employ a regional project coordinator by January 2018.

10:05-10:55 AM

USDA NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center Plant Development

—By Alan Shadow, Manager, USDA NRCS East Texas PMC, Nacogdoches

The East Texas Plant Materials Center (ETPMC) is part of a national network of 25 Plant Materials Centers operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Established in 1982, the ETPMC evaluates and selects native plants for conservation of natural resources in the eastern one-third of Texas and western Louisiana. The ETPMC is recognized for the development and commercial release of 'Nacogdoches' eastern gamagrass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*), Harrison Germplasm Florida paspalum (*Paspalum floridanum*), Crockett Germplasm herbaceous mimosa (*Mimosa strigillosa*), Coastal Plains Germplasm little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), and Cajun Sunrise Germplasm ashly sunflower (*Helianthus mollis*). Current work focuses on evaluation and selection of forbs and grasses for long and short leaf pine understory restoration.



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Rare Plants and Imperiled Communities of the Pineywoods

–By Matt Buckingham, District Biologist, Texas Department of Transportation

The Pineywoods of East Texas are home to a wealth of natural communities and a biodiverse flora. Contained within are many species and communities that are rare and declining. From eastern peripherals to Pineywoods endemics, this presentation will highlight several of these species and the natural communities they depend on. Topics that will be discussed include identification, natural history, and the current status and population trends of selected species and communities.

9:10-10:00 AM

Virtual Herbarium Search Engine

–By Raul Pena

The one thing about the search engine that makes it unique is that you can identify a plant by listing characteristics that you see that are either visually correct or taxonomically correct. Those two characteristics are not always the same especially when you count the petals of a flower. If we are able to get this on line then anyone with a smart phone can identify a plant in the field as long as they have phone service. The other important thing is that Master Naturalist or Native Plant Society Chapters will be able to expand the database to include plants in their ecoregions that are not in the database and either limit their search to those plants or do a statewide search. One of the features of the report of the search is that a link to the USDA distribution map is made available. If the distribution map does not show that plant exists in the county where it was seen then there is a procedure for submitting that information to the USDA so that the maps can be updated. This can also be a very useful tool for tracking the expanding range of species or introduced exotics. Searches can be done to only show exotic plants, specific species, Plants of a genus, plants with a common name or plants in a specific ecoregion.

10:15-11:05 AM

Grazing Management of Native Grasses and Forbs

–By Robert A. Lane, Ph.D., Sam Houston State University Department of Agricultural Sciences

Improper grazing management practices, as well as the introduction of non-native species, has led to the demise of many native grasses and forbs throughout much of the eastern U.S., including East Texas. Increasing costs associated with the establishment and maintenance of the introduced pasture species have led many to explore the possibility of establishing native forage species on their land or trying to encourage the native species to become reestablished. However, it is important to realize that the growth habits of the native and introduced species vary substantially, requiring the land owner/manager to be more observant and become more knowledgeable regarding both the growth habits and seasonal patterns of growth on the more prolific native species while also meeting the nutritional needs of their livestock. The issues become even more complex if the land is being managed for wildlife habitat. This presentation will address some of the issues mentioned above.

11:05-11:55 AM

History of the Pineywoods and the Lumber Industry through Time

–By Mike Oliver, State Forester, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple Texas

Early settlers in East Texas were greeted by some 22,000,000 acres of forested land that stood in stark contrast to the prairies and rangeland to the west. Forests are a product of rainfall, and East Texas has abundant rainfall compared to locales further west. The lush pine forests found in the early 1800's were characterized by virgin longleaf pines that ranged from 3 to 5 feet in diameter and stood 150 feet tall. Bottomland hardwood forests occupied sites along the Neches, Angelina, and Sabine Rivers. Trees however, were considered an impediment to agriculture, and early residents did not visualize the development of a major industry related to forests.

Following the Civil War, the influx of experienced lumbermen from other states coupled with the low prices of timberland allowed rapid expansion of a forest products industry in East Texas. Prior to the 1880's, timber resources were largely undeveloped, and there was no feasible mode of transportation to get trees out of the forest to distant and profitable markets. Well organized businessmen such as John Henry Kirby were able to put together capital and land on a large scale that allowed railroads to come into East Texas. The coming of the railroads spelled the end of virgin forests in East Texas. The "Bonanza Years" of logging and exploitation lasted from 1880-1930. Many photographs document a cutover wasteland of stump fields in East Texas in the 1930's.

Today, millions of acres of East Texas forests have been returned to productivity due to forward thinking conservationists such as Goodrich Jones who founded the Texas Forestry Association in 1914. Modern lumbermen have realized that reforestation and scientific forest management is vital to sustaining the forests of East Texas. The native forest ecosystems of East Texas once held a wealth of biodiversity; today's forests are often replanted to monocultures of loblolly pine where fire is suppressed and native plant diversity is limited. Fire is a key natural disturbance factor in maintaining natural functioning ecosystems. Current private and government programs provide cost assistance



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AWARDS BANQUET

Discovering and Preserving Texas' Botanical Heritage: Good for Science, Good for Conservation

–By Barney Lipscomb, Leonhardt Chair of Texas Botany, Director of BRIT Press, and Editor of the Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas in Fort Worth, Texas

In 1996, Bernard Baum (Sampling the Green World) said, "The main sources of knowledge of biodiversity are the study of specimens acquired through exploration and their resulting collections." Texas is fortunate to have a wealth of information about its plant life, vegetation, and natural history due to many collectors and collections over the last 197 years, since the first scientific collecting began in Texas in 1820. The 19th Century ushered into Texas a wave of zealous naturalists who labored tirelessly in the great age of discovery. Notable Texas expeditions occurred in the Rolling Plains/High Plains (James 1820), the South Texas Plains (Berlandier 1828–1834), Lower Portions of the Post Oak Savannah and Blackland Prairies (Drummond 1833–1834), Edwards Plateau (Lindheimer 1836–1879), Pineywoods, Gulf Prairies & Marshes, lower portions of the Post Oak Savannah, and Trans-Pecos (Wright 1837–1852), and finally the Blackland Prairies and Cross Timbers and Prairies of North Central Texas (Reverchon 1848–1905). These early sojourners gave science a wealth of herbarium specimens which represent an important source of knowledge about Texas' biodiversity. The 20th Century marshaled in a new era of collecting and botanists who made new observations and discoveries. Collecting habits in Texas ebbed and flowed over the years—slowing down during the Civil War, then increasing afterwards, then decreasing at the turn of the century, and finally peaking in the late 1900s. A current decline of plant collecting continues into the 21st century but at what price? Herbarium specimens are a gold mine of information; deciphering the information is good for science and good for conservation in the 21st century. Collections are leading the way to advances in plant science and conservation (Funk pers. comm. 2016). We will examine herbarium collections to 1) map under-collected areas in Texas, 2) look at the rate of plant collecting in the 21st century, and 3) identify areas of Texas in need of further exploration and collecting.



Field Trips

For all field trips we advise to wear long pants, closed toed shoes, sunblock and/or a hat, bug spray, and carry refillable water bottles. Be safe and enjoy your hike!!

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Distance: **59-73 miles, [see map for best route](#)**

Leader: **Self Guided**

Start time/Duration: **Self Guided**

Level of Difficulty: **Easy, [Trail Map](#)**

Max # Attendees: **No Limit**

Transportation: **No**

Facilities: **Nature Center open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Fees: **N/A**

T-02: Magnolia Section of the Lone Star Hiking Trail – TRAIL CLOSED DUE TO DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE HARVEY. PLEASE SELECT AN ALTERNATE FIELD TRIP

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Fees: **N/A**

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Distance: **~6 miles, [see map](#)**

Leader: **Peter Loos**

Start time/Duration: **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Level of Difficulty: **Easy to Moderate, Trail Map**
Max # Attendees: **No Limit**
Transportation: **No**
Facilities: **Vault Restrooms (non-flush/outhouse style), no water**
Fees: **\$4**

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Distance: **44 miles, [see map](#)**
Leader: **Self Guided**
Start time/Duration: **Self Guided**
Level of Difficulty: **Easy, Trail Map**
Max # Attendees: **No Limit**
Transportation: **No**
Facilities: **xx**
Fees: **\$3**

T-06: North Wilderness Loop, Lone Star Hiking Trail, Trail Head #3 – TRAIL CLOSED DUE TO DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE HARVEY. PLEASE SELECT AN ALTERNATE FIELD TRIP





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F-02: Big Creek Scenic Area in the Sam Houston National Forest*

F-03: Ethician Botanical Preserves – Prairie Preserve

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F-06: Growers' Outlet

F-07: Lone Oak Ranch

F-08: Ten Square Farms

F-09: Chinquapin Loop Trail, Huntsville State Park

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See details below:

F-01: 2E Stables

2E Stables is a family-owned and operated business which provides professionally guided horseback rides through wooded trails on over 70 acres of land filled with native hardwoods and pines. 2E Stables is located just off Interstate 45 at 63 Pinedale Road, Huntsville, Texas.

Address: 63 Pinedale Rd, Huntsville, TX , 210-861-0105

Distance: 8-10 miles, [see map](#)

Leader: 2E Stables guided horseback tour, plants are self guided

Start time/Duration: Reservations required

Level of Difficulty: **Moderate**

Max # Attendees: 12 to 24

Transportation: No

Fees: \$35 per one hour ride

F-02: Big Creek Scenic Area in the Sam Houston National Forest – TRAIL CLOSED DUE TO DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE HARVEY, PLEASE SELECT AN ALTERNATE FIELD TRIP

F-03: Ethician Botanical Preserves – Prairie Preserves (no website)

The Field Trip meeting place will be at THE CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY grounds at the intersection of Waterwood Parkway and FM 980. As the roads we will be traveling on are either paved or "Lexus Friendly," four-wheel drive vehicles will not be necessary. It is important however, to not stray from the dirt and gravel road through the prairie and Post Oak Savanna habitats. From the Chapel area we will turn left on FM 980, cross Pool Creek and continue past a tiny Fleming Prairie on your right. We may stop beside the highway and walk up to this rare type of Prairie. Foxgloves are among the notable species in this habitat but they won't be blooming in November. Just before the intersection of FM 980 and FM 135, there is an unpaved road. Turn right and continue through Post Oak Savanna that is in the process of being restored with the use of fire and mechanical means to remove species that have invaded the Savanna in the absence of fire. Many of the Post Oaks that survived the recent drought and various wind events including hurricanes and wind shear are in the 200+ year age class meaning that they were growing before the first European invaders settled here. Just beyond the Savanna we will enter the Prairie that according to our botanists has never been plowed. A list of species that has been annotated on our Prairies and Savannas can be found at www.ethicianfoundation.org. You may have fun printing the list and the finding how many of the species you can identify while on the field trip and on subsequent visits. Finding a new species on our Botanical Preserves will merit the receipt of a DVD copy of my movie: Long Pig. Before reaching FM 135 we will pass through another section of Post Oak Savanna. Turning right we will take a circular drive to visit the Russell Pyramid set among old growth Post Oaks and then return to FM 135 where we can see the results of experiments that we conducted with TxDOT's help. On the right hand side of the road, TxDOT has been mowing once a year in the Fall and we have been burning the left hand side of the road in late Fall or early Winter. We will then turn left onto FM 980 until we reach Waterwood Parkway where we will turn to the right. We will turn left at the Marina Road and note the Longleaf Pine Trees in our 152 acre Westernmost Longleaf Pine Sanctuary on your left. We will turn around at Bass Boat Village and retrace our route back toward the Parkway and then right onto the Parkway and back to the Chapel. We may wish to park beside the Parkway and examine the various age classes of the Longleaf Pines before arriving at the Chapel however. Those wishing to visit other areas may ask to spend more time visiting our Rain Lily Sanctuary and Institute for Strategic Biospheric Studies Conference Center or hike along the 7 mile Texas Parks and Wildlife Prairie and Piney Woods Trail through our sanctuaries and preserves.

Note: Meet at the Ethician Chapel at FM 980 and Waterwood Parkway. Combine into fewer cars if possible. We will see several areas from the road. We will walk in the Prairie. If time permits, we will also walk in the the Long-Leaf Pine Sanctuary.

Address: Ethician Chapel at FM 980 and Waterwood Parkway

Distance: 24.5 miles to chapel, [see map](#)

Leader: Peter Loos

Start time/Duration: 1 PM

Level of Difficulty: **Easy to Moderate**

Max # Attendees: 24

Transportation: **No**

Fees: **N/A**

F-04: Lick Creek Park

Lick Creek Park was established as part of land negotiations to create a city industrial park. The site has a variety of plant and animal species indigenous to this area. The park currently offers several miles of trails and provides an excellent opportunity for hiking, cycling, bird watching, equestrian activities and nature study. In February of 1998, the City of College Station passed the Lick Creek Park Master Plan which established an improved trail system, new entrance drive, parking lot, visitor center and outdoor classroom facilities. In February of 2016, College Station City Council approved the contract to begin construction for the Nature Center. The Nature Center will be a focal point for the park and will have a strong educational component. The facility features include indoor and outdoor classrooms, an amphitheater, native plant displays, a monarch butterfly garden and much more – along with parking that will accommodate school groups. The Grand Opening of the Nature Center is scheduled on October 14, 2017. General hours of operation and weekly classes will begin Wednesday, November 1. We may be among the first groups to see the Nature Center!

Address: **13600 East Rock Prairie Road, College Station, TX 77845**

Distance: **47 miles, [see map](#)**

Leader: **Lisa Tuck**

Start time/Duration: **1 PM**

Level of Difficulty: **Easy**

Max # Attendees: **20**

Transportation: **No**

Fees: **N/A**

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Distance: **44 miles, [see map](#)**

Leader: **Jason Singhurst**

Start time/Duration: **1 PM**

Level of Difficulty: **Easy**

Max # Attendees: **20**

Transportation: **No**

Fees: **\$3**

F-06: Growers' Outlet

Growers Outlet in Willis, Texas, is the largest independently owned nursery and garden center in Montgomery County. The manager will present a talk on natives, and using them in your landscape. Then tour the facility.

Address: **11173 Hwy 75, Willis, TX , 936-856-5001**

Distance: **26 miles, [see map](#)**

Leader: **Grower's Outlet Personnel**

Start time/Duration: **Self-guided**

Level of Difficulty: **Easy**

Max # Attendees: **20**

Transportation: **No**

Fees: **N/A**

F-07: Lone Oak Ranch (no website)

*Lone Oak Ranch includes one of the largest and most pristine and well recovered blackland prairies known in the Pineywoods of East Texas. The prairie is composed of approximately 120 acres of remnant and/or restored blackland prairie. Historical ground disturbance such as farming and intensive grazing occurred throughout the property. However, these historically disturbed areas are now composed primarily of native herbaceous species typical for blackland prairies such as Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), lovegrass (*Eragrostis intermedia*), meadow dropseed (*Sporobolus compositus*), and Florida paspalum (*Paspalum floridanum*) and a diversity of wildflowers. The surrounding forests are a matrix of pine-hardwood and bottomland hardwood forests with a dense shrub layer and sparse herbaceous understory. Several stock ponds are also present and harbor aquatic and wetland species.*

Address: **3425 Hwy 30 West, Huntsville, Texas 77340**

Distance: **5.5 miles, [see map](#)**

Leader: **Eric Keith**

Start time/Duration: **1 PM**

Level of Difficulty: **Easy if dry. If it rains, will need to walk 3/8 mile from highway to prairie.**

Max # Attendees: **20**

Transportation: **No**

Fees: **N/A**

F-08: Ten Square Farms (no website)

Ten Square Farms is a 100-acre, privately-owned farm. The property has 2 live creeks and another intermittent creek, which are lined with native pines, hardwoods, and shrubs. A new water well drilled in late 2015 resulted in 8,000 gpd in artesian overflow, leading to a new pond, a created wetlands, and a restoration project. Other restoration plans are in place for the property, but it is all in the early stages.

Additional Information: About 9 miles north of Huntsville off FM 247. Turn right on Jordy Road shortly after crossing Nelson Creek. Jordy dead-ends at the gate. There are two gates. First opens away from you. Touch pad on the top of the right pole, on the inside. Second gate opens toward you, touch pad at waist level on left pole, facing you. Sturdy shoes or hiking boots recommended.

Address: **132 Jordy Rd, Huntsville, TX 77320, 713-828-0630**

Distance: **10 miles, [see map](#)**

Leader: **Tore Fossum**

Start time/Duration: **1 PM**
Level of Difficulty: **Easy to Moderate**
Max # Attendees: **20**
Transportation: **No**
Fees: **N/A**

F-09: Chiquapin Loop Trail, Huntsville State Park

Huntsville State Park sits near the western edge of the southern pine belt. This area has mild, wet winters and hot, rainy summers. Three streams flow into the park's lake, Lake Raven – Prairie Branch, Big Chiquapin Creek and Little Chiquapin Creek. Prairie Branch drains the lake, joining East Sandy Creek which in turn feeds the West Fork of the San Jacinto River 6.8 miles downstream of the park. Located in the midst of the Sam Houston National Forest, the park is covered by a mixed pine-hardwood forest. Loblolly pines form the canopy along with southern red oaks and sweetgums in the uplands. In lower areas, along streams and creeks, water oaks, white oaks, blackgum and sweetgum form the canopy. These communities intermingle on the many slopes in the park. Smaller trees grow under the canopy: post oaks, mockernut hickory, ironwood, red maples and American holly. At various times of the year, you might see flowering plants such as dogwood, American beautyberry and Turk's cap. To see the entire park, take the Chiquapin Trail, which encircles the whole lake. You will travel over marshes teeming with wildlife where you are likely to see shorebirds and nutria.

Address: **565 Park Road 40 W, Huntsville, TX 77340, 936-295-5644**
Distance: **10 miles, [see map](#)**
Leader: **Self Guided**
Start time/Duration: **Self Guided**
Level of Difficulty: **Moderate to Challenging, [Trails Map](#)**
Max # Attendees: **N/A**
Transportation: **No**
Fees: **\$5**





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Fees: **N/A**

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Facilities: **N/A**

Fees: **N/A**

Leader: **Self Guided**
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Transportation: **No**
Facilities: **xx**
Fees: **\$3**

S-06: Phoenix Commotion

The Phoenix Commotion is a local building initiative created to prove that constructing homes with recycled and salvaged materials has a viable place in the building industry. This process uses only apprentice labor and teaches marketable skills to anyone with a work ethic who is willing to swing a hammer. By keeping labor costs low and using donated or found materials, the homes created are truly affordable. No two are alike due to the myriad materials used, so there is an artistic element that makes Phoenix Commotion homes unique. We target single parents, artists, and families with low incomes. We require the homeowner to be involved with the planning and construction of his or her own home. The result is a person who is empowered, not only by the useful knowledge of building skills, but by the opportunity to become part of a community as a vested participant. Building the "aftermarket" house under our mission addresses four major social problems with one activity:

- Reduction of landfill burden*
- Low-income housing*
- Training unskilled labor*
- Interim financing*

Address: **[Various homes are shown on map.](#)**
Distance: **[see map](#)**
Leader: **Self Guided**
Start time/Duration: **Self Guided**
Level of Difficulty: **Easy, [Driving Tour](#)**
Max # Attendees: **No Limit**
Transportation: **No**
Facilities: **N/A**
Fees: **N/A**

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Workshops A - 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM

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A-1: Interesting Natives You May Not have tried...Yet <i>--Roger Sanderson</i> There are so many species of natives we can't know them all. The rarest will be explored. Roger Sanderson has been a career plant person and known plant expert. He works at the Texas Discovery Gardens.	Walker Education Bldg. (upper level) Auditorium
A-2: Restoring Habitat for Native Pollinators with Beekeeping <i>--Peter Keity</i> A brief intro to prairies and pollinators and tips on how beekeeping aids prairies and their speedy recovery. Peter Keity is founder of <i>Bees-For-All</i> to show how bees are the key to Prairie Restoration.	Gibbs Hall (lower level) Governor Houston Room 112
A-3: Landscaping with Native Trees <i>--Clint Robison</i> Tree selection, planting issues fertilization, pruning and advocating for native trees. Clint Robison is a Certified Arborist, specializing in tree pathogens, signs of distress and taking care of your trees. His company is ten years old.	Gibbs Hall (lower level) General Houston Room 114
A-4: Chapter Development - Building a Webpage <i>--Bill Hopkins</i> A seminar on building a chapter website for beginners and those wanting a refresher. We'll go online to see the mechanics. Registrants are encouraged to bring real life problems and issues to discuss. Bill is the state webmaster.	Gibbs Hall (lower level) President Houston Room 115

Workshops B - 2:20 PM to 3:05 PM

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B-1: Sex in the Garden, What really goes on at pollination time <i>--Janet Smith</i> This is an educational and fun discussion of pollinators and the exchange of nectar for increased pollinator action. Janet Smith is a member of the Dallas Chapter and gives this program numerous times annually.	Gibbs Hall (lower level) General Houston Room 114
B-2: Identifying Woody Plants in the Winter <i>--Suzanne Tuttle</i> Identifying woody plants after leaf drop is a challenge. Learn tips on how to know which plant is which, making winter hikes more fun. Suzanne Tuttle is a noted plant ecologist with both academic and practical work credentials.	Walker Education Bldg. (upper level) Auditorium
B-3: Learn About the NLCP Program <i>--Meg Inglis</i> and its growth and future plans for the next two classes. The graduates of the program are using this credential to enhance their careers. Meg Inglis is Director of this Program and continues to innovate and enhance it.	Gibbs Hall (lower level) President Houston Room 115
B-4: Chapter Development - Outreach, Gaining More Visibility for your Chapter <i>--Cecil Carter</i> <i>Outreach planning, methods and tactics will be discussed to develop an effective plan to build stakeholder visibility. Cecil Carter, owner of Red River Management. He presents this program across the state.</i>	Gibbs Hall (lower level) Governor Houston Room 112

Workshops C - 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM

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C-1: Landscape Enhancement For Pollinator's Oasis <i>--Terri Walker</i> Participants will learn which are the best to propagate a thriving colony of robust pollinator plants. Terri Walker is a biologist for the NCRS. She is recognized as an expert on all pollinators.	Gibbs Hall (lower level) General Houston Room 114
C-2: Mycorrhizae's Importance in Prairie Restoration <i>--Barbara Keller-Willy</i> <i>Mycorrhizae fungi has a strong symbiotic relationship with all plant roots enhancing their use of chlorophyll to create energy. Barbara Kelly-Willy is the current president of the Native Prairie Association of Texas.</i>	Walker Education Bldg. (upper level) Auditorium
C-3: Pot Stickers Program <i>--Rachel Cywinski</i> <i>San Antonio adapted this program to encourage partnerships with local retailers to offer more natives to the public.</i> <i>Rachel Cywinski a life member of NPSOT, is a Citizen Scientist, and received training through LBJ Wildflower Center in Austin.</i>	Gibbs Hall (lower level) President Houston Room 115

C-4: Chapter Development - Building Chapter Membership	Gibbs Hall (lower level)
--Cecil Carter	Governor Houston
<i>At the heart of NPSOT is the development of membership. Best practices on building more members in small chapters. Cecil Carter, owner of Red River Management. He's presented on management topics across Texas and Oklahoma.</i>	Room 112



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Upcoming



There are no upcoming events.

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Members and attendees of the symposium are invited to enter the contest featuring images of Texas native plants and landscapes. Contest judging will be conducted by popular vote by attendees of the event.

Entry Classifications

1. Blooming plants native to Texas
2. Non-blooming plants native to Texas
3. Scenic/landscape photos featuring plants native to Texas

Rules

- Photographs entered must be of plants native to Texas and taken by the person named on the entry form. Each photographer may enter a maximum of two mounted prints in each category for a total of six photos.
- Photographs entered in previous contests are not eligible.
- Mounted prints of your entries must be brought to the photo exhibit area at the symposium by 10 am CDT on Friday, November 3, along with a completed [registration form](#) for each photo.
- Prints must measure 8" x 10" inches in size. (*members will vote using these*)
- Prints must be mounted on a firm backing such as mat-board or foam-board.
- Backing should be the same size as print. No framed or glass/acrylic covering is allowed.
- In addition to the mounted print, a digital copy of the photo in JPG or TIF format must be emailed to photocontest@npsot.org no later than Friday, October 13, 2017. A registration form should be attached.
- Winning photographs may be placed on our website and published in our member magazine. Other entries may also be used similarly. These will come from the digital images submitted.
- Only the original photographer may enter a photograph.
- Photographs not meeting all requirements will be disqualified.

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Last year we sponsored a video contest for the first time and it was a great success. So we are doing it again. Entries should be short videos organized around a choice of one the following three themes.

Entry Classifications

1. **Native Plants = Healthy Habitats** – The relationship and interdependence of native plants and wildlife.
2. **Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas** – The Monarch butterfly migration in Texas and its dependence on native plants such as milkweed and nectar plants.
3. **My Native Plant Project** – Show and tell about a project you or your chapter is doing to promote or conserve native plants or habitats.

Rules

- o Videos entered must meet one of the entry classifications and be created by the person named on the entry form.
- o Videos entered in previous contests are not eligible.
- o Video format should be .mp4 or YouTube ready video.
- o Videos should be at least 45 seconds in length and no more than 5 minutes maximum.
- o Only the original video creator may submit an entry.
- o Videos not meeting all requirements will be disqualified.
- o To enter the contest send an email to video-contest@npsot.org to get instructions for uploading your .mp4 or YouTube ready video file before October 8, 2017.
- o Entries will be judged by a three-person panel led by Chief Judge Lonnie Childs.
- o The winning video will be recognized during the 2017 Fall Symposium on November 3-4 in Huntsville.
- o All videos will be posted on the Native Plant Society of Texas YouTube channel. They may also be posted on our website and social media pages.

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The NPSOT 2017 Symposium in Huntsville will feature a silent auction to raise money for scholarships. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the [Kate Hillhouse Scholarship](#) and [Ann Miller Gonzales Research Grant](#) funds. This is *our only annual fundraiser for these programs* that offer educational scholarships to undergraduate students and research grants to graduate students involved in Texas native plant studies.

Kate Hillhouse and Ann Miller Gonzalez were early supporters of Texas native plants and were devoted to preserving our area native plants thus donating to the 2017 Symposium silent auction provides us with a way to honor them.

These do not have to be expensive items or items 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.

If you would like to donate items for the event, please fill out the top portion of the [silent auction form](#) and bring it, along with your items, to the symposium. Auction items can be turned in at the registration table during the symposium Friday morning, November 3rd through Saturday afternoon, November 4th from 8 AM to Noon.

If you are not attending the symposium, fill out the same form and mail it, along with your items, to:

**2017 Silent Auction
Native Plant Society of Texas
Post Office Box 3017
Fredericksburg, TX 78624**

UPS and FedEx will not deliver to PO boxes, so please mail the items through the US Postal system. **Deadline for mailing is Thursday, October 19, 2017.**

Please help us make this year's symposium a great success by donating!

If you have any questions please contact:
Betsy Farris at (214) 693-0103
Co-Chair 2017 NPSOT Silent Auction Committee

[You can also help by volunteering to help make the Silent Auction a success, click here for more information.](#)



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A silent auction and quilt raffle during the symposium will benefit the [Kate Hillhouse Scholarship](#) and [Ann Miller Gonzales Research Grant](#) funds. This is *our only annual fundraiser for these programs* that offer educational scholarships to undergraduate students and research grants to graduate students involved in Texas native plant studies.

The dimensions of the quilt are 75" x 75". The quilt was handmade and donated by Patsy Utley of Arlington, TX.

Tickets will be sold at various chapter meetings prior to the meeting and will also be available for purchase in the Silent Auction area of the symposium.



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A list of exhibitors and vendors coming soon.

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Participation in the field trips, seminars and workshops requires full registration.

Deadline for application is October 15, 2017.

Booth Spaces are 6' x 6'. Larger space is available – call Pam Middleton at 830.997.9272 for pricing.

Booth space rental rates are as follows:

No Fee – Unstaffed educational display

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No Fee – Speaker display

\$60.00 – Staffed educational display with no sales (includes lunch Fri/Sat)

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Exhibitor or Vendor Information:

Organization or Company Name _____

Contact Name and Title _____

Contact Email Address _____

Contact Phone #'s _____

Day

Evening

Cell _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

For Listing in Symposium 2017 Materials and on NPSOT Website:

Website Address _____

Title of Display, Exhibit or Vendor Booth _____

Brief Description of Display or Exhibit Booth _____

For Staffed Educational Exhibits, Vendors and Sponsors Only:

Fri attendee name _____

Sat attendee name _____

Symposium phone # _____

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Electrical outlet required for booth? ☐ Yes ☐ NoTable required for booth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other special needs _____

Booth space:

(check one)

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\$ 0.00

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\$ 60.00

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Additional needs:

(check all that apply)

Electricity

\$ No charge

Table

\$ No Charge

Total payment due

\$ _____

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Would you like to donate an item(s) to our silent auction benefitting the Kate Hillhouse Scholarship and Ann Miller Gonzales Research Grant Funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe _____

Would you like to donate an item(s) for inclusion in our attendee tote bags? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe _____

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We are looking for volunteers to help with setup on Thursday, 11/2 and also to help with registration, silent auction, hospitality, etc. during the symposium. If you would like to help, please contact Vickie Pullen, 2017 Symposium Volunteer Coordinator.

The Silent Auction committee is requesting volunteers to help make the Silent Auction a success.

Duties include:

- *Helping donors fill out their auction forms and placing items on the auction tables.*
- *Help attendees fill out Quilt raffle tickets and accept ticket money.*
- *Keep an eye on the items and answer questions from symposium attendees.*
- *The biggest help is needed Saturday night after the auction closes. Volunteers needed to organize the final bids and process payments from winning bidders.*

We appreciate your willingness to help and can't do it without you!

–Vickie Pullen at 281-844-5896 or vpullen82@gmail.com
NPSOT 2017 Symposium Volunteer Coordinator



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Symposium Packages	Price
NPSOT Members - ALL INCLUSIVE Package: <i>Includes all meals, speakers, field trips, workshops, & awards banquet ticket</i>	\$140
Non-Members - ALL INCLUSIVE Package: <i>Includes all meals, speakers, field trips, workshops, awards banquet ticket, plus 1 yr membership</i>	\$155
NPSOT Members - FRIDAY ONLY Package: <i>Includes breakfast, lunch, speakers and field trips</i>	\$70
Non-Members - FRIDAY ONLY Package: <i>Includes breakfast, lunch, speakers and field trips</i>	\$80
NPSOT Members - SATURDAY ONLY Package: <i>Includes breakfast, lunch, speakers and workshops</i>	\$70
Non-Members - SATURDAY ONLY Package: <i>Includes breakfast, lunch, speakers and workshops</i>	\$80
Educator's ALL INCLUSIVE Package: <i>Includes all meals, speakers, field trips, workshops, & awards banquet ticket.</i> NOTE: We are offering this discounted rate for educators of all grade levels. After registering, please complete this form and email it to state@npsot.org. Failure to do so will invalidate your discounted Educator rate.	\$75
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Award Banquet Guest Ticket <i>For guests or single day attendees</i>	\$20
NPSOT Symposium T-Shirts <i>Pre-order to guarantee size and availability</i>	\$18

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What subject(s) do you teach?: _____

Name of institution where you teach: _____

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Are you a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas? (membership is not required for Educator rate)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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