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September 2024 Newsletter
Boerne Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas
Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, September 3
Huncke Hall @ Herff Farm
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.*

Presentation

Coexistence - Native Plants, Reptiles, Amphibians and People

Scott Johnson, presenter

Scott is a conservationist, certified outdoor educator, and former zoologist. He has over a decade of experience in the field of zoology and has held positions ranging from reptile keeper to director of education.

Throughout Scott's career he specialized primarily in reptiles and has worked closely with Louisiana Pinesnake conservation in East Texas, Conservation Education in Florida. He has also worked with Crocodilians in India at the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and Center for Herpetology. Scott recently left the zoology field so he could be closer to his family in Texas and continues to work on connecting people with nature and promote conservation initiatives.

Texas Master Naturalist the code is: AT24-340, Coexistence-Native Plants, Reptiles, Amphibians and People.

Letter from President

Hello Everyone! Well, it looks like we have made it through another summer and, as usual Fall events are picking up. As these events increase, so does the need for volunteers.

Already, the Boerne Chapter's Fall Native Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 19. The organizers of the sale are calling on chapter members growers to start potting plants for the sale.

And, if you are following Veronica Hawk around, you will be busy at Cibolo Nature Center on Second Saturday or on a Second Friday Field Trip. *Don't you wish you could bottle up Veronica's energy and sell it?!*

If you are in the mood to expand your plant knowledge, consider volunteering with the Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program (PGARP) as detailed in Kathy Webster's article.

Last but not least, it is time to think about serving on the Boerne NPSOT Board!

Presently, Pam Bransford (Treasurer), Bill Magner (VP of Programs), David Touchon (Secretary) have all agreed to serve again and I will serve as President *unless there is someone who wants the position?* Leaving an open position for President-elect.

We will ask for nominees at the Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, September 3 with the deadline of Friday, September 13. We will vote on the 2024-25 board at the October meeting.

Please seriously think about serving on the board, it truly is a lot of fun...especially being President!

If you have any questions, please contact me at fzbrank@gmail.com.

Public Relations Position

The good news is that the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas has a lot going on but we need someone to stay on top of all our activities to help us publicize our events and mission.

If you like writing (just a little bit) and are interested in helping us get the good news out about what we do, please contact, Felicia Zeitman at fzbrank@gmail.com.

Thanks to Marianne Magner, we have a fresh new job description that is just waiting to be filled. Best of all, this position is always "in the know"!

Make Plans to Attend!!!
2024 NPSOT Fall Symposium
Thursday - Saturday, Oct 10 - 12, 2024
New Braunfels, Texas
"Preserving Our Botanical Heritage"

The theme of this year's symposium will be building on the historical perspective of our botanical heritage. The symposium will explore how the ecology of Texas has changed since European settlers arrived three centuries ago.

Several plenary speakers will examine the challenges caused by rapid population growth in our region as well as recent climate change and drought conditions. But most importantly, numerous speakers will offer solutions on how communities and individuals can conserve natural areas, increase the resilience of our existing plant communities, improve wildlife habitat, and restore soil health.

For more details click <https://www.npsot.org/our-work/symposium/symposium-overview/>.

Fall Native Plant Sale

The Fall Native Plant Sale will take place at Herff Farm Saturday, October 19 from 9 am - 2:00 pm. The PRESALE for "Members Only" will be held 8:00-9:00 am on Saturday.

Once again, we are depending on our Boerne Chapter NPSOT members to grow and donate plants for the Sale. Please consider potting up some plants in the next 2-3 weeks. This will give them 6 weeks to get established and look their best by Oct 19. If you need plastic pots, contact Kathy Webster at 210-867-4656.

PGARP Volunteers Needed

by Kathy Webster

The Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program is a joint program offered by the Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists and the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society.

Individuals or businesses can request a PGARP consultation online or if they already have a pollinator garden that meets criteria, they can request recognition which is provided with a "Pollinator Champion" sign to display in their garden.

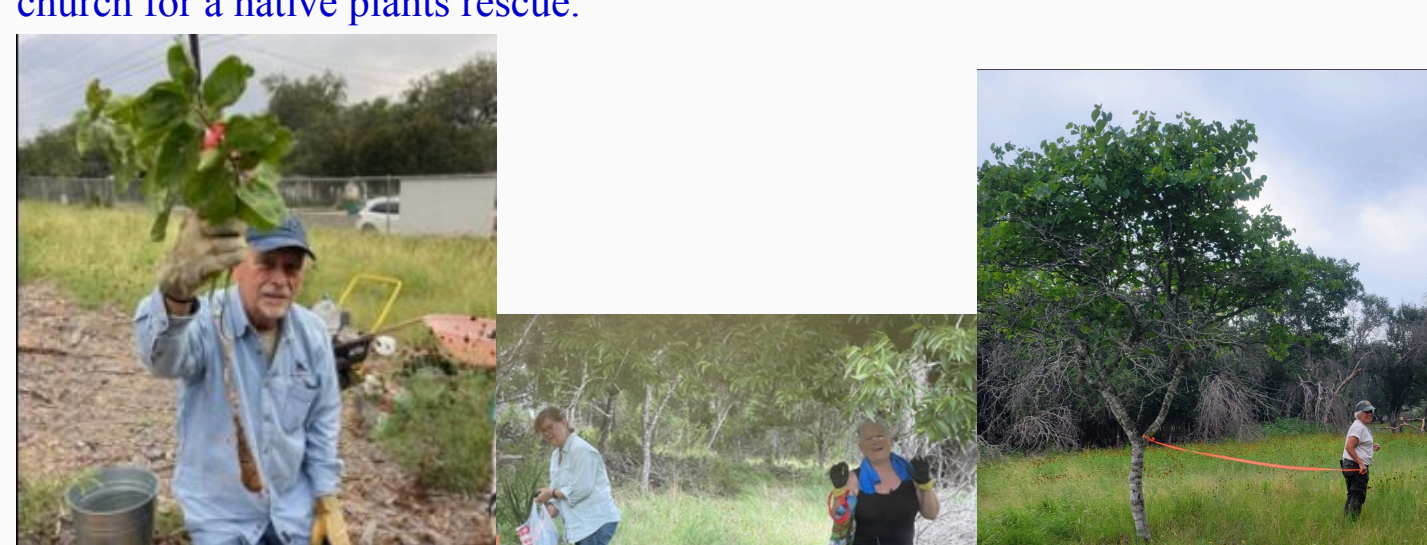
Volunteers are needed to perform the consultations and award signs. Consultations are usually done by a team of 2-3 people who have knowledge and experience with native plants. Less experienced volunteers may tag along to learn more. It's a great way to learn about landscaping with natives! If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact Kathy Webster by email: katweb59@gmail.com.

Field Trip Second Friday

Field Trip second Friday will be held on September 13 at Joshua Park and Preserve. We will meet at 8:00 am in the east parking lot, on the left side of the road after entering the park. Wear weather appropriate clothing, hats, wear sunscreen and bring water for this hike. Have questions? Contact Veronica at veronica.hawk@gmail.com

Native Plant Rescue
St. Peter's Catholic Church

Back in May, a group of volunteers went to property owned by St. Peter's Catholic church for a native plants rescue.



(Wilt Shaw) (Lorraine Popp & Jane Jamison) (Veronica Hawk with lassoed tree)

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 3 - Chapter Speaker Meeting, Huncke Hall, 33 Herff Rd.

Friday, September 13 - Field Trip Friday - Joshua Creek Park

Saturday, September 14 - Second Saturday - Cibolo Nature Center

Saturday, September 28 - Native Landscape Certification Program Level 2 @ Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium

Thursday - Saturday, October 10-12 - NPSOT Fall Symposium, New Braunfels

Saturday, October 19 - Fall Native Plant Sale at Herff Farm, 33 Herff Rd.

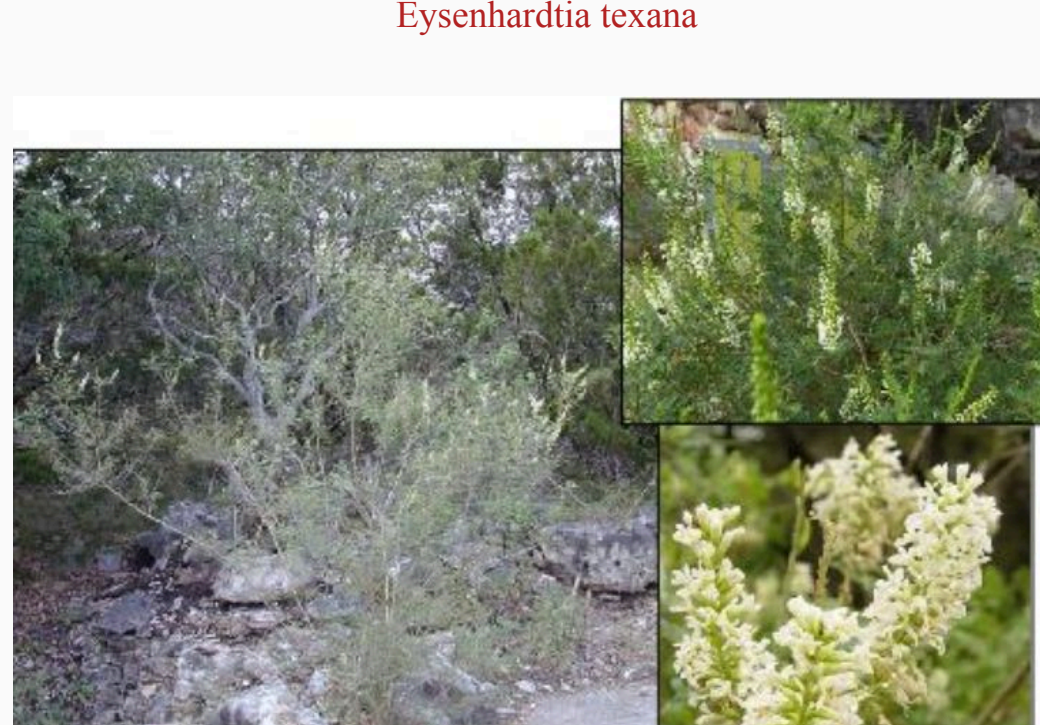


(Natives Instead of Common Exotics) and
 (Natives Improve and Conserve Environments)

NICE! Plant of the Month September

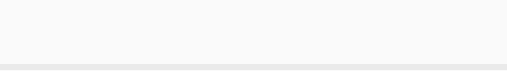
Kidneywood

Eysenhardtia texana



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



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