PINES & PRAIRIES Native Plant Society of Texas August Bulletin

We can't wait to see some fall color around here especially from Flameleaf sumac, or Rhus copallinum, that is full of white blooms now. This small tree tolerates summer heat! It will form a natural thicket, or can be pruned in a landscape. Propagate from semi-hardwood cuttings.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Next meeting is **September 19** at 7 p.m. at Sam Houston State University, The Woodlands Campus, Room 230. <u>Use this Google Form</u> to participate in the Native Plant Swap at the meeting, and click here for a list of native plants in our ecoregion. Or click here to register via Zoom to join us virtually!

Meeting Speaker: **Allen Smith**, Entomologist & Forest Health specialist with Texas A&M Forest Service. He will discuss the health of our trees in the aftermath of extreme weather, and offer suggestions to protect our trees and prepare for future events. A timely topic you won't want to miss!

Board Meeting Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m. Register in advance via this Zoom link.

Save the Date: October 17 at 7 p.m., we'll share garden stories. Send a picture of your current native plant garden to pinesandprairiesnlcp@gmail.com. We'll come together to share our joys and sorrows of gardening!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer at an Education Table (no experience required - just be friendly and use materials provided). Sign Up Genius linked to each event:

- Sept. 7 Ace Hardware/Woodlands
- Sept. 28 <u>Woodlands Landscape Solutions Festival at Rob</u> <u>Fleming Park</u>
- Oct. 19 Conroe Central Library
- Nov. 9 ForestFest at Jesse Jones Park & Nature Center
- Nov. 9 Celebration of Nature at Magnolia Events Center

Native Landscape Certification Program, Level 3 October 19 at Mercer Botanic Gardens

Learn about installing and maintaining native landscapes. NLCP is a state-wide program, but classes focus on the characteristics and plants in the region. Registration open now.

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