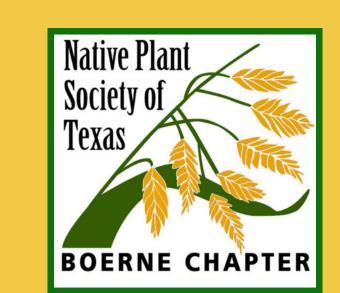
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October 2024 Newsletter Boerne Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas Chapter Meeting Tuesday, October 1 Huncke Hall @ Herff Farm 6 - 6:45 pm - Check-in/Hospitality/Announcements 7 - 8:00 pm - Presentation 8 pm - Clean up*

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

Presentation: Mycology 101

Angelica Torres, presenter

Angelica is a local mushroom farmer, and native, edible plant enthusiast. In 2013 she studied to become a chef at Le Cordon Bleu in Los Angeles. Angelica is a recent graduate of the Alamo Area Texas Master Naturalist Program and volunteers for the Central Texas Mycological Society.

Letter from President

Happy Fall Y'all!

We have some extra special news! Our local Boerne HEB is partnering with the Native Plant Society of Texas and The Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation to promote Native Plant Week Monday, October 14 - Saturday, October 19. HEB will allow us to have a table on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 - 2 pm to educate and talk up native plants to their customers as they come into the store. This year, over 200 stores are participating in this special week and will be stocked with over 80,000 plants up from the 10,000 that they provided last year. YAY!

Good news for the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas this will coincide with our Fall Native Plant Sale on Saturday, October 19.

Speaking of fall native plant sales, be sure and mark your calendars for the Boerne Chapter's Native Plant Society's Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, October 19, 9 - 1 pm at Herff Farm. The Plant Sales are the Boerne Chapter's anchor events that raise the monies to fund our special projects such as, the demonstration gardens around the City of Boerne and the Cibolo Nature Center, and the Native Landscape Certification Program to name a few.

As always, we will need volunteers to assist with setting up for the Fall Plant Sale on Friday from 8 am - Noon.

If you prefer, we will need volunteers to work at the Plant Sale and the table at HEB on Saturday. For more information about volunteering, please contact me at fzbranek@gmail.com to volunteer at the HEB table.

Many Thanks,

Felicia Zeitman

Au revoir

As many of you may know, our wonderful friend and NPSOT member, Rachel Thompson is pulling up stakes and moving back to Houston.

Rachel has been a very active member of the Boerne Chapter for the past six years and was instrumental in getting the Chapter involved in the City of Boerne's demonstration gardens and the Boerne City Campus Natural Area. Also, she was key in getting the Pollinator Garden Assistance & Recognition Program off and running in the Boerne area.

I wish we could clone her and keep her here but alas, she is going back to Houston to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Godspeed Rachel, you will be greatly missed. Please come back and visit.

Raffle

Special Thanks to Veronica Hawk for donating this month's special raffle item. Her husband, Steve made a holder for the NPSOT membership signs. Come early to buy your tickets. This is going to be a popular item.



If you would like to make a NPSOT Yard sign holder, contact Veronica.hawk@gmail.com for dimensions and parts list.

Boerne NPSOT Board Vote

On Tuesday, October 1 chapter meeting, we will be voting on the 2024-2025 Boerne NPSOT board. The Friday, September 13 the deadline past with no new nominees.

The present Board Members with uncontested positions are: Bill Magner, VP Programs, Pam Bransford (Treasurer), David Touchon (Secretary) and Felicia Zeitman (President).

Boerne Native Plant Society Celebrates 25 years!

2025 is the 25th Anniversary of the Boerne Native Plant Society of Texas. Please put on your thinking caps and let the board know how you think we should celebrate our 25th Anniversary. We need to start planning now!

Fall Native Plant Sale Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 - 1 pm **Herff Farm**

The Fall Native Plant Sale will be held at Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road, on Saturday, October 19. All of our stock will be plants grown by our wonderful members and donated to the sale. Recent sales have featured over 800 plants and more than 82 species!

If you are growing plants for the sale, please email your plant list by Monday, October 7, so we can get all the labels printed. Send your plant list to: Kathy Webster (katweb59@gmail.com), Gary Fest (garyafest@gmail.com) and Theresa Butler (theresabutler722@gmail.com). Your plant labels will be ready for pickup at the CNC office by 9:00 a.m. on October 14.

On Friday, Oct 18, please bring your plants (with labels attached if possible) to the Herff Farm Teaching Barn between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. We will have volunteers to help you unload them. If you need to make alternate arrangements, call Kathy Webster at 210-867-4656.

Volunteers are needed for the morning hours on Friday, Oct. 18 and for Saturday setup and take-down including during the actual sale 9 am - 1 pm. Please contact Gary Fest (garyafest@gmail.com) to volunteer.

THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE, TO ALL OUR GROWERS AND VOLUNTEERS! We couldn't do it without you!

Second Saturday by Veronica Hawk

Second Saturday workday in the demonstration garden took place September 14, with help from Theresa and Ken Butler, Rita King and Veronica Hawk.

We transplanted two madrones the were rescued from Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area. One was planted and caged the north bed under the two Cedars. The other was planted to the right of the original two in Bill's Garden.

Theresa took excellent care of the butterfly garden while Ken took care of large patch of Bermuda and the dreaded Johnson Grass.

Please join us every second Saturday workday to work in the gardens. Most of plants we transplant are taught in the Native Landscape Certification Class.

Remember that all the hours that you volunteer at Cibolo Nature Center or NLCP count toward Master Naturalist hours.

Gardening and Social Time

If you like to garden and learn about native plants, you are invited to join a group of ladies that get together on Wednesday mornings at 8 am to work in the City of Boerne pollinator gardens. There are raised beds with native plants at Veteran's Plaza, Main Plaza, and the Boerne Parks and Rec department building. There are in-ground flowerbeds at the Boerne Visitor's Center.

We have a dedicated group of NPSOT volunteers who work in one of these locations weekly while chatting and enjoying each other's company. Afterward, we go to breakfast at a Main Street restaurant and chat some more!

Come for the social time, the learning, or the free plants and seeds! If you want to receive the weekly emails about when and where to show up, contact Kathy Webster

at katweb59@gmail.com.



Field Trip Fridays

Field Trip Fridays are a special adventure hosted by Veronica Hawk on the second Friday of every month. She has done an exceptional job in coordinating these outings. A great thing about the field trip is that it gives the participants an opportunity to learn about the diversity and beauty of our local surroundings.

Field Trip Fridays - the last hike took place at Joshua Creek Preserve. One and a halfhour hike, with many pocket prairie views.



In the last 9 months we visited:

- 1. February: Hill Country State Natural Area
- 2. March: Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area
- 3. April: Bauer unit of the Guadalupe River State Park
- 4. May: Kreutzberg Canyon Natural Area
- 5. June: Roberts Ranch, YMCA
- 6. August: James Kiehl River Bend Park
- 7. September: Joshua Creek Park and Preserve

This is a free event and open to NPSOT members and their guests. Special thanks to Veronica for coordinating. Have questions about the next field trip? Contact Veronica at veronica.hawk@gmail.com.

Update: Boerne City Campus Natural Area (BCNA)

Huge shout out to Jeff Scwarz who is stepping for Rachel Thompson to be the lead contact to coordinate volunteer activities in the BCNA.

Now that cooler days are ahead and the chiggers are gone until spring, it's time to get out and work.

Jeff has scheduled four workdays in the coming months to start on the basics beginning with removing some the invasives, cleaning up around past projects and working on trail maintenance.

Volunteers are asked to meet every other Wednesday, October 9 & 23 and November 6 & 20 from 8:30 - 11 am., at the amphitheater behind the Patrick Heath Public Library, 451 N. Main St., in Boerne. Volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver for work on the City of Boerne property.

Bring gloves, water, tools to remove and cut down undesirable plants and trees, shovels, pitchforks and wheelbarrows.

Although the BCNA project is a designated volunteer project for the Texas Master Naturalist Hill Country Chapter (HCTMN) and the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT), volunteers do not have to be a member of either organization to participate.

For more information, please contact Jeff Schwarz at 830-431-7771 (cell) or jeffschwarz27@gmail.com.

Wildlife Field Research Week **Cibolo Nature Center & Herff Farm** October 6th-12th

Join the volunteers of 2024 Wildlife Field Research Week on October 6-12! This is a week-long bioblitz conducted every spring and fall at the Cibolo Center for Conservation campuses, the Cibolo Nature Center and Herff Farm.

During this research event, teams of Community Scientists combine their experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to survey the ecology on these 160 acres.

Linda Myers will be leading the Prairie Vegetation review/survey and needs volunteers to help with the plant ID. For more information click here: https://cibolo.org/initiatives/cibolo-wfrw/



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - Chapter Speaker Meeting, Hunke Hall, 33 Herff Rd. Wednesday, Oct. 9 - Volunteer clean up at BCNA, 8:30 - 11am Friday, Oct. 11 - Field Trip Friday (TBD) Saturday, Oct. 12 - Second Saturday @ Cibolo - Cibolo Nature Center Thursday - Saturday, Oct. 10 -12 - NPSOT Fall Symposium, New Braunfels Saturday, Oct. 19 - Fall Native Plant Sale at Herff Farm, 33 Herff Rd. Wednesday, Oct. 23 - Volunteer clean up at BCNA, 8:30 - 11am. Sunday, Nov. 3 - Daylight Savings Time - "fall back." Tuesday, Nov. 5 - Chapter Speaker Meeting, Hunke Hall, 33 Herff Farm Road Wednesday, Nov. 6 - Volunteer clean up at BCNA, 8:30 - 11am.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Volunteer clean up at BCNA, 8:30 - 11am.

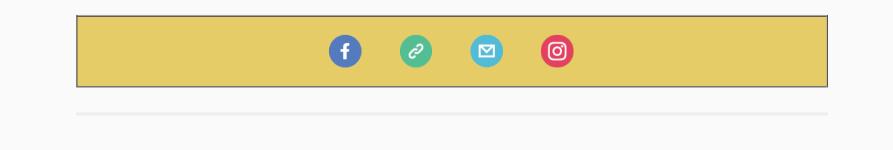


(Natives Instead of Common Exotics) and (Natives Improve and Conserve Environments) **NICE! Plant of the Month October**

> Skeleton-leaf goldeneye Viguiera stenoloba



Photographs taken by: Brundage, Stephanie, Rechentin, C.A. For more information about October NICE! Plant of the Month, click here



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