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**Native Plant** Society of **Texas BOERNE CHAPTER** November 2024 Newsletter **Boerne Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas Chapter Meeting** 

## Hunke Hall @ Herff Farm 6 - 6:45 pm - Check-in/Potluck/Announcements

**Tuesday, November 5** 

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** 

**Land Stewardship for Birds - Part II** Sparse Undergrowth & Lack of Plant Diversity Rufus Stephens and Jan Wrede, presenters Rufus Stephens is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and educator. He has worked as a wildlife biologist for 35 years, 23 years with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Mr. Stephens is one of the founders of the Texas Master Naturalist program and in

recognition for this accomplishment was a co-recipient of the Wildlife Management

Jan Wrede is a non-fiction writer and environmental educator. She worked for 19 years

as the director of education and citizen science at the Cibolo Nature Center and wrote weekly nature columns for the local newspapers. She also was a secondary science

and/or lack of plant diversity, and what can be done to make the land more attractive and supportive for birds. In some cases, sparse undergrowth may be attributed to over mowing, overgrazing, and clearing methods that do not retain or incorporate ground cover. A lack of plant diversity can be described as a portion of a natural environment

that has become too dominant, which can lead to an imbalance in watersheds, erosion, and reduction of shelter for animals. **Letter from President** 

Plant Society of Texas is the opportunity to witness and hear from different people how much they appreciate our chapter's contributions to the Hill Country. I love to hear people brag about us! Recently, we were at the Boerne HEB to help celebrate Native Plant Week in Texas and several of the store's managers came out to thank us in helping them to be more educated and to help educate their customers about native plants and pollinators.

One of the things I like best about being president of the Boerne Chapter of the Native

And I do have to agree. The Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society is one of the

best organizations in the City. You can literally see, year round, our work! I might be a little prejudice but I really don't think so! YAY us!

plant sales were one of their favorite events and how they enjoyed learning about native

plants and of course, adding more native plants to their gardens.

**Welcome New Members** 

**Raffle** One dollar goes really far at the Boerne Chapter NPSOT's monthly raffle. So, bring

## native plant species provided by our 24 chapter member growers. Despite some early morning drizzle, the community and members came out to shop for native plants! The fall native plant sale grossed ~\$3800 almost \$200 more than Fall 2023.

Thank you to all the growers and volunteers!

**Fall Native Plant Sale** 

by Kathy Webster

The Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas had another successful plant

sale on October 19! There were over 750 plants and a record-breaking 107 different

Culebra area in San Antonio. The print was purchased by Kirk and Karla Marshall at the Native Plant Sale held by the Boerne Chapter of NPSOT on Oct 19.

Special note: San Antonio and the Hill Country are located within one of the main

flyways of the Monarch spring and fall migration.

Special thank you to Larry Walther for his donation of a beautiful photograph, printed

on canvas, of migrating Monarchs. This photograph was taken in the Loop 410/

ADD YOUR GARDEN TO THE HOME GROWN NATIONAL PARK MAP!!! by Marianne Magner



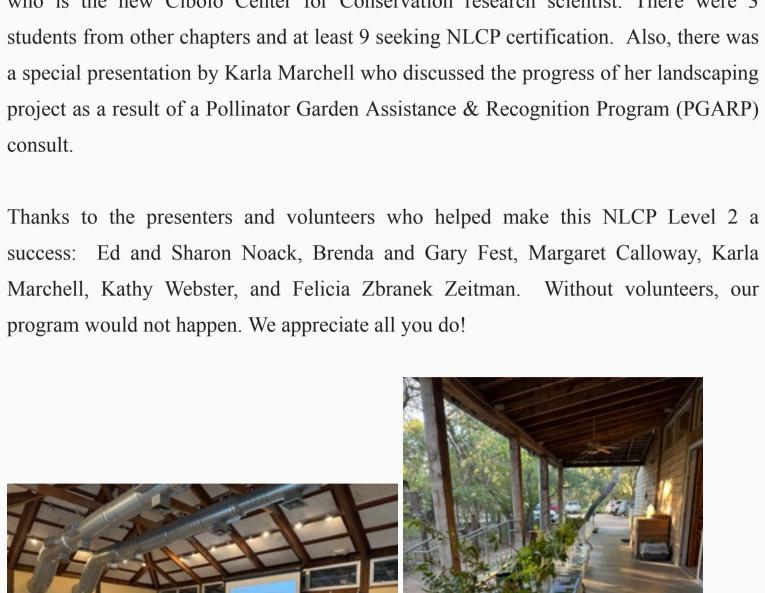
## Veronica Hawk and Suzanne Young Suzanne Young and Kathy Webster chatting with

an HEB customer.

It was a great day at HEB! The monarchs seemed to enjoy it too!

**Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP)** 

by Veronica Hawk



Thirty people registered for the NLCP Level 2 Class. Native and Invasive Plant sample table.

at Cibolo Nature Center.

behind the Patrick Heath Public Library.

Webster at Katweb59@gmail.com.

item on the "TO DO LIST" is to add more cedar duff.

**Demonstration Garden Update** 

by Veronica Hawk

The Boerne Chapter NPSOT has several demonstration gardens around the City of

Boerne. There is one at the Visitors Center & Convention Bureau, Veterans Plaza and

Main Street Plaza and probably the oldest and best known is the demonstration garden

The newest project, the Boerne City Campus Natural Area (BCCNA) is the acreage

At the Cibolo Nature Center Garden, special thanks to Rita King, the two new madrone

trees have been getting the care and watering they need during this drought. The next

Also, more native plants are to be added to the garden! The plants being added will be

YAY Vicki!



Gary Fest, Vicki Johnston, Kathy Webster

Cenizo, Texas Sage Leucophyllum frutescens

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



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teacher for 15 years. Rufus and Jan will discuss areas within the Texas Hill Country with sparse undergrowth

Institute's award for Innovation.

Also, at the Fall Native Plant Sale, I heard numerous times from customers that our

Hello Everyone,

We are happy to Welcome our newest members: Amy and Tyler Burkett, Margaret Calloway, Jane Hunter, Danielle Postiglione, and Christian Rivas

your extra cash to buy a raffle tickets for a chance to win a Mr. Bird "bird feeder" along with a "Disco Inferno" seed bell from Wildbirds Unlimited. Also, being raffled is an evergreen sumac plant, Zexmenia and Virginia creeper.



Show off your native plant garden by "getting on the map"! In October, NPSOT is partnering with Homegrown National Park to add 100 Texas native plant gardens to their map. You can add your existing garden as well as new plantings to the map.

Let's demonstrate how Boerne NPSOT members are making a real biodiversity impact

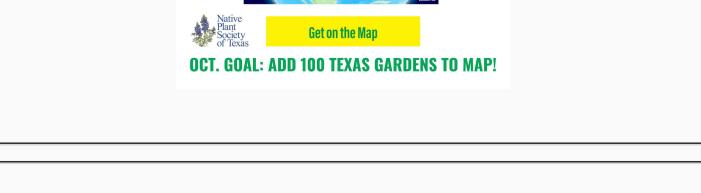
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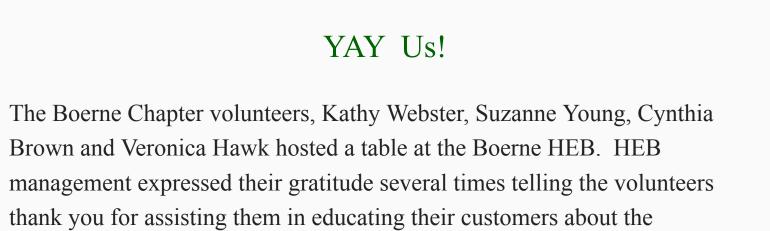
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Join the Movement!

with their gardens!

Ready to add your garden to the map? Here's how:





Boerne NPSOT had a prime spot at HEB talking up native plants.

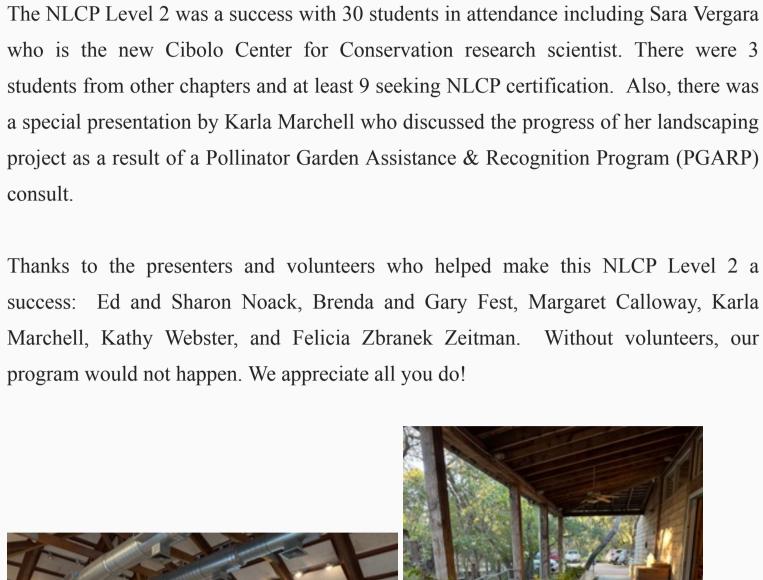
week at over 200 HEB stores in the state. At 20 of those 200 stores, there

HEB's customers about benefit of native plants.

importance of native plants.

was a Native Plant Society of Texas table with volunteers available to educate





specifically from plant lists that are currently taught in the NLCP classes. These plants are not found on the grounds, so they will be a new addition. If it were not for the volunteers, these beautiful gardens would not be possible. Also, rumor has it that the City of Boerne is very grateful for the Native Plant Society's work and care at these demonstration gardens. To volunteer at the BCCNA, contact Jeff Schwarz at jeffschwarz27@gmail.com.

To volunteer at the demonstration gardens located in the City of Boerne, contact Kathy

To volunteer at Cibolo Nature Center, Veronica Hawk coordinates the 2nd Saturday

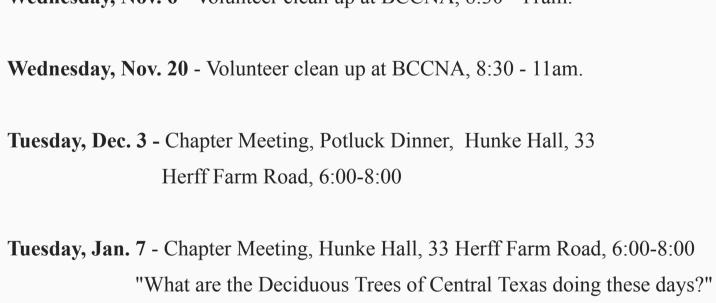
**Pollinator Garden Assistance &** 

**Recognition Program (PGARP)** 

consultation in Sept 2023 and was awarded a Pollinator Champion sign on Oct 8, 2024.

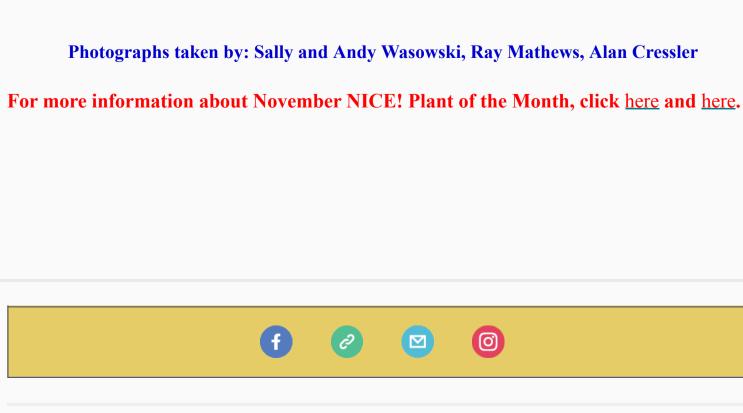
workday, for more information contact her at veronica.hawk@gmail.com.

Congratulations! Vicki Johnston, a new NPSOT member who had a PGARP



**NICE! Plant of the Month November** 

Oscar Van Auken, Ph.D.



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