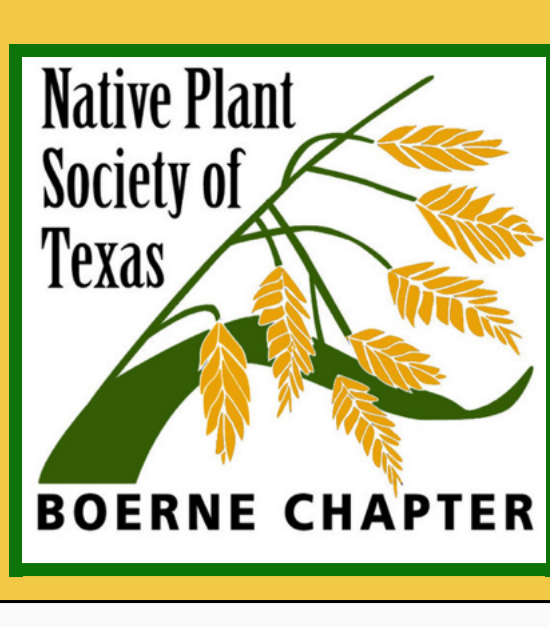


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December 2024 Newsletter

Boerne Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

Hunke Hall @ Herff Farm

6 - 8:00pm Annual Holiday Gathering/Potluck Dinner

8 pm - Clean up*

**Please bring a side dish to share*

**Main dish will be provided*

**Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up of the auditorium.*

Holiday Gathering

Please join the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas for our Annual Holiday Gathering at Hunke Hall.

The main entree, BBQ brisket is graciously donated by Jane Jamison. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish and/or dessert to share with the group. If you want to imbibe, please bring your favorite holiday spirits along with your Christmas cheer!

Raffle

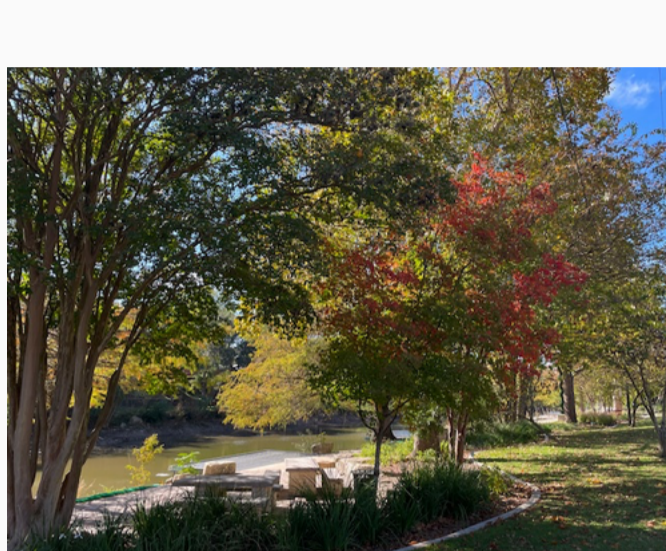
Listen Up Bird lovers and those related to them!

This raffle is for you! Just in time for Christmas, Wild Birds Unlimited has graciously donated a gift basket full "bird attracting" goodies.

Also, there will be a custom-made bird house by David Touchon available at the raffle too! So, bring your dollars and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win!

Bigtooth Maples in Boerne

The Bigtooth Maples in Boerne have started to turn color, at last! As you drive through Boerne watch for Boerne's Maples in their beautiful fall colors. Click [here](#) to see a map that shows you their locations. Enjoy!



River Road Park



Boerne's Old Number 9 Trail

Boerne City Campus Natural Area (BCCNA)

by Jeff Schwarz

Volunteers from the Boerne Chapter NPSOT and the Hill Country Texas Master Naturalist were on hand to plant (9 of 16) cypress, cottonwood and box elder trees at the Boerne City Campus Natural Area (BCCNA) behind the Patrick Heath Public Library.

These trees were donated from the City of Boerne's Apache Tree Grant Program and by Boerne Chapter NPSOT member and TMN, Kathy Webster.

The BCCNA is a joint conservation project by the Boerne Native Plant Society of Texas, Hill Country Texas Master Naturalist and the City of Boerne.

The remaining Apache Grant trees (7) will be planted on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 8:30 - 11am along with another (8) native under story trees that were graciously donated by a volunteer.

There is a long list of tasks yet to be completed on this restoration/conservation project of 13-acres on BCCNA. Please contact Jeff Schwarz at jesfSchwarz27@gmail.com for more information. New volunteers are always welcome!



Special thanks to the following volunteers: Veronica Hawk, Kacey Porter and from the 2024 Class of Hill Country Texas Master Naturalist: Joanne Williams, Suzanne Jacobsen, Valerie Davis, and Marc Davis. Not shown, photographer, Jeff Schwarz.

Celebrate World Soil Day

Thursday, December 5

Common Ground

Film Screening & Guest Panel

Presented by The Cibolo Center for Conservation

Healthy soil is essential for sustaining life and The Cibolo is thrilled to partner with Sovereignty Ranch to host a special film screening of the powerful regenerative agriculture documentary, *Common Ground*.

Join us in the Hunke Gathering Hall at Herff Farm on December 5 at 5:00pm for a meet-and-greet, film screening, and guest panel discussion with regenerative farmers and conservation leaders. For more information and tickets click [here](#).



Landscaping for Resilience with Native Plants

Check out this great webinar on YouTube "Landscaping for Resilience with Native Plants" sponsored by The Native Plant Society of Texas & Wild Ones, featuring Christy Ten Eyck at https://youtu.be/3C5Jl_-edce?si=FCe-YrG-hZzohbly

Discover drought-tolerant, low-maintenance landscape design, water-smart techniques, and native plant choices for sustainable, resilient gardens nationwide.



Pollinator Garden Assistance & Recognition Program (PGARP)

Congratulations Cindy Glick! And a new NPSOT member. Cindy had a PGARP consultation this spring and was awarded a Pollinator Champion sign this summer. You can see her beautiful landscape across from Veterans Plaza on Hickman Street.



YAY! Cindy Glick

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 3 - Chapter Meeting, Holiday Potluck Dinner,
Hunke Hall, 33 Herff Farm Road

Thursday, Dec. 5 - World Soil Day - Common Ground Film Screening
Hunke Hall, 33 Herff Road

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Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Chapter Meeting, Hunke Hall, 33 Herff Farm Road,
"What are the Deciduous Trees of Central Texas doing these days?"
Speaker, Oscar Van Auken, Ph.D.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 - "Wanted Mountain Cedars - Dead or Alive"
Author and founding Ex. Dir. Project Bedrock Texas
Speaker, Elizabeth McGreevy

Tuesday, March 4 - TBD

Tuesday, April 1 - Conservation Laws and Ethics
Speaker, Michael Mitchell, TPWD Game Warden, *Retired*

Saturday, April 19 - Spring Native Plant Sale
Herff Farm Teaching Barn

Tuesday, May 5 - Riparian Habitat Management
Speaker, Ryan McClintock, PhD US Department Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service, wildlife biologist



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

NICE! Plant of the Month December

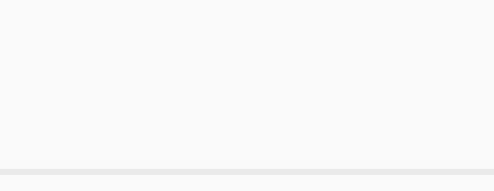
Cenizo, Texas Sage

Leucophyllum frutescens



Photographs taken by Sally and Andy Wasowski, Ray Mathews, Alan Cressler

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



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