Our Next Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 pm

The next meeting topic for the Collin County Chapter of the NPSOT, ‘The NPSOT Texarkana Symposium with Previews of Austin’ will be presented by Collin County Chapter member Betsy Farris. Ms. Farris will present photos from the 2014 Symposium held in Texarkana and preview of the 2015 Austin symposium. The meeting will be held in Laughlin Hall at the Heard Museum. Doors open at 7:00. The program starts at 7:15. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Meetings

Tue. September 1: Garden Show and Tell. The program features photographs, videos and plant commentary from our own member’s and guest’s gardens, botanical outings, favorite plants or plants of interest. This is one of the most interesting meetings of the year!

Please send your pictures and information to John Worley at worljm@yahoo.com. I’ll also bring my Laptop to the August meeting. Bring your pictures and information on Flash Drive, CD, or directly on your Camera Memory Card.

Tue. October 6: Vines of the DFW Metroplex - using a key. The Key to Plant ID: Using a Dichotomous Key to Identify Common Vines. Presented by Dana Wilson. Ms. Wilson will teach the basic techniques in plant ID by examining specimens of common vines.

Above are photos of the brave men and women of the 10th Chigger Division who worked in the Heard garden on Saturday, July 25. All had fun – even in the blazing heat.

We really need help at the workdays at Heard. We begin at 8 am and, due to the heat, and we will quit around 11am. There’s always things to learn while we work; there’s a lot of fun, too. This is our way to pay the Heard back for allowing us to use the facilities at no cost.

The next Heard Workday will be Saturday, August 22. Be there! Be sure to bring insect repellant or sulfur powder to keep the chigger bites to a minimum.
July is for Vacations

photos and story by John Worley

July is the month for vacations – and I am relying on that excuse in asking for your understanding of the brevity of this newsletter.

We were really looking forward to vacation this year – after many recent years of vacations cancelled at the last moment. There has been a variety of reasons, but this year nothing is going to stop us. Not my camera breaking the night before leaving; not the corner post of the camper breaking; not losing the crank used to raise the camper roof; not the gas gauge of our 2001 Suburban (with 250,000 miles) acting up; not the camper jumping loose of the trailer hitch as we neared Denton; and certainly not the Low Coolant light coming on in Santa Fe.

Mere mortals might have been daunted by all of these problems. But not us – for we are known as: “Stubborn Man” and “Persevering Woman”!

We spent some wonderful time with friends camping at Lake Vallecito, near Durango, CO. We were really looking forward to doing some serious campfire cooking. In the Dutch Oven, we made Sweet Cherry Clafoutis, Pineapple Upside Down Spice Cake with Cream Cheese Filling, Whole Wheat Yeast Rolls, Corn Bread, and much more. We made Cole Slaw with Bacon and Bleu Cheese, cut a Pork Sirloin Roast into both Chops and Carnitas and mixed a Spice Rub for them, and so much more.

Just like I saw in Alaska, Blueberries grow on 2” tall plants!
Collin County chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas meets the first Tuesday of January through October, in Laughlin Hall at the Heard museum. Unless otherwise noted, doors open at 7:00 and the program starts at 7:15.

The Native Plant Society of Texas is a non-profit organization with the goal to promote the conservation, research, and utilization of the native plants and plant habitats of Texas, through education, research, and example.

Thanks for your support.

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