Collin County NPSOT Newsletter

Our Next Meeting: Panel Discussion
Gardening with Native Plants
Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 pm

Our June 7 meeting will consist of a panel discussion on "Gardening with Native Plants". The meeting will be held in Laughlin Hall at the Heard Museum. Doors open before 7:00. The program starts at 7:15.

Our panelists are CCMGA members Carrie Dubberley, Carol Feldman, Bill Hunter, and Tony Manasseri, as well as Lynda Strain of LKS Garden Designs.

We need to elicit questions from the members and a list of any concepts members want discussed. You can email those ideas to Bill Woodfin at wwoodfin@icloud.com.

In addition, you can send photos or plans of your landscape projects or needs so we can show them at the meeting for our panel to discuss and advise. You can email those photos or plans to John at this newsletter address or worljm@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Upcoming NPSOT Meeting:

The August 2 meeting will be our annual "Show & Tell", a slide show containing plant and garden photographs taken by members. John Worley will compile your photos into presentation form if you send them to him (or bring them to meetings). You can email John at this newsletter address orworljm@yahoo.com.

Saturday Heard Workday, May 28

This month’s Saturday Heard Workday comes up this Saturday. We will meet at 8 am in front of the Heard building main entrance in the garden. If you can’t find anybody there, check the Butterfly Garden to see if the weeding party has moved down there.

Heard Butterfly House 2016 Opening Day

This Saturday is also the Butterfly House Opening Day. Member Melanie Schuchart will be there, training people in the butterfly garden on Saturday morning. So, come out for the Saturday Heard Workday, and maybe stop by the Butterfly Garden and say “Hi!” to Melanie.
Our Annual Heard Tour!

Our Annual Tour of the Heard Meadows and Woods annual Stiff Creek Wildflower Walk and Potluck Brunch was held on Tuesday, May 3. We had a good crowd and saw some wonderful fields of wildflowers.

Here are a few photos by John Worley.
Our 14th Annual Stiff Creek Wildflower Walk & Potluck Brunch

Our 14th Annual Stiff Creek Wildflower Walk and Potluck Brunch was held on Saturday, May 7. We had a good crowd and saw some wonderful fields of wildflowers. We certainly appreciate the wonderful hospitality of our hosts. Here are a few photos by John Worley.
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Thanks to one of our hosts – the Buckner’s
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Proud Parents Beam – Our Baby Grew Up!

Photos and comments by Tony Manasseri

I believe this is Agave Americana but I'm not sure since we received it as a "pup" from an unknown source. It has been growing in our little native garden plot for 15 years or so. I noticed the center looking different about 3 weeks ago and have watched the daily growth since then. Now it stands about 15-18 feet tall with yellow flowers popping out of large buds. It is so full of nectar that it literally drips from the blossoms, and the bees love it. Most of us know that this is an end of life strategy and I suspect by this fall we will have a blank spot in our garden. We have enjoyed having this plant in our garden and thoroughly enjoyed watching this amazing transformation take place.

If you have room, agaves are a unique plant to have in your garden!
The Heard Gardens are really beginning to look great. There has been a lot of good work done. Come on out to the Workday this Saturday. You will enjoy yourself!

And, get your garden and wildflower photos to John Worley for our August Show and Tell!

Collin County NPSOT General Information

The 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 before 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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