Message from your Departing President

Carol Clark

I am looking forward to staying in my seat for a change and letting Lorelei Stierlen take the reins as President in January, 2018! Lorelei brings an amazing skill set and interesting experiences to the job, she is funny, friendly, resourceful and smart, and I know she's going to be great for the group's future. I am asking everyone to remember that our group can continue to function ONLY if we have some people stepping up to help in different capacities from time to time--whether that is taking a shift at an outreach booth, managing our website information, or packaging seeds at home for our fundraising efforts. Please be mindful that to make this work, and to keep our new President comfortable, we all need to pitch in. I have been receiving native seeds from some of you to use in our fundraisers and at restoration sites, and that's great! We'll be continuing to sell seed kits in the coming year at all sorts of events. Keep them coming. It's been fun, and I can't wait to see where the next year takes this chapter. So long, and thanks for all the seeds!

Year end Appeal

Please remember Native Plant Society of Texas and especially the Collin County chapter of NPSOT in your planned year-end giving. In order to bring quality speakers from far away and keep our programs fresh and exciting, we need to have something in the bank. If you can help, please do. Your donation is tax deductible.

Make checks out to: Collin County NPSOT, and mail to our treasurer, Betsy Farris, here:
NPSOT c/o Betsy Farris
6015 Canyon Springs Rd
Dallas, Texas 75248
Train the Trainer Monarch Workshop

There is a really cool event coming up and registration is open now. There will be an in-depth "Train the Trainer Monarch Workshop" on January 19th (all day!) at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. It's designed to take the average person with an interest to a point where they are comfortable presenting Monarch related topics to diverse groups.

They will learn from experienced presenters about Monarch biology, threats to monarchs, milkweeds, native plants for Monarchs, Monarch Waystations, and more, and then practice their own presentation skills with ready-made slides. The event includes lunch, snacks, a loaded travel drive with sample presentations and handouts, and more.

Signups in the first day have been brisk enough that we've doubled the workshop capacity, but there will be a strict limit to the number who can participate, so don’t delay.

We had a wonderful time at the Potluck Supper this year at the Woodfin’s home. Our many thanks to them!
New Officers

This is the new slate of officers. Welcome them and tell them how much you appreciate their efforts.
- Lorelei Stierlen -- President
- Carol Clark -- Past President, Ways and Means
- Betsy Farris -- Treasurer
- Rodney Thomas -- Vice President
- John Worley -- Secretary, Newsletter
- Bill Woodfin and Carrie Dubberly -- Programs
- Open position -- Webmaster

Important Reminder

Keep gathering native plant seeds from your landscapes so we can put together some new native seed pack mixes to sell this year. They were a successful fundraiser last year, and will be our primary fundraiser in the coming year -- sold at various meetings, speaking engagements, plant sales, outreach booths, etc.

Upcoming Events

The Nature of Oak Point Park Guided Walk

Location: Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve in Plano

Date/Time:
- Wed 10:00am - 11:30am 12-13-2017, or
- Wed 10:00am - 11:30am 12-20-2017

Carol Clark leads these enjoyable and informative walks through the fields of wildflowers of Oak Point Park in Plano.