Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 pm

The May meeting is our annual tour of the Heard Sanctuary. The longer tour leaves at 6:00 pm. Shorter tours leave at 7:00 pm. Wear long pants and hiking shoes; bring sunscreen and insect repellant as needed; and bring your camera. Family and friends are welcome, but remember that the longer tour can be a little arduous.

Mark Your Calendars

Heard Work Day: April 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Our regularly scheduled 4th Saturday Heard Garden Workday is this Saturday from 9am to noon.

Annual Stiff Creek Walk: April 28, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Our Annual Stiff Creek Walk will be held on Saturday, April 28th. The starting time and exact location will be announced soon. And bring a covered dish and stay for the Potluck Dinner. See article, page 2.

Clymer Meadow Wildflower Tour: May 12, 9 a.m.

The Nature Conservancy’s Clymer Meadow Preserve will host its annual wildflower tour on May 12th. See article, page 3.

iNaturalist City Nature Challenge: Team Heard: April 28

The challenge goes international with 60 cities participating in documenting the flora and fauna. More can be found at this website: www.tpwd.texas.gov/naturechallenge. The Challenge will run April 27–30. It’s easy to participate by attending the Heard’s event or just making observations on your own, using the iNaturalist app. Just take a picture of a plant or animal, post it to iNaturalist and the online community will help accurately identify the species.

Team Heard: April 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Walk with Team Heard as we work to show the nation that DFW can boast the most species of wildlife as part of the City Nature Challenge! From 9 a.m.-1 p.m., we’ll have “coaches” on hand to help you learn how to score points for the Metroplex as you ID species of wildlife on the Heard’s 289-acre sanctuary. You will only need to show up with a smart phone with the iNaturalist app and your love of nature. This event is included in general admission and free for Heard Museum members.

If you'd like to prepare before you arrive, click here for details on how to use iNaturalist.
Native Plant Society

16th Annual Stiff Creek Wildflower Walk
A Guided Tour of Local Wildflowers

This Wildflower Walk is a wonderful time for all people of all ages who attend. Come on out!

**When:** April 28, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**What to Wear, What to Bring:** Long pants, closed toe shoes, sunscreen, and insect repellent are recommended.

Bring your camera, wildflower guides, binoculars, swimsuit (if you want), and a brunch item to share after the walk. We plan to start at 9:30 with brunch around noon. We can keep your brunch items hot or cold.

**Directions:** To 4545 CR 412, McKinney, TX 75071, home of Brigette and Brett Laplante.

From the intersection of Hwy 5 (N McDonald Street) and Hwy 380 in McKinney, go east on 380 about 1 mile to Woodlawn Ave (CR 331) where there is a Circle K service station on the northeast corner. Turn left and go 2.1 miles to the end of Woodlawn. Turn left on Texas Farm Road 2933 (no sign) and go 3.5 miles to CR 412. Turn right on 412 but it is more like going straight as 2933 curves to the left. Go about 1.2 miles and turn left into the driveway at 4545 CR 412. You can park along the driveway or in the pasture. You will see trucks and a flatbed trailer with hay bales for the wildflower walk.

We look forward to seeing you on April 28th.

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Clymer Meadow Preserve Annual Wildflower Tour

The Nature Conservancy’s Clymer Meadow Preserve (4318 FM1562, Celeste, TX 75423) will host its annual wildflower tour on May 12th. Don’t miss your chance to visit this picturesque 1,400-acre preserve, which contains one of the last remnants of the Blackland Prairie – an imperiled ecosystem comprised of numerous bird, butterfly and wildflower species. You’ll get to immerse yourself in the beauty and color of true Texas prairie while learning about the history and ecology of our native grasslands. Grab your binoculars and camera, pack a picnic lunch and bring the whole family!

WHEN: Saturday, May 12, 2018. Tour begins at 9:00 am; arrival by 8:30 am is suggested

WHERE: Clymer Meadow Preserve  Map Link

HOW: RSVP to Brandon Belcher, North Texas Preserves Manager, at 903-752-0676 or Brandon.Belcher@TNC.org by May 8, 2018. Space is limited!

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 7:00pm and the program starts at 7:15pm.

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.

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