NPSOT Meeting on April 2

The April 2, 2019 program will be a **Preview of the Heard Native Plant Sale**.

The meeting will be held in **Laughlin Hall** at the Heard Museum. Doors open about 6:30. The **program starts at 7:15**.

Upcoming Programs

The May 7, 2019 meeting will be **A Tour of The Heard Sanctuary** and **we will beginning at 6 PM**.

The June 4, 2019 program, tentatively, is **Climate Change**. At the August 6, 2019 meeting, the group will be making Seedballs.

The September 3, 2019 program will be our **Annual Show & Tell**.

On October 26, 2019 at 8AM, the Native Landscape Certification Program Level 2 class will be held at The Heard

Our Annual Potluck Dinner will be held November 3, 2019, starting at 5PM at Fran and Bill Woodfin’s home.

15th Annual Stiff Creek Wildflower Walk

**A Guided Tour of Local Wildflowers**

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to come along and explore three adjacent properties and learn about the native flowers and plants of Collin County. Members of the Native Plant Society of Texas will help you identify native wildflowers growing in the countryside.

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

**What to 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.
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Directions: 4545 CR 412, McKinney, TX 75071 (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 20th!

Fran Woodfin 214 236-2944  Bill Woodfin 214 236-3044

Brigette and Brett Laplante Hosts for the brunch.

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Plant Sales for Spring 2019

Native plant sales can be a good source for hard-to-find plants that are known to work in a specific ecoregion.

- April 4, Crocket – The Tyler Chapter will hold a native plant sale at the First Methodist Church Family Life Center 5-6.
- April 6, Nacogdoches – Pineywoods Native Plant Center 9-2.
- April 12-13, Austin – Spring Plant Sale, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.
- April 12-14 Dallas – Butterfly Plant Sale, Texas Discovery Gardens 10-2.
- April 12-14, McKinney – Heard Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary’s Spring Plant Sale, one of the largest and best native plant sales in the state.
- April 13, Flower Mound – Spring Festival sponsored by Keep Flower Mound Beautiful. Trinity Forks Chapter will have plants for sale. 10-1.
- April 13, Weatherford – Weatherford Blooms Festival. Our Cross Timbers Chapter will have a booth selling plants at the event 9-3.
- April 13, Stephenville – Native & Heirloom Plant Sale, Stephenville Museum. Several vendors will have plants for sale 9-3
- April 20, Cedar Hill – Native Plant Workshop & Sale hosted by Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, 10-2.
- April 20, Glen Rose – Prairie Rose Chapter plant sale, details to be determined.
- April 27, Dallas – The Dallas Chapter will have its native plant sale at the Midway Hills Christian Church 9-12.
- April 27, Longview – Our Northeast Chapter is sponsoring a native plant sale in the parking lot of Jakes Feed Store, 8-1.
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Spring Garden Shows 2019

Our NPSOT chapter combined with Monarch Watch to provide informational booths at two Garden Shows in March. We had a good time, talked to lots of people about native plants and butterflies, gave out a lot of information, and sold quite a few bags of wildflower seeds.

The Collin County Master Gardeners Association’s The Garden Show at Myers Park in McKinney was held on March 16th and 17th.

The Fannin County Master Gardeners Association Garden Show was held in the old Armory in Bonham on March 30th.
Texas Discovery Gardens
Native Plant Symposium on July 27

The Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park 2nd Annual Native Plant Symposium is July 27. Here is the list of speakers:

Doug Tallamy is the keynote speaker. The title of his talk is Restoring Nature’s Relationship at Home, about the critical importance of native plants as the essential building blocks for the survival of all our natural wildlife and ecosystems. Roger Sanderson will give talk of an overview of Native Texas Plants Useful for Hummingbirds. John Watts, entomologist, will be discussing the association of certain native Texas plants with certain insects, particularly those of bees. Jim Martinez, a landscape designer from Marfa, will be speaking about the artistic use of natives. Barney Lipscolm of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas will give a talk, Discovering and Preserving Texas’ Botanical Heritage: Good for Science, Good for Conservation. Lastly, will be Patty Manning, long time Manager of the Sul Ross Native Plant Propagation Program (now retired) and recipient of the 2014 NPSOT Lifetime Achievement Award.

Save the Dates
April 12th, 13th, 14th – Heard Museum Native Plant Sale

The Native Plant Sale is held in the parking lot at the Heard Museum in southeast McKinney. NPSOT will again have a booth to spread information and sell our native seeds, and will also provide customers with guidance and advice on plants as well as helping customers carry and load plants.

This is one of the largest Native Plant Sales in the area. It is a great opportunity for us.