**NPSOT Meeting on May 7**

**A Tour of the Heard Sanctuary**

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

We urge members and friends to attend this Heard Walk. The rain this year has made for a special showing.

**Upcoming Programs**

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.

**Monarch Waystations**

Carol Clark has a scheduled talk coming up in Denton on Saturday, May 4th, at 10 am. She will be delivering Monarch Waystations for North Texas at the Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center. See more here: [https://www.cityofdenton.com/en-us/residents/make-a-difference/sustainability/monarch-waystations-for-north-texas](https://www.cityofdenton.com/en-us/residents/make-a-difference/sustainability/monarch-waystations-for-north-texas).

The Clear Creek area has some nice areas to hike and see native plants in action.

**Wildflower Walk**

Enjoy the wonderful display of spring wildflowers at John Wilt’s beautiful multi-acre property in southeast Ellis County, Sunday, May 5, 10am-2pm. Guided walks will leave from the barn (near where you park) at 10:30 am and 1pm. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to mailto:danawilson59@yahoo.com for directions.
Those who were lucky enough to be there agree that they believe this was our best Stiff Creek Wildflower Walk to date. The weather was ideal and, in addition to Carol’s leading, we had the help of Sonnia Hill from the Tyler region. Sonnia is a particularly experienced and knowledgeable plant person, and may have photographed more species of this state’s flowers than has anyone else. Many of the photographs in Eason’s new guidebook are Sonnia’s.

The photos below show our group heading off in the hay wagon, Wild Mercury at the Buckner’s, a hyacinth, Adder’s Tongue ferns, and a Death Camas in our cemetery, Indian Paintbrush including a pale, peach colored one, and Amsonias in our fields, and an Astragalus lotiflorus on our Chalk Hill outcrop.

The food at our potluck was outstanding including Mary Ann’s and Tony’s frittata made from their farm fresh eggs, Lisa’s crawfish casserole, and Fran’s quinoa, spinach, asparagus, and walnut salad.
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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