NPSOT Meeting on July 2
The July 2, 2019 meeting will be a discussion on "Climate Change and Native Plants" by Bill Woodfin. The meeting will be held in Laughlin Hall at the Heard Museum. Doors open about 6:30. The program starts at 7:15.

Upcoming Events
The September 3, 2019 program will be our Annual Show & Tell. Please gather your photos and stories and get them to John Worley, either at our NPSOT email, at worljm@yahoo.com, or bring them to a meeting.

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. Watch the newsletter for more details.

Nature Walks at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve in Plano are moving to an earlier time for the summer. We’ll be starting at 8:30 to beat the heat on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month through August.

August Program – Seed Balls
Carol Clark
The August meeting is going to be focused on how to make and use seed balls for restoration and fun. We would like people to bring any native seeds they have collected and labeled if they have any that they are sure are from native Texas plants.

Because of the necessity of using only LOCAL native plants for restoration uses, and the desire to keep shade plants separate from sun plants, we will segregate the seeds at the beginning of the meeting into appropriate batches. Participants should wear clothes they can get dirty, and they may bring a container to take their seed balls home with them. They may also choose to donate their seed balls back to NPSOT, either to be used in one of several restoration efforts around the county, or for NPSOT fundraising. We will provide the clay and other components of the balls, and mixing pans. You might choose to wear rubber gloves.

This is a separate activity from the ongoing collection of native seeds for our fundraising activities, so please remember to keep collecting seeds beyond the August meeting date. We will need them to package for sales to support the club. Your donation of seeds for the fundraising effort allows us to bring quality speakers for the entire group, and pays for printing and other costs of running our chapter.

Also, bring any seeds you already have collected to our meeting this Tuesday night so we can start sorting them ahead of the August meeting.
The 2019 Heard Plant Sale

Bill Woodfin

In spite of heavy rains Saturday which seemed to threaten disaster for this year’s sale we were the most profitable ever. The sale was reopened on Tuesday enabling us to sell the majority of our remaining plants.

Our success was owing to the outstanding efforts of our Heard volunteers and to the hard work by Laura Ragan and Stephanie Jennings of The Heard staff.

Special thanks is due Tony Manasseri, Tom Shackleford, the Nixon’s, Rodney Thomas, Cynthia Alexander, Melissa Green, and Amy Monroy who made repeat trips to Ft. Worth to transport the plants grown by Bill Freiheit. It was the first year he grew for us from his new location. Though he supplied us with a number of species new to our sale it was only through the efforts of these great volunteers that we were able to get them to our sale. Our plant committee will be working on a better plan for next year.

There is sad news to report following our sale. On May 15 Brice Creelman of Shades of Green died from metastatic cancer. This was just a month after he had made three deliveries to our sale. He was a great friend and very supportive of our sales. For the past four years he was our largest supplier and had donated a number of plants each year. Many of our members knew Brice and, like me, were drawn to his laconic manner and dry sense of humor. He was a worthy and genuine individual and I miss him.

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.

Thanks for your support.

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