All official events are still cancelled by the State Board

This Alamo vine is growing on a west-facing fence and gets FULL sun. I never water it and yet it thrives. Anna and John Osborn gave me the seeds for it (and many other seeds and plants) a few years ago. It has pretty, white 1’ morning glory type flowers. The plant shown above is a single plant grown from seeds planted two years ago. It dies back completely in winter but comes back quickly in
the spring. The seed pods are the best part. Doesn’t this look like a little wooden flower?!

A few weddings back, I heard a child’s voice say, “Are these poison?” Needless to say, I went running over there. Two ‘tween girls were trying to answer a six year old boy’s question about a pill bug.

Seeing that he was interested in nature, I showed him the Alamo vine seed pods. He asked if he could have the one I handed him. I told him he could have as many as he wanted.

The next day as the wedding party was gathering up to leave, I found a shoe box full of Alamo vine seed pods. Evidently he wanted all of the ones he could reach. A future NPSOT member in the making, I think.
My obedience plants seem to think it is fall. Where could they have gotten that idea with these temperatures?!

I bought a flat of them at last fall’s plant sale and have been very pleased.

They are about 3’ tall and bloom profusely. They spread nicely too. Since I have so much room to fill, I really like things that spread and/or sucker.

Thickets are good things!
A note from Chris Anderson, a past president who just moved to SW Colorado.


Wow, and I thought things were challenging here. Now I feel like a sissy.

**Community Education Classes**

Is anyone interested in teaching a community education class this fall? If so, please contact rachelm@fisd.org by Aug.14. The classes will follow the COVID-19 protocols and be taught in person.

**Kathy Saucier still needs pots.**

“I have plenty small and gallon pots but I’m really needing 2 and 3 gallon pots. These are 8 to 9 inches tall by 8 to 9 inches wide. I’ll take larger ones also but this size I’m totally out of. I would be glad to take them off someone’s hands”.

Kathy Saucier contact her at gksaucier@verizon.net

**Still On For Fall:**

Plant sale – Thursday, Oct. 1

NLCP 1 class - Saturday Oct. 17
Our Video Productions
If you missed any of our three chapter videos that have been in previous newsletters, you can still watch them from the links below. Ah, the magic of the internet!

Kathy Lyles' Yard Tour

Al Smith's Native Orchid Program

Al has updated the care for the *Cymbidum* orchid. Until we figure out how to slip a slide into the presentation, we’ll add his further thoughts here.

The *Cymbidium* orchid can get infested with white spots that are known as scale; a small insect that can kill the host plant. When the scale becomes noticeable you want to isolate the plant from your other orchids and start treatment to control the scale. I used rubbing alcohol on a cloth and rubbed it on the leaves where infested. This is not very satisfactory since the alcohol tends to dissolve the waxy layer on the leaves causing them to dry out. A better method is to use warm soapy water and wash the leaves carefully. Be sure to rinse the leaves thoroughly to remove any soap. Several treatments may be required.

Bergman Ranch Tour

My fancy new Ipad has arrived!!. Steep learning curve but I’m working on it. Wish me luck…. ‘New tricks, old dog’…you know how that goes.

New and Improved FaceBook Coming Soon
We are hoping to have the FaceBook site overhaul done soon now that Diane O’Neill is helping Karen Buck. We plan for members to be able to upload their own photos, add comments on other’s photos, and/or answer plant questions.
Check out our website https://npsot.org/wp/fredericksburg/
Denise Coulter always does a great job with this wonderful resource. She also sends out these newsletters for me. Thanks, Denise!!

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