Spring Native Plant Sale & Festival
Riverside Nature Center
Saturday - April 18, 2015
Speakers, Demonstrations, Displays, Kids' Activities & More
Free Family Fun 8am-3pm
Co-sponsored by
Native Plant Society of Texas, Kerrville Chapter & Riverside Nature Center

Please join us to Celebrate Spring! The Native Plant Sale - under the pavilion
Our expert volunteers have gathered over 80 beautiful species of plants native to our region. These wildflowers, shrubs, grasses, and small trees are sourced from local growers. Native plants require lower maintenance – saving you time and money. Plus, they create a habitat for a host of native wildlife – including songbirds, butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Come early for the best selection! Experts will be available to answer questions and to help you select plants that will thrive in your particular landscape conditions.

All net proceeds benefit the RNC and NPSOT education efforts.
Members of RNC and NPSOT can enjoy exclusive preview sale on Friday April 17 from 5-6:30pm. Non-members can join either or both of these organizations at the pre-sale and start shopping.

New this year we will have
- **Ongoing Demonstrations**
  - "Potting & Sharing your Native Plant Volunteers"
  - "Protecting Plants from Deer & Wildlife"

- **Hill Country ROCKS** Exhibit in the Nature Center atrium

- **The Riverscape Project**, now under construction on the Nature Center grounds. The purpose of Riverscape is to illustrate how the Guadalupe River is formed and makes its way through Kerr County as it makes the 400 mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico

Free Informative Talk (In Classrooms)
11am: Marvin Hatter
"Let it Go"
- Using Locally Native Plants in an Informal Landscape Design -
Whether you describe it as natural, relaxed or informal landscape design, using locally native plants in the proper setting can provide year-round beauty and preserve that unique “Hill Country” look. The decision to use natives in the landscape instead of introduced plants is a positive step towards the stewardship of our natural resources but the overall design of the landscape and how these plants are used is equally important. The benefits of using natives in an informal design are many: reduced need for supplemental irrigation, chemical fertilizers and “bug sprays”; enhanced habitat for birds, butterflies and insects; reduced time required for pruning and other maintenance activities. Perhaps the best benefit of all is that these types of landscapes provide a place for learning.

Join the Kerrville Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas and special guest, Marvin Hatter, for a presentation and discussion on landscaping with native plants of the Kerrville area!

Marvin Hatter has worked for 21 years as the San Antonio District Vegetation Specialist for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). He is involved with various projects through his work at TxDOT including the mowing, herbicide, landscape, revegetation, erosion control, and wildflower programs. He has previous experience with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in soil and rangeland management and as a Research Horticulturalist with a large wholesale container plant nursery. A native of Sweetwater, TX, he has a BS in Plant and Soil Science from Tarleton State University and a MS in Ornamental Horticulture from Texas Tech University.

Drawing from a lifelong interest in plants with a strong focus on Texas natives, he started the South Plains Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas while in graduate school. He and his wife, Jana, are members of the Boerne NPSOT Chapter. He enjoys gardening, perfecting his rainwater catchment system, doing yard work, propagating and growing native/adapted plants and teaching others how easy it really is to grow plants.

**DISPLAYS (Outside)**
Ask the Plant Expert
Riverside Nature Center Association
Texas Master Naturalist Hill Country
Native Plant Society of Texas – Kerrville Chapter
Kerr County Cactus & Succulent Society
Hill Country Master Gardeners
UGRA - Water Quality & Conservation
   Public Radio
   Native Healing Garden

**KIDS’ ACTIVITIES (Nature Lab)**
   . 9:00 to 11:30 am – 12:30 to 2:30pm **Craft projects** in the Nature Lab
      Bring your kids to create fun nature craft projects to take home.
      An adult needs to stay to help supervise.

**8am and 2:30pm Nature Walk with Angelo**

*Bring your family and friends to enjoy the day at our Nature Center. As always, we could not do this without our wonderful volunteers. If you want to help, please contact the office, or send them an email.*