Williamson County Chapter Native Plant Society Meeting Minutes 3-14-13

Welcome: Kathy Galloway called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. 34 members and 2 guests were present.

Treasurer’s Report: Balances – Checking, $4375.18; Savings, $8954.87

Plant Sale: April 12, 13, 14 at Wildflower Center.  Kathy Galloway requested volunteers. Kathy Henderson, in charge of volunteers, will shadow Kathy Galloway for set-up on Thurs. so she can do it in Oct. Sue Wiseman will be the person in charge Fri – Sun. This event is our chapter’s outreach when members talk to patrons to help them succeed with native plants. Vicky Husband asked members to take flyers provided to advertize plant sale.

Taxonomy Class: Mar. 23, Wells Branch Library, topic is ‘Fruits.’

Commissioners Court: NPSOT members presented 3 sets of the plant surveys to the Superintendent of the SW Regional Park, Berry Springs Park staff, and the main office staff. Our chapter received a plaque in recognition of our contribution to the community and county.

Field Trips: Mar 16 will be the 2nd of 12 plant surveys at Berry Springs Park. See Blog. April 27 is Take a Hike Day. Handouts for 2013 field trips were distributed.

Archeology Days: Marilyn Perz is set for Mar. 22, 23 for this event at Berry Springs Park.

Taylor Garden Expo: Betty Jackson is set for Mar 23 for this event in Murphy Park.

By Laws: Dennis Perz conducted the By Laws adoption process. The Draft was posted on the blog in advance of this meeting. Comments were given via the blog and email to Dennis. The Draft with highlighted items* was projected as Dennis reviewed key points. Dick Galloway moved to accept the Draft as presented; 2nd, George Ohlendorf. Objections were called for; none given. All in favor voted by raised hand; none opposed; unanimously passed. *Articles I; IV-Section 5-A, Sec. 6-A, Sec. 7-A, Sec. 9; VI- Sec. 2.

President’s Announcements: Bob Kamper subscribed the membership to the blog; members can unsubscribe. Flyers for a county rain barrel sale were distributed. NPSOT Symposium is the 3rd weekend in Corpus Christi; reservations are open.

Programs: Stephen Brueggerhoff shared tentative topics: April 11, Bumble Bees of Tex; May 9, Yucca species; June 13, RVI Urban Village; July 11, “Water.”

7:30 Program: “Post-Wildfire Plant Community Regeneration in the Lost Pines of Texas” by Emily M. Booth. (Follow up of chapter field trip to Bastrop State Park)

Dates to remember:
March 22-23- Archeology Days Berry Springs Park
March 23-Sun City Horticulture Club Plant Sale 9-2pm
April 6 Master Gardeners Spring Garden Fair, 9-2 at AgriLife Extension Bldg
April 7-Big Day in Commons Ford Park
April 12-14-Plant Sale LBJWFC

March 23-Taxonomy 10-12, Wells Branch Library
March 24-Board Meeting-Galloway’s home 2-4 pm
April 11-NPSOT Meeting-Set up for Plant Sale in AM