The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Christie Gardner, Vice-President. 31 people attended in total, including 1 guest and 2 youths. Christie and others presented announcement slides, which are summarized below.

Reports:

Treasurer: Presented Lori Merlino. Lori presented a table with a 3-year look back year-over-year comparison showing year-end savings balances, year-end checking balances, yearly income and yearly expenses. For 2015, the projected income is $5,365.25, projected expenses are $6,538.79, and the projected total balance for all accounts at year end is $11,637.83. Lori reported that current outstanding checks are around $1500, all associated with the plant sale.

Field Trips: Presented by Vicky Husband. (For additional information and directions, see the Field Trips tab on the chapter website, [http://npsot.org/wp/wilco/field-trips/] )

- April 25 - “Travel to the Edge” of southeastern Williamson County. Art Gibson spoke about the area that will be visited. 9am-1pm, arrive at 8:45am. Meet at Butts Dry Goods, 104 South Main Street, Thorndale, TX 76577. See the website for information. RSVP not required.
- May 16 - NPAT & NPSOT, Spring Grasses and Flowering Perennials. River Ranch County Park, Leander. 9am to 12pm, arrive at 9am. RSVP not required

Speakers Bureau: Presented by Christie for Kathy Henderson. Various chapter members are speaking at the following upcoming engagements.

- April 11 – Lori Merlino and Bob Kamper
  - Home Depot parking lot, 600 W. Hwy 79, Hutto, Texas
  - 10:00am “Wildlife Habitats with Native Plants”, Lori Merlino
  - 11:00am “Drought Resistant Natives”, Bob Kamper
- April 11 – Kathy Henderson, “Starting to Go Native in your Yard”
  - Monument Café, 500 South Austin Ave, Georgetown, Texas
  - 10:30am

Reagan Elementary “Spring Carnival”: A special thank you was extended to the following members for representing our chapter on March 28, 2015: Kathy and Dick Galloway, Vicky Husband, Erin Husband (most honorary member 😊), and Arlene Boyer.

Landfill Pollinator Garden: A collaborative project with Good Water Master Naturalist. A thank you was extended to Kathy and Dick Galloway, Winnie Bowen & Agnes Plutino. A very special thank you was extended to Marilyn Perz for dedication in fulfilling our NPSOT vision of conservation and
utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example. Garden location: 101 Landfill Road, Hutto Texas, corner of CR 1660 and Landfill Road.

Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery & Prayer Garden: April 12th. Annual Field of Flowers Day. Enjoy the work along the nature trail and meadow done by our members wearing multiple hats as NPSOT members, National Wildlife Federation Habitat Stewards, Good Water Master Naturalists and the Native Prairie Association of Texas. Rain or shine. 1pm-4pm. 330 Berry Lane, Georgetown, Texas. Lori Merlino reported there is at least one more work day, this coming Tuesday. TBD whether there will be other workdays for the season.

Volunteer Opportunities: Presented by Marilyn Perz.

- May 9, 2015, Hutto Home & Garden Show. 9am-5pm. Downtown Hutto. Contact Marilyn Perz for NPSOT booth, or Cindy Stone for NWF Wildlife Habitat booth. Volunteer Opportunity: Promote NPSOT and the use of native plants in wildlife habitat gardens in this part of Williamson County. Also promoting Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas project. Volunteer needs: 2-4 per booth. Extra bonus: Barbara Wright will be bringing plants to purchase.
- Ongoing, Southwestern University Garden Club: Thursdays 5pm-7pm, Saturdays 9am-11am. At SU greenhouse on Southwestern Drive. Must sign a liability waiver to participate. Contact Eleanor Siff or Sam Guess.

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Plant Sale: Visit wildflower.org for the available plant lists and information. Friday April 10th Members only, sale 9:00 am – 5pm. Saturday April 11th 9:00 am – 5 pm. Sunday April 12th 12:00 – 5 pm.

Taxonomy Classes for 2015: The next class is April 25th. Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, Texas. Room D203-204. 9am to 12pm. $10.00 per class. Lesson: Rosaceae. Contact Sue Wiseman for information.

Chapter Name Badges: Presented by Ray Wahrenbrock. ~ 2” x 3”, magnetic back clasp/fastener. Members pay for own badges, $7.50 each. An order sheet was at the member attendance sign-in area on the back table. Members pay when badges are picked up at the next chapter meeting. Purchase is optional. For questions, see Ray or Sallie Wahrenbrock or Lori Merlino.

Website Committee: Presented by Bob Kamper. Updated to new WordPress Theme “Weaver Xtreme”. New Header image file. 35,000+ visitors to site since May 2013. (State npsot.org site passed 1M.) Scrapbooks moved under Photo galleries menu item.
Other Upcoming Events:

*Habitat Hutto Community Class*, April 25, 2015, 8am-12pm, Hutto Lutheran Church, 402 Church Street, Hutto, Texas. Free. Open to all Williamson County NPSOT members. Contact Cindy Stone. Guest Speaker: Meredith O’Reilly, Texas Master Naturalist, National Wildlife Federation Habitat Steward and Travis Audubon member, Youth Gardening Specialist 4-H Capital Project.

*Annual Selah Family Day and Picnic*, May 3, 2015, 10am-5pm. Selah Bamberger Ranch Preserve, a 5,500 acre ranch, been described as the largest habitat restoration project on private land in Texas. Website: [bambergerranch.org](http://bambergerranch.org) to register for the event. 2341 Blue Ridge Drive, Johnson City, Texas 78636  (830) 868-2630.

*State Symposium "Capit-O-lize on Natives": Contributions, Challenges, & Conservation*. October 15-18, 2015, Austin Airport Hilton. To join the team helping to plan the symposium, contact the Austin Chapter president or Sue Wiseman from our chapter.

**Tonight’s Program**

*Texas Drought Project*, by Jere Locke, Program Director and co-founder of Texas Drought Project.

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Minutes submitted by Pat Donica