Native Plant Society of Texas
Williamson County Chapter

Chapter Meeting for Aug 09, 2018
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Thank you!
General Announcements

• Register for NLCP now!
  • Level 1, Aug 25: Sue, Walt
  • Level 2, Sep 01: Ryan, Randy
  • Level 3, Oct 06: Gary, Kathy M
• Join Keep Hutto Beautiful & NPSOT Wilco on Sat Sep 08 for National Planting Day @ Peterson Community Garden
• A note on Selah from Kathy G.
Field Trips
Upcoming Field Trips

See npsot.org/wp/wilco/our-programs/field-trips/ for latest info

| Sat Sep 15 9AM-12PM | Plant Sign Survey @ BCRT in Champion Park |

To volunteer to be a walk lead or learn more, contact: Vicky Husband
Project Update: Interpretive Plant Signs

The 50-sign order has been received from the sign company.

Berry Springs Preserve:
- Thanks to three volunteers, at the western end of the park, the Nature Trail has been surveyed and (12) 8.5" x 11" paper signs have been printed/laminated; they will be installed in the kiosk at the trailhead soon.
- Thanks to eight volunteers, in the main portion of the park, almost all of the old signs have been removed from the existing posts/brackets (three remaining), and almost all of the existing posts/brackets have been sanded/painted (seven remaining).
- Thanks to a number of volunteers, all of the holes for the new posts/brackets have been dug (22).
- New posts/brackets are being drilled to accept a short rebar crossbeam for concrete stability; the rebar pieces have already been cut.
- New posts will be cemented in place and new signs will be caulked to the brackets over the next month.

- A map of the signs in the park has been posted on our webpage ([https://npsot.org/wp/wilco/resources/interpretive-signs/](https://npsot.org/wp/wilco/resources/interpretive-signs/)).

To volunteer or learn more, contact: Kathy McCormack
### Upcoming Programs

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<td>David Langford, “Seasons at Selah”</td>
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Help secure a monthly program speaker or offer ideas, contact Robert Kamper.
Our Speaker
Kelly Conrad Simon is the author of *Texas Wildscapes: Gardening for Wildlife (2009)*. The book is an outgrowth of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's *Texas Wildscape Program™*, which is an educational and recognition program that seeks to replace lost wildlife habitat by revitalizing urban landscape into beautiful and functional wildlife habitat.

Kelly has been with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department since 1995 and currently serves as an Urban Wildlife Biologist, providing outreach and technical guidance through the internet, workshops, and service on a variety of ecology-related boards and service groups. Kelly lives with her husband, three boys, and two muppet-dogs in Bastrop, Texas.