Native Plant Society of Texas
Williamson County Chapter
Chapter Meeting for Sep 13, 2018
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Thank you!
Welcome
General Announcements

• Register for NLCP now!
  • Level 3, Oct 06: Gary, Kathy M
• Membership badges
• Plant Sale Volunteers needed for Saturday
• A note on Berry Springs Park from Kathy M.
• Beginner’s Plant Walk Series: Next location?
## Upcoming Field Trips

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<td><strong>Oct 18-21</strong></td>
<td>Attend the 2018 Native Plant Society of Texas FALL SYMPOSIUM</td>
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<td><strong>Sat Nov 10 2018</strong></td>
<td>Plant Sign Survey @ BCRT in Champion Park</td>
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Field Trip: Saturday, September 15, 2018, Garey Park, 9am-12noon

RAIN OR SHINE! Tell the guardhouse that you are with the "NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY" in order to receive free admission to the park. Follow the NPSOT signage to park at the PAVED PLAYGROUND PARKING LOT. Join us as we walk the trail that circles the center of the property. Shared by both equestrian and pedestrian users, this trail has a pass, a bypass, a loop, and a spur that we will investigate for native plant species and terrain features. Dress for the weather and rock trail surface - walking stick suggested for changes in elevation and occasional trail edge encounters. Restrooms available on site by the Pavilions. Please arrive at 9am to sign NPSOT waiver - Hike will begin after a short presentation of the trail map.

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Project Update: Interpretive Plant Signs

• All 37 brackets/posts have been sanded, painted (twice), dug up (4), modified to accept a bracing rebar crossbeam and cemented into the ground (22), and surrounded with crushed granite at their base, and 25 of these have the new signs caulked onto their brackets.
• Charles Newsom and his team did a tremendous job with the post modification, crossbeam preparation, digging, cementing, and crushed granite work – in the HEAT – over the past 1.5 months. Thank you !!!
• Many thanks, also, to the eight GWMNs that helped with the sanding, painting, washing, and crushed granite work – in the HEAT – over the past 1.5 months. Thank you !!!
• The remaining 12 new signs will be caulked onto their brackets next week, weather permitting.
• A map of the signs in the park has been posted on our webpage (https://npsot.org/wp/wilco/resources/interpretive-signs/).
• Note that there will be an upcoming volunteer opportunity related to preparing the new brackets/posts (which WilCo has already made for us) before we give them back to WilCo to cement in the ground where we want them along the Brushy Creek Regional Trail (BCRT). In addition, the existing brackets/posts along the BCRT will probably need to be sanded and painted before new signs are caulked onto them.

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

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<td>Nature Watch: TX Native Plants for Butterflies, Lynne &amp; Jim Weber</td>
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<td>Annual Members’ Pot Luck Social &amp; Silent Auction</td>
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<td>Jan 10</td>
<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
Barbara Wright

Wright's Nursery
Briggs, Texas
Post meeting notes cover topics discussed but not part of planned slide presentation

- Bob Kamper provided a new native plants calendar that was presented to Gary Bowers for his continuation of a second year as chapter president.
- While giving an update on the interpretive signs installation at Berry Springs, Kathy M. presented Charles Newsom, Dave Gauge, Scott Quigley, and Gary Bowers with small multitool pens (screwdriver, scale, bubble level) provided by Bob Kamper as a “thank you” for their help in setting the stands for the signs.
- During our meeting, Kathy M. and Charles reminded folks that there will be an upcoming county meeting to discuss the wastewater line at Berry Springs Park and Preserve. Here’s an article from Jan 2017 that discussed the wastewater line in the Stateman: https://www.mystatesman.com/news/local/proposed-wastewater-line-williamson-county-park-alarms-residents/IdjK7unzIwYZvnI7RU6dbN/

And here’s a Mayor’s update from Apr 2017 that describes how wastewater lines in Georgetown are planned/function:

http://www.advocatenewstx.com/mayors-update-how-georgetowns-wastewater-system-works/