NPSOT-Wilco

Annual June 2018 Brainstorming Survey
Summary

- Survey sent to active and recently lapsed members in mid-June
- 149 active member emails included in mailing
- Reminder sent out prior to end of June
- At least one member did not receive email and requested one to be re-sent - this was done and was received - possible out of date email addresses in State NPSOT database?
- 27 responses received for 18% return rate - better than average of 10% return, but not up to level of last two surveys in 2017 June and Jan 2018
Question 1 - Program Topics

- Ecoregions & Soils
- Landscape / design /“tiny” areas /native edible plants / common landscaping problems and how to fix-repair-treat
- Native grasses / ID/ maintenance
- How to start native plants from seed
- ID native plants at all stages, not just blooms
- Photography tips
- Substitutes for exotic & invasive species
- what to do with ashe juniper - prune it, cut it down?
- It may span more than a year but a series of programs that cover each of the Texas ecoregions. Include useful, rare, and endandered plants.
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- Practical Workshop on Native Plant Maintenance
- Medicinal uses of native plants
- Benefit of bugs found on native plants
- How to: Thunder Turf / Buffalograss / Urban wildflower meadow
- Archaic HOA Standards / transitioning away from grass lawns / HOA panel to discuss water usage and pesticide use /
- Xeriscaping without rocks, gravel, cactus and yucca
- Amendments & mixes for container planting of natives
- Taxonomy/plant families/Plant systematics in the age of genomics, or why do they keep changing the names of plants?
Speakers
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- Matt Turner, author
- Mary Irish, author
- Ryan Fleming
- Randy Johnson
- Valerie Bugh
- Topic History of NPSOT-Wilco - Wiseman, Galloway, Plutino
- Betsy Ross
- Wildflower Center
- Other NPSOT chapters’ projects
- George Diggs
- George Cates - Native American Seed
- Jean Nance - Useful Native Plants
Speakers

• Nico Hauwert Ph.D. on groundwater impact on plants
• Minette Marr (LBJ Wildflower Center)
• Flo Oxley, Ph.D. (ACC) on any topic
Field Trips!
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• I-35 Monarch Waystations
• El Monumento & Blue Hole Park
• Members’ yards and gardens (Spring & Fall)
• Return to River Ranch
• The Heard Museum
• Meridian State Park
• Booty’s Crossing
• Beaches and Mountains / Big Bend
• Joint activities with Travis/Tonkawa chapters
• Balcones Canyonlands
• Garey Park Plant survey completion
• East and West sides of Williamson County
• Mother Neff
• Salado Creek
This is hard to fill out. I need to research online to get ideas I liked. Hope this is okay?

...Fredericksburg chapter.. history program at one of their monthly meetings. ... resulted in several previously uninvolved members seeking to get involved.
I would like to see us offer a daytime discussion group. I do not mind organizing something. Encourage members to volunteer for boards and commissions in their respective jurisdictions.

Helpful to get the email blurbs vs having to go to website. Easiest for phones.
more outreach during the annual membership contest period. More family oriented activities, more school related activities.

Chapter Challenge: Let’s do more in youth outreach and children's gardening!