Minutes from Wilco NPSOT meeting August 8, 2019

Upcoming events
October 3-6 Fall Symposium Clear Lake Texas
October 5 Hutto Garden festival - Denny and Martin have volunteered to speak
October 18-19 Fall plant sale at Lady Bird Wildflower Center Still need volunteers
September 1 New Board will take over

Next month meeting will be a panel discussion “How to Plant Native Plants”

Treasurer’s report- Savings $5,060.72, Checking balance $18,633.

Recent past activities
We have completed 8 out of 12 plants surveys. July 13th was #8 and the field trip committee is working on dates for the last 4.
Randy spoke at the Sun City Nature Club meeting last month

Sign committee update
Congratulations to this group. They were informed they will receive the Mary Jo Laughlin and Eula Whitehouse Memorial Award for their work with the signs around Williamson County trails. It will be awarded at the Fall Symposium. This award is for visual art that interprets or promotes native plants.

Field Trips
August 17th join us for BBQ and Bats. 5:30 meet at Smokie Mo’s BBQ 1601 N Interstate 35, Near Whataburger at Hester’s Crossing, then on to McNeil and I 35, NAPA Auto Parts parking lot for a talk by Christine about Bats at 7:01 pm and to watch the bats emerge from under the overpass. It is a sight! See you there, Bring Hat and Chair or blankets, kids, friends etc.

September 28th time to be announced Sun City, TX. “In Harmony with the HOA”

Projects
Beth and crew have been busy at Spirit Reigns weeding and potting up scarlet peas and Metz petunias for the plant sale.

Tonight’s program is by Andrew Brazell who lives in Weir and has devoted himself and his family to raising wildflowers and reclaiming 16 acres of meadow. He has been featured on Central Texas Gardener in 2014 and now contracts to give advice on growing native grasses and wildflowers across Texas. Andrew presented a very interesting presentation with great slides of his beautiful meadows. He is presently in the process of developing demonstration gardens and pollinator gardens for tours.