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The President's Corner

This issue of the newsletter is a special reminder of our next meeting. There's been tremendous interest so far, and I want to urge everyone to make the effort to attend—you won't regret it. The details are here, but if you want more information, please contact me at ghardin@flash.net or 817-457-4703. Until then,
Gailon

Texas Wild! Tour for NPSOT members and guests Saturday, June 28th

Join the NPSOT North Central Chapter to learn about the Fort Worth Zoo's latest outstanding exhibit. Texas Wild! occupies 8 acres and features 200 native animals and native plants. We will learn what went on behind the scenes in designing, installing, and maintaining the look of Texas, then take a tour of the native plant area.

Our special admission fee is \$6.50 (reduced for this event from \$9.00), and we won't have to pay the \$5.00 parking fee because we will enter the park before it opens.

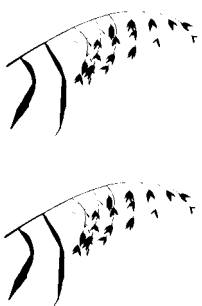
Arrive at the front gate no later than 8:15 am and you will be directed to Texas Wild! Our lecture and tour will begin at 8:30 and will conclude around 10:30. And here's a real bonus: we can remain in the zoo as long as we like after the tour.

To reach the Fort Worth Zoo from Interstate 30, exit University Drive. Go south on University for approximately one mile to Colonial Parkway and turn left. Once you are on Colonial Parkway, follow the signs to the Zoo.

From Our BRIT Reporter *Amy Trauth Nare*

One of the first native plants I learned after I moved to Texas was Maximilian Sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*). It caught my eye because its leaves did not look like a typical garden-variety sunflower. The leaves of Maximilian sunflower are much longer than wide, like a sword, and look more like peach leaves, folding upward and curving downward. Also, the flowers come from the leaf axils, where the leaf attaches to the stem, instead of from the top of the plant, where most sunflowers produce their flowers. However, the atypical features make Maximilian Sunflower so attractive. The flowers dominate two to three feet of the stem with those lovely yellow sunflowers, which cause quite a show from August through October. It grows throughout most of North America, with the exception of Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Florida and Georgia. In Texas, it is one of the most common sunflowers, often growing in roadside ditches. A wide range of habitats is tolerated, but like most plants, it prefers seasonally moist, loam or clay soils. Wildlife such as birds and deer forage on this plant, making it ideal for those interested in attracting animals to their property. You can purchase seeds of Maximilian Sunflower from many native seed companies. For instance, Native American Seed (www.seedsource.com, 1-800-728-4043) sells seed for \$1.50 per packet.

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 at 8:15 am, at the Fort Worth
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 See the latest exhibit
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 its native plant area.

**SPECIAL
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 DATE & TIME!**

Visit us on the Web at
www.txnativeplants.org

Join the Native Plant Society of Texas!

We invite you to participate as a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Membership is open to any individual, family, or organization. Membership is renewable annually and extends for a year from the date we receive your original payment.

If you wish to join, please indicate your category of membership, then clip and mail this application along with the appropriate remittance to:

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 P.O. Box 891, Georgetown, TX 78627
 512-868-8799 or 512-931-1166

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	\$35
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