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North Central Texas News

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The President's Corner Nancy Laine Price, PhD

Remember last year when we were stuck inside for a week in freezing temperatures? Remember last week when it was in the 70s?

Thanks to Bill Hall who arranged for our PERMANENT name badges in bright yellow. If you want one, give Bill a call (\$9.00 cash, 817-657-9890). Starting this month, we will have only one door open to the room. Stop by and sign in with Tracy Bryant, membership chair.

Our next speaker is from BRIT, and The North Central Chapter of NPSOT is going to give \$1000 to BRIT for the interns to digitize the plants of Tarrant County in the herbarium. Since two of the interns are our own Starr Krottinger and Troy Mullins, this is a good investment and a real service to our community because the public can use these records.

Check out the Trout Lily Walk March 4, or Prairie Fest on the last Saturday of the month, or get ready for Butterflies in the Garden. Come to our next meeting and tell us about what you've learned or your own garden. I received some sugar snap peas for Valentine's Day, so it's a new adventure for me. Advice welcome.

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The purpose of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to promote the conservation, research, and utilization of the native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example.

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March meeting

Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm

Orchid Room, Deborah Beggs Moncrief Garden Center,
Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

Program: The March speaker will be Sam Kischnick, Assistant Herbarium Manager at BRIT. Sam has undergraduate and Masters degrees from Tarleton State University, and before joining the staff at BRIT he taught for several semesters at Weatherford College. He is a member of the Cross Timbers NPSOT chapter. He will be talking about *Dalea reverchonii*, better known as Comanche Peak Prairie Clover. Sam will be a great speaker, and if you can't think of a good plant question, ask him about his gopher experiences!

Plant of the Month Josephine Keeney

Rose mock verbena, *Glandularia canadensis*, Vervenaceae

What a lovely easy to grow plant this is!

Among its many virtues is that it is evergreen, begins to bloom in February and continues until the heat really sets in, then takes a break and waits for the next cycle.

The flowers are a delicate shade of rose pink and they have a lovely light scent reminiscent of roses. This is a low-growing plant up to 10 inches high, and it has a trailing habit with many side branches that send out flowering shoots. The trailing branches will root at the nodes if they come in contact with the soil. This is a wonderful way to increase this plant without much effort on our part.

It is also easy to propagate by tip cuttings that root in about 3 weeks and take off very quickly.

This plant is native to North Central Texas and many other states. It likes part shade and moist but well drained soil and makes an excellent ground cover.

I think this plant should be used a lot more because of its beauty and ease of cultivation.



Find more native plant information at www.texasstar.org, a forum for Texas gardeners dedicated to the cultivation and propagation of Texas native plants.

Native Plant Workdays

Southwest Subcourthouse on Granbury Road in Fort Worth 2nd Saturday and last Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 am. Gailon Hardin in charge

Hulen Street Regional Library in Fort Worth 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 am. Evaline Woodrey in charge

Molly Hollar Wildscape at Veterans Park in Arlington Wednesdays and the first Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 am (winter hours)

Tuesdays at the greenhouse in Randol Mill Park in Arlington beginning at 9:00 am

Meeting Minutes, February 2 2012

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The executive board meeting began at 5:30 pm in the Orchid Room of the Conservatory of the Fort Worth Botanical Garden. Present were Nancy Price (President), Dawn Hancock (Past President), Starr Krottinger (Vice-president), and Teresa Bryant (Membership Chairman). The 2012 budget was discussed. Before presenting the budget to the membership for approval, the board decided to wait until the March meeting so Gailon Hardin (Treasurer) could better explain the budget to the committee. The committee discussed providing a \$1000 scholarship to BRIT to fund an intern to digitize Tarrant County specimens. No vote was taken because the budget showed only \$230 upcoming for 2012 to be used for outreach. The committee meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by President Nancy Price at 6:30 pm.

Unfinished Business: Bill Hall presented the permanent name badges for which he found a vendor. The price of an individual badge is \$9.00 and is available to every member by providing Bill with the money for the badge. He will have them made and returned at the following meeting.

Nancy Price reported on the Native Plant Display at Alice Carlson Elementary School that she and Carol Loney produced. Nancy encouraged other members to find similar projects that the member could produce displays for.

Dawn Hancock reported on the effort to rescue sprouting post oak

seeds to reforest burned areas in North Central Texas. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to rescue the seeds if an end user could be found by Cathy Lustgarten, the Vice President for Liaison for the state organization, signed an intent-to-volunteer sheet.

New Business: Dawn Hancock reported that the former Neil Sperry All Garden Show is no longer being offered by any events organization. As a result, North Central Chapter will enter the 32nd Home and Garden Show at the Fort Worth Convention Center, which takes place February 24 through February 26. She called for volunteers to staff the "lemonade stand" and hand out the Recommended Native Plants for North Central Texas to attendees.

Nancy Price announced the following:

- Earth Day at UTA is April 18. North Central Chapter has participated for the last three years but needs one or two volunteers for this year.
- Jim Varnum will lead the annual Trout Lily walk at Tandy Hills Natural Area on March 4 at 1:00 pm.
- Anyone can vote for Josephine Keeney for the Green Source Environmental Award. She wins if she gets the most votes.
- Mollie Hollar's birthday will be celebrated again this year with a Privet Pull on February 11.
- Prairie Fest has changed its mode of celebration. Instead of one large event with vendors, Prairie Fest has been re-imagined as a celebration of the prairie by having prairie walks lead by Master Naturalists on the last Saturday of March, April, and May.

Doug Montgomery and Leeann Rosenthal presented the evening's program: Working at Fitzgerald Elementary as Mr. Doug.

Submitted by Acting Secretary Dawn Hancock

Congratulations, Josephine!

Josephine Keeney got the most votes (over 500) for the Green Source Environmental Award; the top three vote getters will be judged by a panel on February 28 to see who will win.



Remember Our Spring Plant Sale

The spring plant sale is Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 9 am.

Once again we will be part of the big Fort Worth Botanic Gardens annual spring plant sale. This is your chance to get some of the most desirable native plants for our area and help support our organization.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Pat Lovejoy at palovejoy@att.net

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 1
7:00 pm
Fort Worth
Botanic Gardens

**Comanche Peak
Prairie Clover,
*Dalea reverchonii***

Sam Kischnick

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