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News**

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The President's Corner Nancy Laine Price, PhD

I hope that everyone has had or will have a chance to see the lovely picture of Josephine Keeney and the award that she won from Green Source. (See page 3.) The award was Volunteer of the Year, and it included \$500 and a huge crystal plaque. I happen to know that Josephine has potted up the fragrant phlox (*Phlox pilosa*) that surrounded the edge of her lot last summer when we had a field trip in July. The evening was quite pleasant in spite of the heat. The great city of Arlington asked her to remove the bright pink blossoms because they didn't fit the code. Our gain; their loss. I'll race you to the NPSOT plant sale on April 21 to get them.

April is also the time for the

- Cowtown Cleanup in Trinity Park (April 14, 11:30-1:30)
- Earth Day at UTA (April 18, 11:00 - 2:00)
- NPSOT State board meeting (April 21 in Kerrville)
- Earth Day at TCC-SE (April 27).

Just let me know which of these events you're interested in, and I will put you in contact with the person who's heading it up.

Also, don't forget Prairie Fest in Tandy Hills park, which we'll sponsor, the last Saturdays of March, April, and May. This park is a truly amazing prairie with walking trails right off I30.

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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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April meeting

Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm

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

Program: We will welcome Callie Mitchell as our speaker in April. Callie is a native of Arkansas where she grew up on a farm. She is a Master Gardener since 2008 and a Citizen Forester since 2009. She has a passion for native plants and her topic for our meeting is The Benefits of Native Plants. Callie is a much requested speaker for the Tarrant County Master Gardeners and even those who have been "native" for years will learn something new from her presentation!

Plant of the Month Josephine Keeney

Agarita, Laredo mahonia, *Mahonia trifoliolata*, Berberidaceae

What surprising qualities this plant has! Agarita is tough and drought tolerant, and the gray-green leaves resemble holly but are prickly and look rather unremarkable most of the year. It is ever-green and can reach 8 feet in height, which makes it very impressive.

But come February it bursts into bloom up and down every stem with beautiful tiny yellow flowers that perfume the air in a most delightful way.

If that weren't enough, the flowers mature into orange-red berries that are edible and have a very pleasant lemony flavor. Some people like to make lemonade by crushing and mixing them with water, or you can make a delicious jam for your toast.

Be careful if you come close to this plant: you might get a prickly welcome that will have you smarting for a while. But what a great plant this would be to set beneath your windows to keep away unwelcome visitors.



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

Native Plant Sale

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by the
North Central Chapter
Native Plant Society of Texas

Saturday, April 21
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth, TX
(part of the FW Botanic Gardens annual spring plant sale)



Some of the many natives in the sale:

Black Sampson, Blackfoot daisy, Chile pequin, Columbine, Eastern Bluemistflower, Eastern Redbud, Elderberry, Fall aster, Fall Obedient Plant, False Dragonhead, Fragrant phlox, Frostweed, Heartleaf Skullcap, Heath Aster, Lanceleaf coreopsis, Low Wild Petunia, Lyreleaf Sage, Mealy blue sage, Mexican feathergrass, Pigeon berry, Pink evening primrose, Purple aster, Rockrose, Salvia greggii 'Ferman's red', Texas aster, Turks cap (red), Western bluemistflower, White yarrow, Winecup, White avens, White winecup (possible), Wild petunia

Josephine Keeney Wins Green Source DFW Award



Green Source DFW rolled out the "green" carpet Tuesday night when it honored local environmental leaders at its inaugural Environmental Leadership Awards. The event, held Feb. 28 at the new Dallas Eco-op, marked the one-year anniversary of the online environmental publication, a project of the Memnosyne Foundation.

More than 100 members of the Dallas-Fort Worth green community turned out for the event, which doubled as the grand opening of the Eco-Op, a promising project located in a former grocery store in the Lake Highlands neighborhood of northeast Dallas. Event-goers mingled and listened to live music by the King James Band at the green co-op, now home to compost experts, recyclers and bee keepers.

The Volunteer Award went to Josephine Keeney, who's has been active in the Arlington Conservation Council and the North Central Texas Native Plant Society. Keeney is known for her dedicated work at the Molly Hollar Wildscape and the new O. S. Gray Nature Area in Arlington.

Excerpted from the Green Source DFW Web site.

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The Benefits of Native Plants

Callie Mitchell

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