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**North Central Texas  
News**

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## The President's Corner *Nancy Laine Price, PhD*

Hurray for our plant specialists Gailon Hardin, Josephine Keeney, and Merita Knapp, and especially propagator and planner, Pat Lovejoy. Treasurer Gailon reports that the Native Plant Society made \$2,616.80 (twice as much as last fall) from the spring plant sale. Many thanks to Pat, in charge of the sale; every year she gets more masterful conducting the event with all the details that make it a success.

I don't think I have ever enjoyed rain like I have this spring, mainly because of the new information I have learned from you. So many people are talking about native plants now through your efforts and the drought. Statements such as friends who ask, "I'm not going to make the same mistake I did last summer when the drought killed everything. Could you suggest some native plants that won't die?" We all live for these times. Our mission is an ongoing concern: Thanks for everything you do for native plants!

See you in June for Leeann Rosenthal and hummingbirds.



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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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## June meeting

**Thursday, June 7, 7:00 pm**

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

**Program: Leeann Rosenthal will return to NPSOT in June. She was part of the January presentation on Fitzgerald Elementary and the Outside Learning Environment there.**

**Leeann is a Master Gardener and a native plant enthusiast who will present a program on hummingbirds and the importance of these remarkable little birds.**

## Plant of the Month Josephine Keeney

### Winecup, Purple poppy mallow, *Callirhoe involucrata*, Malvaceae

This lovely Texas native covers slopes along the highways with brilliant color from April to June, then takes a break during the heat of summer.

Winecup is best planted in the fall from seed, although cuttings work too, but they are not easy to root. It will also self seed, which is really the easiest method if you let the seed mature on the plant, fall on the soil and then get lucky.

The plant will form a lovely rosette of leaves in the spring, then the branches will elongate and start making runners about two feet long with the flowers coming out of the leaf axils.

Winecup is semi-evergreen and sometimes will put out a second show in the fall here in North Central Texas if the weather is favorable, which is really a bonus.

It likes full sun but can take a little shade and with a little water added it will be a very happy camper in your yard. The leaves and roots are medicinal and it is also a nectar source for butterflies and bees as well as a larval host plant for the Gray hairstreak butterfly.

Who could ever resist growing a plant with such great attributes? Certainly not me!



Find more native plant information at [www.texasstar.org](http://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

# Arlington's Southwest Nature Preserve



Editor's note: The wet spring has produced abundant flowers in the open areas of Arlington's largest post oak woodland park despite the recent dry spell. Although many of the early spring plants have come and gone (like Adder's tongue, below), other species are still going strong.



**Next Meeting**

Thursday, June 7  
7:00 pm  
Fort Worth  
Botanic Gardens

***Hummingbirds***

**Leeann Rosenthal**

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