



# NCPSOT News

Native Plant Society of Texas, North Central Chapter Newsletter  
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## The President's Corner Nancy Laine Price, PhD

How wonderful it was to see and hear Leeann Rosenthal's presentation on hummingbirds and then to go home and look them up on the Internet.\* Looking at these fascinating creatures, I started thinking about new officers for next year. The two years have flown by! I went from an English teacher to a pretty good native plant person in that time and most of it is because of you.

The two offices that are up next year are president and recording secretary. I encourage you to think about applying yourself to one of these positions: it's fun and you'll learn more in one year than you ever have (I say that having been a professional student for 15 years). The school is ideal: just follow Josephine Keeney or Gailon Hardin around and learn Latin or Dawn Hancock and learn biology. No tuition or tests required!



Gailon is doing fine after surgery; we can't keep her down. The Native Plant Society is a wonderful group of friends who promote the best practices regarding the environment. so enjoy your summer happily planting and come back in August to hear Will McClatchy on ethnobotany.

\*hummingbird on Texas lantana — NICE! plant for summer.

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## No July meeting Next Meeting August 2



## Plant of the Month Josephine Keeney

### Snapdragon vine, *Maurandella antirrhiniflora*, Scrophulariaceae

This vine has little leaves similar to ivy and looks fragile, but don't let it fool you, it can climb up to ten feet and develop many side branches that enable it to cover a trellis in a big hurry.

This is a tender perennial that dies to the ground in winter and comes back with renewed vigor in the spring.

Snapdragon vine is not picky about soil types and will be happy in partial shade with a little moisture. You can propagate this vine by seed or cuttings and it is easy to grow.

But the most amazing feature about this plant is the gorgeous blue-purple flowers that look like snapdragons and bloom abundantly, covering the vine with beautiful color that lasts from spring to fall.

In case that isn't enough, it is also a larval host for the beautiful Buckeye butterfly.

All in all, this is a very desirable vine for the home or butterfly garden.



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

**Minutes: June 7, 2012**

Nancy Price, President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

There will be a workday at the SW Sub-courthouse on 6/9; members are requested to come and help. Nancy Price reported she will be taking lunch to Gailon after the workday on Saturday. Several members were invited to lunch.

Nancy reported that she overpaid the room rent at the Botanical Garden and it is paid through 2013.

Pat Lovejoy will be stepping down as Plant Sale Chairperson.

Starr Krottinger, VP Programs, advised that the August speaker will be Will McClatchey from BRIT discussing Ethnobotany. There is no July meeting.

Patti Maness, Hospitality Chairperson, reported the food for the August meeting has taken care of.

Tracy Bryant, Membership Chairperson, passed around the current membership list for everyone at the meeting to update their information.

Tracy Bryant, NICE coordinator, reported that the plant for the summer is Texas lantana.

Master Gardeners' silent auction: SW Sub-courthouse's auction item brought in \$220.00 for the project. SW Library auction item fetched \$225.00 for the project

Dawn Hancock has an article in the NPSOT News: "What I learned about Rain Barrels"

Dawn Hancock wanted the name of a textile artist who could make a quilted block for a quilt for the Kerrville Conference.

Buffalo Boogie: No report

Prairie Fest: April seems to have had the largest crowd. There were 700 children who attended in May

The national conference will be held in Nacogdoches, TX.

Board meeting adjourned.

Program: Presentation on hummingbirds by Master Gardener Leeann Rosenthal.

Respectively submitted by Theresa Kay Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Arlington's New York Avenue Blackland Prairie Park**

Spring has been good to the flowers at Arlington's only piece of never-plowed prairie, and the show lasted most of May. Now we must hope for a grand encore in the fall. *(Photos by Wesley Miller and John Darling.)*



### Next Meeting

Thursday, August 2  
7:00 pm  
Fort Worth  
Botanic Gardens

No July Meeting

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