



# NCPSOT News

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

Summer is almost over if you're thinking about school; about half over (?) if you're wishfully thinking about the drought. I'm happily being a professional grandmother, but I'll be back.

Be sure to attend the meeting this month to hear Will McClatchy on Ethnobotany and to find out all the exciting plans for fall. People are getting the picture about this weather and so native plants are definitely a hot item as we prepare for fall planting.

Take on something new this year: The Southwest Sub-Courthouse and Hulen Library can use your help and several offices are available. You'll learn every time you do something for native plants.

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## August meeting

**Thursday, August 2, 7:00 pm**  
**Orchid Room, Deborah Beggs Moncrief Garden Center,**  
**Fort Worth Botanic Gardens**

Program: Dr Will McClatchey will be our speaker in August. He is Vice President and Director of Research for BRIT. Will's topic for the program will be Ethnobotany, which is the study of human interactions with plants and ecosystems. His studies have taken him all over the world, and we are pleased to have him share with us a small portion of what he has learned.

## Plant of the Month Josephine Keeney

### Velvet-leaf senna, Lindheimer's senna, *Senna lindheimeriana*, Fabaceae

Velvet-leaf senna has to be one of the nicest plants to have around, if only for the lovely soft feel of the leaves — they really do feel like velvet — but it also has many other virtues.

It can grow up to six feet tall with many stems that terminate in many flower clusters. The flowers are a bright yellow and have five petals. They start blooming in June and continue for about a month.

Velvet-leaf senna is drought tolerant and can grow in average soil, in full sun or part shade. It can be used as specimen plant or in the wildflower garden where it makes a great target for bees and butterflies.

It produces a lot of seeds, making propagation easy, then dies to the ground in the fall. This senna returns in spring with renewed vigor for another season of growth in our area.

If all this weren't enough, velvet-leaf senna also is the larval host for the little sulphur butterfly. With all these great attributes, this is a very good plant to have around.



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

**Next Meeting**

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

**Dr Will McClatchey**  
*Ethnobotany*

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