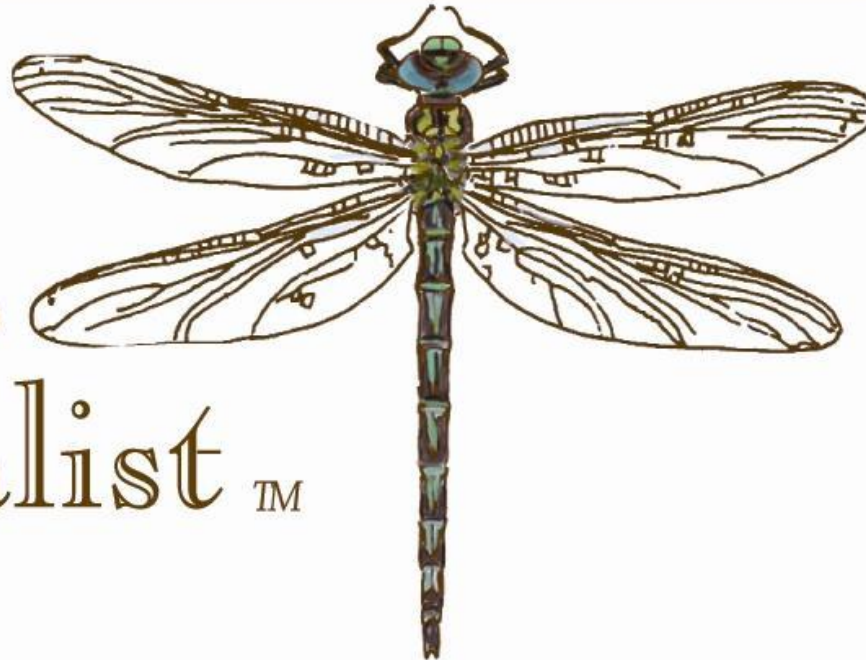


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# North Texas Chapter Meeting Announcements October 1, 2025

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# NORTH TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST THE DRAGONFLYER



## Fall Aboard!

This issue highlights our children's education programs at T.R. Hoover and Twelve Hills and insights from the Lights Out Symposium. Our North Central Texas autumn also comes into focus with a colorful exploration through a yellow lens. Autumn continues as a theme with a Final Thought on the Honorable Harvest.

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# FALL BIG CHAPTER PROJECT

Saturday, October 25th

## **Dallas College Campus**

3030 N. Dallas Ave. Lancaster, Tx  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Join us for

- Some weeding and invasive removal
- Planting grasses and forbs in woodland area
- Collecting seeds

More info:  
BrendaCatlett  
brcatlett@gmail.com

## **Sign Up:**

[volunteersignup.org/WM7F7](https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7)

Box lunch will be  
provided for volunteers!

Stay for the presentation  
by Meghan Peoples,  
Texas A&M Native Seed  
Program.



# Big Chapter Project at Dallas College – October 26th

**Activity:** Join us for a morning of service and a presentation by Meghan Peoples, Master Naturalist with the Texas A&M Native Seed Program. We will be doing some weeding and invasive plant removal, planting in the woodland area and gathering seeds.  
We will also enjoy a box lunch provided by Dallas College.

**Location:** Dallas College: Cedar Valley Campus, 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, TX

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 26th, 8:30 am until 1:00 pm

**Hours:** VH, 3.5 Hours: Big Chapter Project  
AT, 1 hour, AT: NTX: Chapter Offered Training

**Sponsor:** NTMN

**Contact Person:** Brenda Catlett (972) 989-0546

**Registration:** <https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7>

**Notes:** Contact Brenda with questions or additional information.



## DEI-Accessibility Subcommittee

Activity: Open to anyone who has an interest in making nature more accessible to everyone.

Location: Zoom

Date/Time: Meetings planned for every other month to monthly.

Hours: VH, 1-2 Hours: NTX: Administrative Work: TMN Admin Report Hours

Sponsor: NTMN

Contact Person: [Val Reiss](#) (979) 204-2310

Registration: <https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7>

Notes: Contact Val if interested in participating



# Mothing Kit Now Available for Loan!

**Activity:** Want to see what sorts of nocturnal insects you can observe? The chapter's newest resource, the Moth Kit, is now available for loan. It includes four different black lighting stations and is perfect for outreach events or personal adventures at home.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the trunk.

Request it by emailing [trunks@ntmn.org](mailto:trunks@ntmn.org).

And special thank you to the Class of 2025 Moth Kit team members for constructing this resource!

**Date/Time:** Meetings planned for every other month to monthly.

**Hours:** N/A

**Sponsor:** NTMN

**Contact Person:** [Beth Andresen](#)

**Registration:** <https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7>

**Notes:** Contact Beth with questions.



# Black lighting at the Brookhaven Pollinator Garden

**Activity:** Stay after our October chapter meeting to observe nocturnal insects at the Brookhaven Pollinator Garden.

We'll be setting up with the NTMN Moth Kit, our chapter's newest resource. The kit can be loaned out to members and was created by the Class of 2025 Moth Kit Team. We'll also be looking for bugs with Sam Kieschnick.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the event on the calendar

**Location:** Brookhaven Pollinator Garden (on the West side of the campus)

**Date/Time:** October 1, Starts after the chapter meeting and goes until 11 pm.

**Hours:** VH; 1—3 hours; Brookhaven College Garden: Wildscape & Facility Maintenance

**Sponsor:** [NTMN](#)

**Contact Person:** [Beth Andresen](#)

**Registration:** <https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7>

**Notes:** Contact Beth with questions.



# Frankford Prairie Monthly Saturday Workday

Activity: Join us as we liberate the prairie of invasive non-native plants. Bring garden tools for weed removal, gloves, water, sun and insect protection. Park in front of the white historic Frankford Church.

Location: 17400 Muirfield Dr, Dallas, TX 75287

Date/Time: Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am until 10:00 am

Hours: VH, 2 hours, Frankford Prairie: Wildscape and Facility Maintenance

Sponsor: [Frankford Preservation Foundation](#)

Contact Person: [Julia Koch](#) (214) 226-2328 or [Gary Barton](#) (214) 215-6815

Notes: Repeats the first Saturday of each month.



# Northaven Trail – Royal Park Garden Workday

Activity:	<p>Weeding native plant garden.</p> <p>Let's get our hands dirty at Royal Park (map). Bring your gardening gloves and implements (shovel, clippers, hand trowels). Remember to bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen &amp; insect repellent.</p> <p>We welcome participation at any time between 8am and 10 am.</p> <p>Please be sure to sign this waiver before you arrive.</p>
Location:	3433 Townsend Drive, Dallas, TX, 75229
Date/Time:	Saturday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> , from 8 am until 11 am
Hours:	VH, 2 hours, Dallas Parks and Open Spaces:
Sponsor:	<a href="#">Friends of Northaven Trail</a>
Contact Person:	<a href="#">Cecilia Behgam</a> (972) 922-9090



# Join the NTMN Members Project on iNaturalist

Activity:	<p>Combine NTMN member observations within our chapter area to be included in the quest to reach 1 million observations by Texas Master Naturalists within Texas.</p> <p>An umbrella project for all Texas Master Naturalist chapters was created in November 2024. The North Texas iNaturalist project was created to represent NTMN in the statewide umbrella project. Currently, the Texas Master Naturalist umbrella project has 850k+ observations with 14 chapters participating. Currently, NTMN is responsible for roughly 10% of the total observations. Help us get the project to 1 million observations by joining. By joining all past and future observations a member does on iNaturalist within our service area will be included in the umbrella project. It's also a great way to interact with MN from other chapters, see what they see, and create friendships through common interests. Like a social network for nature nerds!</p> <p><u><a href="#">North Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Project</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Texas Master Naturalist Project</a></u></p>
Location & Times:	iNaturalist Observations can be made anytime and any day.
Sponsor:	<u><a href="#">North Texas Master Naturalist</a></u>
Contact Person:	<u><a href="#">Joshua Ebright</a></u> (310) 347-7554
Notes:	Contact Joshua for more information.





# Monarch Tagging

**Activity:** Catch Monarch, apply tag, release Monarch, and document the info.  
Contact Ellen Guling for tags and how-to information!

**Location & Times:** This activity takes place whenever and wherever you see Monarch butterflies. There will be some get-togethers, Schedule depends on the migration days through our area.

**Sponsor:** [Monarch Watch](#)

**Hours:** VH: Monarch Detection and Monitoring: TMN Field research Hours

**Contact Person:** [Ellen Guling](#) (214) 208-0950

**Notes:** Contact Joshua for more information.



# Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

## 1st Tuesday Speaker Series

Activity:	<p><b>Kimberlie Sasan: Galls - Let's Get Curiously Addicted</b></p> <p>Galls are fascinating structures found on a wide variety of plants. This presentation will explore the diverse range of galls found in nature, from the simple bumps caused by mites to the complex structures induced by wasps. Join us to learn what galls are, how to identify the organisms that make them, and even how you could find the next undescribed species!</p> <p>Kimberlie Sasan is a Cross Timbers Texas Master Naturalist from the Fort Worth area. She started out with a wide variety of volunteer activities, mostly bluebird nestbox monitoring and working with the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, both of which she still does today. In 2022 she described a gall new to science, <i>Druon laceyi</i>, and helps Gallformers.org as an Administrator. Kimberlie is also an Herbarium and Research Assistant at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.</p>
Location:	Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2lNdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2lNdz09</a> Meeting ID: 891 8700 2517 Passcode: 212786
Date/Time:	Tuesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm
Hours:	AT, 1 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Sponsor:	<u>Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest</u>
Contact Person:	<u>Nancy Boeding</u> (817) 542-2390
Notes:	Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Sept. - May



# Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workday

**Activity:** This month, we will deal again with the enemy: woody encroachment, plus scatter the many wildflower seeds we collected earlier.  
Bring gloves, water, sun protection, and loppers if you have them; close-toe shoes are required, and long pants are recommended.

**Location:** 1787 Holford Road, Garland (rectangular parking lot on the west side of Holford Road).

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am until 11:00 pm

**Hours:** VH, 2 hours: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest : Natural Resource Management

**Sponsor:** Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

**Contact Person:** [Dana Wilson](#) (469) 531-6856

**Notes:** Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Sept. - May



# Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest Plant Rescue at Halff Park

Activity:	We will be rescuing plants growing on the access road that was cut into the forest earlier this year. We will pot these plants up, move them to a city of Garland greenhouse for overwintering, Bring water, gloves, and hand trowels or shovels with long, thin blades (like sharpshooters and Root Slayers). Rolling garden carts (or even children's wagons) are especially welcome. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age; (space is limited) and RSVPs are required for this first-time event. Please reserve your space and send questions to <a href="mailto:danawilson59@yahoo.com">danawilson59@yahoo.com</a> .
Location:	Meet at Halff Park, 4695 Ranger Drive (directly east of Naaman Forest High School), Garland.
Date/Time:	Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 am until 11:00 pm
Hours:	VH, 2 hours: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest : Natural Resource Management
Sponsor:	<u>Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest</u>
Contact Person:	<a href="#">Dana Wilson</a> (469) 531-6856
Notes:	Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Sept. - May



# Constellation of Living Memorials Monthly Meetings -AT

Activity:	<b>Pooling Student Engagement via A+ Charter, DISD, and Private Schools</b> Monthly Focus Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM; these meetings are in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife. Each gathering will feature: - Shared best practices, per topic, from each cemetery lead A walk-through of the nearby cemetery site following indoor discussions.
Location:	Location: Inspired Vision Compassion Center, 2019 N. Masters Dr., Dallas 75217 Cemetery Walk: Albert Carver Cemetery, 10200 Burton Rd, Dallas, 75217
Date/Time:	Wednesday, October 2th, from 2 pm
Hours:	AT; 2 hours, NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	<a href="#">Constellation Of Living Memorials</a>
Contact Person:	<a href="#">Julie Fineman</a> (213) 700-7481
Sign-up:	<a href="https://volunteersignup.org/KYPEY">https://volunteersignup.org/KYPEY</a>
Notes:	Contact Julie with questions



# NTMN Table at Texas Discovery Gardens during the State Fair

Activity:	Represent the North Texas Master Naturalists at the Texas Discovery Gardens during the State Fair of Texas. Earn VH and receive a free ticket to the fair as well as a parking pass. 4 1/2-hour shifts, morning and/or afternoon
Location:	Texas Discovery Gardens at the State Fair of Texas
Date/Time:	Starting Friday, Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am (See Sign-up sheet)
Hours:	VH, 3 hours, NTX Outreach Events
Sponsor:	<u>North Texas Master Naturalist</u>
Contact Person:	<u><a href="#">Leea Thompson Fudge</a></u> (214) 448-6598
Sign-up:	<u><a href="https://volunteersignup.org/WBPBH">https://volunteersignup.org/WBPBH</a></u>
Notes:	Email Leea with questions.



# NPSOT NLCP: Level 1 Intro to Native Landscapes

**Activity:** Learn about the benefits of native plants, desirable plants for your area and design considerations for your landscape. NLCP is a state-wide program, but classes focus on the characteristics and plants in the region in which they are taught. This class is specific to the DFW area.

In the class you will:

- Learn the value of including and preserving native plants in landscapes
- Understand the differences between sustainable and conventional development
- Discover your Texas ecoregion, vegetation, and soil.
- Become familiar with 45 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape and 5 plants to avoid

NLCP Level 1 is a prerequisite for Levels 2 - 3 which may be taken in any order.

**Location:** Zoom & Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park

**Date/Time:** Zoom meeting: Saturday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Plant walk: 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park

**Hours:** AT; 8 hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of Texas

**Contact Person:** Nancy Wilson (214) 405-0329

**Registration:** You must register to attend: <https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/>



# Naturalist Social Camp out

**Activity:** Join us for the Naturalists Social Campout at the Learning Gardens — a relaxed weekend of connection, exploration, and shared learning.

This is a chance to gather with fellow naturalists, swap knowledge, and enjoy the outdoors together. With over two miles of trails, a community outdoor kitchen, and both primitive and pull-in campsites, you'll have everything you need for a comfortable and inspiring stay. There won't be a formal schedule — programming will emerge organically based on the interests and skills of those who attend. Come ready to learn, teach, and connect!

**Location:** Learning Gardens: 7380 FM 1861, Athens, Texas 75752

**Date/Time:** Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, from 3 pm

**Hours:** N/A

**Sponsor:** Learning Gardens

**Contact Person:** Susie Stillwell (469) 818-7322

**Notes:**



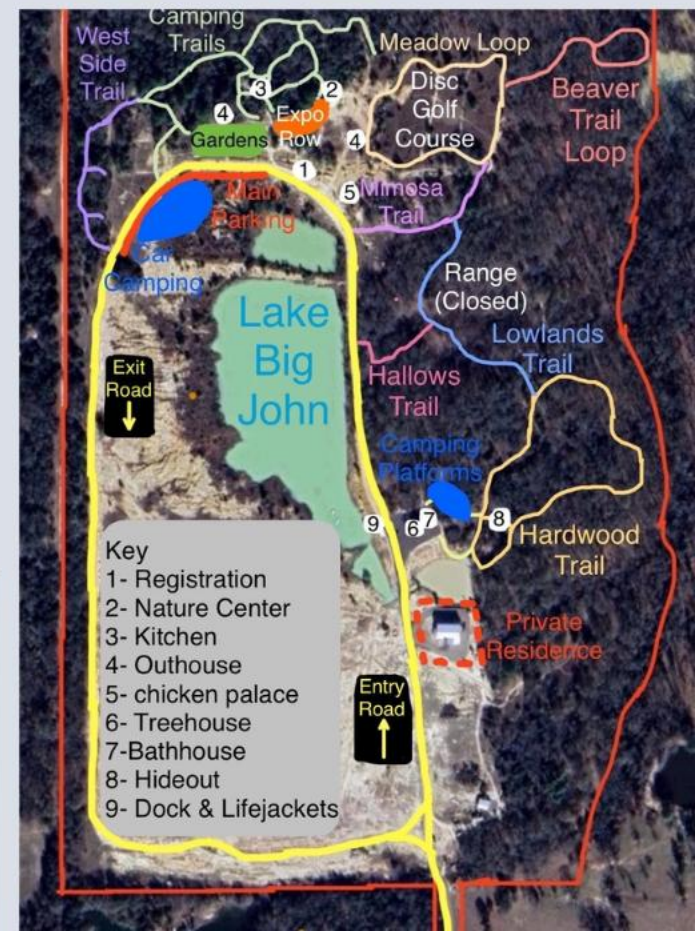


# NATURALIST SOCIAL CAMPOUT:

December 5 - 7, 2025  
Athens, Texas



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# Pond on LBJ Grasslands

