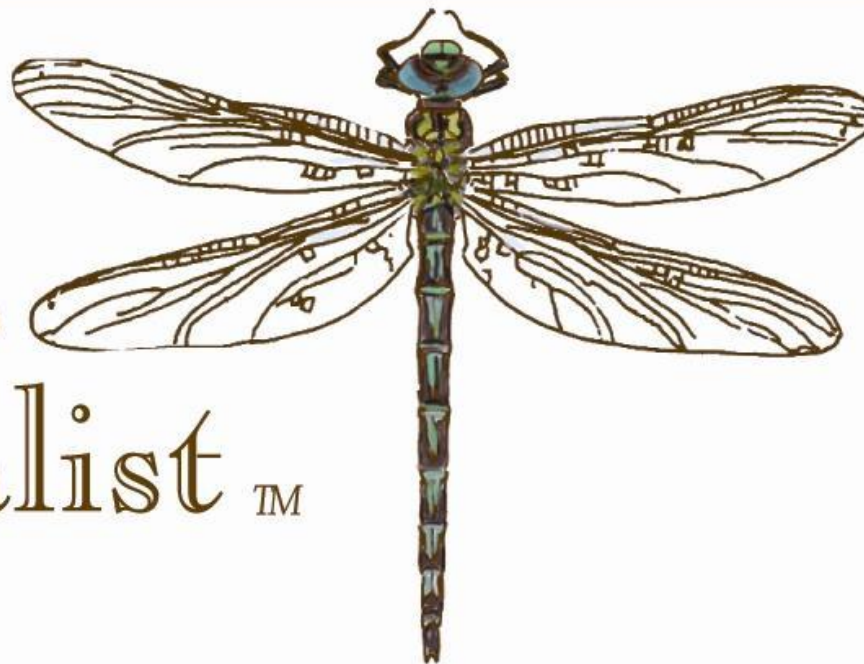


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North Texas Chapter Meeting Announcements January 7, 2026

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Chapter Needs an Event Coordinator

Activity: Help organize and lead the Big Chapter Project and First Day Hikes. Work with Brenda on the Spring Big Chapter Project and assume coordinator role for the fall event. This is an opportunity to organize and lead our fun and purposeful chapter events. In this volunteer role, you will get to apply your leadership skills and creative talents to implement these popular events. The volunteer commitment requires your time for only 3 events a year, one in the spring, fall and New Years Day.

This role is a rewarding way to meet people in the chapter build community within our organization. Brenda will assist as needed to ensure a smooth transition.

Date/Time: First upcoming date is April 11. 2026

Hours: Variable

Contact Person: Brenda Catlett, btcatlett@gmail.com,

An Update from Membership

Info:

- If you ordered a T-shirt, name badge or NTMN sticker, please make sure you pay the invoice that was emailed to you from the Treasurer ASAP.
 - Items will be available for pick up at the welcome table during the February 1st Banquet.
 - If you will not be attending the Banquet, please ask a friend to pick up your items and/or your annual/milestone pins.
 - NTMN stickers (\$3) and a limited number of NTMN tote bags (\$10) will be available for purchase at the banquet. Exact change or Venmo only.
 - Replacement name badges will next be available to order before the 2026 Summer Social.
 - Neon green NTMN t-shirts will next be available to order before the 2027 Banquet.
 - Class of 2025 class members earning certification at the February Banquet will be presented with the Initial Certification pin. 2025 members who were certified at the 2025 Summer Social will receive the Greater Roadrunner pin.
 - Active members completing 40 VH hours and 8 AT hours in 2025 will be presented with the 2025 Greater Roadrunner recertification pin at the February Banquet. If you didn't quite make your hours this year, you are still an Active member if you pay dues for 2026. And you have a year to earn the 2026 Bobcat pin!
- Membership Terms:
- "Active" = Initial Certification + Dues Paid
 - "Certified" = "Active" + 40 VH + 8 AT in calendar year

Contact

Kelly Martin : membership@ntmn.org

MLK Jr Day of Service at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Activity: Since 1994, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been celebrated as a "day on, not a day off," encouraging individuals, families, and groups across the country to honor Dr. King's vision of community through volunteerism. By participating in MLK Day service activities, you're not only contributing to the welfare of others but also carrying forward the principles of peace and civic engagement that Dr. King championed. (Volunteer.gov, 2025)

DETAILS: . We will Volunteers will work on restoring the trout lily habitat on Cedar Brake and Trout Lily trails. Tasks will primarily include pulling the invasive privet from the work area. We'll be using sharp shooter shovels, loppers, and uprooters to clear the area. The work is a short hike away about .5 miles there and .5 miles back. Gloves available! Bring your own favorite gloves and tools if you have them!

Trout lilies like moist soil, but definitely need the winter sun to gather enough energy to pop up through the ground in the spring. You'll notice that our work areas are near creeks. Good place for trout lilies and privet(unfortunately) to grow. By clearing the wall of privet, we hope to encourage more lily growth.

Sponsor: DEI Committee - Since 1994, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been celebrated as a "day on, not a day off," encouraging individuals, families, and groups across the country to honor Dr. King's vision of community through volunteerism. By participating in MLK Day service activities, you're not only contributing to the welfare of others but also carrying forward the principles of peace and civic engagement that Dr. King championed. (Volunteer.gov, 2025)

Contact Person: ginger_greatens@yahoo.com

Sign-up Form: <https://volunteersignup.org/BLWTJ>

Notes: We will begin the day with coffee, tea, hot chocolate and bagels, getting to know each other with about 30 minutes of social time. If you plan to arrive late or leave early that's ok! Family and Friends are invited

Identifying Trees in Winter in Spring Creek Forest

Activity: 4th Sunday Nature Walk Dana Wilson – shows us how to Identify trees in Winter

Dana is known throughout north Texas for her expertise in identifying plants and she works tirelessly to inform folks about the treasures we have in the region. She worked for the National Audubon Society for the openings of Trinity River Audubon (Dallas) and Dogwood Canyon Audubon (Cedar Hill). Her long-time love of plants led her to her current job at North Haven Gardens.

She is a member of the North Texas Master Naturalists (class of 2001), the Native Plant Society of Texas, and she has been on the boards of our Preservation Society and Texas Discovery Gardens.

Location: Spring Creek Forest 1770 Holford Rd. , Garland

Date/Time: Sunday, January 25, 2026 Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Hours: AT, 1.5 hr

Sponsor: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest springcreekforest.org

Contact Person: Nancy Boeding

Spiders in the Park!

Activity:	<p>ZOOM talk about spiders, given by Meghan Cassidy</p> <p>Meghan will give us a foundation of basic info about spiders and other arachnids, most of whom are misunderstood, and almost all feared. The presentation will include some basic taxonomy, with a touch of ecology & natural history. Meghan will discuss and showcase spiders found in Texas that you may come across while out in Texas nature. She will also offer some strategies to help with identifying spiders. Meghan has many detailed spider photos to show, and she will provide some tips for using iNaturalist as a learning resource for these amazing animals!</p>
Location:	ZOOM link provided by sponsoring group on website " springcreekforest.org "
Date/Time:	2/3/2026 7:00 PM
Hours:	1 hr. AT, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Sponsor:	<u>Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest</u>
Contact Person:	Nancy Boeding nancyboeding@gmail.com

Spring Creek 2nd Saturday Workday

Activity: This month, we will groom the trails at 1770 Holford in preparation for trout lily season, and remove nandina while those bright red berries call out to us!

Location: Spring Creek Forest 1770 Holford Rd. , Garland

Date/Time: 1/10/2026 9:00 AM

Hours: 2 Hrs VH Preservation Society - habitat and trail maintenance

Sponsor: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

Contact Person: Dana Wilson danawilson59@yahoo.com

Notes: In case of inclement weather possibility, please monitor the Preservation Society Facebook page or springcreekforest.org

Partners in Preservation: A Volunteer Garland and Preservation Society Special Event

Activity: Volunteers will help clear old tire cans and rusty car parts that were dumped in the woods many, many years ago. We may also remove some privet; afterwards, we'll close with a brief guided walk.

Location: Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Dr., Garland, TX

Date/Time: 1/18/26 , at 1:00 pm

Hours: VH 2 Hours Preservation Society - habitat maintenance

Sponsor: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

Contact Person: Dana Wilson danawilson59@yahoo.com

Notes: Registration is mandatory at the Volunteer Garland link:
https://www.volunteergarland.org/need/detail/?need_id=1180049
Click on the RESPOND button at the top.

DEI Meets Nature Book Club

Activity:	Discussing the book "Red Alert" by Daniel R. Wildcat Please sign up to be sent the Zoom link. "Red Alert" is a very short book and quick read. Please read the book before the meeting and come ready to discuss.
Location:	Zoom Meeting Sign up: https://volunteersignup.org/E9J3F
Date:	1/12/2026 5:30 PM
Hours:	1 Hr. AT NTX: Chapter Offered Training
Sponsor:	NTMN DEI
Contact Person:	Ginger Greatens ginger_greatens@yahoo.com
Notes:	Repeated every other month with a new book

Native Seed Starting Workshop

Activity: Two-hour hands-on workshop to educate attendees about native plants, seeds, how to prepare and plant seeds, how to grow out seedlings

By the end of this workshop, participants will:

1. Understand why North Texas native plants are essential for supporting birds, butterflies, pollinators and biodiversity broadly.
2. Learn how to collect, prepare, and sow native seeds that thrive in our climate.
3. Practice hands-on techniques for germination, including cold stratification and scarification.
4. Take home seeded containers to grow their own native seedlings.

Location: North Haven Gardens, 7700 North Haven Road, Dallas, TX 75230

Date: Saturday, Jan. 17th @ 1-3 pm

Hours: AT, 2 hours, NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training

Sponsor: [Native Plant Society of Texas, Dallas Chapter](#)

Contact Person: [Nancy Wilson](#) (214) 405-0329

Notes: Eventbrite will be available for registration soon

NTMN at the Learning Gardens

Activity:	<p>Join us for NTMN at the Learning Gardens—a one-day gathering for Master Naturalists to connect, learn, and enjoy time in nature. We'll co-create the day's schedule based on the interests and expertise of those who plan to come, whether it's leading a short hike, sharing a talk on migration, exploring insects, or offering insights into land stewardship.</p> <p>The Learning Gardens offers the perfect backdrop with trails to wander, an outdoor kitchen for shared meals, and both a stage and outdoor classroom for teaching, sharing, and creating. Camping is optional for those who'd like to come on Friday 2/27 or camp on the night of 2/28.</p> <p>The Learning Gardens is located on the back side of a 90-acre farm near Athens, Texas, about an hour east of Dallas. This unique space is an off-grid permaculture site and outdoor learning center created by NTMN member Susie Stillwell. This is a free event open to NTMN members and families. Learn more about the Learning Gardens here: www.lgetx.org Please complete the registration form and Susie will be in touch!</p>
Location:	Learning Gardens: 7380 FM 1861, Athens, Texas 75752
Date/Time:	2/27 – 2/28
Hours:	N/A
Sponsor:	<u>Learning Gardens</u>
Contact Person:	<u>Susie Stillwell</u> (469) 818-7322
Notes:	<p>Sign Up:</p> <p>https://forms.gle/o7RLvmoHNYZWzyPZ6</p>