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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Member Group Spotlight:

Native Plant Society of Texas - San Antonio  
Chapter

The mission of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to promote conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach, and example.

Like GEAA, NPSOT wants all Texans to value native plants, native habitats and healthy ecosystems as essential to the well-being of living things and to our quality of life. We share a vision of a future where native habitats are managed as critically beneficial natural assets, and where residential and commercial developments employ sustainable designs that preserve and promote native habitats.

The San Antonio Chapter of NPSOT furthers the mission of the Society at the community level, sponsoring educational speakers, field trips, and workshops on subjects such as plant identification, propagation and landscaping, work in demonstration gardens and many other types of projects.

### **History and Progress**

The Native Plant Society of Texas was started in the Fall of 1980 by Carroll Abbott of Kerrville and sponsored by several members of the faculty of Texas Woman's University (TWU) in Denton along with other learned and interested individuals. Their efforts helped awaken the citizens of Texas both to the urgent need to preserve our native plants and to the wisdom of conserving and utilizing them in our landscapes.

Today, the San Antonio chapter conducts a variety of programs to support the Society's mission.

- The Native Plant Society of Texas San Antonio Chapter (NPSOT-SA) Grant Program supports community projects that promote native plant use, habitat conservation, and restoration through education, outreach, and hands-on examples. It also aims to educate members and the local community on the importance of native plants while encouraging research on their conservation and restoration.
- The Native Plant Society of Texas created the Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP) to encourage a migration of Texans back to nature that will reap priceless benefits for families, environment, and economy. NLCP is a series of day-long classes that teach best practices for native plant landscaping – including wildlife habitat gardening.
- The NICE program is a voluntary collaboration between individual chapters of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) and select local nurseries, called

Native Plant Partners (NPP). The goal of the NICE program is to promote and expand the availability and use of native plants in residential and commercial landscapes that are appropriate to the local ecoregion. The San Antonio chapter works with Native Plant Partners each season to highlight and promote select native plants with seasonal interest

All of these programs protect the Texas environment through conservation, research, and utilization of native plants.

### **Upcoming Events**

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