

the Gaillardia

OKLAHOMA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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SPRING MEETING AND FIELD TRIPS - April 22, 23, 24

We have a BIG weekend for you! Mark your calendar, get out your boots, camera, books and hand lens.

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society's spring meeting and field trips will be held near Poteau on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. We have also been invited by hosts Bruce and Lana Ewing to join the Arkansas Native Plant Society for its Friday evening meeting in Mena, Arkansas, followed by a choice of several field trips on Saturday morning.

We hope you'll attend both the Poteau and Mena events. The complete schedule is:

Friday evening ANPS meeting (April 22), from 7:30 to 10:00 p. m., will be at the Episcopal Church in Mena. Programs will include:

"Walk in the Woods" slides by Joe Dean.

"Pondberry in Arkansas" (an endangered species) by Robert Wright.

"Roadside Wildflowers" by Don Culwell.

"Woody Plants of Arkansas" by Carl Hunter.

Saturday morning (April 23) at 8:30 a. m. -- Choice of four half-day field trips:

Rich Mountain

A Mature Beech Forest

Acid Seeps

A Dwarf Oak Forest

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society will meet at the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, south of Poteau, with hostess Teresa Maurer, botanist. Our schedule for Saturday afternoon and Sunday will be:

Saturday afternoon, 2:00 p. m. Tour of Kerr Center Ranch and wildflower walk.

Saturday evening, 7:00 p. m. -- Meeting at the Kerr Museum and Regent's Room

Conference Center with coffee and snacks. Bring slides to show, plants, seeds and books to share.

Sunday morning, 9:00 a. m. -- Field trip to the north slope hardwood forest of the Talimena Drive, led by U. S. Forest Service wildlife biologist George Bakenhofer. Meet at the Forest Service office two miles south of Heavener.

This is a wonderful opportunity. This area of southeast Oklahoma has one of the largest varieties of spring flowers anywhere. The Winding Stair Mountains run east and west from Talihina to Mena, Ark. Many plants and trees on the north slopes are usually found in eastern states only.

Teresa Maurer is doing a plant survey for the Kerr Ranch. She says you can camp at the ranch. She also sent a map and a list of other accommodations. (See reverse of this page.) Some people may want to stay one night in Mena and the next in Poteau.

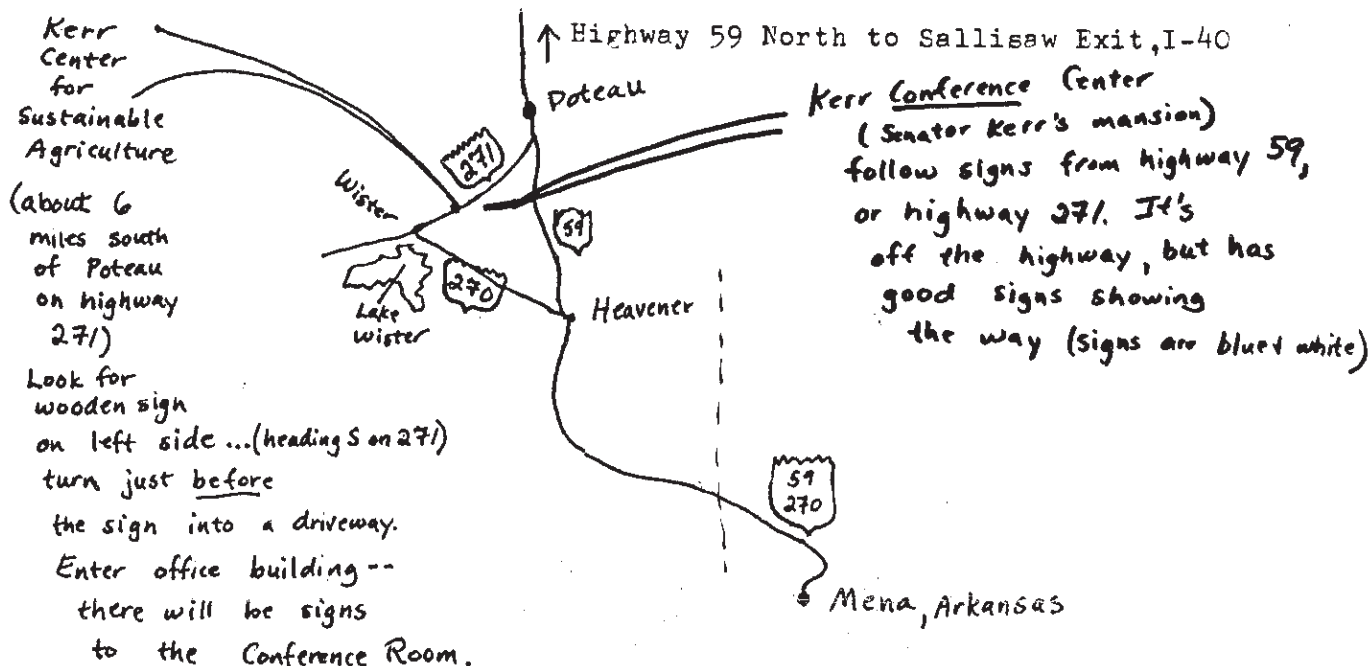
ACCOMMODATIONS

Poteau: Black Angus Motel (918) 647-3246
 Lake Wister State Park: Toll free (800) 522-8565
 Cabins (918) 655-7212
 Camping (918) 655-3184

Mena: Ozark Inn of Mena (501) 394-1100
 Rich Mountain: Queen Wilhelmina State Park
 Lodge and camping (501) 394-2863

Mena is about 50 miles from Poteau. The Kerr Ranch is 5 miles from Lake Wister.

Teresa Maurer (918) 658-2264 (Home)
 (918) 647-9123 (Office)

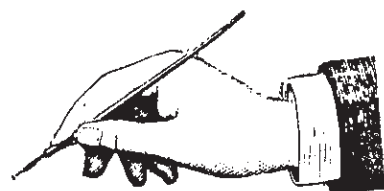


This year's National Wildlife Week theme was, "Forest are more than Trees". Did any of you have special programs or activities to observe this or Oklahoma Arbor Week (both were March 20-26).? If so, let us know for mention in future issues of The Gaillardia.

LETTERS ARE NEEDED!!!!

The Endangered Species Act (H.R. 1467) has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and awaits action by the Senate. Letters or phone calls are needed now to help influence the final decision in the Senate. In addition to comments on your personal convictions, these points would also be helpful:

1. Support the 5-year reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act (as passed by Senate Comm. on Environment and Public Works);
2. Ask Senators to contact Senators Robert Byrd and Robert Dole, requesting floor action on S. 675, Endangered Species Act. Ask Senators to co-sponsor the bill if they haven't already. Address: The Honorable Senator (Nickles &/or Boren), U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



CALENDAR



- April 7-----Official kick-off of **Project 89er** at first home game of Okla. City 89er Baseball team. Project 89er is a year-long clean-up and beautification project for Oklahoma that is chaired by Mrs. Shirley Bellmon.
- April 12-----through May 22, **Spring Season** at National Wildflower Research Center (NWRC)...lots of tours and more...call 512-929-3600 for details
- April 14-----Spring Seminar, NWRC, on Wildflowers of Central Texas: From Seeds To Scenery. Call the Center for more info.
- April 16-17--Spring Wildflower Days at NWRC.
- April 22-24--Texas Wildflower Day, Texas Women's University, Denton, TX (more info. in the newsletter)
- April 22-24--Spring meeting of **Oklahoma Native Plant Society, Kerr Center, Poteau** (more details in the newsletter)
- April 22-24--Spring meeting of **Arkansas Native Plant Society, Mena, Ark.**--headquarters at Parish Hall of Episcopal Church for Friday and Saturday....
- April 28-29--Jubilee Celebration honoring Lady Bird Johnson's 75th birthday, **Washington, DC**. Ceremonies include presentation of Congressional Gold Medal to Mrs. Johnson (by President Reagan) for her humanitarian and beautification efforts.
- April 30-----Field trip--ONPS--along the **Illinois River**. Jim Norman, of Muskogee, will be tour leader. Meet at the Western Sizzlin in **Tahlequah** at 10 a.m.
- May 1-----Deadline to enter **ONPS Photography Contest**
- May 14-----Field trip--ONPS--to limestone hills of southern **Pontotoc County, Chickasaw National Recreation Area** (Sulphur) and **Arbuckle Mountains**. Dr. Doyle McCoy will be tour leader. Meet at the Holiday Inn on the north side of **Ada** at 10 a.m.
- May 14-----Propagation of Native Plants with Jill Nokes, Texas A&M Research Center, 17360 Coit Road (Renner), **Dallas, TX**. An all day, hands-on workshop (limited to 25). Registration deadline is April 1, cost \$25. Make check payable to: NPSOT, and contact Lorri Dennis, #56, Milford, TX 76670.
- May 20-21----11th Annual **Wildflower Workshop, OU, Norman**. David Northington of NWRC will be one the speakers. Sessions on photographing, collecting, and using wildflowers will be part of the program. Registration Chair is Mrs. Louis McAllister, 1706 Beverly Hills, Norman, OK 73702, 405-329-3776 for more information or to register. Registration is \$3 + meal and field trip costs.

June 4-----Field trip--ONPS--**Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.**
Dr. Doyle McCoy will be tour leader. Meet at
visitor's center at 10 a.m.

June 11 ----- Missouri's annual Prairie Day. Prairie State Park in Barton County
(between Pittsburg, Kansas, and Lamar, Missouri). Many activities
including dedication of new Visitor's Center.

June 15-----Deadline to enter Photo Contest for the North
American Prairie Conference. Slides, prints,
and B/W print, entry fee: \$1/ photo. For more
info. contact: Professor Richard Sutton, 377
Plant Science, Univ. of NE, Lincoln, NE 68583.
Also, deadline for Landscape Design Competition,

\$20 entry fee (\$5 for students and non-profit
groups). Contact Professor Sutton.

June 18-----Field trip--ONPS--**Red Rock Canyon State Park** and
other areas of **Caddo County**. Trip will start at
picnic tables nearest park entrance at 10 a.m. A
tour leader will be present.

August 7-11--Eleventh **North American Prairie Conference**--"Prairie
Pioneers: Ecology, History and Culture" at
Lincoln, NE. Contact Dept. of Biology, Univ. of
Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68182-0040, for more info.
(Those interested in hosting the 1990 N.A.
Prairie Conference are encouraged to attend!!!)

Bring your camera to the field trips!!! You may also want to
bring a sack lunch, however, eating establishments will be
available within short driving distances.



Class: "WILDFLOWERS OF OKLAHOMA" April 7 to May 5. Taught by Dr. Paul Buck
at Tulsa Junior College Northeast Campus five Thursday evenings 6 to 8 p.m.
Includes field trips. For information Call 834-5071



In Print Again!!! The excellent text, Pasture and Range Plants
originally published by Phillips Petroleum in the 1950s, is now
again in print. Published by Ft. Hays State University, for
\$17.50 (prepaid, includes postage and handling). This book
includes grasses, forbs and some flowers and is invaluable
to the native plant enthusiast. To order, write Ft. Hays State
University, ATTN: Kerrie Fitch, 600 Park St., Box 272, Hays,
Kansas 67601. Make checks payable to Ft. Hays State Univ.

NOMINATION FOR OKLAHOMA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
ANNE W. LONG AWARD

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society will recognize outstanding contributions to the purpose of the Society via an Anne W. Long Award.

Individuals, groups of individuals, scout troops, church groups, science or environmental organizations, businesses, etc. who have contributed to the purpose of the ONPS shall be eligible for the award. Recognition and presentation of the award will be made at the annual meeting of the Society.

Nominations are to be made via the following form and submitted directly to the chair of the Awards Committee: Paul Buck, Biology Department, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104. The deadline for nominations is 1 September and all nominations will be treated in confidence.

Nominee: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Please use separate sheets to provide detailed information supporting the nomination. Such material is necessary for evaluation by the Awards Committee.

Nomination by: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

All nominations must be received before 1 September but may be submitted at any time.

Starting with this issue of **the Gaillardia**, there will be a regular column to recognize contributions to the Anne Long Memorial Fund.

Donations to Anne Long Memorial Fund:

- Contribution in memory of husband of Theresa Grosshans by Betty Kemm
- Contribution by Elisabeth de Boors of proceeds of notecard sales from January meeting.



News on the **Water Garden Society of Oklahoma**...they are now to be a local chapter of the International Water Lily Society and will have access to experts in that field across the world through the quarterly publication of the International Society. This is being done without an increase in membership dues, which will remain at \$15/year for an individual and \$20/year for a family membership. For more information, contact: Grant Bell, President, 13301 Eastridge Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73170.



Books of Interest.....

Sources of Native Seeds and Plants (revised edition) is available from the Soil and Water Conservation Society, 7515 N.E. Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021-9764, for \$3 each. It includes the names and addresses of growers and suppliers.

Seeds of Change by Henry Hobhouse, published by Harper & Row, 1986, \$8.95 (paper), is about five plants that transformed mankind--quinine, sugar, tea, cotton and the potato. An interesting look at history from a different perspective.

Close-ups in Nature by John Shaw, published by Amphoto, 1987, \$27.50. A good "how-to" book...(Tulsa library has it, also.)

The Wild Plant Companion--A Fresh Understanding of Herbal Food and Medicine by Kathryn G. March and Andrew L. March, published by Meridian Hill and distributed by Johnson Books, 1880 S. 57th Court, Boulder, CO 80301, \$8.95 (paper) (+ \$1 p&h). For people already acquainted with wild plants, includes sections on survival, medicine and cookery.

The Quest for Wild Jelly also by March and March, Meridian Hill Publication, distributed by Johnson Books, \$3.95 (paper), (+ \$1 p&h).

If you haven't received a copy of Wildflower, the Journal of the National Wildflower Research Center, you're missing alot. Volume 5, number 1 (Winter/Spring 1988) is excellent! It includes articles on: Natives for Lower Cost Landscaping, Wildflower Seed Mixes, and Native Plants for Roadside Use in the Southwest. Contact the NWRC about getting a copy--as part of your membership to the NWRC, 2600 FM 973 North, Austin, TX 78725.

Be Watching For...

...the new J.C. Penney summer catalog which will include their new wildflower pattern, "America's Blossoms" on sheets and accessories. The National Council of State Garden Clubs will receive a small royalty from the sales to use in their educational wildflower program. Penney's already has a wildflower pattern available that is very attractive...

from the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., newsletter, The Columbine (March 1988):

"As many as 200 species of wild plants are already extinct and about 3,000 kinds of native plants (species, subspecies or varieties) are threatened with extinction. This is about eight percent of our native flora." --Linda R. McMahan, PhD, Director of Botanic Garden Programs, Center for Plant Conservation. (This same article listed some of the Regional Gardens of the Center for Plant Conservation: Denver Botanic Gardens, Missouri Botanical Garden, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the Desert Botanical Garden. To learn more, write the Center for Plant Conservation at 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plains, MA 02130.



Also from The Columbine:

"Native plants, particularly the seasonal perennials and annuals called "wildflowers" are getting a lot of attention these days....Now, many of us are in good position to go even beyond simply educating our neighbors about the beauty of wildflowers--we are working towards making natives available on the marketplace.

To be successful, this process must have input from every person and organization involved with native plant interest, study, or use. Conservation of plants is more than taxonomic field trips and habitat preservation, although those two aspects are certainly the toughest because of overworked and underfunded personnel. Native plant conservation must involve marketing strategies, which include making propagation information available to nurserymen; education of retailers on the handling, merchandising, and selling of native plants (which often look lousy in pots, until planted out into the landscape); urging the garden public to support the movement through their use of native plants."--Fielder Rushing, Horticulturist, Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service.

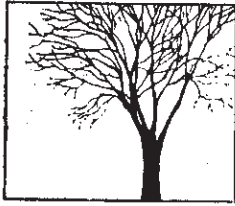


The April 1988 issue of Ms. has a nice article by Marge Piercy on "Rooms Without Walls" about gardens...its closing line is the quote for this issue, "Gardening is an ongoing creative involvement in something outside myself."



And the following are from the Native Plant Society of Texas newsletter....

Ninth Annual Texas



Wildflower Day

Texas Women's University
Denton, Texas

April 22-24, 1988

with keynote speaker:
Senator Lloyd Bentsen



Wildflower Hot line!

The call of the wild! Flowers that is! The National Wildflower Research Center in Austin is sponsoring a Wildflower Hotline of the best Texas highways and byways for viewing spring's dazzling display of wildflower color.

From March through May, wildflower enthusiasts can call (512) 929-3607 to hear a recorded message. Updated weekly, the 5-10 minute report features locations of wildflower "hot spots" throughout the state and basic instructions for finding them.

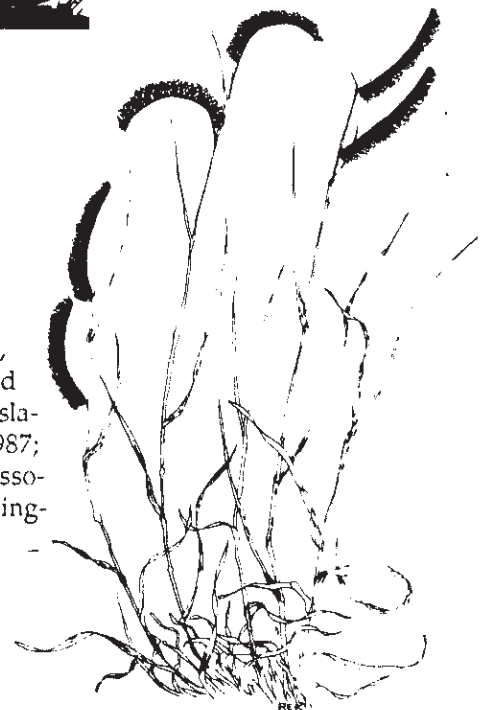


Awards luncheon reservation
deadline is April 18th.
Cost: \$5 admission, \$10 luncheon.
Please make checks payable to:
Texas Wildflower Day
Box 22675
Denton, Texas 76204
For further information,
call (817) 898-3326

Native Wildflowers Legislated Along the Nation's Highways

According to legislation that went into effect in September, 1987, for every \$100 of federal highway landscaping funds, 25 cents must be used for planting wildflowers. The flowers will not only beautify the landscape, but also will cut

mowing needs and reduce litter, according to Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen who sponsored the legislation. (*Land Report*, Nov./Dec. 1987; The American Land Resource Association, 1516 P Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.)



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our chairmen have been busy! Looking through the Gaillardia you will see that Doyle McCoy has scheduled four field trips for us. And they are all over the state! Look for more in the next issue.

We are sponsoring a photography contest as our part in the Wildflower Workshop in Norman. An exhibit of these photos will be available as part of the '89 Celebration in Oklahoma.

At our annual meeting in October we will present our first awards from the Anne Long Memorial Fund.

I represented you at the Capitol on March 10 when Governor and Mrs. Bellmon opened the "Don't Lay That Trash on Oklahoma" campaign. Littering and trash dumping are everyone's problem. Do your part in cleanup.

Do you know about the Department of Transportation's "Adopt-a-Site" program? When an organization agrees to collect litter along a two-mile stretch of highway at least four times a year, the department will give training, provide trash bags, orange vests, and warning signs, and will pick up filled bags on its next working day. It will also erect a permanent marker with the organization's name.

We hope many of you were involved in wildflower plantings last fall. Now, be sure to photograph the sites this spring. Make notes on which flowers bloomed. This information will be helpful for future plantings.

See you in Poteau,

Betty

Betty Kemm (918) 742-4351



MEMBERSHIP -- Have you paid your 1988 dues? It is time to join the Oklahoma Native Plant Society or to renew your membership. The membership year runs from January through December. Your address label shows your type of membership, charter membership, and your renewal date.

If you have received a complimentary copy of the Newsletter, please join if you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter in the future. Printing and postage for the Newsletter are our largest expenses and will increase with new postage rates.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Clip and mail to: Oklahoma Native Plant Society, c/o Mary Byrd, Treasurer, 5819 S. Evanston, Tulsa, OK 74105)

Please enroll me as a member of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society. My dues payment is enclosed for the category checked: (Make check payable to Oklahoma Native Plant Society.)

_____ \$5 Student; _____ \$10 Individual; _____ \$15 Family; _____ \$ _____ Contribution

Name: _____
(Please print)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

() _____ () _____
(Home telephone) (Business phone)

(Check whether _____ renewal or _____ new membership.)

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST-----

The ONPS is sponsoring a contest for either color or black and white prints that feature Oklahoma native plants or plant communities. The prints must be mounted and matted. Maximum size is 11x14 inches. Deadline for entries is May 1, 1988. Entries should be mailed to: Oklahoma Native Plant Photography Contest, P.O. Box 4748, Tulsa, OK 74159.

If contestants wish to, they may donate the prints to the ONPS for use in Exhibits and Educational Displays. Otherwise, contestants must include return postage and packaging.

Each contestant may enter three prints. On the back of the matte, list: title, area in Oklahoma where photo taken, and name, address, and phone number.

Prizes will be awarded and the best prints will be exhibited at the Eleventh Annual Wildflower Workshop in Norman on May 20, 1988. In addition, winning photos will be exhibited around the state over the next year. There is no entry fee.



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