



Native Plant Spring Symposium 2012
H2O: More Than a Chemical Formula
The State of Water in Texas
Saturday, February 25, 2012
REGISTRATION

Native Plant Society
of Texas



Early registration deadline: February 10, 2012

Registrant _____
 Organization/Co _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Day phone (____) _____ Alternate phone (____) _____
 Email address _____

Registration: \$60 for morning plenary session. Includes morning munchies, box lunch and Sunday field trips. Registration for workshops is \$10 per session. Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS.** Online registration deadline is Friday, February 10. No workshop registrations will be accepted after February 10. Walk-in registration will begin Saturday morning, February 25 at 8:00 am. Walk-in registration fee is \$75 and **will not include** a box lunch or afternoon workshop sessions.

Workshop Session 1: 12:45 – 2:45 pm Workshops limited to 30 participants

- ___ Using Naturalistic Water Features & Native Plants in the Landscape
- ___ Rainwater Harvesting for Landscape Irrigation

Workshop Session 2: 3 – 5 pm Workshops limited to 30 participants

- ___ Create a Rain Garden
- ___ Recognizing Common Texas Aquatic & Wetland Plants: A Plant Identification Workshop

Sunday Field Trips (February 26, 9 am – Noon) PICK 1

- ___ Yegua Knobs Preserve
- ___ Tour of Domestic Rainwater Harvesting System
- ___ Tour of Wildflower Center Water Features
- ___ Birding Hornsby Bend

Amount: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

___ I would like a vegetarian lunch

Credit card type: ___ MC ___ Visa ___ Discover ___ American Express
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H₂O: More Than a Chemical Formula – The State of Water in Texas
February 25-26, 2012

Presented by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT). The 11th annual Spring Symposium will focus on a critical concern for all of us – water conservation challenges and landscape use. The current and forecast weather conditions in Texas are dire – high temperature and low precipitation records are being made across the state, surface reservoirs and aquifer levels are reaching critically low levels, and with a return and forecasted strengthening of the La Niña climate phenomenon, the Texas drought is expected to persist through at least the summer of 2012. Come learn what you can do to prepare for water shortages now and in the future.

MORNING AGENDA (FEBRUARY 25)

- 8:00 – 9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome
- 9:10 – 10:00 *Keynote Speaker: Global Water Challenges*
Dr. Walter Rast, Director
International Center for Watershed Studies, TSU-San Marcos
- 10:00 – 10:15 BREAK**
- 10:15 – 10:45 *Water for Texas: Principal Challenge of the Coming Generation*
Dr. Andy Sansom, Executive Director
River Systems Institute, Texas State University-San Marcos
- 10:45 – 11:15 *Through the Riparian Zone: Texas Riparian Ecology and Ecosystem
Functionality*
Kevin Anderson, Ph.D.
Austin Water Utility - Center for Environmental Research (CER)
- 11:15 – Noon *Exotic Aquatic and Wetland Plants: Alien Invaders in Texas Waters*
Robert G. Howells, BioStudies, TPWD, retired
- 12:00 – 12:45 pm LUNCH**

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (FEBRUARY 25) LIMIT 30 PARTICIPANTS PER WORKSHOP

Workshops will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Session 1 (concurrent workshops – select one, 12:45 – 2:45 PM):

Using Naturalistic Water Features and Native Plants in the Landscape
Kevin Wood & Sheryl McLaughlin, Kevin Wood Landscapes

Rainwater Harvesting for Landscape Irrigation
Dick Peterson, City of Austin, retired

Session 2 (concurrent workshops – select one, 3 – 5 PM):

Create a Rain Garden
John Gleason, RLA
Landscape Architect, Watershed Protection Department

Recognizing Common Texas Aquatic and Wetland Plants: A Plant Identification Workshop
Joe R. Snow, MS Environmental Science, University of North Texas

SUNDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS (FEBRUARY 26, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Yegua Knobs Preserve, Bastrop
Field Trip Leader: Jason Singhurst, TPWD

Birding Hornsby Bend, Austin
Field Trip Leader: Dr. Kevin Anderson, City of Austin

Domestic Rainwater Harvesting System, Dripping Springs
Field Trip Leader: Keenan Smith, Architect

Wildflower Center Water Features, Austin
Field Trip Leader: Dick Peterson, City of Austin, retired

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

The 2012 Native Plant Spring Symposium will be held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave, Austin, Texas, 78739. This special place exists to introduce people to the beauty and diversity of wildflowers and other native plants. The Center's gardens display the native plants of the Central Texas Hill Country. Our 16 unique gardens are designed to inspire, educate and demonstrate the beauty of native plants. More than four miles of trails illustrate the inspiring beauty of the Texas Hill Country as it might have been hundreds of years ago.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Many options for lodging are available in Austin. We recommend that you try making reservations at the following two hotels as they are closest to the Wildflower Center.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Austin

Austin-Sunset Valley
4892 Highway 290 West
Austin, Texas 78735
512/891-9500
Rates: \$129 - \$139

La Quinta Inn and Suites Southwest Mopac,

4424 Southwest Mopac Expressway
Austin, Texas 78735
512/899-3000
Rates: \$99-\$129

Inquire about the state or government rate when you register.

For more accommodation options in and around Austin, go to the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.austintexas.org> or call (512) 474-5171.

MEALS

Morning snacks will be provided for participants during morning registration. An afternoon boxed lunch is provided as part of advanced registration.

For those of you that will be staying for a weekend getaway, there are a number of fine restaurants located in Austin. For a complete local restaurant listing, browse online at the Austin Convention and

Visitors Bureau website at: <http://www.austintexas.org>, or The Austin Restaurant Guide at: http://www.austinlinks.com/austin_food/austin_places_to_eat.html.

These are a few of our favorite restaurants:

Baby Acapulco Restaurant y Cantina

1628 Barton Springs Rd.
Phone: (512) 474-8774

Catfish Parlour

4705 E. Ben White (one mile East of IH35)
Phone: (512) 443-1698

Matt's El Rancho Mexican Restaurant

2613 South Lamar Boulevard
Phone: (512) 462 – 9333

Evangeline Café

8106 Brodie Lane
Phone: (512) 282-2586

Brick Oven

Brodie & Slaughter
Phone: 512-292-3939

Salt Lick Barbecue Restaurant

18001 FM 1826
Driftwood, Texas 78619
Phone: (512) 858-4959

REGISTRATION

Advanced symposium registration must be made by **Friday, February 10, 2012**. Advanced registration of \$60 will include 1 box lunch per registrant. Please inform the registrar if you prefer vegetarian box lunch.

Those participants wishing to attend workshops must register for each session. Registration for workshops is \$10 per session. Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS**. No workshop registrations will be accepted after February 10.

Registration after February 10 will be \$75. Walk-in registration will begin Saturday morning, February 25 at 8:00 a.m. The walk-in registration fee is \$75 and **will not include** a box lunch or afternoon workshop sessions.

Register by mail, FAX or online. Make checks payable to: **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**

Mail payment and registration forms to:

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
4801 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, Texas 78739
ATTN: 2012 Spring Symposium, Registrar

To register online go to: www.wildflower.org/springsymposium .