

# NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS

## *Lindheimer Chapter*

### PLANT OF THE MONTH MARCH, 2023

#### **DAMIANITA, *CHRYSACTINIA MEXICANA***



Damianita is a low growing shrub, 1 – 2 feet tall, that is covered with small yellow daisy-like flowers beginning in April and continuing on and off though the summer. It is extremely drought tolerant, and requires well drained soil. Too much water or poor drainage will kill it. It is an evergreen with small aromatic foliage that deer seem to leave alone. It is a perfect plant for a xeric garden, and makes a blanket of color when massed in a bed.

Damianita is native to the southern edge of the Hill Country, the Trans Pecos, New Mexico and northern Mexico. However, given proper conditions, it will thrive in our area. It can be started from seed planted in the spring or softwood cuttings taken in the summer. It can also be found in native plant nurseries.

Damianita is a NPSOT Lindheimer Chapter NICE! 2023 Spring Native Plant selection.