



# *The* Morning Glory

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## LINDHEIMER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*Tis the Season for Tamales!*

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*The Morning Glory* is a publication of the Lindheimer Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. The purpose of the Lindheimer Chapter shall be to promote conservation, appreciation and utilization of the native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example.

The Lindheimer Chapter ends another stellar year with our annual Holiday celebration. You and a guest are invited to share in the fun! For those who wish, we will continue our traditional White Elephant gift exchange while we share tamales and sides. Details and sign-up sheet can be found on page 3. Hope to see you there!

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# Calendar of Lindheimer Chapter Events



## Native Seed Library Workshops

December 11<sup>th</sup> (second Thursday) Mammen seed cleaning 2-4 PM  
December 12<sup>th</sup> (second Friday) TPML seed cleaning 2-4 PM  
December 18<sup>th</sup> (third Thursday) Garden Ridge seed cleaning 1-3 PM

Seed collectors can drop off ripe seeds at any of these libraries or at the Chapter meeting. Come as you are, leave when you like. Seed workshops earn Master Naturalist CEU credits!

## Chapter Meetings

Board Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM  
Holiday Party December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM

All meetings are held at the Tye Preston Memorial Library located at 16311 South Access Rd, Canyon Lake, TX

## Garden Workdays

Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture – Bev Willmann  
Demonstration Garden Heritage Village workdays  
(schedule to be announced in 2026)

Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country – Mickey Riviere  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays 9:30-11:00 AM

Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce – Sara Torres  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:00 AM





# Holiday Time

TAMALES WITH FRIENDS

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

16

AT 5:30PM

Join us for laughter, surprises, and a cozy evening of connection. You and a guest are invited to a white elephant gift exchange and encouraged to bring new colorful socks to be given to local shelters. Please bring a dish to share! Click the QR code below or use the web address to sign up and let us know what you're bringing!

Tye Preston Memorial Library

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
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# Native Plant Society of Texas

## *Lindheimer Chapter*

### Plant of the Month

December 2025

#### *Virginia Creeper, Parthenocissus quinquefolia*



Virginia Creeper is a vigorous, deciduous vine that can grow up to 40 feet tall. Noted for its attractive scarlet color leaves in the fall, it also has dark purple berries that attract many species of birds. It can grow in a variety of soils, in varying amounts of sunlight, but the best fall color occurs with more sun.

Virginia Creeper is widespread, growing from Canada to Guatemala, and throughout most of the Eastern US. In Texas it is found in the Eastern and Central part of the state, in open woodlands, brush country or near streams, in well drained soils. Once established it is fairly drought tolerant.

Virginia Creeper climbs by means of adhesive disks at the end of its tendrils, and as a result it does not need extra support. Because the tendrils do not penetrate the surface, they do not damage any stone or wood the vine is climbing on. However, since the vine can grow quite large and heavy, it is best not to let it grow on wooden structures. Although it is moderately deer resistant, young plants should be given protection.

**Note: Virginia Creeper is a NPSOT NICE! selection for Fall 2025.**

Text by John Siemssen. Photos by Sally & Andy Wasowski and Bruce Leander, Wildflower Center.

# *Lindheimer Chapter Demonstration Gardens*

Did you know that the Chapter supports three demonstration gardens in our community? These gardens provide opportunities for the public to learn about the benefits and beauty of native Central Texas plants. They also offer opportunities for friendship, life-long learning, and FREE PLANTS.

## *Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture*

There are several areas at the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture with native plants installed by NPSOT Lindheimer demo garden volunteers. The oldest bed is situated inside the entry to the grounds. Chapter members built the arch and donated the bench located at the end of the stone path in the middle of the plot.



The other large bed is behind the Reininger Cabin located in the area behind the Breustedt House. This bed, installed by chapter volunteers, was to be tended by the docent who “resided” in the Reininger Cabin, along with other beds surrounding the cabin. As the docents can’t devote enough time to maintain the beds, we NPSOT Lindheimers continue to weed and water as needed.

While an extension of the demo garden at the entrance of the circular drive has doubled the workload in this area, all other beds are established. Volunteer efforts would mostly consist of weeding and watering as necessary. Additional plants could be incorporated annually through donations from chapter plant sales.

Areas currently tended by chapter volunteers are marked in green on the map below. Fellow plant lovers are invited to participate in beautifying these areas enjoyed by many people.



*Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture – Garden Leader, Bev Willmann  
(schedule to be announced in 2026)  
Located at 1370 Churchill Dr., New Braunfels, TX*

## *Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country*



*Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country– Garden Leader, Mickey Riviere  
Workdays are held on the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 AM  
Located at 4831 FM 2673, Between Sattler and Startzville, Canyon Lake, TX*

## *Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce*



*Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce – Garden Leader, Sara Torres  
Workdays are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM  
Located at 3934 FM 2673, Canyon Lake, TX*

*Please Take a Moment for our Survey*



**We'd love your thoughts on the Lindheimer Chapter demonstration gardens. Please take a moment to complete our short survey of only 6 questions. Your feedback helps us care for and improve these gardens to share with the public and to show how beautiful native plants can be.**



**Take our survey now by clicking on the icon above.**

*Thank  
you!*

*Dick Bigelow*



Chances are you've seen Dick before. He's the one managing the A/V at every meeting, pitching in at every plant sale, and helping at every event with friendly, dependable energy. Dick is truly an invaluable asset to our Chapter!

Dick serves as the Board Secretary and keeps our Current Events page, well, current.

The next time you see him, be sure to introduce yourself and thank him for all he does to make sure our Chapter thrives! We caught up with Dick to ask him a few questions. His answers are below.

**How long have you been in the Lindheimer Chapter and what positions have you held so far?**

*I joined NPSOT in 2015 and have served as Communications Director and Secretary in the Lindheimer Chapter.*

**What inspired you to get involved with the Texas Native Plant Society?**

*I wanted to wildscape my property instead of maintaining a grass lawn.*

**Which native Texas plant do you think deserves more attention and why?**

*The anaqua tree (*Ehretia anacua*). It blossoms in the spring for pollinators and beauty lovers, produces berries for birds, is very drought and cold tolerant, and provides lots of shade.*

**How do you see native plants contributing to healthier local ecosystems?**

*There is no ecosystem without native plants!*

**What challenges do you face when promoting native plant use in communities?**

*Lack of knowledge about the benefits of native plants and the harm non-natives do.*



## *Step Up and Lead – The Lindheimer Chapter Needs You!*

There are plenty of people with good intentions. They may join an organization, pay their annual dues because they care about the cause... and then sit back while others do the heavy lifting.

**BUT NOT YOU.**

You are the doers — the ones who recognize the value of our mission, jump in, and help the organization thrive. The Lindheimer Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas needs people like you to help shape our future.

### Open Leadership Positions for 2026

**President**

**President-Elect**

**Director of Community Outreach**

*Why Now?* November was our nomination month for Board and Committee roles. No one stepped forward then so this is your moment to shine and help advance our chapter's goals to preserve and protect our environment.

*You Won't Be Alone.* You'll be supported every step of the way by a strong, committed Board and dedicated Committee Chairs who share your passion.

*And Yes – There's Brunch!* After every monthly meeting, we gather at the lovely Wildflour Cafe in Sattler to digest and discuss Chapter affairs over good food and great company.

So... what's stopping you from joining the fun and making a difference?

*Questions or ready to say YES?* Reach out to President Sara Torres or any current Board member — we'd love to hear from you! Email [Lindheimer-chapter@npsot.org](mailto:Lindheimer-chapter@npsot.org) or check out our by-laws and Facebook page for more information and position descriptions.



# New Facebook Page!

## Please follow us! Lindheimer Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Find us by searching the exact name above, clicking on the url below or by using the QR code at left.

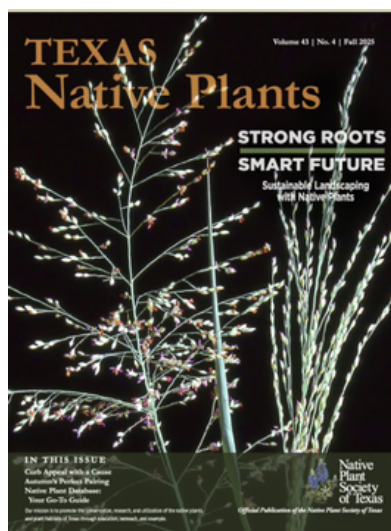


Our FB page is always full of pertinent information for our chapter as well as other events happening around our area, updated daily!

There are posts with upcoming events, weekly reminders, and a variety of volunteer opportunities to get involved, learn, meet new people, and have some fun.

Feel free to pass along any announcements or FB materials and suggestions to [lindheimer-comm@npsot.org](mailto:lindheimer-comm@npsot.org) with “Facebook” in the subject line.

*You can find our new and improved FB page here.*



*Fall 2025 Member Magazine*





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you!*



**Helping Here.**



**Native  
Plant  
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of Texas**



**Natives Improve & Conserve Environments**

**Native Plant Partners**

We thank the nurseries who carry native plants. You can find a complete list of them [here](#).

*Canyon Lake Ace Hardware*  
1150 FM 2673 • Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
830-964-2797

*South Texas Growers*  
22201 Hwy 46 West • Bulverde, TX 78163  
830-980-9179

*King Feed and Hardware*  
768 FM 2673 • Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
830-964-2205

*Pollinatives*  
101 South St. • Converse, TX 78109  
210-233-9922

*Ecosystem Regeneration Artisans*  
946 Boulder Bluff • San Marcos, TX 78666



# 2026 Lindheimer Board and Committee Members

Our members' contribution of time and energy is what makes this chapter *thrive*.



**President: Open**

**President Elect: Open**

**Treasurer: Sarah Mato**

**Secretary: Dick Bigelow**

**Past President: Sara Torres**

**Director of Formal Education (NLCP): Craig Bruska**

**Director of Community Outreach: Open**

**Director of Communications: Marian Stasney**

**Director of Plant Sales: Deborah Kyrouac**

**Membership/Hospitality Committee: Jan Walker & Charlotte Wright**

**Program Committee: Mike Laffey, Sara Torres**

**NICE Committee: Leon Dominick**

**Field Trip Coordinator: Christina Campbell**

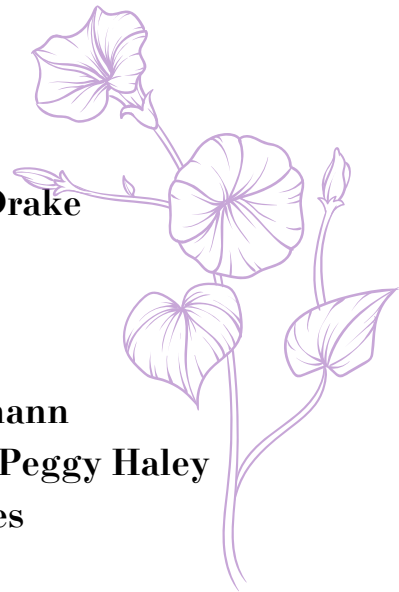
## Communications Team

**Facebook Coordinator: Nancy DeMarco**

**Webposts: Beverly Willman**

**Website, Instagram, Audio Visual, YouTube: Bob Drake**

**Upcoming Events: Dick Bigelow**



## Workday Team Leads

**Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture: Bev Willmann**

**Heritage Museum of Texas Hill Country: Mickey Riviere & Peggy Haley**

**Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce: Sara Torres**

Submissions to *The Morning Glory* are welcome and due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication.

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