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## Dallas Sierra Club News - May 2016

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### General Meeting Program - May 10, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### **Landscaping: It's about conserving water, providing habitat, and enjoying your little bit of the outdoors**

Conserving water outdoors can significantly lower our water bills and preserve this precious natural resource. It's time to learn some water saving gardening techniques such as the use of native plants, mulching beds, smaller turf areas, and efficient irrigation techniques.

As our population grows, more of our natural lands are consumed by homes, streets, and farmland. These natural lands have traditionally provided habitat for wildlife. Our home landscapes can continue to provide this valuable habitat if we refrain from bringing in exotic plant life that cannot sustain our native wildlife.



This presentation will focus on using native plants in landscapes -- how to design your yard using native plants. Learn more about placing plants attractively, and the forms of native plants. We can all have beautiful, blooming, landscapes without watering all summer.

Speaker Carol Feldman is a veteran landscape architect whose practice is focused on water conserving, sustainable landscapes. She has been an active member of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) for 25 years. Currently, she chairs the Steering Committee for the Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP). These day-long classes offer other opportunities to learn more about landscaping with native plants. Go to [www.npsot.org/wp/nlcp](http://www.npsot.org/wp/nlcp) to learn more, or to register for classes.

**Everyone is welcome. FREE!** You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

### Davis Mountains Explorapalooza: May 27-30

Have a memorable Memorial Day weekend in sky island locations near Fort Davis, Alpine and Marfa, Texas, elevation 4,400 to 6,800'. Meet our chartered bus (not a sleeper bus) Friday morning in Dallas to cruise to Fort Davis. We've reserved campsites at Fort Davis State Park and cabins and "camp rooms" at Stone Village Tourist Camp, a renovated 1935 tourist court in Fort Davis town for a three-night stay. We'll take in a night Sky Party at the McDonald Observatory, a guided hike at the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, the Museum of the Big Bend, an afternoon to explore Marfa, an evening to view the mysterious Marfa Lights, a morning hike on the palisades above historic Fort Davis and a couple hours by the huge desert spring at Balmorhea State Park. All this happens before Monday night when you return to Dallas! For complete trip details and sign-up forms, please download [this PDF](#).



### Service Outings

April showers bring May flowers and trash to pick up and trails to maintain. Scroll down to the calendar and you will see our White Rock Lake and our Cedar Ridge Preserve service outings. May is a great time to get out and help the Sierra Club help us all have better parks.

### Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

**June 14 - The Compost Contribution** - You do good things when you make a pile of brown leaves and assorted green waste, then encourage it to rot.

**July 12 - Movie Night** - See *Jumbo Wild* to learn about the controversy surrounding the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort that would span four glaciers and 15,000 acres in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia.

### Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at [www.dallassierraclub.org](http://www.dallassierraclub.org).



#### **May 3 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets upstairs at Whole Foods Market, southeast corner of Preston Road and Forest Lane, in Dallas at 6:30 pm. Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



#### **May 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Carol Feldman from the Native Plant Society of Texas will talk about using native plants in landscapes. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



#### **May 14 (Sat) White Rock Lake Clean-up**

Walk and talk while picking up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM this second Saturday of the month at the Love of the Lake

office, northeast corner of Garland Road and Buckner Boulevard. Look for the crowd drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. will be provided. Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-455-2115



### **May 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

The Outings Committee meets tonight at 6:30, upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Anyone interested in outings is invited to participate. Reply to Mark to be added to the advance agenda email list or to suggest an item for the agenda. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



### **May 21 (Sat) Trail Maintenance at Cedar Ridge Preserve**

Come to the hilly terrain of Cedar Ridge Preserve to help maintain one of the better trail networks in Dallas. The Sierra Club is responsible for the Possum Haw Trail. We work here on third Saturdays of almost every month, starting at 9 AM, working until approximately noon. The Preserve's address is 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas. For directions and general information about Cedar Ridge Preserve, click [this link](#). If you need more information or want to carpool, call or email me. Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



### **May 22 (Sun) Outdoor Leader Training 101 class**

Sierra Club members are invited to participate in a class teaching culture, rules and skills for Sierra Club outings leaders. This is one of four training exercises for leaders: 1) OLT 101; 2) OLT 201 (sequel class for leaders of outings that are overnight or far from cars); 3) Wilderness First Aid (Basic First Aid is the alternative for leaders of only day hikes); 4) leadership of a "provisional" outing,



accompanied by another leader. Upon completion of those steps, the Outings Committee determines when a prospective leader is ready to independently lead a Sierra Club outing. The class is from 1 to 5 PM at the Whole Foods Market, southeast corner of Preston Road and Forest Lane in Dallas,

upstairs. There is no class fee. Prospective leaders and current leaders who want to renew OLT 101 training are encouraged to participate. Please reply so we can anticipate group size and materials to prepare. We won't repeat this class until 2017. SAVE THE DATE and also the dates for OLT 201 (June 11-12). Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



### **May 27-30 (Fri-Mon) Davis Mountains Explorapalooza**

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### **Jun 4-5 (Sat-Sun) Brazos River Canoe and Kayak Trip**

Join us on the Brazos River for a weekend of paddling 19.5 miles on a Texas Scenic River. We'll start Saturday at 9 A.M. at Rochelle's Canoe Rental, Graford, Texas. Our flotilla will put in below Possum Kingdom Dam and finish in the early afternoon of the next day, a perfect weekend trip. The

weather should be warm, but not too hot this time of year. We'll camp one night on an island about halfway to the finish. The trip is rated moderate as one or two category 1 rapids are on our reach of the river. Hear coyotes at night and see hawks and longhorn cattle during the day. Rochelle's rents canoes and operates a shuttle to the trip start. See Rochelle's website at [www.rochellescanoerental.com](http://www.rochellescanoerental.com). To participate, contact outings leader Terry Sullivan to discuss availability of space and procedure for payment. The trip is limited to ten boats, so call Terry early. Leader: Terry Sullivan [Send Email](#) 214-533-9899



### **Jun 7 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

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### **Jun 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Outdoor Leader Training 201**

Save these dates for the sequel to the May 22 OLT 101 class. OLT 201 will be a Saturday overnight outing at Dinosaur Valley State Park. Saturday start time will be determined later, but the outing will adjourn to lunch on Sunday. Topics expand on OLT 101, including a hike to demonstrate issues of group management in outdoor situations. Sierra Club members who have completed OLT 101 are invited to participate. There's no class fee. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



### **Jun 14 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

**Compost is Black Gold.** Learn about the variety of composting methods and ingredients, how they protect our planet, and what you can do. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



### **Jun 15 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

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