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General Meeting Program - April 11, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

The Beneficial Garden

Insects and wildlife are the best indicators of garden health. Learn about beneficial insects that keep your garden healthy, and how to attract them with flowering plants. A large assemblage of true bugs, flies, wasps and beetles not only help control pest insects but also help in pollination. A diversity of plant species will attract an equally diverse group of arthropods, resulting in a complex and healthy ecosystem.



Presented by John Watts, Entomologist at Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park. John is an avid gardener both for food and for wildlife, especially pollinators. His professional career started at the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Nature and Science, and he has been in the live butterfly exhibit business ever since. He spent 7 years at the Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center in Westminster, Colorado, before settling in Dallas. With over 20 years of experience and an inordinate fondness for nature in general, he gladly shares his wealth of knowledge at Texas Discovery Gardens.

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.

Wilderness Navigation Class - April 26 and 27

Come to a comprehensive and fun two-night class to help you navigate in the backcountry with map and compass. Part 1 is Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Part 2 is Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Both sessions are upstairs at the Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane. The fee for the two-night class is \$35 for Sierra Club members, \$40 for non-members. An optional field lab for class participants will be set on Saturday or Sunday. Pay in advance by [clicking here](#) or pay at the door. Bring a compass if you have one. If not, we'll have an extra you can



use and we'll advise what to look for when you buy your own. Both sessions will run until approximately 9:00 pm.

Texas Hill Country Explorapalooza - May 26-29

Join us on a superb exploration of the Texas Hill Country this Memorial Day weekend! Lodging options include a hotel in Burnet or your choice of tent camping or cabins at Inks Lake State Park. Walk the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, tour the LBJ Ranch, hike the hills at Inks Lake, go spelunking at Longhorn Caverns, eat lunch in Luckenbach and check out a great museum or winery in Fredericksburg. Leave the driving to us--we'll ride in a comfortable sit-up bus for the duration of the trip. Complete trip details, including cost and how to sign up, are in [this PDF](#).



Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

May 9 - Building Resilient Cities, One Park at a Time

Think about your favorite neighborhood park. It's probably a beautiful place to spend an afternoon, perhaps play a game of soccer, or ride a bike. But have you ever stopped to consider the other ways your park helps your neighborhood? Well-designed and close-to-home parks can provide benefits to the surrounding community that go beyond beautification and recreation, from reducing flood risks to growing the local economy.

June 13 - Gardening on a Shoe String

Learn how to have a fantastic garden without spending a fortune.

July 11 - Citizen Science and iNaturalist

What if you find something outside but don't know what it is? How do you find out? What if you could share that discovery with others to excite them about nature as well? Citizen science is one way to address each of those questions.

Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at www.dallassierraclub.org.



Apr 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Learn about insects that keep your garden healthy and how to attract them. - Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Apr 13 (Thu) Clean Eco Meetup

Next Clean Eco Meetup: April 13 Our next meetup for DFW area environmentalists will be Thursday, April 13. The location and time are the usual: 6:30pm, at Picasso's on Inwood north of Forest. Here news from the Legislature, Nuclear Regulatory Agency, and local march organizers. For more information: Rita Beving [Send Email](#)

**Apr 15 (Sat) Electronics Recycling - FREE - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Electronics recycling and document shredding, Richardson Square Mall, east parking lot, free for everybody. [Click here](#) for a link to details about items accepted, a map, etc.

**Apr 15 (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

**Apr 19 (Wed) No Outings Committee Meeting**

We determined at our March 15 meeting that we can skip our regular third Wednesday of the month meeting for April. Our next meeting will be May 17. Call Mark at 214.526.3733 if you discover outings business that cannot wait until then. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

**Apr 22 (Sat) Cedar Ridge Preserve Dayhike**

Join us for a great time at one of the best dayhike places in the area. We will meet at the parking lot at 9 AM and hike about 6 miles (2 to 2.5 hours). Afterward, we plan to have lunch at a restaurant nearby. The Preserve is a not-for-profit natural habitat of 633 acres featuring 10 miles of hiking trails, a native plant nursery and butterfly gardens. Find your way to IH 20 in Dallas, just east of Grand Prairie and take exit 458 for Mountain Creek Parkway. Go south for a few miles and you will see the entrance to the Preserve on your right. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224

**Apr 22 (Sat) April 22 March for Science**

Local event is part of the national March for Science. Event begins at 10 AM. Walk from Dallas City Hall to Fair Park, about two miles, ending at Fair Park, where admittance to Earth Day Texas is free. Reply to the invitation at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/931857366945609/>

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**Apr 27 (Thu) Wilderness Navigation Class--Part 2**

Join us for this second night of a two-part class that begins Wednesday, April 26. Both sessions are at Whole Foods Market, Preston Road at Forest Lane. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306

**Apr 29 (Sat) April 29 Rally and March for Climate Justice**

April 29, 2017, 9:30 AM - Noon Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202
[Get details and RSVP here](#)

**May 3 (Wed) 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 6 (Sat) Native Plants and Prairies Day

10-3 at Bath House Cultural Center grounds by White Rock Lake Held by [North Texas Master Naturalists](#) This is a FREE family-oriented community event focused on Texas flora and fauna and the use of native plants in home landscapes as disease and drought-resistant alternatives to non-native species. Native plants and grasses have been an important part of Texas history. Birds, animals and insects all depend on these native plants to survive. We will have lots of animals, birds, bugs, snakes, and plants. There will be 30 minute wildflower and prairie walks guided by experts, informative speakers, and over 30 demonstration and information booths. For the first time, artists of nature themed works will be there, too. We'll once again have our popular raffle with gifts provided by event sponsors. Contact: Jim Folger [Send Email](#) 214-663-2268



May 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Creating City Parks - Learn about The Trust for Public Land's efforts to protect land to ensure healthy, livable communities. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



May 17 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

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



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