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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - June 2017

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General Meeting Program - June 13, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Gardening on a Shoe String; Confessions of a Frugal Gardener

Conservation, particularly of hard earned dollars, is a hobby of Fran Powell's. Combining that with a life-long focus on not throwing things away that can be reused has resulted in her finding ways to appropriate everyday objects into the garden. She completely aspires to the belief that Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle must be an aspiration for all humans on earth if we are to maintain a livable planet.



This frugality, combined with her love of gardening, has caused her to read the gardening catalogs only for ideas as to how she can reproduce the same thing using items otherwise thrown in the recycling bin. From empty food cans, plastic bottles, to barbeque chicken containers and tennis balls, she will introduce us to her discoveries of ways to hold up, tie down, display, or start seeds . . . all free just by using our imagination.

A resident in Addison since 1991 and a Dallas County Master Gardener since 2011, Fran comes from a family of English gardeners. While she claims not to have the green-thumb and talent, nor size of garden, of her sisters, she will introduce us to many ways to save money on the planting accessories so there is more to spend on actual plants.

Veterans Community Project

The Veterans Community Project (VCP) is a non-profit corporation determined to fulfill the unmet needs of homeless Veterans, a task accomplished only by the community for the community. We are creating **Veterans Village**, a community of tiny-homes and onsite services to provide housing stability and address the underlying cause of the Veteran's homelessness, which will lead to more successful permanent housing outcomes. Once ready, the Veteran will transition to other existing programs. Kevin Jamison, one of the founders of VCP, will give an overview of the organization. For a summary of VCP, [click here](#). For the VCP website, [click here](#).

VETERANS
COMMUNITY PROJECT

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.

Notes From the Chair

WOW! Yep - WOW!

There has been so much happening with your Dallas Sierra Club. Twenty-Seven Sierrans had a spectacular bus trip to the hill country over the Memorial Day weekend. Hiked some really cool trails; camped out at Inks Lake; toured LBJ ranch; toured the Pacific War Museum in Fredericksburg (plus the Japanese Peace Garden); saw the Columbian Mammoth remains at the Waco National Mammoth Monument and lotsa other things.

One of the great things a bunch of us discovered was the fact there are 46 wineries in the immediate area (of the hill country). One evening over a few pitchers of wine a group of us decided, a Memorial Day weekend next year needs to be a bus trip, exclusively for visiting wineries... A "Wine-apalooza". The official 2018 Explorapalooza will be heading east for camping and backpacking. So, closer to home there could be a "Wine-apalooza". However, leadership is stretched thin, so a new someone (like you, perhaps) needs to step forward and make "Wine-apalooza 2018" a reality.

If It Weren't for Bad Luck, I'd Have No Luck at All

A canoe trip on the Brazos River just below Possum Kingdom dam. How neat... if it could ever get going. First scheduled departure earlier this year was canceled and rescheduled for this last weekend. Oh, then. Yes. A heck of a lot of rain. No canoe trip. Third times a charm perhaps? Check calendar for when it's re-scheduled.

In July, Heading down to Austin?

Lone Star Chapter will have its awards banquet Saturday, July 22nd. Dallas Sierra Club's own Conservation Co-Chairs, Chris and Dick Guldi, will be recipients of the "Chapter Conservation Award". The banquet is to be held at Chez Zee Restaurant in mid-town Austin. Make your plans to be in Austin that weekend to see the awards presentation.

Serious Plans Are in The Works

Announcing the "Dallas Sierra Club Future Leadership" program for 2017. The money for stipends has been allocated. The next step is submission of applications by those who wish to learn about becoming a leader with the Dallas Sierra Club. What is your interest?

- Camping and the outdoors?
- The environment and conservation?
- What about working with disadvantaged youth to introduce them to the outdoors?
- Or learning political know-how and lobbying the state legislature.

Up to five individuals will be selected for this intense program.

What About You?

It takes many volunteers (people just like you) to make the Dallas Sierra Club the best group of volunteers in Texas. You can be a part of a continuing lineage of "heroes" who make the Dallas Sierra Club the greatest. If leadership is not you, then as a volunteer you are welcomed. So, step up.

Did you know three of the Dallas Sierra Club members have been recognized nationally for their work as volunteers? It would certainly be nice to have new faces nominated for a National Sierra Club award. Let me know what you'd like to be learning and how to do it.

John Lingenfelder, Chair of the Dallas Sierra Club
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Pecos Wilderness Bus Trip on Labor Day Weekend

Details of the sleeper bus trip to backpack in the Pecos Wilderness are now online in [this PDF file](#), as are registration forms. The bus leaves Dallas at 9:00 pm Thursday night, August 31 and returns by 6:00 am on Tuesday, September 5, allowing four days to hike and three nights to camp. We offer a choice of five hike itineraries ranging in difficulty from moderate to strenuous. The Pecos Wilderness Area protects a significant part of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in northern New Mexico. Late summer temperatures will be significantly cooler than Dallas. The trip price is discounted to \$260 per person for registration received by August 15. We recommend earlier registration because this holiday weekend has historically been a popular date for outings.



Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

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.

August 8 - Wildlife Sanctuary Night

The Creative Teacher will have live animals (including a kangaroo) that are engaging entertainment for children and adults alike. And we'll have a representative from Black Beauty Ranch. The ranch is home to retired research chimpanzees, rescued elephants, kangaroos, monkeys, camels, giraffes, and tigers.

September 12 - Fall/Winter Vegetable Gardening in North Texas

The best time for gardening in North Texas is from September until June. Come and find out why and how.

October 10 - The Wave

Photos of surreal sandstone landscape along the Utah - Arizona Border.

November 14 - Wildflowers of North Texas

This colorful slideshow program will take you on a virtual tour through the seasons of some of our last undisturbed natural areas, and introduce some of the amazing plants that once dominated the region.

Calendar

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



Jun 10 (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



Jun 13 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Frugal Gardening - Fran Powell will share imaginative tips on how to re-use and re-purpose items in your garden for free. - Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Jun 14 (Wed) Mid Week Day Hike at the Caddo-LBJ National Grasslands

That's right! A mid week day hike. We will meet at the trailhead Wednesday at 9:00 AM. Bring a lunch and at least two liters of water. I plan to be off the trail by 2:00 PM. The park is northwest of Dallas near Decatur, about 75 miles from Dallas. We are leaving at 7:15 and have room for one more person. We encourage carpooling. If you need connections, let me know. Come join our exploration of this neat park. This will be my first trip; so, I look forward to learning the park with you. Please let me know if you are going. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224



Jun 17 (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



Jun 20 (Tue) Nighthike at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve

Celebrate the Eve of Summer. Meet at 7:00PM at the pavillion. Arbor Hills is located west of Midway Rd. on Parker Rd. in Plano. We will walk about 4 - 5 miles. Optional frozen yogurt afterwards. Leader: Judy Cato [Send Email](#) 972-658-6834



Jun 21 (Wed) No Outings Committee meeting tonight

There's no Outings Committee meeting tonight. Our next meeting is on the usual third Wednesday of a month. That's July 19. Contact: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jun 24 (Sat) Library Nature Expo

Start Time: 10:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM Where: [Dallas Central Library](#) Description: Join us for a gathering of community organizations interested in facets of the natural world. [More info](#).



Jul 5 (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.



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Jul 10-14 (Mon-Fri) Lost Park Loop Colorado

Backpack a loop route of 28 miles in five days in the Tarryall Mountains, Lost Creek Wilderness Area, Pike National Forest. The Lost Park Trailhead is 20 miles east of US Highway 285, near Fairplay and 3.5 hours from the Denver Airport. Drive or carpool to and from the trailhead on the weekends before and after the hike or make this a fly/drive. Camps will be at elevations of 9,000' to 11,000'. This remote, forested loop of trails is characterized by granite knobs, a creek that disappears and resurfaces nine times and some great creekside campsites. Due to duration and altitude, backpacking experience is recommended. Express interest by phone or email to receive details and registration forms. The outing is limited to two parties of twelve, hiking in opposite directions. There's no fee for this outing--just personal expenses for getting to and from the trailhead. Registration and approval are required. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jul 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Citizen science and iNaturalist - Record observations by taking a photo with a smart phone, share it with other naturalists, and discuss the findings. You could become a field biologist in your own backyard. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.

The Dallas Sierra Club News e-newsletter, sent monthly (and occasional for late-breaking news or events), keeps you up-to-date on meetings, activities, issues and special events. Visit us at www.DallasSierraClub.org.
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