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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - November 2017

General Meeting - November 14, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30 - Everyone Welcome

Wildflowers of North Texas

So many of our beautiful and once-common native wildflowers have been removed from our local landscapes that relatively few people today can recognize and name more than a handful. 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. We'll talk about unusual plant features that make them tough prairie survivors, and give you a sense of what the Tallgrass Prairie and its surrounding woodlands once looked like.



Carol Clark is an amateur botany enthusiast, a Texas Master Naturalist, and longtime member of the Native Plant Society of Texas. She and her husband own and operate Clark Haven, a wildlife preserve and custom wildflower seed business in Cooke County. Carol grew up with a nature photographer father and wildlife artist brother, and has spent much of her life looking around in the great outdoors. Her favorite things to do are leading discovery walks in local natural areas, and finding and photographing interesting plants.

Cacti and Succulents: Owners Manual Part One

When you hear "waterwise," "low maintenance," "interesting geometries," you almost have to think of cacti and succulents. As water becomes a more scarce resource, these plants should play an increasingly prominent role in landscaping our exteriors as well as our interiors. Learn about perpetual blue roses, the perfect indoor plant for the traveler, and some of the interesting adaptations in these unusual and interesting plants.



Irwin Lightstone lives in Dallas with his wife, cat, and thousands of plants, mostly cacti and succulents. He is President of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society, and is an award winning professional photographer who has specialized in plant photography. View his website at <http://irwinlightstone.com/>

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. The meeting takes place at Brookhaven College. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

New 2017 Sierra Club Calendars Available for Sale at the General Meeting

Sierra Club Wilderness Wall Calendars and Engagement Calendars will be available for purchase at the November and December General Meetings (or until we run out). The Sierra Club Wilderness Calendar is the best selling nature calendar in the United States. Don't miss your chance to get one (or several - they make great gifts). The Calendar sells for \$15 each and we pick up the sales tax. We take check, cash or credit cards.

Dallas Sierra Club Holiday Party - Sunday, December 17



Our annual Holiday Party will be held at El Fenix Restaurant at 255 Casa Linda Plaza. We'll party on Sunday, December 17 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [Here is a Google map.](#)



Club members and guests will share the holiday spirit, some great Mexican food, and the company of others at this annual event. Join us for some camaraderie, raffle prizes, and perhaps some surprise speakers, you never know. We'll celebrate some of our outstanding volunteers and have plenty of time to mingle. There's bound to be talk about issues of the day -- air, water, fracking, coal, the election, whatever strikes your green fancy. The entire menu will be available so you can order whatever you want to eat or drink, including liquid spirits. We'll provide a free round of margaritas. Support the Club by getting a 2017 Sierra Club Calendar or Planner!. Invite your family and friends. So come on out for a great party, low price, no clean up, and lots of like minded people. What could be better? See you there, and bring your appetite. Happy Holidays!!

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

December 12 - Preserving Land, Zero Waste, and Population

We will have presentations by three different organizations.

January 9 - Movie Night

We'll watch the movie *National Parks Adventure*.

February 13 - Pacific Crest Trail Adventures

Hike the Pacific Crest Trail with our very own trip leader Mike Pfoser. We'll also have some fun with **Really Bad Advice for Hikers and Campers**.

Calendar



Nov 8 (Wed) Public Citizen Climate Change Tour in DALLAS

Brookhaven College, Bldg. H, Spindletop Rm., (Sierra Club meeting room), 6:30 pm Updated Climate Change presentation and discussion



Nov 9 (Thu) Public Citizen Climate Change Tour in Fort Worth

Botanical Gardens, Azalea Rm., 6:30 pm Updated Climate Change presentation and discussion



Nov 9 (Thu) Green Source DFW Sustainable Leadership Awards

Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden, 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Tickets at

www.greensourcedfw.org. Lee Stetson will portray John Muir. Several Sierra Club members are nominated for awards.



Nov 11 (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](mailto:carol.nash@sierraclub.org) 214-455-2115



Nov 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Little Missouri River Beginner Backpacking Trip

We'll do a moderately-easy backpack of about 9.5 miles over 2 days along one of the most scenic backpacking trails in Southwest Arkansas. Because the trail follows the upper reaches of the Little Missouri River there is minimal elevation change, but be prepared for a couple wet stream crossings. Drive up Friday night and return Sunday. Hopefully the Fall colors will still be going strong. This hike is suitable for graduates of the Beginner Backpacking Class who are in good shape. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](mailto:mark.adams@sierraclub.org) 940-231-8482



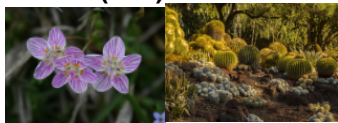
Nov 11-19 (Sat-Sun) Fossil Free House Parties

Find a house party near you or sign up to host one to plan ways to take your community 100% fossil-free:

- [Nov. 11 4-6](#)
- [Nov. 19 2-4:30](#)
- [Look for others or sign up to host](#)



Nov 14 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting



Wildflowers in North Texas - also Cacti and Succulents - Learn about our area's native wildflowers and also about cacti and succulents in two remarkable presentations. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Nov 15 (Wed) Clean Food Forum

Nov 15 Clean Food Forum; Learn where your food comes from and where agriculture is going. Hosted by Mighty Earth, 7 PM - 9 PM, Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204. RSVP <https://tinyurl.com/cleanfoodforum>



Nov 15 (Wed) No November Outings Committee Meeting

The Outings Committee won't meet on this third Wednesday night of November. Instead, we'll have a brief business meeting and party with pizza and beer on the SECOND Wednesday night of DECEMBER. See the December 13 entry. For more information: Mark Stein [Send Email](mailto:mark.stein@sierraclub.org) 214-526-3733



Nov 18 (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](mailto:ginger.bradley@sierraclub.org) 469-223-7902

**Nov 30 (Thu) Dallas Peace and Justice Center Peacemaker Awards Banquet**Details and tickets at <https://www.dpjic.org/2017-peacemaker-awards-banquet>**Dec 2-3 (Sat-Sun) Backpack Buckeye Mountain Trail, Arkansas**

Hike one of the most scenic Wilderness trails in Arkansas in the Caney Creek Wilderness of west central Arkansas. Saturday we'll enjoy the views from the ridgetop Buckeye Mountain Trail. This is a great trail to work on your map skills. Sunday we'll hike out along the creek bottoms of the Caney Creek Trail. It's a little late for fall colors but we might get lucky. Both days cover about 4 1/2 miles. Saturday includes a 500 foot uphill section. We'll camp Friday night near our cars, Saturday night near a nice little waterfall. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446

**Dec 6 (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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**Dec 13 (Wed) Outings Committee Party**

invited for pizza and beverages at 6:30 at the Rhonda Blair, 5226 Vanderbilt Avenue, Dallas business meeting brief and the pizza hot. RSVP (below) so we know how much pizza to order and beer to buy. You're welcome to include a guest in your RSVP. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224

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All fans of outings are home of Bill Beach and 75206. We'll make the to Bill by Dec. 12 (contacts

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