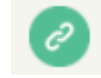


Dallas Sierra Club Newsletter - October , 2021



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Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting via Zoom - Tuesday, October 12

Favorite Plants of the Dallas Arboretum

In a PowerPoint presentation, speakers will share plants which are routinely used at the Arboretum. Many of these plants have been included in the Arboretum's Plant Trail Programs, and can withstand our North Texas weather extremes and still look great in your garden. These plants will be shared in this presentation. Speakers:

When Nancy Nance retired from her marketing career a few years ago, she knew exactly where she wanted to spend her new -found time. She has volunteered in many capacities

membership committee, with the greenhouse and research team, and in the gardens. Her interest in horticulture continued to grow, so she became a certified Dallas County Master Gardener in 2009. She currently serves as Co-Director of Speakers Bureau. Nancy represents horticulture volunteers on the Arboretum's Volunteer Advisory Board. She has been instrumental in programming at the newest garden, A Tasteful Place. She was named one of the Volunteers of the year in 2020.

Jim Apken has been a volunteer at the Arboretum the last 11 years. He earned a BA & MA at Southern Methodist University and was going to teach but went to nursery to work on weekends while writing his thesis; the rest is history. He spent 50 years in nursery and Landscape business and owned his business for 37 years. Jim has specialized in selecting, planting and maintaining plant materials. He continues to consult in the landscape business. Jim is a member of Texas Native Prairie Association, Texas Native Plant Society and Texas Nursery and Landscape Association. His association with the Dallas Arboretum goes back to 1988 when he did consulting on the original Lay Garden. Jim looks forward to sharing his extensive knowledge and experience in horticulture, plants, diseases and insects which affect our local area.

From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

How to join the meeting via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99535860396>

One tap mobile: +13462487799,,99535860396#

Dial in: +1 346 248 7799 - Meeting ID: 995 3586 0396



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What would you like to see in the newsletter? **changes**, improvements, **reading recommendations** (see below), **feedback on articles**? **Please let us know. This is YOUR newsletter. Feedback is welcome** (comments, suggestions, letters to the Editor, etc.). **Please submit feedback to** newsletter@dallassierraclub.org

Previous issues of our newsletter are available [here](#).

Recommended reading

[The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate](#) [Discoveries from a Secret World](#) by Peter Wohlleben

This fascinating book explains the science behind the secret and previously unknown life of trees and their communication abilities. Trees communicate through underground fungal networks; they share nutrients, send distress signals, and nurture each other. As a result of such interactions, trees in a family or community are protected and can live to be very old. In contrast, solitary trees, like street kids, have a tough time of it and in most cases die much earlier than those in a group. - Kirk Miller
Available at local libraries and at local and online bookstores

[Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed To Reverse Global Warming](#) by Paul Hawken

This book lists one hundred things that could draw down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. These are practical, economical things (many are technologies) that are cost-effective and can be done now. Hawken writes a paragraph or two about each item -- in non-technical language -- giving the methodology and science behind each. Very interesting. - Kirk Miller
Available at local libraries and at local and online bookstores

[Paved A Way: Infrastructure, Policy and Racism in an American City](#) by Collin Yarbrough

This book tells the stories of five neighborhoods in Dallas and how they were shaped by racism and economic oppression. The communities look nothing like what they did during their prime. Their declines were intentional; their foundations were chipped away over time. The book is an eye-opening look at the various factors that led, and continue to lead, to dissolution of neighborhoods. And it offers solutions to reverse these age-old practices. - Kirk Miller
Available at the Dallas library and at local and online bookstores.

Previous book recommendations are here. <http://dallassierraclub.org/page.htm?buystuff>

The Truth and Lies about recycling plastic

Here is a link to a 20 minute *Planet Money* podcast regarding the big lies about recycling plastic - how millions of Americans came to believe that most plastic is recyclable, when that isn't true. In 1973, internal documents showed that recycling plastic was not feasible, but that hasn't stopped the Oil and Plastic industries from perpetuating the lies for almost 50 years. Click [here](#)



The October, 2021, issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine has an article about greenwashing ads that petroleum companies created about recycling plastic. Click [this link](#) to read *The Truth About Plastic Recycling*.

Click [this link](#) to read the June, 2021, Sierra magazine article *Plastic Bottlers Are Lying About Recycling*.

Note from the Chair

by Dan Moulton

North Texas Giving Day netted the Sierra Club Foundation \$1983. That involved only 25 donors and that is disappointing given the effort we made to advertise the event. On the positive side, one of our members, Mr.

Raihanul Chowdhury, donated \$500 directly to the Dallas Sierra Club so that goes into our bank account.

More good news: two of our members have won environmental awards to be presented at the Lone Star Chapter Awards Dinner on Oct. 16.

Wendel Withrow (nominated by me) got the Chapter Service Award - To be given to a Sierra Club member or members who have contributed significantly to the administrative activities of the Chapter, and/or Group, including fundraising, membership, publications, etc.

Rene♦ Roberson (nominated by Dick and Chris Guldi) got the Environmental Justice Award - To be given to an individual or organization that has done outstanding work toward identifying and addressing environmental problems that have a disproportionately adverse effect on communities of color and/or low-income communities. This award will be conferred only when merited.

Hearty congratulations to our two deserving winners. In-person or virtual live-stream tickets for this event can be purchased on the Lone Star Chapter website here. <https://www.sierraclub.org/texas>

Videos of prior General Meetings are on YouTube

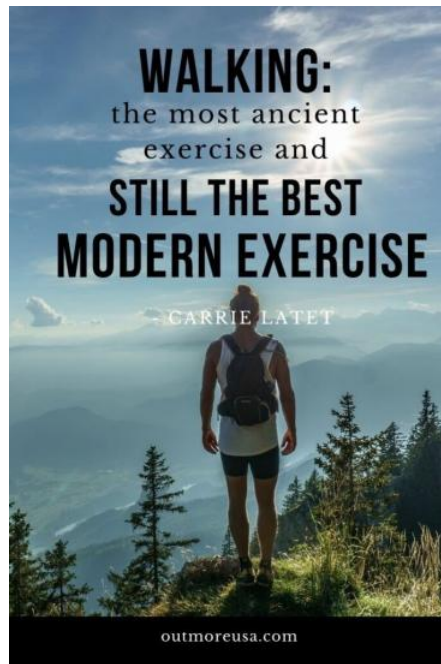
[Click here](#) for a list of meetings with varied topics such as national parks,

Crittman, beautiful photos from around the world, wild animals, activism, and more.



Dallas Sierra Club Outreach Speakers Program - Speakers for Your Group

The Dallas Sierra Club provides outdoor/environmental education in the form of entertaining and informative presentations by Dallas Sierra Club members with expertise in the topics offered. These presentations range in length from 30 minutes to one hour and cover a variety of topics in the general categories of outdoor adventure, environmental education, and general ecology. These talks are appropriate for a wide range of audiences including youth groups, school classes, civic and social groups, nature and gardening clubs, church groups, etc. Any group interested in an available topic is welcome to contact us. To see available topics and to schedule your speaker, [click here](#).



Et Cetera

My father considered a walk among the mountains as the equivalent of churchgoing - Aldous Huxley

We don't stop hiking because we grow old. We grow old because we stop hiking. - Finis Mitchell

Gorge-ous views as far as the eye canyon see . . .

Limerick

When he hiked in the woods, he battled
A coiled reptile but wasn't addled
 By the poisonous snake;
 Didn't make a mistake.
He kept calm and did not get rattled.
- by Kirk Miller

Calendar

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

October 9, Saturday - Bicycle Ride in Seagoville

Meet at Kaufman and Elm St., near playground in Seagoville for a 9 mile ride with hills. One speeds are welcome. Wear a bike helmet. Arrive at 9:45 AM. Depart at 10:00 AM. Afterward eat lunch under large post oak tree next to Chicken Express drive thru. Ride participants will sign a participation agreement at the starting point. You may read the agreement text in advance at this link: <http://www.dallassierraclub.org/page.htm?agreement>.
Trip rated: Moderate. Leader: Greg Holman [Send Email](#) 214-398-8061

October 12, Tuesday - General Meeting

Favorite Plants of the Dallas Arboretum. Everyone is invited. Details are on our [home page](#) now.

November 3, Wednesday - Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at 6:30 p.m.

via ZOOM. For more information, contact the Dallas Group Chair.

November 9, Tuesday - General Meeting

Details will be on our home page in the near future.

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