



December, 2017 eNewsletter

**Less than 1% of Blackland Prairie remains!!
MEET Prairie Experts and LEARN what you can do!**

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CONGRATULATIONS!!! CEN TEX & SAN ANTONIO CHAPTERS!!!

NPAT recognizes and appreciates all your determination and work! Our two youngest chapters conduct their monthly meetings the first week of each month!!! Many individuals have devoted time and effort to nurturing these two 'fledglings' via networking and genuine interest in sharing knowledge and encouraging others! They have gained momentum to function as bona fide chapters!

Cen-Tex NPAT Chapter Meeting is
Wednesday, 12-06-17, 6:30-8:45pm

At Georgetown Public Library Classroom, 2nd Floor,
402 W. 8th St., Georgetown, TX

"Restoring a Farm to Prairie Land", The Kirchoff Family Farm in Wilson County, TX. Meet Don; hear his stories of his family's management perspectives and practices.

See you TONIGHT as we CELEBRATE OUR PRAIRIES!

When CenTex Chapter meets January 3, 2018

we will meet and learn from Lisa and Jason Spangler who will present, among other things, their program on the North American Prairie Conference!

San Antonio NPAT Chapter Thank you Selena & Keith! Tuesday, 12-5-17 this chapter was treated to "Native Texans Managing for Texas Natives and Migratory Species", presented by Selena and Keith Schindler, "SnK", owners & operators of SnK Wildlife Reserve in DeWitt County, TX.

MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDAR:

The San Antonio NPAT Chapter will meet Tuesday, JANUARY 2, 2018 @7pm.

San Antonio River Authority who will present "MISSION REACH Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project", Environmental Sciences. Join us at the City of San Antonio's Lions Field Adult & Senior Center.

CONGRATULATIONS. FORT WORTH, BLACKLAND & HOUSTON CHAPTERS!!

NPAT celebrates and appreciates these 'established' chapters whose devoted members continue to KEEP THE CHAPTERS GOING by tirelessly volunteering their time and supporting our MISSION!

MORE END-OF-YEAR EVENTS

Fort Worth Chapter

- **"Holiday Prairie Feast"** will be celebrated **Monday, December 11, 2017**, at Buffalo West, 7701 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, TX.
- **BEGINNING January 8, 2018**, FWNPAT MEET-UPS WILL BE IN A NEW VENUE (no longer @ the Y). We will be at the Tarrant County College South Campus Center for Excellence in Energy Technology. LOOK FOR THE WIND TURBINE at 5301 Campus Dr. in Fort Worth! We are very excited to have the opportunity to meet in this LEED-certified building!

* **Blackland (Dallas) Chapter** usually meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:30 pm, at The Point and Pavilion at CC Young Senior Living Center. No December meeting. Please monitor website *.

Houston Chapter

- Meets 4th Wednesday of month @6:30pm. Join us **Wednesday, December 27, 2017** Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr, Houston, TX 77004.
- **"Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our prairie community at the 2017 Prairie Stampede, Nov. 27! We salute everyone in the prairie community who endlessly strive to restore, preserve and protect our Texas and Louisiana prairies!" HNPAT**



Congratulations 2017 Prairie Award Winners!

- Urban Prairie Award** - Julie d'Ablaing;
- Prairie Volunteer Award** - Chuck Duplant;
- Kirsti Harms Outstanding Volunteer Award** - Barbara Kress;
- Prairie Excellence Award** - Flo Hannah;
- Cajun Prairie Award** – Sonie and Kent Milton;
- Dick Benoit Upper Texas Coast Award** – Jed Aplaca and Kelly Ondracek.

We remember these individuals with gratitude

for leading NPAT through challenging times and empowering us to grow:

Kunda Wicce, Father Peter Conaty, and James Alderson.

[Click here](#) to read biographical information.

**PAUL MATHEWS PRAIRIE HE WOULD BE PROUD!
NOW PRESERVED IN PERPETUITY - THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY! !**

*Paul Mathews played in this prairie as a boy in the early 1900s, and he wanted to preserve it. When he was able to buy the land he put it under conservation easement with The Nature Conservancy in 1989 and managed it by haying. He received the Texas Parks and Wildlife's 1998 Lone Star Land Steward Award for his **"Paul's Prairie"**. Mr. Mathews died at age 101 in 2005.*

The current owner said, "the old guys who know how to hay these prairies are dying off." (He is a history professor and was happy to sell the property to NPAT.) "It's one of the best representatives of a gamagrass, switchgrass, Indiangrass vertisolic (gumbo clay) prairie in Texas."

You made this **NPAT's most successful campaign!** Our goal to purchase this 100-acre prairie was reached in a VERY short period of time: from Aug 2 to Nov 30!

It is humbling and gratifying to read your heartfelt comments, included with your contributions, exemplifying NPAT's mission!

As responsible and grateful stewards of this beautiful prairie, NPAT will have operating expenses; with your continued help we can manage this historical remnant prairie!



