

LNPS News

Louisiana Native Plant Society

Winter 2011-2012

LNPS Winter Meeting—February 3rd – 5th, 2012

We have all lost a year once or twice, right? Last year's LNPS Winter meeting was cancelled due to weather, and the executive committee and board just could not find a time when enough of us could meet to conduct the business of voting in the new officers and board members. The executive committee has decided to pick up where we left off in February 2010 and go on.

—Beth Erwin, Secretary, LNPS

The 2012 annual winter meeting is scheduled for Camp Hardtner, located in the piney woods of central Louisiana, north of Pollock, LA. You will find the information, map, and registration info in this newsletter.

Things to remember: Fishing is available in the pond at the Camp and there is a wonderful deck that overlooks the pond where visiting and drinking coffee will be very nice. No boats are allowed, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the grounds. The costs for lodging and food are shown on page 4. Please indicate which nights you will be staying.



Ilex opaca, American Holly

Friday, February 3rd

5:00 p.m. – Registration, potluck dinner (bring your favorite dish), visiting, book sales, plant swapping, and bring your favorite slides from the past year for our viewing pleasure. Laptop and projector will be provided.

Saturday, February 4th

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast. Registration continues.

9:00 a.m. – Program I: “Botanical Happenings on the Kisatchie National Forest” by Dave Moore. Dave is the Forest Botanist for Kisatchie National Forest. Dave graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1981 with a B.S. in Forestry and minors in Wildlife Management and Botany, where he worked under the late Dr. Gene Rhodes in the LTU Herbarium. He graduated from Northeast Louisiana University in 1984 with a M.S. in Biology under Dr. R. Dale Thomas. His thesis was "The Vascular Flora of Union Parish, Louisiana". Since that time he has worked for the Louisiana, Missouri, and New Hampshire Natural Heritage Programs as a botanist for each of those programs. He also worked briefly for the Louisiana Office of The Nature Conservancy. Dave started working for the Kisatchie National Forest as Zone Botanist in 1998, and in 2002 went to Missouri where he was the Forest Botanist for the Mark Twain National Forest, prior to returning to the Kisatchie National Forest in 2009. As Forest Botanist he is responsible for the TESC (Threatened, Endangered, Sensitive and Conservation) plants on the Forest, the Range program, and the NNIP (Non-native Invasive Plants) programs.

9:40 a.m. – Break.

9:50 a.m. – Program II: “Protecting and Restoring a Shortleaf Pine-Oak-Hickory Plant Community on Wafer Creek Ranch, Ruston, Louisiana” by Dr. Johnny Armstrong. Johnny was born, raised and schooled in Ruston. He holds a B.S. from Louisiana Tech University and a M.D. from LSU Medical School – New Orleans. He completed his residency in Pathology at University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia, and attained Board certification in 1979. He has practiced medicine for 30 years in Ruston/West Monroe with Bayou Pathology Group. He has lived in Ruston on Wafer Creek Ranch for 30 yrs.

10:30 a.m. – Break.

10:45 am - Business Meeting..

11:45 am – Break, shopping

12:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Program III: “Flora and Fauna of the Civil War” by Kelby Ouchley. Kelby was a biologist and manager of National Wildlife Refuges for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more than 30 years. Since retiring he has spent most of his time writing and documenting dragonflies and damselflies in Louisiana. His first book, *Flora & Fauna of the Civil War: An Environmental Reference Guide*, was published by LSU Press in November 2010. A second book of short stories, *Bayou-Diversity: Nature and People in the Louisiana Bayou Country*, will be released in 2011. Kelby has an undergraduate degree in Wildlife Biology and a graduate degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Texas A&M University. He has received the Louisiana Wildlife Federation Governor's Conservationist of the Year Award. He and his wife Amy live in the woods near Rocky Branch, Louisiana, in a cypress house surrounded by white oaks and black hickories.

1:50 p.m. –Native Plant Auction!!!

Sunday, February 5th

8:30 a.m. – Morning field trip departing from Camp Hardtner. Destination is the **Coker Study Site on the Catahoula Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest**. This site supports an excellent example of **longleaf pine woodland**. It's been burned at least every 3 years since the early 60s and has great structure and herbaceous diversity and no weeds. Led by Dave Moore and Jackie Duncan.

Directions: Camp Hardtner's address is 2393 Camp Hardtner Rd., Pollock, LA 71467-4183. It is located to the east of Highway 167, eight miles north of Pollock in Grant Parish. The entrances to the side road that loops to the camp are near Mile Markers 103 and 109. The loop is about 8 miles long and the Camp is midway, literally straddling the road. The loop is rough, so travel cautiously.



2012 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Remittance

REGISTRATION AT HENTON HALL

FREE

SATURDAY MEALS:

BREAKFAST (7:30 AM) \$7.00/PERSON _____

LUNCH (NOON) \$8.00/PERSON _____

DINNER LEFTOVERS (5:30 PM) _____

LODGING:

HOLY DAY INN \$50 SINGLE; \$65 DOUBLE/NIGHT _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH NIGHTS YOU WILL BE STAYING:

FRIDAY SATURDAY

ANNUAL DUES (FORM BELOW): _____

TOTAL _____

Please submit your registration and payment by January 26, 2012. Checks payable to LNPS.
Send to: Jackie Duncan, 114 Harper Ferry Road, Boyce, LA 71409

LNPS Membership Form

The Louisiana Native Plant Society was founded in 1983 as a state-wide, non-profit organization. Its purposes are:

To preserve and study native plants and their habitats.

To educate people on the value of native plants and the need to preserve and protect rare and endangered species.

To promote the propagation and use of native plants in the landscape.

To educate people on the relationship between our native flora and wildlife.

Membership Form:

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Annual Dues: STUDENT/SENIOR \$5 _____ INDIVIDUAL \$10 _____ FAMILY \$15 _____

ORGANIZATION \$25 _____ SUSTAINING \$50 _____ CORPORATE \$100 _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 7: planting day at Duralde but if the soil is too wet then a day to kill woody vegetation at Eunice and transplant to the Welcome Center north of Opelousas.

Jan. 19 (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. - "Wildflowers of East Texas and west Louisiana" by Dr. Charles Allen. A Theresa & Les Reeves Lecture Series at Stephen F. Austin University. Held in Nacogdoches at the Ag Building at 1924 Wilson Drive, Room 110. Refreshments served before the meeting. More info: http://sfagardens.sfasu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6&Itemid=6

Feb 3-5 Annual LNPS meeting at Camp Hardtner

March 16-17 Annual Caddo Conference, Natchitoches, La. for more info follow this link http://www.caddoconference.org/meet_member.html

May 5 Cajun Prairie Society Meeting, Eunice.

May 14-17 Southeastern Prairie Symposium Starkville, Miss. <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/wildlife/prairie/>

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