



Texas Pollinator PowWow

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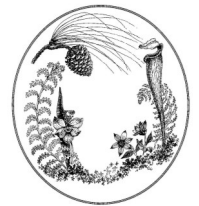
Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts,
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Birds and bats, bees and beetles, butterflies and bugs, and more! Come learn about Texas plants and their pollinators, the conservation challenges they are facing, and how YOU can help! Our first annual TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW 2014* brings you topics ranging from native plants and bees, to hummingbirds and honey bees, to urban and rural land management best practices by experts from around the state. We will also have a great group of exhibitors on hand all day to answer questions, provide resources, and showcase their organizations. There will be live exhibits featuring butterflies, caterpillars and the precious bat 'ambassadors' from Bat World. Desirable pollinator-related items will be available by raffle at the end of the day (your presence is required to win).

Our steering committee of like-minded individuals is pleased to present to you some of the best and brightest of minds and committed professionals in pollination conservation today. It is our desire that the general public be edified, educated and entertained, and that conservation staff and volunteers be enabled to network with others outside their narrow focus while being provided with a popular venue to share their missions with the community at large. *Please look soon for more information about TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW 2015 at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas.

Welcome and Purpose—Carrie McLaughlin, Texas Master Naturalist and Moderator

Overview of Native Bees of Texas—Michael Warriner, Nongame and Rare Species Program Leader, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Bumble Bees in Urban Places - Jessica Beckham, Ph.D. Candidate, University of North Texas

Activist Notes from The Urban Beekeepers/North Texas - Susan & Brandon Pollard, Bee Whisperers, Texas Honeybee Guild

Eat The Yard - The Pollinator's Importance to the Urban Farmer - Steve Smith & James Jeffers, Eat The Yard Organics (a veteran-owned enterprise)

Luncheon sponsored by Kinetic Solutions LLC

Pollinators and Natives: An Ancient Marriage - Randy Johnson, Dallas Zoo Horticulture Manager, Randy Johnson Organics

Birds as Pollinators - Mark Klym, Wildlife Biologist and Author, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Chiroptera: The Environmental Cornerstone - Kate Rugroden, Director of Bat World Mid-Cities, Wildlife Rehabilitator and Author

Conservation Practices to Protect Bees on Your Property - Anne Stine, Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Xerces Society

Farm Bill Programs & Plantings for Pollinators - Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist and Author, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Wildlife Management Tax Valuations: the new property tax exemption - Brett Johnson, Urban Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department