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Passionvine,  
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incarnata*, at  
Jo Allyn Lowe  
Park in  
Bartlesville.  
Photo by  
Lynn Michael.

### Upcoming Events/Activities

(check the ONPS website or Facebook for more details)

- Sep 5 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building**
- Sep 7 - NE Chapter informational booth at Party for Pollinators**
- Sep 9 - NE Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and program at 7 pm at the Tulsa Garden Center**
- Sep 14 - NE Chapter ONPS booth at Tulsa Garden Center Plant Sale**
- Sep 20 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)**
- Sep 21 - Monarchs on the Mountain, ONPS and ONPN booths, Tulsa, OK**
- Sep 28 - ONPN Fall Sale and workshops at the OSU Extension Center in Oklahoma City.**
- Oct 4-6 - Oklahoma Native Plant Society Annual meeting at Roman Nose State Park (see insert for details).**
- Oct 18 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)**
- Nov 2 - NE Chapter informational booth at Leave No Trace Fun Run at Brush Creek Park, Keystone Dam**
- Nov 7 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building**
- Nov 15 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)**
- Dec 2 - NE Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and program at 7 pm at the Tulsa Garden Center**
- Dec 5 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building**
- Dec 20 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)**
- Central Chapter**, 6:30 pm socializing and 7:00 pm meeting at Oklahoma City University in the Dawson-Loeffler Science Center, Room 208.
- NE Chapter**, 6:30 pm socializing and 7:00 pm meeting at Tulsa Garden Center, Helmerich Building, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa
- Fabulous Wildflower Fridays**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday monthly, 5:30 pm, casual, at Panera Bread, 5601 E 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Tulsa
- Preview Chapter meeting topics inside. All members are invited to all meetings, including board meetings, and are encouraged to bring guests.

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**President's Message**

*By Shalini Chitturi, ONPS President*

**"Solar romance"**

Summer relentlessly boasts about how her calendar has been filled with the solar dates and how hot her solar lover has been! Looking around, I feel like her earthly friends are also discreetly basking in his cosmic radiance and having a swell time in his company!

In spite of the parched and dry grounds from the cosmic star, the *Verononia* blooms jet out in regal purple arrows. While the *Susans* light up the garden in their yellow and brown mascaras, the deceptively hidden *petunias* and *Mistflowers* just delight one's eyes. The *Oenotheras* are busy socializing in groups rumoring the road ways and back yards colorfully. Playing hide and seek amongst the gamma grasses.

Those bright orange and pink *Asclepias* continue to be a lifeline to *Monarchs*, no matter what may happen. The playful *coreopsis* fills the garden in their chuckles. I became a huge fan of the tall and stout *Oenothera rhombipetala*, offering their yellow petals only to the moon each night. The deceptively wispy stems of the *Gaura* will surprise anyone, as one realizes how high they need to look up to even have a glimpse of its dainty flowers.

The bubbly creek bed that fluctuates in its silt, has become a favorite to the smart weeds, pokes, sedges, cat tails and many other unique plants that I am yet to learn. The evenings are filled with the mystical fireflies darting across the grasses in this creek.

The most perfumed sages and coneflowers are casting spells. The alien like button bushes filling their insta posts with creative taglines. The stunning *Cardinal* flower, *Columbine* and *Hibiscus* busy hosting their elite humming birds. I cannot ignore the most obedient *sennas*, *rues*, *crotons*, *milkweeds* and *zizias* protecting their habitats, toiling silently, as they did ages since.

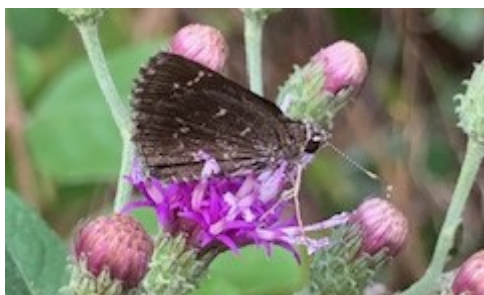
Of course, the gentle giants like the *Oaks*, *Osages*, *Hacks* and *Sycamores*, let the life forms play out as they watch and protect in patience. The

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mischievous, romance, chatter and conflict continues amongst their huge canopies. They are the true pillars for the native habitats. Yet, how can one miss out on the rogue creepers like the blue vine, trumpets, passion flower, Virginia creeper or the snail seed. They explore and camp wherever they feel like, adding a cool and colorful carpet to the scorching ground.

The summer will be over soon. The upcoming fall will make us meet, once again, for our ONPS Annual Meeting in October. The details of the event are in this newsletter. I would request you all to come for the annual meeting and have fun!



Bell's  
Roadside  
Skipper on  
Vernonia ssp.  
Photo by  
Lynn Michael

**Central Chapter Update**

*Micah Friedman, Chapter Chair*

**September 5th**

Dr. Gloria Caddell, the associate dean of the College of Mathematics and Sciences and a professor of biology at the University of Central Oklahoma, will conduct a mini-workshop on the Asteraceae Family. Members of the Asteraceae (sunflowers or "composites") are all around us in the fall.

In this hands-on mini workshop you will use live material to learn about the details of their heads and other characteristics that can be used to identify members of this family and even distinguish among all those "darn" yellow composites!

**October 4 - 6**

Annual Meeting at Roman Nose State Park

**November 7**

Sam O'Dell, a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, will present his research on the pollen use of bumble bees.

**Northeast Chapter Update**

*Theresa Turner, Chapter Chair*

We have been busy since our last club meeting! On June 22, the Garden Deva in Tulsa hosted a fundraiser for ONPS. Not only did we sell some of our own merchandise, but the Garden Deva donated \$76 to ONPS from the sales of her new plant stakes that are the gaillardia flower. On July 14th, we were invited to set up a booth at The Pump, and even though this was a cash-only event for us and 100% outside, we sold a record amount of merchandise! We have some more exciting events coming this fall where we will have an information booth and selling ONPS merchandise.

**September 7, 2024** informational booth  
Wildflower Workshop "Party for Pollinators"  
NSU Broken Arrow Campus 8:30 am to 3 pm  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/45th-wildflower-workshop-party-for-pollinators-tickets-952119092837>

**September 14, 2024** informational booth  
Tulsa Garden Center Plant Sale, 9 am-3 pm

**September 21, 2024** informational booth  
Monarchs on the Mountain  
9 am-1 pm at Chandler Park

**September 9, 2024 meeting**

We will have Jack Titchener as our guest speaker. He is a soil specialist with the Tulsa County Conservation Commission. His presentation is about the Yard by Yard program.

We would also like to do a seed swap at this meeting. Please bring any extras you might have and make sure you have them labeled for the next person.

**November 2, 2024**

Leave No Trace Fun Run

Sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers  
Brush Creek Park at Keystone Dam

We are looking for additional volunteers for these events please email [nativeplantlove@gmail.com](mailto:nativeplantlove@gmail.com) if you are interested.

In addition to the NE ONPS Chapter hosting information events, we now have an opportunity to partner with the Gathering Place. Look for new Volunteer Opportunities with this amazing venue!

**December 2, 2024 meeting**

We will have Cheryl Cheadle as our guest speaker, giving a presentation about the Blue Thumb Project. Cheryl works for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. She is a Volunteer Coordinator and manages the Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program.

## Fall Native Plant Festival 2024

*by Susan Chambers, Event Chair*

The Oklahoma Native Plant Network was formed in 2022 with the primary goals of 1) educating new growers about native plants and 2) increasing the availability of these plants for native gardening. Last fall, they launched the first Fall Native Plant Festival, which attracted over 1,000 attendees.

This year's festival promises to be even more fun. To be held September 28th, 2024 with the theme of "Wildlife in the Native Garden". There is no cost to attend. Vendors are excited to be able to help attendees convert their gardens to native plants. There will also be a silent auction of garden-oriented items in the conference room.

### Speakers

Kaitlin Schmidt, Dyck Arboretum, Hesston, Kansas  
 Olive Prichard, Tulsa Botanic Garden  
 Erin Cord, Bat Conservation International  
 Collin Sprigg, Tribal Alliance for Pollinators  
 Jena Donnell, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife  
 Conservation  
 Karen Watkins, Xerces Society  
 Hal Holcomb, Audubon Society

### Non Profits

Oklahoma County Master Gardeners  
 Oklahoma Native Plant Network  
 Yard by Yard/Soil Conservation Commission  
 OKC Beautiful  
 Oklahoma Monarch Society  
 Young Naturalist's Club

### Other Vendors

Northeast Farmer's Market  
 Flora Bodega  
 Eastside Farmer's Market  
 Johnston Seed

### Confirmed Plant Vendors

- Wild Things Nursery
- Prairie Wind Nursery
- Lia's Garden
- Midwest Propagation Nursery
- Native Plants
- Blue House Urban Farm
- Duck Creek Farms
- Oklahoma Wildflower Market
- Mann's Greenhouses/Pollinators and Prairies
- Wild Roots
- Prairie Flora Company
- Sustainable Gardening Solutions

The Anne Long Award and the Betty Kemm Service Award nominations are both due August 31st. We have people who are worthy of these awards, but they must be nominated. Send your nomination for the Anne Long Award to Connie Murray and your nomination for the Betty Kemm Service Award to Sue Amstutz by August 31st.

## Why Is Fall the Best Time to Plant Perennials?

*by Elia Woods, Lia's Garden and ONPN Co-President*

The more I learn about planting perennials, the more convinced I am that we should flip the calendar and plant all our perennials in the fall, and save springtime for planting annuals and... weeding!

Perennials thrive with the cool air temperatures and warm soil temperatures of fall, and will rapidly begin to establish their root systems. *In fact, 80% of a plant's root growth happens in late summer and fall months.* By spring, the plants are ready to burst forth, with a strong and resilient root system that will help them survive hot and windy weather. There's also usually less weed and bug pressure in the fall.

In contrast, spring planted perennials are in the early stages of setting out their roots and will need more frequent watering to make it through our hot, dry summers.

Keep your perennials watered well for the first 4-6 weeks after transplanting, and give them some mulch to help moderate soil temperatures, reduce weeds and conserve soil moisture.

**Welcome New Members****Added 5/2/24 thru 8/5/24**

Lissa Wohltmann (5/5)  
 Kaitlin Bacon (3/20-5/2)  
 Dylan Gaines  
 Isabel Kienzle  
 Natalie Hines, Family and Brandon  
 Travis Bauman  
 Chelsea Smith and Ty  
 Tamara Smith  
 Madx Cole and Janet Lawson  
 JD Colbert and Ray Shabi  
 Mycah Blanton  
 Deborah Donaghue  
 Chip West and Callie  
 Jerry Green  
 Codi Waters  
 Jodie Benner & Ben  
 Julie Reding  
 Emily Clark  
 Helen Beth O'Neal  
 Nancy Trait-Lira  
 Mary Mangus  
 John and Beverly White  
 Michelle McIntyre

**Renewal - Life Memberships**

Elia Woods - Family  
 Michael & Alyssa Lusk - Family  
 Don & Glenna Hertzler - Family  
 Donna Scoggins-Stuber - Individual  
 Kim Shannon - Individual

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6/21/2024 Garrison, Pearl Bristow Park  
 Seeds

8/2024 Michael, Lynn Pryor Hwy 20 east seeds

**Contributions to General Fund**

5/23/2024 Wittmer, Steve & Sue Memory of  
 Mark Wegrzynski

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5/23/2024 Nance, Leslie Memory of  
 Mark Wegrzynski

5/23/2024 Kendra Scott LLC

5/23/2024 Korte, Dennis Memory of  
 Mark Wegrzynski

6/9/2024 Various Square

6/30/2024 Hulen, Juliette

7/29/2024 Ewing, Margaret (TIAA)

**UPCOMING ONPS ELECTIONS FALL 2024**

In accordance with the ONPS By-Laws all of the officers elected for 2024 will continue through 2025, as will the Directors for 2025 and 2026. The only election to be held will be for Directors to serve through 2027, Nominated are Donna Horton, Northeast Chapter and Jamie Rucker, Central Chapter. Donna retired from a career as a Naturalist at Oxley Nature Center in Tulsa and was Vice-President of ONPS and acting President during 'the COVID years'. Jamie Rucker is an avid wildflower gardener and his garden was featured this past July on Oklahoma Gardening.

Connie Murray, Nominations Committee



Fiery skipper on Blanketflower, *Gaillardia pulchella*. Photo by Jerry Addison

## Make A Difference

Editor's Note: A roundabout converted to a native pollinator garden was featured in the Spring 2024 issue. Here are the after photos with lots of blooming color! This update with photos was supplied by Jerry Addison "Aside from weeding out the nutsedge, cottonwood and ash, all looks well. A Maximillian Sunflower is also growing discretely in the mix as well as some more perennial seeds that are still waiting to germinate next spring."



## The Resilient Chickasaw Plum

*By Lauren Kennedy, owner of Oklahoma Wildscapes & ONPN member*

The ONPN next featured plant is the Chickasaw plum, also known as a Sand or Sandhill plum (*Prunus angustifolia*). This plant grows about 10-20' tall, often forming a thicket of small deciduous trees or shrubs with beautiful white flowers in the spring, which yield an edible fruit in the summer. The Chickasaw plum is quite hardy, growing in full sun to part shade. I first encountered it while horseback riding along the banks of the North Canadian River and have been fascinated ever since. From a sandy floodplain to the top of a cross-timber ridge, I have seen this plant in a variety of settings. It is drought tolerant once established and has the ability to regenerate beautifully after the use of prescribed fire.



The Chickasaw plum has an abundance of benefits for your local wildlife as well. Pollinators appreciate the white blooms in early spring and it is a host plant for a variety of butterflies and moths as well. Song birds and upland birds utilize this tree as a food source and as habitat for nesting and cover. This tree can also be used to control erosion or as a windbreak. It is a useful tree in permaculture farming and was cultivated by indigenous peoples prior to European settlement. You may have enjoyed its fruit in jams, jellies, or wine. Many folks have fond memories of a family member making jam in the summer time or finding this yummy treat at a local farmers market.

This plant requires little maintenance once established. Suckers can be cut back if needed to create a more singular look. It can be grown from seed or cuttings, or you can hopefully find it at your local native plant nursery. Just contact your nearest nursery, which you may find on the ONPN Resources page, to find out availability near you.

## NEONIC-FREE

*By Brian Pever ONPN Education Co-Chair*

It is essential to keep in mind that neonicotinoid (neonic) pesticides can have environmental impacts. These pesticides can seep into water sources, harming aquatic life and disrupting the balance of ecosystems. Therefore, it is important to explore alternative pest control methods in our gardens that are less harmful to the environment and support the overall health of our ecosystems. There are several well-documented reasons why it's advisable to steer clear of Neonics in our gardens: 1. Detrimental impact on pollinators: Research has shown a strong correlation between neonics and the decline of native bee and monarch butterfly populations. Pollinators are essential for the ecosystems and agriculture. 2. Neonicotinoids can persist in the soil and water, posing significant long-term risks to non-target organisms, which underscores the need for sustainable and less harmful pest control methods. 3. Ongoing research indicates neonics might affect human health. The potential to disrupt the body's natural hormonal responses is a key area of study. 4. Pesticide resistance: Extensive use of neonics can lead to the emergence of resistant pest populations, necessitating the adoption of more potent pesticides and exacerbating disruption of the ecological balance. 5. Environmental implications: Neonics can leach into water sources, impacting aquatic organisms and disturbing the ecological equilibrium, necessitating careful consideration of their usage. Several alternative approaches exist when dealing with pest and environmental issues in our gardens. Some options include introducing beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, to prey on harmful pests or using companion planting techniques to help manage pest populations. Physical barriers such as row covers or netting can also prevent pests from reaching your plants. Keep in mind that practicing good garden hygiene is the simplest and most effective method. Please consider alternatives and join the movement towards sustainable pest control.

## Color Oklahoma Update

by Monica Bartling, Committee Chair

Color Oklahoma had a successful grant application year with ten cities, parks, and a Tribal Nation receiving grant funds to plant wildflowers in early winter 2024. If the weather cooperates and we have moisture next winter and early spring, like we did this year, we will have lots of added color along our highways, turnpikes and parks. The total native wildflower seeds to be purchased in September of 2024 is just under \$18,000.

A portion of the funding comes from matches from the grant applicants, but the lion's share comes from the sale of wildflower license plates purchased by Oklahoma vehicle owners. The specialty plates are sold through local tag agents and are \$35 new and at each annual license plate renewal. Color Oklahoma receives \$20 for each wildflower plate purchased. We also accept tax deductible donations from environmentally conscious donors who want to support the Color Oklahoma mission of "sowing some wild seeds" to beautify our highways and turnpikes and to provide additional habitat for our pollinators.

Municipalities and their sponsoring organizations funded this year are: Cheyenne, with matching funds from the GFWC-Oklahoma Cheyenne Sorosis Club; Duncan, with matching funds from the GFWC-Oklahoma Duncan Philomathic Club; Okemah with matching funding from the Okemah High School Class of 1974; Waurika with matching funding from the GFWC-Oklahoma Waurika Sorosis Club and Bartling Ranch; and Pryor with funding from the GFWC-Oklahoma Pryor Monday Forum Club.

Also funded was a park project for the City of Bristow; a highway planting south of Stroud, with matching funds provided by the Sac and Fox Nation and two Highway 81 projects in Jefferson County and Grady County funded by the generous donation of Color Oklahoma founding board member, Pearl Garrison. Color Oklahoma has set a goal of having a wildflower trail up U.S. Highway 81 that follows the original Chisholm Trail. This trail would provide a wonderful spring display of floral color in an area that has great history and takes the viewer through many historic Oklahoma cities and towns from Terral, Oklahoma to Renfrow, Oklahoma. This will take several years to complete, but is part of a Strategic Plan under development by the Committee.

Also funded this year, was a planting along the Creek Turnpike that will be planted and maintained by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

Last year the committee ventured into a relatively new funding area, when we voted to fund a grant request from the Harn Homestead, a museum located near the Oklahoma State Capitol, on Lincoln Blvd in



First year planting at the Harn Homestead Museum, 1721 North Lincoln Blvd in Oklahoma City. Photo by Color Oklahoma Board Member, Joe Roberts

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Oklahoma City. 2024 was the first year for the wildflower planting. Harn Homestead, Education Director, David Sapper, did an excellent job of site preparation and had a successful first year planting.

Color Oklahoma works primarily with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation who plants the seeds purchased by Color Oklahoma. Plantings are done by the County Superintendents in the planting areas. The County Superintendents play a crucial role in the success of the plantings, as they provide proper storage for the seeds from September to planting and also are responsible for preparing the seeders with the proper seed rates by species and proper planting techniques to get the best results.

Wildflower seeds are planted in very late fall or early winter because many perennials have seeds that require a period of cold, moist conditions to break down naturally occurring chemicals in the seeds that inhibit germination. These substances protect the seeds from germinating prematurely such that they wait until the following spring to sprout. This process is called cold stratification.

Color Oklahoma is a committee of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society. Additional information is available on our website at [ColorOklahoma.com](https://ColorOklahoma.com).

**If Life Gives You Lemons—Make Lemonade!**

*Article and photos by Lynn Michael*

On May 25, 2024 a major storm and tornadoes came through Claremore and uprooted many, many 30-40 foot hackberry, pecan, and oak trees. A garden which was shady had now become almost full sun. After lamenting the loss of so many trees, the issue became what to do with this new sunny area. The pictures below show a progression of cleanup, weeding, building and planting. Now, we wait to see what the future brings.



## MEET THE MEMBERS: Pearl Garrison

*By Fran Stallings, Historian*

Pearl Garrison says that Color Oklahoma originated as a midnight brainchild.

Pearl grew up on a farm west of Oklahoma City between Yukon and Mustang, where her mother always had a flower bed in their large vegetable garden. At the University of Oklahoma's department of journalism, Pearl majored in public relations and came to the Tulsa Tribune where she worked as a general and state reporter, editorial writer, state Capitol reporter, state editor, city editor, and managing editor for news. It was a 22-year career.

When the Tribune closed in 1992, Pearl "flipped houses" and then co-founded a public relations company. She began volunteering for the Oklahoma Centennial Botanical Garden and retired in 2011 as director of marketing and communications. She often enjoyed walking in the garden's large undeveloped areas enjoying the native plants thriving there.

Busy as these jobs kept her, Pearl says that in 2002 she wanted a new project for her energy. She awoke in the middle of the night thinking "Wildflowers!" and began researching what Oklahoma and other states might be doing to preserve them. She learned that Texas and North Carolina appropriated state funds to purchase and plant native wildflower seeds. Oklahoma didn't, but the beautification office of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) did work with local garden clubs to plant flowers and shrubs. Pearl learned about ONPS and joined. She and some ONPS people started working with the beautification office and decided to raise money to plant wildflowers. "Color Oklahoma and Sow Some Wild Seeds!" was born.

In 2003 they convinced the legislature and then Gov. Brad Henry to authorize a specialty license plate providing \$20 of every state-issued Color Oklahoma license plate that is sold or renewed. Another Color Oklahoma co-founder convinced a benefactor to buy a machine for ODOT to plant the seeds. Money for the seeds also comes from donations and recipients of matching grants. And the rest is history! Color Oklahoma continues to work with ODOT's beautification office. Pearl says the ODOT supervisors have been very cooperative but can't vary their mowing schedule to suit the life cycles of all native plants. As a result, Color Oklahoma carefully chooses only spring bloomers which will have gone to seed before ODOT must complete its first round of mowings prior to its July 4 target. Unfortunately, self-sown native species don't always fit that schedule, leading to complaints from wildflower lovers when we see butterfly milkweed and others being mowed just as they go to seed. Color Oklahoma can't control that.

After many years as president of Color Oklahoma (a standing committee of ONPS), Pearl now holds the title of president emerita. She says the current president, Monica Bartling, is doing an excellent job as a strong leader with modern skills in social media: "She created the web page!"

The popularity of native wildflowers continues to grow. When the original seed-planting machine wore out, ODOT bought itself a new one, indicating its support of these projects. This fall seeds will be planted for free by ODOT near Cheyenne, Duncan, Okemah, Pryor, Waurika, Rush Springs, and Stroud; by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) on the west end of the Creek Turnpike in Tulsa; and by volunteers in Bristow parks.

Color Oklahoma offers matching grant funds to local organizations that want plantings near their communities, and helps with selection of appropriate varieties to plant, ordering of seeds, working with ODOT and OTA to be sure the site is suitable, and sending a representative when seeds are sown. They also help with publicity and provide Color Oklahoma signs to let passers-by know who is responsible for the beautiful flowers. Any organization, company, tribe, club or individual can apply for one of the matching grants. Color Oklahoma provides up to \$1,500 for the purchase of native wildflower seeds on approved sites. The grant application form is at [coloroklahoma.com](http://coloroklahoma.com).

"We plant where the money is," says Pearl. Several years ago, seed sowing along U.S. 81 began at the Oklahoma/Texas border. It is being extended northward. Rush Springs has collected funds to plant near town this fall, and Color Oklahoma hopes to add more each year as U.S. 81 attracts tourists to the Chisholm Trail route.

As for her own yard, Pearl has a mix of natives and non-natives and continues to favor the natives. Her favorites are Indian Paintbrush and Gaillardia. Although the former doesn't lend itself to home gardens, Pearl enjoys it along I-44 and the Creek Turnpike. Thanks to her midnight brain child, all of us can enjoy colorful highways too.



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All pollinators aren't showy. Look for these critters on your nectar plants. Photos by Lynn Michael



# Oklahoma Native Plant Society

## 2024 Annual Meeting Roman Nose State Park October 4-6

The 2024 ONPS Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall Field Meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science (OAS). All activities except for the annual business meeting and dinner on Saturday night will take place at the **Turkey Roost Group Campground** (see map on back). Check the ONPS website ([oknativeplants.org](http://oknativeplants.org)) for more details and updates as they become available.

### Tentative Schedule of Events

#### Friday, October 4

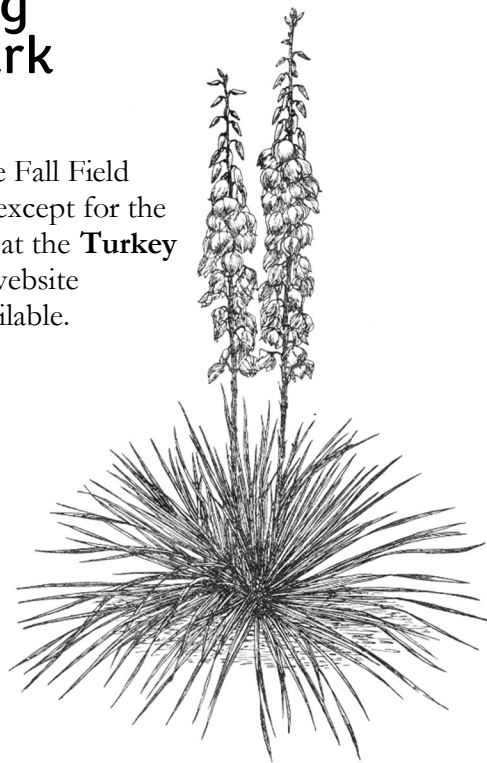
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| 4:00-9:00 PM | Registration/Check-In                |
| 6:30-7:30    | Dinner                               |
| 7:30-8:30    | Guest Speaker (TBD)                  |
| 8:30-9:00    | Announcement of Saturday Field Trips |

#### Saturday, October 5

|               |                                                                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:30-7:30 AM  | Bird Walk                                                         |
| 7:30-8:30     | Breakfast                                                         |
| 8:30-12:00 PM | Morning Field Trips                                               |
| 12:00-1:00    | Lunch                                                             |
| 1:00-4:30     | Afternoon Field Trips                                             |
| 6:00-9:00     | Dinner and Annual Business Meeting at Roman Nose State Park Lodge |

#### Sunday, October 6

|            |                                                                     |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00-11:00 | ONPS Board Meeting at Roman Nose State Park Lodge (all are welcome) |
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detach registration information for each person attending and mail to the address below **or** complete online registration at **[oknativeplants.org](http://oknativeplants.org)**

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Mail registration to: Joe Roberts, 8113 Cloverdale Way, Yukon, OK 73099, confirmation will be sent by email

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell or home): \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply below: registration must be received by Wednesday, Sept. 25 if purchasing meals

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 General Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Student Registration

**registration must be paid by all attendees**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Tent Site

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Rustic Group Cabin (must bring linens)

**For those that don't wish to stay in the Group Campground, reservations can be made separately at the Roman Nose State Park Lodge and Cabins by mentioning ONPS at [www.travelok.com/state-parks/roman-nose-state-park](http://www.travelok.com/state-parks/roman-nose-state-park)**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$13.00 Friday Dinner

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Saturday Dinner @ Lodge

\_\_\_\_\_ \$9.00 Saturday Breakfast

\_\_\_\_\_ \$9.00 Sunday Breakfast

\_\_\_\_\_ \$11.00 Saturday Lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian**

Make check payable to **Oklahoma Native Plant Society**

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



# ROMAN NOSE STATE PARK

## Key to Symbols

- General Use Trail
- Equestrian Use Only
- Hiking/Biking Only
- Comfort Station/Restroom
- Trailhead

## Rules and Regulations

- Please do not litter
- Quiet hours in effect from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am
- All pets must be leashed
- 14 day camping limit
- Alcohol in excess of 3.2% is strictly prohibited
- Firewood collection is limited to fallen brush only

Park Boundary

