



Native Plant Society of Texas

<https://www.npsot.org/chapters/tyler/>

**Meeting of the Tyler Chapter
Business Meeting & Guest Speaker,
Monday, January 13, 2025, 2:00 PM,
with a social to follow.**

Please bring a beverage for yourself and a snack to share. (Plates & napkins provided.)

Tyler Nature Center, 11942 FM 848, Tyler

The mission of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to promote conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach, and example.



Stories, Learning, and Fun with Horticulturalist Steven Chamblee

Our guest speaker in January is Steve Chamblee, who has spent his entire adult life as a merry horticulturalist and shares his abundant knowledge as a writer, public speaker and educator. He is a regular contributor to Neil Sperry's e-gardens newsletter (<https://neilsperry.com/e-gardens/>).

Starting by helping his dad in his tree-planting business, Steve later spent eight years in the gardens and greenhouses of the Fort Worth Botanical Garden. He earned Associate, Bachelor, and Masters degrees in aspects of horticulture, completing a graduate fellowship at Longwood Gardens in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania (<https://longwoodgardens.org>). This famous arboretum was begun in the early 19th century and was revived and expanded in the early 20th century by Pierre du Pont, who donated it for the enjoyment and education of the public in 1954.

Steve worked at the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney for a year and a half, returned to the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens for eight years, and spent the subsequent thirteen years working to improve Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. He recently served four years as the Executive Director of the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, transforming that space into a fine public garden and educational resource for Longview and all of East Texas (<https://longviewarboretum.org>).

DIRECTIONS

Tyler Nature Center,
11942 FM 848

Located southeast of central Tyler.
Take Loop 323 to University Blvd (SH 248).
Go east on SH 248 past the UT Tyler Campus to FM 848 (about 3 miles).
Turn right on FM 848 and travel about 0.7 mile.
Turn right at 11942 FM 848.
The meeting is in the first building on the right, next to the pond.

