



# TEXAS NATIVE PLANT ART EXHIBITION

Providing Denton ISD fourth grade students a creative way to learn about native Texas plants through an art exhibition. The artwork is judged and displayed in the community.

## PROJECT NUMBER P100513

Initiated in 2010  
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## LOCATION Denton County

## ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATE

Native Plant Society of Texas;  
Texas Woman's University

## PROJECT MANAGER

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## MAIN PURPOSE

Engage, educate the community about nature and natural resources

## ACTIVITIES

### Public Outreach

Prepare for presentation/exhibition

## SUBJECT MATTER

### Botany

Trees and shrubs  
Forbs (flowering plants, wildflowers)  
Grasses and grasslike plants

The Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition is an annual project sponsored by the Texas Master Naturalist, the Native Plant Society of Texas and Texas Woman's University College of Arts and Sciences. The project began with one school in recognition of Texas Native Plant Week. It has expanded each year. For the 2019/2020 school year, 22 DISD elementary schools participated. The art teachers are provided with information about Texas native plants to share with their students as they create their artwork. The artwork is judged, ribbons are awarded then the artwork is displayed at public locations from November to April. An Annual Reception is held in April to honor the students and art teachers. It is also an opportunity to thank the display hosts and acknowledge the project sponsors. After the reception all of the artwork is returned to the schools along with a Certificate of Accomplishment for each student that participated by creating a picture.

The purpose of the project is to raise awareness of the importance of native plants and educate the students about the role of native plants in conservation and our natural heritage. The project is designed to be fun and educational for the students. The project also reaches many adults. The displays offer the opportunity to see the artwork to hundreds in the community.

## VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE

<b>Recruitment status</b>	Actively recruiting new volunteers
<b>Work environment</b>	Indoor, conditioned air Restroom facilities available on site
<b>Strength</b>	No strength requirement
<b>Use of tools/equipment</b>	None
<b>Motion</b>	Mostly sedentary, limited standing or walking Stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching

## PROJECT WORK STRUCTURE

<b>Project work schedule</b>	Project involves irregular work events with advance announcements
<b>Work locations</b>	<p>Denton ISD Elementary schools – the artwork is created at the schools</p> <p>AgriLife – judging and display</p> <p>Denton Senior Center – display</p> <p>TWU Blagg-Huey Library – display</p> <p>UNT Elm Fork Education Center – display</p> <p>Emily Fowler Library – display</p> <p>North Branch Library – display</p> <p>South Branch Library – display</p> <p>Good Samaritan Retirement Center – Denton Village – display</p> <p>Good Samaritan Retirement Center – Lake Forest – display</p> <p>Denton Redbud Festival – Denton Civic Center – display</p> <p>Denton ISD Professional Development Center – Appreciation Reception and display</p>

## HOW TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT

<b>Where to find information</b>	Contact Project Manager
<b>How to volunteer</b>	Contact Project Manager
<b>Other</b>	<p>Volunteers are always welcome to help with this project. Volunteer activities include delivering information to the schools, picking up artwork at the schools, judging the artwork, setting up displays, preparing for the Appreciation Reception, hosting the Appreciation Reception, and returning the artwork to the schools.</p> <p>We always enjoy the artwork and have fun working together. The Appreciation Reception is the highlight of the project. It's rewarding to see the students showing off their art to their parents and</p>