



Local chapter organization now ON

Following a bylaws change voted by membership at the Nov. 4 annual meeting, local ONPS chapters can now be formally organized. When at least eight ONPS members in a local area apply to the board in writing, fulfilling requirements stated in the new bylaws Article VIII, the local chapter's establishment can begin.

Members in Central and Northeast Oklahoma have already scheduled meetings to begin discussion on forming local chapters in these areas. The Central Oklahoma meeting will be Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m., at Myriad Gardens Classroom in Oklahoma City. (Call Mike Bush, 405 - 232-1199.) The Northeastern area members will meet at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6 at the Tulsa Garden Center. (Call Betty Kemm, 918 - 742-4351 or Nora Jones, 918 - 749-5859.)

The first opportunity for presenting written applications for proposed chapters will be at the Dec. 9 ONPS board meeting at Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma City. To arrange for a presentation at this meeting and thereafter, contact Larry Magrath, (405) 222-0904.

To make the task of forming local chapters easier, an ONPS phone list with geographical and alphabetical sections has been prepared. Contact Larry Magrath or Nora Jones at above numbers for a copy. New Article VIII is a result of the good work of Bylaws/Local Meeting Committee members Joanne Orr, chair; Mike Bush, Betty Kemm, Irene McKee and Pat Folley.

We want to form a chapter. Now what?

At chapter organizational meetings, ONPS members should be prepared to discuss the following:

1. **Name.** What will the chapter be called?
2. **Formal structure.** Will there be elected officers or a committee? Who will represent the chapter on the board?
3. **Geographical extent.** What boundaries does the chapter claim? Will it be the city limits or some larger extent, such as Southwestern Oklahoma?
4. **Operational Guidelines.** How will the chapter work on day-to-day basis? What are estimated expenses for start-up? What are estimated operating expenses?
5. **Meetings.** How often will the chapter meet and where? Who is responsible for getting calendar information to The Gaillardia? Who will take (and type) minutes of meetings for submission to the state secretary? Who will synopsise activities and submit for the newsletter?
6. **Formal Presentation.** Who will put the chapter proposal in writing? Will eight ONPS members sign the proposal? Who will present it to the board and when?

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NATIVE PLANT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event/Place</i>	<i>Contact/Phone</i>
Nov. 27 7:30 p.m.	Central Oklahoma/Local Chapter organization meeting Myriad Gardens Classroom	Mike Bush (405) 232-1199
Dec. 6 7:30 p.m.	Northeastern Oklahoma/Local Chapter org. meeting and Wilma Jenkins, Pride In Tulsa, on planting programs Tulsa Garden Center	Betty Kemm (918) 742-4351
Dec. 9 10 a.m.	ONPS Board Meeting - All members invited to attend Myriad Gardens Classroom	Larry Magrath (405) 222-0904
Dec. 15	Deadline for Jan/Feb. <i>Gaillardia</i> manuscripts, ads, etc.	Marilyn Bell, (918) 496-2218
Jan. 27	3rd Annual Indoor Outing (Time/Place to be announced)	Larry Magrath

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Annual Meeting Highlights

The 50 ONPS members who enjoyed Quartz Mountain and the Wichita Wildlife Refuge Nov. 4-5 also elected a new slate of officers and honored several for outstanding contributions.

A complete listing of the new officers, board and committee chairs is enclosed with this issue. (Please save the list for future reference.) The general feeling is that the 1989-90 board has good regional balance and a high level of expertise in native plants. ONPS can expect an eventful year, full of educational programs, field trips and local events.

The 2nd Annual Anne Long Award was presented by Paul Buck to Dr. Doyle McCoy, author, teacher and lecturer. A plaque expressing ONPS's appreciation for Dr. McCoy's lifelong interest in native plants was presented, along with a \$100 check. Appreciation was given W.E. Long and all the other donors who make the Anne Long Award possible. Architect Joe Andrash, noted for accomplishments in wildflower plantings in the Oklahoma City area, was given an appreciative ONPS plaque *in absentia* by Mike Bush. Also, results of the ONPS logo contest were announced. Further detail will be included in next issue.

Louis McGee of Wolf Creek Research gave the main address at the awards banquet, describing early botanizing activity in the Wichita Mountain area, and a history of botanical work in the Wichita Wildlife Refuge. ONPS members thanked Louis and Janet McGee for contributing to a successful annual meeting.

Time to Renew?

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