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TXSER Newsflash

Excellence in Ecological Restoration Award

Bonnie Warnock, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Range Science at Sul Ross State University in Alpine has been selected to receive this year's Excellence in Ecological Restoration Award. Warnock will receive the award at the Keynote Banquet on Saturday, October 19th. Photos to come.

2014 Conference Update

October 17-19, 2014, Alpine Texas

Ecological Restoration in the Southwest

We are looking forward to a great turn out for the 2014 conference in Alpine. Below are some of our conference stats:

- close to 100 participants attending from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma;
• 33 paper presentations;
• 16 poster presentations;
• 6 sponsorship tables
• a silent auction to benefit student participation in future conferences;
• award for Excellence in Ecological Restoration;
• graduate and undergraduate presentation and posters awards; and
• field trips to Big Bend, the O2 Ranch and the Texas Native Seed plant materials evaluation site.

Photos to come in the next "Restoration Update."

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TXSER Student Association News

The Texas A&M Society for Ecological Restoration Student Association hosted guest speaker Dr. Terry Gentry on September 30th. Professor Gentry addressed the topic "Microbial Remediation of Uranium-Contaminated Groundwater" in which he described his work on the microbial remediation of uranium-contaminated groundwater.

Dr. William E. Rogers will be our guest speaker on October 28 at 5:30 pm in HFSB 105. The title of his presentation will be "Hercules and the Hydra: Are mechanical, chemical, and/or grazing treatments of resprouting woody plants more effective when combined with fire?" The public is welcome to attend.
The Bastrop fire relief project that we have worked on for the past few years is coming to an end, and we will be replanting our last few loblolly pines in late October.

We also have a scheduled visit to the Armand Bayou Nature Center in Houston in November, where we will volunteer with planting native forbs and grasses in a wetland setting. The Armand Bayou Nature Center will provide us with seeds of native Texas grasses, which we will grow in our campus greenhouses until they are ready to be transplanted into restoration areas in the spring semester.

The Society for Ecological Restoration, Texas Chapter promotes ecological restoration as a means of sustaining the diversity of life on Earth and re-establishing an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture.

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Join the Texas Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration. Chapter members receive valuable benefits including:

- the opportunity to network with restoration practitioners and enthusiasts;
- discounts to our Annual Conference, an opportunity to share and learn;
- invitations to attend volunteer workdays around the state; and,
- monthly updates and quarterly newsletters with articles and notices about regional events that allow you to connect to the local restoration community.

Chapter membership fees of $15 support chapter administration. The TXSER Board of Directors consists of volunteers who share a passion for furthering ecological restoration in Texas.

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