

# Society for Ecological Restoration Texas Chapter



## Restoration Update

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## TXSER News Flash

TXSER's 18th annual conference, "The New Ecology: Managing for Resilience in a Changing World," co-hosted with the Texas Riparian Association, was a great success. Conference participants took over the beautiful campus of Texas Tech's Llano River Field Station in the Texas Hill Country which offered trails for hiking, deer grazing in the meadows just outside the conference building doors, and sunshine and cool, fresh air for conference breaks.

Over 100 participants attended 54 presentations ranging from the restoration of urban waterways to the impact of prescribed fire on Bobwhite Quail. Participants enjoyed a field trip to the Texas AgriLife Extension's Sonora Field Station, a Riparian Workshop, a kayak paddle down the South Llano River, and evening campfires for informal networking.

To review abstracts and presentations, click here: [Abstracts & Presentations](#)

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## Lifetime Achievement Award Bill Neiman, Native American Seed

TXSER and TRA awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Neiman, owner of Native American Seed in Junction, Texas.

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**We are heading west  
for 2014!**

**19th Annual TXSER  
Conference is  
scheduled for West  
Texas**

**Details to come.**

With a shovel and a rake, Neiman started his first company, Neiman Environments Landscape Company, in 1974 when he was 19 years old. By 1979 he also operated Neiman's Native Plant Nursery in Flower Mound, Texas, one of the first outlets for native plants in North Central Texas. In 1989 he founded Native American Seed to specialize in the harvest and sale of wildflower seed and prairie grasses native to the Texas-Oklahoma-Louisiana bioregion. Native American Seed is now the largest supplier of native wildflower and grass seed in the State of Texas and is instrumental in educating the public about the importance of growing natives.



Bill Neiman receives Lifetime Achievement Award (with Charlotte Reemts of TXSER and Georgianne Moore of TRA)

Neiman's family, also involved in the management of Native American Seed, joined us for the dinner and celebration of his lifetime accomplishments.

## Student Presentation & Poster Awards

Awards were also given out for Best Graduate and Undergraduate Presentations and Posters. The team of judges had quite a challenge determining the winners as there were many excellent presentations and posters!

The Best Graduate Student Presentation Award went to Shannon Jones of Texas Christian University for her work on the hydrology of hillslope seeps and streams on the Fort Worth Prairie.



Shannon Jones (r)



Deseri Nally (l)

Deseri Nally of Texas A&M University received the Best Graduate Student Poster Award for her research on the endangered Navasota Ladies'-Tresses.

Cade Bradshaw and Elizabeth Van Horn of Trinity University took

home the Undergraduate Student Poster Award for their research on Ashe's Juniper removal.

All of us at TXSER and TRA look forward to following the careers of the exceptional students.



Elizabeth Van Horn and  
Cade Bradshaw

## TXSER Board Changes

Kay Jenkins of TPWD and Christine Westerman of SWCA have both stepped down from the TXSER Board of Directors. Kay has served on TXSER's Board for over 9 years holding almost every position including Interim President, Vice President, Treasurer, and since 2008, East Texas Representative. Christine has served as TXSER's Treasurer since 2009. We are grateful for all the time, energy, and support both Kay and Christine have dedicated to this organization.

Colin Shackelford of Texas Native Seeds and the Caesar Kleburg Wildlife Research Institute is taking over the reins of Treasurer. He served for 4 years as TXSER's West Texas Representative and will now take on the challenges of TXSER finances.

Katherine Crosthwaite with HDR, Inc. was elected to the Board as TXSER's West Texas Representative. Katherine has been an active member of TXSER and served on the 2013 Conference Committee. We look forward to Katherine's involvement on the Board.


The position of East Texas Representative remains open. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the TXSER Board of Directors, please contact TXSER's Board President Charlotte Reemts at: [creemts@tnc.org](mailto:creemts@tnc.org)

## Coordinator's Corner

### Do You Know Your Thanksgiving Food Families?

- Potatoes - *Solanaceae* - nightshade family (also tomatoes)
- Sweet Potatoes - *Convolvaceae* - morning glory family
- Green Beans - *Leguminosae* - legume family (also peas & other beans)



- Brussel Sprouts - *Brassicaceae* 
  - mustard family (also cabbage, broccoli, & rutabaga)
- Onions - *Amaryllidaceae* - amaryllis family (formerly of the lily family - *Liliaceae*)
- Carrots - *Apiaceae* - carrot/parsley family
- Apples - *Rosaceae* - rose family (also peaches, cherries, pears & blackberries)
- Pecans - *Juglandaceae* - walnut family
- Wheat - *Graminae* - grass family (also corn, rye, & rice)
- Rosemary - *Lamiaceae* - mint family (also basil, sage & thyme)

And....

- Turkey (descendants of the wild turkey) - Meleagridinae - in a subfamily of its own.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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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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