

Attention Plant Lovers: Learn New Gardening Techniques for Free

Roger Sanderson, Director of Botanic Gardens and Wildlife Biologist is coordinating and creating new designs for gardens and plantings around the buildings. These projects include creating a Sanctuary Garden just outside the museum to illustrate many of the species that visitors will encounter on our trails, revitalization of the Cactus/Desert Garden in front of the SRC, and the creation of a new landscape design to improve the entrance to the SRC. The new Butterfly Garden, which surrounds the new Butterfly House that was constructed this summer, has been designed. Most of this garden was installed October 25th by volunteers during the McKinney Make A Difference Day Program.

Roger is also designing an impressive formal entrance to the museum on Country Club Drive (FM 1378) and a newly landscaped area around the front gate.

The Native Plant Garden will be restored to native Texas plants. Currently, this garden hosts a few non-native, but drought resistant, varieties. This garden will provide inspiration to those garden enthusiasts looking for ecologically friendly ideas for their own landscapes!

After the previously mentioned projects have been completed, Roger also plans to extensively label garden and trail plants. This project will make these resources an even more valuable educational experience for visitors. The Heard is gratefully seeking donations from the public to purchase labels for this project.

These projects require resources, time, and funding and the Heard will need your help to accomplish this. Volunteers are also important to these projects. For information on becoming a Heard Native Plant Garden Volunteer, Nature Sanctuary Restoration Volunteer, or to find information on donating to Heard programs, please visit our website.