

# Day 2 - Fort Worth Botanical Garden

Friday, May 30, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM + Dinner

MAIN AUDITORIUM - ROOM 241			
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration   Light Breakfast Available		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Introductory remarks by <b>Pat Merkord, Executive Director, Native Prairies Association of Texas</b>		
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address</b> Speaker: <b>Tony Burgess, PhD - Professor Emeritus - Texas Christian University</b> Savannas and Grasslands in a Biological Confusion Zone: Coevolution Opportunities and Challenges		
MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
	Main Auditorium PRARIE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	Red Bud Hall Azalea Room CHALLENGES IN CONSERVATION & RESTORATION	Red Bud Hall Camellia Room COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Ken Gee</b> – Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture - The GRIP Program and Conserving Grassland Birds	<b>John Lloyd Riley</b> (NRCS-Kingsville) – Selecting Native Grasses for Improved Survival Under a Changing Global Climate	<b>Ed Fair</b> (Commons Ford) The Story Behind Austin's Common Ford Prairie
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Rob Denkhaus</b> (Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge and TCU Adjunct Professor) - Hooves on the Prairie	<b>Forrest Smith</b> (Director, South Texas Natives) - After the Boom – Native Plant Restoration on Lands Impacted by Oil and Gas Exploration in Texas	<b>Karen Hall</b> (Botanical Research Institute of Texas) - Prairie Dancing toward Greater Urban Resilience
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		

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**AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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PRARIE BIODIVERSITY  
CONSERVATION**

**Red Bud Hall  
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1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**Jim Giocomo, PhD** (Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture) - The Geography of Grassland Bird Conservation: How International Bird Conservation Efforts are Linked to Actions in Your Backyard.

**Russell Stevens**  
Prescribed Burning in Oklahoma: Education, Equipping, and Training Landowners

**Jaime Gonzalez** (Katy Prairie Conservancy/Coastal Prairie Partnership) - Victorious!: How Social Media and Public Engagement Helped Save Deer Park Prairie

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Michael Warriner**, (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) - Managing Your Land for Pollinator Diversity

**Chris Reid** (Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries) - Balancing Immediate Conservation Action with Long-Term Research-Based Planning in the Louisiana Coastal Prairie

**LLELA**  
Connecting to youth through prairie restoration

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS IN MAIN AUDITORIUM**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**DINNER AT BOTANIC GARDENS AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

Speaker: Matt White – Author of Prairie Time and College Instructor