

Randy Johnson

Randy is a native Texan raised in Mesquite. From an early age he developed a deep love for Nature, mostly from exploring a creek that ran behind his house and spending summers on his grandparents farm in Kaufman, TX. Upon discovering that remnant virgin blackland prairie still existed near his home he began collecting and propagating the seeds he found there and this was the genesis of his love for native plants. He earned his degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A & M University and while attending was a proud member of the Corps of Cadets. Prior to being employed at Texas Discovery Gardens Randy was a private organic gardener serving clients in the Dallas area. In August 2007, Randy began his employment at Texas Discovery Gardens as Director of Horticulture specializing in native plants, butterfly gardening, organic gardening and plant propagation. With the opening of The Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House and Insectarium on the grounds of TDG, Randy's responsibilities grew to include the installation and maintenance of plant species which compose the exhibit. In addition to these new duties, Randy is also learning as an understudy of TDG's entomologist, John Watts to care for the chrysalids and butterflies that make their home in the butterfly house. Randy's passion for his work make him an exciting and sought after speaker and instructor on many subjects centered around organics, native plants and butterfly gardening. Texas Discovery Gardens is a 7.5 acre organic, public botanical garden located inside Fair Park in Dallas, TX.

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Texas Discovery Gardens
at Fair Park