

- **Native Plant Garden** - provides a professionally designed garden which uses plants native to Central Texas. Special emphasis is on plants native to the geographic regions of Georgetown, Texas which includes the Black Plains Prairie (East of Interstate 35) and the Edwards Plateau (West of Interstate 35). Many Sun City residents move to this area from different USDA planting zones of the United States and visit the Native Plant Garden.

Native Plant Garden Objectives:

- Provide an educational native plant garden that introduces the native plants of this geographic area and how they may be incorporated into the homeowner' landscape.
- Provide seedlings for purchase at the Sun City Horticulture Nursery.
- Provide members of the Sun City Horticulture Club an opportunity to work with the design, cultivation and maintenance of a native plant garden.

History of the Native Plant Garden

The Native Plant Garden (NPG) was initially located at the rear of the Horticulture Gardens. In 2016, the decision was made that this area become a green barrier to provide a living green barrier to the neighborhood adjacent to Sun City. The Horticulture Board moved to design a new NPG to be located in the Northeast corner of the garden. Bids were let in the fall of 2016. Barringer Landscaping was awarded the bid and designed the new NPG. They were provided a list of plant materials and the need of berms to be included in the NPG. Randy Pensabene (2020-2021 president of the Williamson County Native Plant Society) has also provided valuable input regarding plant materials for the NPG. The NPG was completed in the spring of 2017. As the garden matures, some plants have been deleted and a larger variety of native plants have been added. The NPG provides seedling to be sold through the Horticulture Nursery. A team of dedicated Horticulture Club members continue to plant, cultivate, maintain and care for the NPG.