

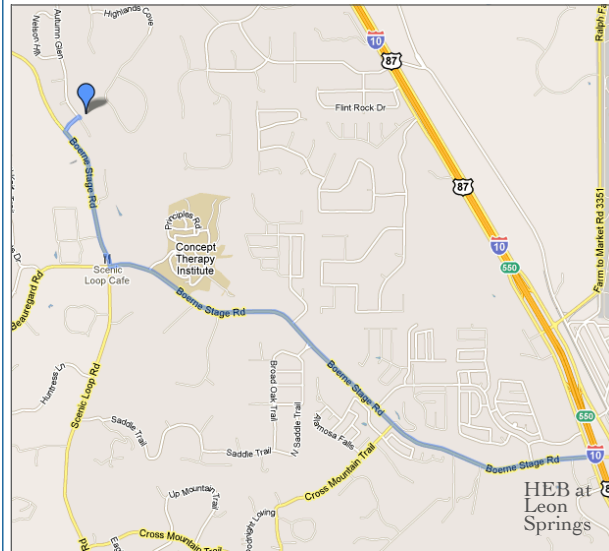
### 8615 TURNING LEAF,

#### THE WOODS OF FAIR OAKS RANCH

**DIRECTIONS:** FROM IH10 @ FAIR OAKS PKWY (EXIT 546) HEAD SOUTH ON THE ACCESS ROAD IN FRONT OF FROST BANK. TAKE 2ND LEFT ONTO WOODLAND PKWY, (**GATE CODE 11938**) THEN 2ND LEFT ONTO HERITAGE TRAIL, THEN 2ND RIGHT ONTO MONUMENT OAK, THEN 3RD LEFT ONTO TURNING LEAF.

We moved here in 2002 from the Chicago area. Our plan for our half acre was to use, as much as possible, only Texas natives or drought resistant plants. We ended up with a garden that has been declared by the National Wildlife Federation and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat and a Best of Texas Backyard Habitat.

We designed our own Texas Hill Country version of an English perennial garden. It was planted for hummingbirds, butterflies, deer and other critters, and is pleasantly user friendly for us humans. We put in gravel paths, dry stream beds, a terrace bordered with native stones, and used several large boulders left by the builder in our planting beds. We chose not to fence so we could enjoy the natural green belt with its seasonal "drainage creek," its many trees, and its small native meadow. The brush/log piles in the green belt were left for wildlife protection and nesting. Any plant we added that the deer ate, we either replaced with another variety or continued to spray with Deer Fence until it grew large enough to survive the browsing. Our coral honeysuckle and trumpet vines fall in this category. We hope to live here long enough for these plants to reach the top of our small pavilion, but, at present, the deer are winning. The deer also do a super job of keeping our young trees "trimmed" from the ground up as far as they can reach. \* The Woods of Fair Oaks Ranch covenants restrict posting of signs; therefore, no directional signs will be posted, except in the yard of the participating home.\*

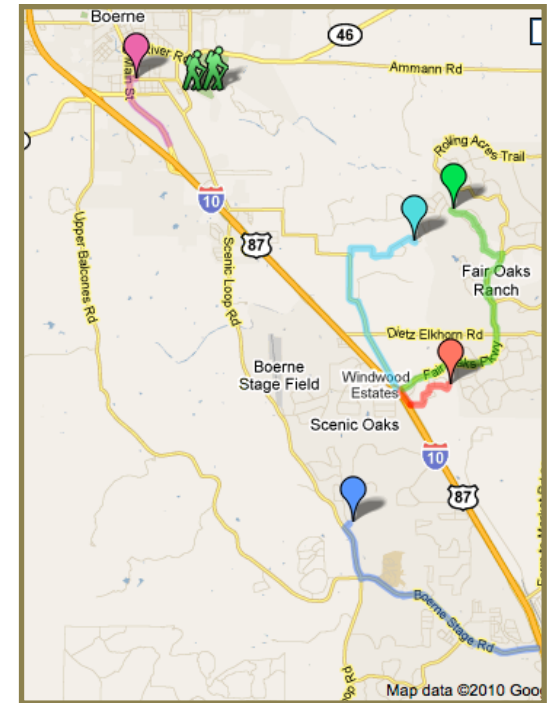


### 26328 AUTUMN GLEN, COUNTRY BEND SUBDIVISION

**DIRECTIONS:** EXIT IH 10 AT BOERNE STAGE ROAD IN LEON SPRINGS. HEAD WEST ON BOERNE STAGE RD. AT STOP SIGN TAKE RIGHT TO STAY ON BOERNE STAGE RD. MAKE RIGHT ON AUTUMN WIND (ENTRY ROAD TO COUNTRY BEND SUBDIVISION). GO SHORT BLOCK TO STOP SIGN AT AUTUMN GLEN. ALTERNATIVELY, FROM BOERNE TAKE SCENIC LOOP RD. TO BOERNE STAGE RD TO AUTUMN WIND TO AUTUMN GLEN.

The front is landscaped mostly with natives in a semi-formal setting designed not to violate too many subdivision covenants. A main theme is to restore understory shrubs and small trees in the shade under large oaks. "Restore" is appropriate because many of these plants naturally thrive in nearby woods. This requires some fencing from browsing deer. The back is a collection of many kinds of native and near-native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees in a very informal setting (planned chaos) in area fenced off from deer. Designed to blend into unfenced part of yard maintained by Mother Nature. Trails connect various parts of backyard.

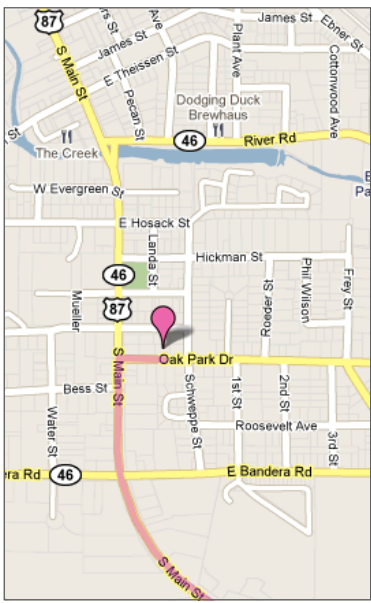
# 2010 TOUR OF YARDS SEPTEMBER 25 9AM - 1PM



### GO NATIVE!

The Tour is a collaborative effort of Cibolo Nature Center (CNC) and the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) Boerne Chapter to demonstrate the many ways water-wise, low maintenance plants can be successfully used in landscape design. See native plants, rainwater catchment systems and certified wildlife habitats.





**DIRECTIONS:  
FROM MAIN  
STREET IN  
BOERNE TURN ON  
OAK PARK DRIVE  
(BEHIND SAMMY'S  
MEXICAN  
RESTAURANT).**

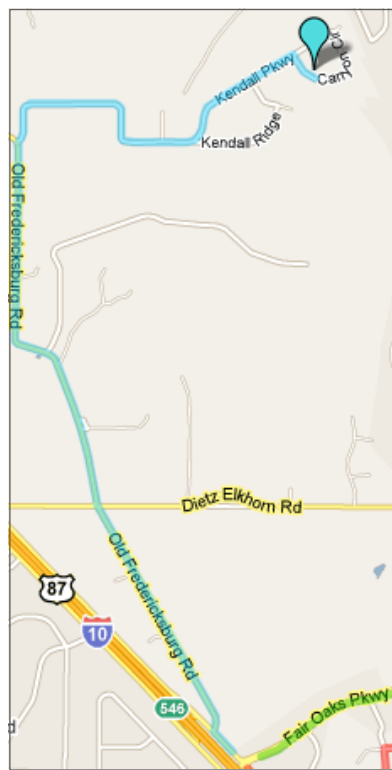
**122 OAK  
PARK,  
DOWNTOWN  
BOERNE**

This historical "in town" residence was established in 1886 as a German farmstead. The barn was the location of the original settler's cabin, and a two-room stone house

was then built by the Bonnet family and eventually added onto by the Toepperwein family, who lived on the property for 72 years. It was sold to Ken Hovey in 1991 and then to me in July 2007. The lot is .44 acres with a residence, carriage house, wash-house and barn.

Heavy rains caused the property to become overgrown with invasives and trees that were poorly placed. Due to severe drought I had two water catchment systems installed on the property. As a former Master Gardener from Houston, I recognized the need to reduce the extensive St. Augustine grass lawn. I took up the grass and constructed a "wooded" walk on the southeast side of the house using large fieldstones found around the yard under the grass. A dry riverbed was designed and installed by Jon Whitaker of Creative Roots. I share the property with 16 heirloom hens which are great for mulching leaves and a natural way for controlling pests. The "girls" and I have negotiated territorial rights with the aid of some judiciously placed fencing so I can have some "chicken-free" zones. I constructed the mosaic patio table last summer in the parlor of my house when it was so hot outside. I used antique plates and stained glass. My property is surrounded by invasive common exotics, like waxleaf ligustrum and fruitless Japanese Mulberry, and keeping them out is a constant battle. I keep adding native plants and well behaved non-natives. I'm an enthusiast of "edible landscaping," and I incorporate fruit trees, herbs, and vegetable plants in the landscape. I enjoy having a veggie garden, and I do a lot of canning.

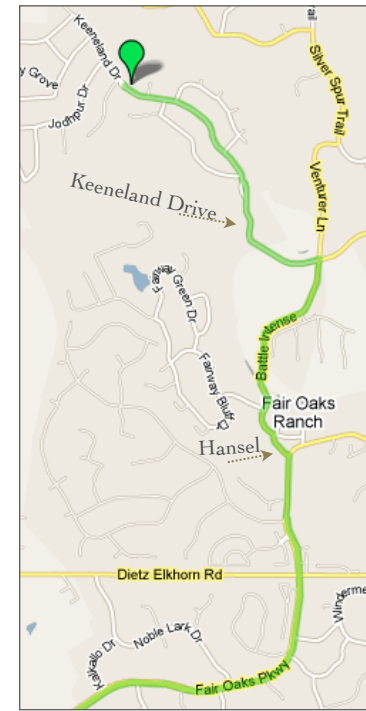
Can you find the only waxleaf ligustrum I left on my property? If you can, you'll know why I did.



**DIRECTIONS:  
FROM IH 10 AT  
EXIT 546 TAKE  
FRONTAGE ROAD  
IN FRONT OF THE  
VILLAGE OF FAIR  
OAKS SHOPPING  
CENTER TOWARD  
OLD  
FREDERICKSBURG  
RD. TAKE THE  
1ST RIGHT ONTO  
OLD  
FREDERICKSBURG  
RD. (USE  
CAUTION AT THE  
DIETZ ELKHORN  
INTERSECTION,  
CROSS TRAFFIC  
DOES NOT STOP).  
CONTINUE ON  
OLD  
FREDRICKSBURG.  
TURN RIGHT AT  
KENDALL PKWY.  
**GATE CODE  
#1999. VEER  
LEFT TO STAY ON  
KENDALL PKWY.  
TAKE 2ND RIGHT  
TO CANYON  
CIRCLE.****

**107 CANYON CIRCLE,  
KENDALL POINTE**

We have been here since Oct 1998. Both Texas Natives, we retired to the Texas Hill Country after 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. For the first 10 years we tried to establish a yard in keeping with our central and north Texas roots. After several fruitless years and much anguish, we enlisted Dave Barrett, a regional landscaper, to design and install our front yard. As a result of his labors, the current landscape is a grand departure from what was installed 12 years ago. With the noted exception of the Live Oak trees in the front yard, the entire area was replanted in 2009. In the summer of 2010, Dave was given the task of replanting the East side of the house from its original Bermuda grass and Pampas grass look to a more native Texas look. In keeping with a Texas native appeal, the area is less labor intensive and more appealing to the eye. We hope you enjoy the view. \* Kendall Pointe covenants restrict posting of signs; therefore, no directional signs will be posted, except in the yard of the participating home.\*



**DIRECTIONS:  
EXIT IH 10 AT  
EXIT 546 AND  
ENTER FAIR  
OAKS  
PARKWAY.  
PROCEED ON  
FAIR OAKS  
PARKWAY &  
PASS THE  
COUNTRY  
CLUB. TURN  
LEFT ON  
HANSEL (STEEP  
DOWNHILL).  
THEN LEFT ON  
BATTLE  
INTENSE.  
PROCEED TO  
KEENELAND,  
TURN LEFT AND  
OVER THE  
BRIDGE INTO  
DEER MEADOW  
ESTATES.  
PROCEED  
APPROX. 1.5  
MILES. HOUSE  
IS ON THE  
RIGHT**

**31043 KEENELAND DRIVE,  
DEER MEADOW ESTATES**

We designed our landscape to require little to no supplemental water and minimal maintenance once established. A majority of the plants are native to the Edwards Plateau and Hill Country region of Texas. Plants native to other parts of Texas and non-native ornamentals constitute a small part of the landscape. We have a 4,000 gallon underground "aquifer" and an additional 3,000 gallons above-ground storage capacity for rainwater. The rainwater is used to water the landscape when needed and also for refilling our rainwater swimming pool. The 'turf' grass in the front and side rear yard is native Buffalo 609. The 'turf' near the pool is Turffalo brand grass (a hybrid of Buffalo) because it tolerates much more foot traffic and is much greener. Because we back to the Cibolo Creek, we have chosen to leave the back yard in its natural state. A Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. \*City of Fair Oaks Ranch ordinance prohibits signs to be posted in public rights of way; therefore, no directional signs will be posted, except in the yard of the participating home.\*