

Answers to Go



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Q. When did the bluebonnet become the state flower of Texas? Is it really illegal to pick bluebonnets?

A. In 1901, the Texas Legislature decided the state of Texas needed to have a state flower. The open cotton boll and the prickly-pear cactus flower were two hot contenders. The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Texas suggested that the bluebonnet would be the most appropriate, and their opinion prevailed. The bluebonnet was approved by Governor Joseph D. Sayers on March 7, 1901.

However, the resolution named the Lupinus subcarnosus as the state flower. Texas legislators didn't realize at the time that there were six species of bluebonnets within the borders of Texas, and the one they specified was not the most common one. According to The Texas Bluebonnet by Jean Andrews, "Lupinus subcarnosus is the delicate low plant that paints the sandy, rolling hills of Texas with waves of azure blue in the early spring. However, some citizens believed it was the least attractive of the Texas bluebonnets... Of the six [species] the consensus of bluebonnet lovers put forward Lupinus texensis, the larger, bolder, deeper blue beauty that blankets most of Central Texas."

This complication was not resolved for another 70 years. According to Jean Andrews, "In 1971, in order to make certain they [legislators] would not be caught in another botanical trap, they covered all their bases in H.C.R.

No. 44 without offending the L. subcarnosus boosters by offering an additional resolution that would include not only L. texensis but also 'any other variety of Bluebonnet not heretofore recorded.' We therefore have six state flowers, with the possibility of others if any new species are discovered or introduced."

As far as the legalities of picking bluebonnets, "A spokesman for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation said state law declares it a misdemeanor to 'recklessly damage or destroy' wild flowers along state-owned road rights-of-way. The department discourages the public from disturbing the flowers; however, law enforcement officials normally do not construe casual enjoyment of the plants, including picking, to be 'reckless damage and destruction.' However, it is unlawful to pick, dig up, or otherwise damage any plant found in a state or national park" (Andrews).

The Journey Continues: The refuge of the Lord's word



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My journey this week reminded me that the Lord's word is our refuge and strength.

"Trust in him at all times, you people, pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

Psalm 62:8

For a handy reference, place a copy in your Bible, and also post it at your workplace.

YOU SAY:

- "It's impossible."

- "I'm too tired."
- "Nobody really loves me."
- "I can't go on."
- "I can't figure things out."

- "I can't do it."
- "I'm not able."
- "It's not worth it."
- "I can't forgive myself."
- "I can't manage."
- "I'm afraid."
- "I'm not smart enough."
- "I feel all alone."
- "I'm always frustrated and worried."

GOD SAYS:

• All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

• I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)

• I love you. (John 3:16 & John 3:34)

- My grace is sufficient.

(Psalm 91 :15)

• I will direct your steps. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

• You can do all things. (Philippians 4:13)

• I am able. (II Corinthians 9:8)

• It will be worth it. (Romans 8:28)

• I forgive you. (1 John 1 :9)

• I will supply all your needs. (Philippians 4:19)

• I have not given you a spirit of fear. (II Timothy 1:7)

• I give you wisdom. (I Corinthians 1:30)

• I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

• Cast all your cares upon me. (I Peter 5:7)



LBJ Museum to host 18th Annual Ted Breihan Open golf tournament

The LBJ Museum of San Marcos will be hosting its annual Golf Tournament, the Ted Breihan Open, on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the Plum Creek Golf Course in Kyle. The format of the tournament is a Florida Scramble and all proceeds benefit the museum. Registration is at 7 a.m. with tee off at 8am concluding with a silent auction and lunch.

Ted Breihan has been a community leader for decades and the museum is proud to have had Mr. Breihan as a member on its Board of Directors from 2000 to 2014. A 1953 graduate of Southwest Texas, now Texas State University, he served on the San Marcos City Council from 1974 to 1980 as well as other community organizations such as the Southside Community Center, the Scheib Center and the United Methodist Church. The LBJ Museum of San Marcos is honored to name its annual golf tournament in Mr. Breihan's honor.

The Ted Breihan Open has raised thousands

of dollars for the museum in the past and has been one of the museum's most successful fundraisers. Don't miss out on participating in this historic event, gather your golf clubs and sign up to play today. Other sponsorship opportunities are available including cart, raffle and hole sponsors.

For more details, you may call the museum 512-353-3300 or visit our website www.lbjmuseum.com or email director@lbjmuseum.com

The LBJ Museum, located on the square in downtown San Marcos, features exhibits and archives on the formative years of President Lyndon B. Johnson at Texas State University, where he was a student from 1927-1930. The museum is free and open Thursday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Facilities are available for rent for special events. For more information, contact the LBJ Museum at director@lbjmuseum.com or call 512-353-3300.

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