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Alamo Area Chapter

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July, 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By the 2010 AAMN Board

First, a reminder that there is no board meeting in July. The board gets together on a Saturday to strategize and prepare for the remainder of the year. This year the emphasis will be on finalizing the AAMN Chapter Operating Handbook (COH). The goal is to present the COH to the membership in a few months for adoption. Be looking for more information on that topic in future newsletters.

The first six months of 2010 is now behind us. This serves as a perfect time to review and evaluate the direction our chapter has taken. A good starting point is to revisit the goals set forth in January.

- Promote the participation of the entire membership.
- Renew old friendships and create new ones.
- Provide more opportunities to serve the community.
- Define new directions for the organization.
- Enhance Master Naturalist visibility within our community.

The board is very much involved in accomplishing these goals, as are the committee chairs and committee members. The adoption of a new set of Bylaws at the April meeting "defines a new direction for the organization." The May "Celebrate Master Naturalist" fun-filled gathering at Eisenhower Park helped "renew old friendships and create new ones." Thanks to Frank Ballard, the updated calendar on the website "promotes the participation of the entire membership," and "provides more opportunities to serve the community."

Presently, we are being offered an opportunity by Debbie Reid, the founder of the Master Naturalist movement, to "enhance the MN visibility within our community" and BEYOND.

See her email below.

Last week I met the Director of the Estacion cientifica la malinche and she is interested in the proposal for having Master Naturalists come and assist in some projects at the station. I have sent her several websites to look at. I know the young investigator would really like some assistance with the bird counts she does in January and February. She not only does them at the station but also at a lake just south of Tlaxcala.

So let me know what you think. Tomorrow I am off to Xalapa to attend the Int'l Society of Economic Botany conference. Looking forward to the botany conference and a change of pace. Hugs, Debbie

To read more about Debbie's Mexico adventure, read the Sept. 2009 newsletter issue, pages 1&2, found on the AAMN website or visit the following MySA link. http://www.mysanantonio.com/livinggreensa/Greener_pastures_for_citys_arborist.html

AAMN volunteers are needed to take on this challenge. If you are interesting in spearheading this great travel adventure to the central-eastern part of Mexico and have some basic knowledge of the Spanish language, please contact Liz Robbins at srobbins@gvtc.com ASAP.

We wish to thank Kim Carrell for sharing some information on Facebook about Texas Public Radio. Check out the following link for programming schedule. <http://www.tpr.org/environment/livegreensa.html> COSA Forester Michael Nentwich, MN Class 17, and other city staffers are slated to speak on various environmental issues.

Finally, here's wishing you the best, fun-filled safe "Fourth of July" holiday. Hope to see you at the next monthly meeting, August 10th, at the Texas AgriLife Extension building. ✱

July 1 - 72 days since the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion, which occurred April 20, 2010.



No Meeting
in July.

Board Meeting
August 10
5:15 p.m.
Program
7:00 p.m.
@ Agrilife

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD COMMITTEES

Projects to be reviewed for approval as a Master Naturalist activity must be submitted on the Submission for Activity Approval form. Forms can be obtained by contacting Pamela Ball, pball12@satx.rr.com, or from the AAMN website at www.alamomasternaturalist.org.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR HOURS !!

Reporting hours is easy with the new EXCEL spreadsheet that was developed for e-mail submissions or for mailing in your hours. It is available online at www.alamomasternaturalist.org.

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ACTIVATE YOUR 2010 GOOGLE DOCS ACCOUNT TODAY!

John Wolcott jwolcott@satx.rr.com and Roy Yarnold royyarnold@sbcglobal.net have not only volunteered to assist you with this effort but will also serve as the clearing-house for information regarding reported hours, hours that have vanished and those that have gone unreported.

As most of you know, each year we award 'one of a kind' certification pins for those who achieve 8 hours of advanced training and 40 hours of volunteer service. This year that pin is a wood duck.

Additionally, throughout the year, the milestone dragonfly pins are also awarded for 250 hours, 500 hours, and 1,000, 2,500 and 5,000 hours of volunteer service.



Retraction! Easy Tick Removal

Apparently our hip tip last month was not very well researched. Thanks to our educated members for pointing out that there are more medically sound ways to remove a tick. *

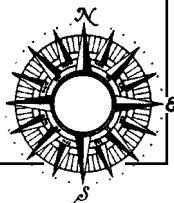
Alamo Area Master Naturalists,

I am doing the scrapbook for the 2010 Annual Texas Master Naturalist Conference, and I would appreciate any pictures of Master Naturalist activities you might have. Please identify the location, activity, date and MN in the pictures (if you know any of the information).

With your help our chapter can have the best scrapbook in the state.

To send pictures to me, please send them to anrjpl@aol.com.

Thank you,
Nancy Phillips



AAMN Documents

Online at: [AAMN Documents](#)
Access important chapter documents including bylaws and minutes online

MONTHLY MEETINGS

No meeting in July

Tuesday, August 10 @ Agrilife

Agrilife Extension classroom
3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste. 208
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tuesday, September 14 @ Helotes Creek Nature Center

14433 Old Bandera Road
Helotes, TX 78023-3705

Starting in October, all AAMN BOD and general membership meetings will be at the the AgriLife Extension classroom at 3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste. 208, San Antonio, TX 78230

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STATE OF THE STATE

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating TWO new Chapters to the Texas Master Naturalist Statewide Program.

The Central Texas Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program and The Good Water Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program.

Both Chapters have submitted the final phase of the 3-part Chapter Development process with their final phases approved!

The Good Water Chapter is based out of Williamson County while the Central Texas Chapter is based out of Bell County.

Thank you to these new chapters and the great leadership of their steering committees during the development process over the last year. These two new chapters now bring the total number of current approved and recognized chapters in the state to 40.

We also look forward to fully approving the final phases of the Texas Master Naturalist Chapter development process for the developing Indian Trail Chapter and the Piney Wood Lakes Chapter soon! These two new chapters, once fully approved will bring the state total to 42.

To date, there have been 44 Texas Master Naturalist Chapters established statewide, however, two of those are no longer in operation and have been dissolved for a few years now. *

*Congrats and welcome to all!
Michelle & Sonny*

11th Texas Master Naturalist Statewide Annual Meeting & Advanced Training

When: October 22-24, 2010

Where: T bar M Ranch in New Braunfels

Room Reservations:

Required by September 27.

Make your room reservation on-line:
www.tbarm.com

Group # txmasnat Password naturalist

If you have questions about reservations at T bar M., contact the reservationist at 800/292-5469 24 hours a day and reference reservation number 308734. *

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Many of you may have some volunteer service projects coming up that include outreach and education for youth and adults. If those programs need to include the present day topic of the Deep Horizon Oil Spill and concerns, here is a collection of great resources and lesson plans for you to utilize and draw from:

LEARNING ABOUT THE GULF OIL LEAK IN THE LAB

<http://tiny.cc/4yao3>

LIQUID DENSITY AND OIL SPILLS

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/g68/trythisoil.html>

BIRD BATHS: CLEANING UP WILDLIFE AFTER

OIL SPILLS <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/g35/dawnducks.html>

HUMAN IMPACT

<http://octopus.gma.org/surfing/human/oilindex.html>

OCEAN PLANET: POLLUTION SOLUTION

<http://tiny.cc/bpu1b>

SEDIMENT PENETRATION EXERCISE

<http://tiny.cc/0u26g>

CAUTION: FIX IT!

<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/lessons/>

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City of San Antonio
Parks and Recreation Department Natural Areas

July 2010 Stewardship Activities

By Jayne Neal

Usually Wendy and I use the newsletter to write about some natural wonder we have observed in the field, like an amazingly intricate spider web that survives wind and rain, or a plant like stick-leaf (*Mentzelia oligosperma*) with leaves that stick to clothing “so tenaciously that only slow decay will remove them” (Enquist, M. 1987. *Wildflowers of the Texas Hill Country*). This month, however, I feel compelled to comment on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Those of you who have volunteered with us over the last 2-3 years may remember that it has been our custom until recently to spend a little time on Thursday mornings discussing ways in which we can reduce our energy and water use. We have shared many good, practical ideas. We came up with getting another use out of vegetable cooking water by letting it cool and then pouring it on plants. We thoroughly debated whether it would save energy if we unplugged (rather than just turned off) electronics. Most of all we did not just talk about doing these things—I believe many of us adopted new energy and water-saving habits.

Regarding opportunities in the Natural Areas, in July we will continue our Thursday vegetation surveys at Scenic Canyon. In addition, it is that time of the year when we do our night cave cricket counts. We suggest you bring an EASY TO CARRY, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAIR for the cricket surveys. If you think this is a spectacular Spring and Summer, just wait til you spend some time in the Natural Areas at night! Below is the complete schedule of activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Leonard (Wendy.Leonard@sanantonio.gov) or Jayne Neal (Jayne.Neal@sanantonio.gov); both Wendy and Jayne can be reached at 210.372.9124.✱

Thursdays - July 1, 8, 15, 29 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Scenic Canyon

19011 Scenic Loop Rd., Helotes, TX 78023

Thurs., July 22 NO SURVEY—Wendy and Jayne will be out of town

**Fridays - July 2, 9 & 30 and Saturday, July 10
7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Special Night Survey for Cave
Crickets.** You MUST call (372-9124) Wendy Leonard to get a confirmed reservation. Meet at Stone Oak Park parking lot on north side of Stone Oak Parkway, 20395 Stone Oak Pkwy.

**Sat., July 31 - 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Special Night
Survey for Cave Crickets.** You MUST call (372-9124) Jayne Neal to get a confirmed reservation. Meet at Crownridge Canyon Natural Area, 7222 Luskey Blvd.

www.sanaturalareas.org
**MEDINA RIVER NATURAL AREA
Summer Programs**

**July 10, 2010 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
ROCKS, MINERALS and STONES**

**August 14, 2010 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Bicycle Safety on Trails**

This program is appropriate for 5-12 year olds.

****August 13 and 27, 2010 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
FISHING FRIDAYS Clinic**

This event is very popular and is limited to 20 so reserve your spot early.

RSVP is required at 624-2575.

Medina River Natural Area is located at 15890 Highway 16 South.

Suggested donation for each program is \$3 per person or \$5 per family

The preceding programs are not approved for volunteer service or advanced training.

CANYON GORGE

The Gorge Preservation Society and GBRA are gearing up for another docent training class and looking for new volunteers for Gorge tours. Please help us promote the upcoming class.

Canyon Gorge 2010 Docent Training Class Coming Soon! Sign Up Now!

1. August 27, Friday, River/Lake/Flood
2. September 3, Friday, Biology
3. September 10, Friday, Interpretation
4. September 17, Friday Saturday, Geology
5. September 24, Friday, First Aid

Please call or e-mail us if you are interested.

Jaynellen Ladd - jladd@gbra.org - 830-964-5424

Approved for advanced training.

EISENHOWER PARK

July 10 will be our big ‘Growing Up WILD’ program. This will be a fun filled, engaging program for young children ages 3 – 7 and their families. We will have displays, hands on activities, games and songs that will really connect the participants with Nature. Don’t miss an opportunity to make some ‘amphibian skin’ (secretly known as gack) and to play the ‘acorn relay’!!

The fun starts at 10:00 and lasts until you get tired or 12:00 p.m. (when we get tired).

Please RSVP. 210-372-9124 or e-mail peggy.spring@sanantonio.gov There is a suggested donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family.

Eisenhower Park, 19399 NW Military Hwy.

Approved for volunteer service hours if assisting.





AWARDS SUMMARY

By John H. Wolcott

As part of our catch up with older records, we were pleased to award 1000 hour pins to Bill Woller and Cindy Sims at our May picnic. Below are the new awardees from this month:

Person	Class	Awards
Kathleen Blankenship	22	Wood Duck
Mary Homan	26	Wood Duck
Chris Menzel	23	Wood Duck

The following AAMN members earned longevity awards:

Person	Class	Awards
Lan Eng	5	250 hours
Jeannie Hays	20	250 hours
Diane Fey	23	500 hours
Cindy Sims	9	1,000 hours
Bill Woller	1	1,000 hours

If I missed someone, please holler.

John Wolcott@satx.rr.com or (210) 497-4365. *

Many Doomed; Some Rescued!

by Sherry Hess (from *Bexar Roots*, the newsletter of the Native Plant Society-San Antonio, May/June 2010)

Have you ever seen a "for sale" or "coming soon" sign go up on a favorite piece of land you frequently pass by causing you to think, "There's another spot of green about to vanish"? Well, Veronica Hawk does something about the established native plants that are destined for obliteration by new construction. A member of the rescue committee of the Boerne chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas ("NPSOT"), Veronica will contact the owner of a property about to be developed to ask if NPSOT members can come for a plant rescue.

She conscientiously has rescuers sign a form saying that they will not make public statements about the rescue and will not visit the site except during the scheduled rescue session. Additionally, participants may not sell the plants, use heavy machinery, antagonize landowners or impede development.

On a beautiful Sunday in early May, Veronica assembled a band of volunteers at a beautiful spot outside Boerne that was slated for clearing. We arrived armed with hats, shovels, gloves and reused pots. The property was a wonder of coreopsis blooms waving in the breeze and also contained grapevine, cutleaf daisy, wedelia (aka zexmenia), ten-petal anemone, threeawn grass, sideoats gramma, yuccas, persimmon, Mexican hat, evening primrose, bluebonnet, prairie verbena, wild sunflower, dewberry, horsemint, basket flower, bushy bluestem, switchgrass, possumhaw holly, guara, blue-eyed grass, antelope-horn milkweed, beebalm, spiderwort, and saplings of oak, hackberry and Eve's necklace.

Veronica recommends using plastic grocery bags rather than plastic pots for transporting the rescued plants. The plastic bag can

be tightened to hold the adherent soil intact and to minimize moisture loss, reducing transplant shock. The ground was cement-like near the fence line and the gate, testament to the compressive effect of vehicular traffic. It was easier digging in the center of the field. We developed a rhythm of digging and potting, bringing plants to a central collection area, then going out again.



Veronica is very knowledgeable about plant identification and was armed with several plant guidebooks to assist with unrecognized types. She described the difference between the rough leaf dogwood flower and the rusty blackhaw viburnum: the dogwood blossoms have much longer stamens. Veronica's enthusiasm was infectious. At the end of the dig, she said, "Not only have we rescued some plants that would have been lost, and now we

have some plants for our garden, but we got to spend this great time with other native plant lovers!"

Veronica is willing to contact owners of properties set for development to inform them of the plant rescue process. She encourages us to be on the lookout for any large properties with native plants and bearing a "for sale" sign. Inform your friends, especially realtors and developers, that we are able to identify and save some of the more uncommon natives before site clearing begins.

Veronica has held several subsequent plant rescues and will be holding more as sites are identified. One location has been scheduled for the first Sunday morning of every month, for both plant and seed collection. If you would like to be placed on Veronica's email list to be notified of future rescues or to alert Veronica of a property for sale that might be a candidate for rescue, contact her at veronica.hawk@gmail.com. *

Approved for volunteer service hours.



HOT TUB NATURALIST JULY, 2010

By Anton Hajek

After more than a year of injury rehab and recovery the hot tub been travelling! First there was a trip for the Texas Transportation Museum to Ozona, TX to pick up a 1927 Dodge Liberty, a WWI commemoration car. It had been sitting under a closed shed on a 9,000-acre ranch since 1956 and wasn't beyond restoration except for the cost thereof. Two tires still held air! But the other two rear tires came off the rims and pulled car sideways. It took a mere two hours to load the car into the trailer: one winch, four come-a-longs, two jacks, and some aged but strong backs. Our reward was a beer and Greek-styled lunch.

The soft cover for the car top became airborne and left the transport somewhere on IH-10.

By contrast the delivery of a Model "T" to Castroville was uneventful, well except for the loading mistake that had it rolling off the trailer and headed toward other museum pieces. Luckily a heavyweight lived up to his name.

Then to Big Bend for the long Memorial Day weekend with a newbie, Hugh. A citizen of Scotland in the USA legitimately for 23 years had never been past Kerrville. This is my favorite place of all. For some reason Hugh thought one shouldn't visit an observatory in the day. What a pilgrim. Unless you have bought admission to a star party, the buildings are closed due to astronomers at work! He did tolerate my dunking the electric cars keys in to Hot Springs fairly well. I don't personally own a vehicle that uses a chip/electric key. Luckily the case was well sealed. Hugh is the Manager of Texas Transportation Museum and the cause of the Ozona trip.

Finally, a leisurely weekend with my wife at the Brown Ranch for a stay at the Hummer House. What a shame the MN trip failed to fill. Owner Dan Brown informally lectured the enthralled Saturday visitors for two hours. On Friday evening he sat with us as we watched the sun diminish on 19 deer and 9 turkeys. The cottage had soft music, cool air, and scent upon entry. And well appointed as one could eat breakfast and lunch as part of the rental with no problem. Electric carts were provided to find the dam, the orchard, the graveyard, the spring, and the paths. The tiny town of Christoval had one small grocery, one antique shop, two Mexican food restaurants, two Baptist churches and one Museum open upon a call, as well as a linear park along the river. ✱

River Walk Garden Workday

Second Friday of every month - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to cut, trim, and plant at the San Antonio Riverwalk Garden. Bring cutting tools such as shears, rakes, and clip-

July, 2010
Cibolo Nature Center



July 7, 2010

Flying WILD Training

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Approved for advanced training.

July 10, 2010

Rainwater Harvest Workshop with John Kight

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: CNC auditorium

Approved for advanced training.

July 10, 2010

SONGS & STORIES Concert with Nobuko

Cost: CNC member \$7.50, non-member \$10, seniors (65+) \$5.00, kids 12 and under free.

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Location: CNC Stage

Approved for volunteer service hours if assisting.

July 10, 2010

Kid's Club: Bubble Mania

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Location: CNC Backporch

Approved for volunteer service hours if assisting.

July 15, 2010

Nature Box Workshop for Teachers

Cost: \$10/person; limit 25

Preregistration required. Call 830.249.4616

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: CNC Auditorium

Approved for volunteer service hours if assisting.

July 20, 2010

Mother Nature's Storytime: A Bug's Life

Donations gladly accepted

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Location: CNC Visitor Center

Approved for volunteer service hours if assisting.

July 21, 2010

Land Management & Estate Planning in the Texas Hill Country presented by the Cibolo Conservancy

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: CNC Auditorium

Approved for advanced training.

pers and also gloves and water for this workday.

This is an AAMN project at the corner of Aubrey and Old Guilbeau on the Riverwalk. ✱

Lan Eng 830-980-2300 or lanbceng@gmail.com

Approved for volunteer service hours

How Did the Master Naturalist Program Get Started?

Reflections by Judit Green, TPWD

Back in the summer of 1996, Debbie Reid along with Mary Cafferini, both who worked at Friedrich Wilderness Park with the San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department, met with Rufus Stephens and myself, Judit Green, the two urban biologists with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department about some ideas. Debbie, who had once worked with many of the Master Gardener volunteers, as well as others, had heard many of them imply that they had a strong wish to work with natural resources, but that there were no such programs that offered intensive training like that offered by the Master Gardener program. And thus a seed was planted.

We had the support from our agency directors such as Ron Smudy with San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department and John Herron with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for us to dedicate time to the creation and development of this new program. In addition we received grant monies from Mark Peterson through the Texas Forest Service to start up the program. These agencies turned out to be the local San Antonio sponsors for the first Master Naturalist class in the state, now known as the Alamo Area Master Naturalist Chapter (the founding chapter).

Our first attempt was to try to get natural resource classes incorporated into the existing Master Gardener program. However we wanted the natural resource training to receive ample coverage, and since the Master Gardener program was already lengthy and well established, they were unable to offer us the time we felt we needed to cover the subject matter we felt was important. So we decided to create a program with a similar model to the Master Gardener program (ie, offer training to volunteers who in turn would claim their community hours in order to receive and maintain their certification).

Since we were now on a path to creating the newly named Master Naturalist program, we were excited that we would be able to offer an array of classes and dedicate a great deal of time to a multitude of subjects, especially those focused on local natural resources, that we felt would be important to teach future volunteers. Of course, we needed help from the many resource specialists in the community to help write the various chapters of the first Master Naturalist Handbook. They, along with assigned volunteers to their team, came together under one roof on a Saturday in the fall of 1996 to start work on their chapters.

In addition, we enlisted the help of Natural Initiative group members to support this new program. Natural Initiatives, a program that had existed since 1994 and fell under the umbrella of the Bexar Audubon Society, consisted of individuals representing different local agencies and organizations with common natural resource goals. We often came together to brainstorm about ways to reach the community with natural resource related events and projects and were all too familiar with the shortage of help to adequately fulfill that need. So Natural Initiative members quickly realized the importance of the Master Naturalist program and helped to sponsor it from the beginning.

Although ambitious, we planned to start the first Master Naturalist class in the spring of 1997. The first class was held at Friedrich Wilderness Park and chapters of the handbook, which were literally hot off the press, were passed out to class members at the beginning of each class. Many of the resource specialists, who had helped write the handbook, were also teaching the classes.

As we celebrate 10 years of Master Naturalists in Texas, all I can say is, "Amazing!" That first meeting offered up an idea. From that idea emerged a willingness of others to join forces to make the Master Naturalist program a reality. Make no mistake, there have been many, many people from the time of inception to this very day that made it and continue to make it a very important program in our state, as well as in the nation. Many of those people are Master Naturalist volunteers. This program was started because there was a need—a need for volunteers to help bring awareness and appreciation of natural resources to their communities. The Master Naturalist program has done just that! Master Naturalists are truly an asset to our communities! *

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PICTURE YOUR WORLD FOR KIDS 8-18 VOLUNTEER GUIDES NEEDED

These workshops are sponsored by Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas in a program called Picture Your World for kids 8-18.

The naturalist points out things they see and gives them opportunities to photograph along the hike, while the photographer teaches them about photo composition and the use of the camera.

Here are the tentative dates and places for each of our workshops. We'd need a naturalist from approximately 1:30-3:30 p.m. for each workshop.

1. Land Heritage Institute, September 26
2. Government Canyon, November 14
3. Fredrich Wilderness Park, January 23
4. Cibolo Ranch, February 27 (Cammey Ritchie would like someone to help out although she knows her property very well.)
5. Warbler Woods, March 20, preferably someone who also knows birds for this one. *

Approved for volunteer service hours.

Pam Yarnold - 210-497-1088 / 210-383-8224
or Nancy Phillips - anrjp@hotmail.com



**Gemini Ink's 2010 Summer
Literary Festival focuses on Biomimicry**

Classes, events, performances to take place July 9-25

Gemini Ink, the only literary arts center in San Antonio and South Texas, is pleased to announce the schedule for its 13th annual Summer Literary Festival themed What Would Nature Do? The theme this year focuses on Biomimicry, which according to the Biomimicry Institute is “the science and art of emulating nature’s best biological ideas to solve human problems.”

The annual literary festival runs July 9-25 and features a wide variety of exciting classes, readings, and performances for kids, teens, and adults.

Registration for classes and Young Writers Camps is ongoing and can be completed by phone, mail, and online. A complete schedule is available by visiting www.geminiink.org or by calling 210.734.9673. *

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conservation,
preservation and restoration
of our natural resources,
promoting
ecological education
for all ages.



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NPSOT

Meetings of the San Antonio chapter of NPSOT are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month and are free and open to the public.

6:30 p.m. – Native plant and seed exchange

7:00 p.m. – Meeting and program

Lions Field Adult Center
2809 Broadway (at Mulberry &
Broadway by Brackenridge Park)

Map at

www.tinyurl.com/LionsField-SA

