



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for October 8, 2015
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President – Bruce Neville –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of September 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your September 2015 hours
 - 3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair –
 - 5. Host/Social – Olivia Ash (temp), Chair –
 - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair –
 - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - 9. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair –

II. Old Business

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III. New Business

- A. Holiday Social- Unitarian Universalist Church reserved for Saturday, December 12th.
 - 1. Amanda Chau- How do you want to handle the church facility utility fee? Last year we paid \$53. Did the fee go up? Do I give a check to you tomorrow night at the meeting to pass onto your church?
 - A. We have budgeted \$200 for the Social Committee for supplies and Christmas Social. The Committee has used only \$8.65 so far so you have \$191.35 remaining in your budget.
- B. Gabbard and Brison Parks-Amanda Chau would like to propose we pick up trash on 11/21, 11/28, or 12/05. No home game on these dates. How about other events or activities that may clash with our trash pick up.
- C. Nominating committee for 2016-2017 new officers

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
October 8, November 12, December social
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
October 8- *Frog Calls*, Marsha May, November 12- Native Bees, Michael Warriner

- 3. Garden project at the City of College Station Community Services bldg** (1207 Texas Avenue.) Join Cheryl Lewis **on a Saturday** that works for you. 571-6448
- 4. Central Texas Nature Fest October 10, 11 am – 5 pm** at Bend of the River (located directly off I-35.) <http://txmn.org/centraltexasnaturefest/> (AT approved)
- 5. Boonville Days October 10**, Brazos Museum of Natural History.
- 6. Oct 17, Birding, Botany, and Geology in Milam County** (AT & V approved), Joyce Conner coordinating (joyce@conner.net)
- 7. Padre Island National Seashore's Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery training session on cold stunned sea turtles, Oct 17**, Corpus Christi (AT approved)
- 8. Project FeederWatch, Nov 8, '15 - Apr 3, '16.** (V approved)
- 9. Tuesdays thru Nov 17, New Member Training**, (AT if haven't seen speaker or topic before)
- 10. TBD, Park clean-up at Gabbard and Brison Parks**, Amanda Chau coordinating
- 11. TMN 16th Annual Mtg, Oct 23-25, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls**
- 12.** AT Comm added [list of pre-approved advanced training activities](#) on BVTMN website. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.
- 13. Texas Society for Ecological Restoration Conference, Nov 13-15**, San Antonio-Trinity University campus (AT approved)
- 14.** Ongoing activity- Public educational presentations on TV, radio, or group settings that members give on the Texas Master Naturalist Program, or on the following naturalist topics: Texas native plants; water conservation & fresh water management in Texas; Texas invasive plants; Texas wildlife; Texas wildlife habitat management; & endangered/threatened species in Texas. Members would receive credit for time actually presenting & for work such as preparation and travel, that supports the presentation. (V approved)
- 15. Pre-approved volunteer projects list:** Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting and reporting data for iNaturalist is approved for volunteer credit. This includes organizational projects such as the development of a iNaturalist guide to a Texas area. Collecting and reporting eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.