



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for February 12, 2015
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of January 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your January 2015 hours.
 - 3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair – Should attendance at the welcoming and graduation ceremonies for new trainees count as chapter support VT? And, if so, how much time should be allowed?
 - 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

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IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Spring Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
Feb 12-Mr. Ed Riley, Associate Curator, TAMU Ento Collection. He'll speak about a survey he's beginning of the moths of Lick Creek Park. This survey will also provide numerous volunteer opportunities for members of our chapter. Please join us to learn more about the survey and the volunteer opportunities. Please direct any questions to me, Bruce Neville, VP and Program Chair
Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
Feb 12-, Mar 12-, Apr 9-, May 14-
- 3. **Urban Riparian Symposium, Feb 11-13, Austin.** We're looking for abstracts to be submitted for presentations. You can find out more at [Online Registration](#)
- 4. **Great Backyard Bird Count - Feb 13 – 16** (V approved)

5. **"Honey, I've Got The Bees!" Sat, Feb 14, 9 am - 6 pm.** CNC&F Auditorium, 140 City Park Road, Boerne. Presenter: Don Fraser. COST: \$110 per person. Lunch included. The course is also approved for 6 CE credit hours for Master Naturalists.
6. **Landscape for Life.** Five classes: program explores role of soils, water, vegetation, materials in sustainable landscape design. **Feb 25, Mar 4 & 17,** Boerne. \$75 tuition.
7. **Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop – Dickinson Bayou Watershed. Feb 27, 9 AM–4:30 PM.** Galveston County Extension Office, La Marque, TX. [Online Registration](#) (AT approved)
8. **Texas Pollinator PowWow**-TPWD's Nongame and Rare Species Program hosting at LBJ Wildflower Cntr **February 28.** This is the second in a series of events aimed at raising awareness of native and non-native pollinators.
9. **Environmental education mentoring course March 16-21 in Bastrop**
10. **Environmental Educators Summit 2015,** March 27, Lonestar College-Montgomery
11. **Children & Nature Network Conference, Apr 7-9,** Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. <http://www.childrenandnature.org/site/conference2015/> (AT approved)
12. **Colonial Water Bird Workshop “TERN” Training (free) + Colonial Water Bird Trip to North Deer Island Rookery by Boat (\$45) April 12,** Galveston (AT approved)
13. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sat, April 24 7am - 2 pm.** Location as usual, University Services Bldg (BRTC to us). (V approved)
14. **Bioblitz April 24 7-9 PM & 25 9 AM-1 PM.** Lick Creek Park. (pre-approved Volunteer Hours)
15. **Brazos Bend Campout April 24-26 at Brazos Bend State Park, southwest of Houston.** AT hrs available-check w/your chapter after the program is announced.
16. **2015 Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training Sept 28-Oct 2, Conroe.**
17. **TMN 16th Annual Mtg, Oct 23-25, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls**
18. AT Comm added list of pre-approved advanced training activities on BVTMN website <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/2013-committees/advanced-training-committee/preapproved-at/>. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Please check it out. May give you some new ideas for advanced training & also help reduce your need to request approval for activities.
19. Did this to reduce amount of email sent out to membership about advanced training & reduce load on next year's AT committee.
Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.
20. 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)
21. **Pre-approved volunteer projects list:** <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/volunteer-projects/projects/>. 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.