



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for May 8, 2014
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President - Sarah Laughlin –

1. Storage
2. Do we need to use county facilities for any educational programs? From Dusty: "We are compiling our office budget proposal for FY2015. In relation to using county facilities, we must rent the buildings just like everyone else. However, it is more like a "paper shuffle" because as long as we have it in the budget we can "rent" county buildings. If you would like, I will include \$ for a TMN educational program. We do the same for many other extension related committees."
3. Lick Creek Update: City Council Workshop on May 22nd, 6:00 pm
4. Are we still doing t-shirts?
5. Millican Reserve outreach/nature walks: May 25th?

B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –

C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of Apr 2014 meeting minutes

D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –balance of \$3566.46 and a total of 46 "active" members. The financial status on our web page has been updated. If you need to be reimbursed for supplies or speaker honorarium, please scan your receipt(s) and email your request and receipt(s) to me. Please provide me with your home address and I will be happy to mail you a reimbursement check ASAP.

E. Committees

1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your April hours
3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
5. Host/Social – Melissa Kamerbeek and Jim Balthrop, Co-Chairs – Spring Social, evening of Sat, May 17th. Additional info & sign-up list for potluck dinner available at today's meeting.
6. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, 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/Summer Meeting Schedule: (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
May 8, Jun 12, July 10, August 14

2. Monthly Meeting speakers (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
May 8- Mark Suter-Edible Wild Plants; **June 12-TBD; July 10-TBD**

3. Urban Wildlife Management Workshop - May 8 (6.75 AT hrs), Phil Hardberger
Park Urban Ecology Center, San Antonio

4. TWA LANDS Field Investigation Day (V hours)-Texas Wildlife Association Education Team is looking for people who enjoy working w/ students & willing to help at a L.A.N.D.S. Field Investigation Day.

If interested in earning volunteer hours, enjoy seeing beautiful Texas landscapes, want to help leave a legacy for our next generation, & like to learn new things while having fun, contact kcoffer@texas-wildlife.org, or call one of the numbers below for more info.

Dates and locations of our upcoming L.A.N.D.S. events. (approx. time: 8a-2pm)

* May 9 - Crosby, TX (in the Crosby area)

* May 13 - Hitchcock, TX (in the Hitchcock area)

* May 19 - Mtn. Home, TX (W. of Kerrville)

* May 21 - Hockley, TX (E of Waller)

* May 28 - Paige, TX (NE of Bastrop)

5. Monarch Biology, Ecology & Monarch Larval Monitoring Project Training:

"The MLMP @ CNC Back Porch Review" **9 am - 4 pm**; \$20 Suggested Donation at **CNC auditorium & back porch.** Registration-Cindy Glass [830-249-4616](tel:830-249-4616) or nature@cibolo.org (AT approved)

6. March, and upcoming RBAS field trips

May 10. North American Migration Count, Brazos County

June. No field trip, too darn hot.

July 12. Still hot, but Fourth of July Butterfly Count.

7. Rio Brazos Audubon "Archaeopteryx and the Evolution of Mesozoic Birds" w/Dr. John Baines showing examples found in North America. **Wed. May14, 6:30 BVMNH**

8. Wednesday Bird Programs (pre-approved AT)-Kleb Woods nature center, Tomball, 1:30-3:00 PM and may include an off-site field trip.

May 14-Breeding Birds of the Big Thicket

For more info, contact 281-357-5324 or klebwoods@hctx.net

***This free class is courtesy of Steve Radack, Commissioner Precinct 3**

9. Go to <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/webcasts/category/webinars/> to view one-hour archived webinars (AT credit). Or attend webinars in real time on third Thursday each month between 12 and 1 pm. Go to www.texas-wildlife.webex.com just prior to event and click on the title of the webinar that you wish to attend. Coming up May 15 - Wildscapes by Kelly Simon.

10. Invasive Plant Workshop May 17th, 9 AM-4 PM, Winedale Historical Complex near Round Top. Reply to judithdeaton@gmail.com

11. Stream Team Core (Basic) Training-Sat, May 17 10 AM-3:30 PM. Pre-registration required; no costs for training. Email register to rgm3372010@live.com. (AT approved)

12. Bird Tales Training and Outreach, May 21 6:30-8:30 PM, BVMNH (AT or V approved) Marian Cothran in talks w/ Mary Anne Webber at Houston Audubon about coming up for training session for [Audubon's Bird Tales](#) program, in conjunction w/outreach Marian is facilitating at local retirement centers to provide resources and programs for residents. If interested in participating in this training, contact Marian directly marian.cothran@hotmail.com

- 13. Cybertracker Track and Sign Certification May 24-25th Austin**
<http://earthnativeschool.com/adult-programs/classes/wildlife-track-and-sign.html>
- 14. Southwest Stream Restoration Conference 2014 May 28-30 Hyatt Regency, San Antonio**
- 15. May 29-31 State of the Prairie Conference** (AT approved)-Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, will include field trips to local prairies and evening awards dinner
<http://prairiepartner.org/page/2014-sop-conference>
- 16. Macro Photography Workshop. Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. Marble Falls, TX June 21-22** Details/registration:
<http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/bcnwr-workshop/>
- 17. Southeast Regional Texas Master Naturalist workshop, Sat. July 19 in Livingston, TX** at the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce. \$10 registration
- 18. TMN Annual Meeting October 24-26, 2014 Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX**
- 19. TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)
- 20. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)
- 21. Water quality monitoring** (AT approved)
- 22. Jan-Feb issue of Reverchon Naturalist**
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/newsroom/factsheets/?cid=nrcs144p2_003087
- 23. Lost Ladybug Project (V approved)**-Lost Ladybug Project seeking citizen scientists & naturalists to take photos of ladybugs to help understand recent decline of native species. Please help us build a North American map of ladybug species. You can upload into our database using this easy form: <http://www.lostladybug.org/form/page-1-form-558.php>
- 24. Texas Stream Team Paddlers Needs Master Naturalists**-Join the *Texas Stream Team* -a group of some 8,000 men, women, and children who have been active stewards of Texas waterways since 1991. **To find out how you can get involved, contact:** Travis Tidwell, Texas Stream Team, Program Coordinator, (512) 245-9148 or txstreamteam@txstate.edu, MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/
- 25. 2014 Prairie Power Series**-2014 prairie activities, HNPAT and CPP co-sponsored (Houston Chapter of the Native Prairies Association of Texas; Coastal Prairie Partnership). Go to <http://prairiepartner.org/group/hnpat>.
- 26. Camp Allen** (V credit)-Interested in partnering with us for volunteer hours leading some guided nature walks? Get volunteer credit for travel, prep, and actual time spent on the walk. Emily Krueger, Navasota, 936-825-7175, www.campallen.org, emilyk@campallen.org
- 27. 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.
- 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.

28. 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)