

# Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Agenda for September 10, 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 August 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau -
- E. Committees
  - 1. Outreach Olivia Ash, Chair –
  - 2. Membership Betty Vermeire, Chair submit your August 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 Bohlmeyer, Chair –

#### II. Old Business

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### III. <u>New Business</u>

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### IV. <u>Announcements</u>

### **Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items**

- 1. TMN Fall Meeting Schedule: (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH) September 10, October 8, November 12, December social
- **2. Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit) September 10-, October 8-, 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. Statewide Quail Symposium Sept 16-18, Abilene. (AT approved)

**5.** Texas Pollinator PowWow Sept. 19-20 at Schreiner University in Kerrville <u>http://www.texaspollinatorpowwow.org/</u> (AT approved)

6. *Free* workshop **"Managing Land and Vegetation in Southeast Texas: Using Prescribed Fire and Fuel Reduction Treatments to Reduce Wildfire Risk and Establish Resilient Ecosystems"**, Shepherd, TX **Sept 25** (AT approved)

**7. Monarch Biology, Ecology and Monarch Larval Monitoring Project Training Sept 26** 9AM-4PM, Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium, Boerne. (AT approved)

**8. 2015 Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training Sept 28-Oct 2, Conroe** (AT approved)

**9.** 7th Annual Lone Star Water Forum Oct 3 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center-Brenham (AT approved)

**10.** Central Texas Nature Fest October 10, 11 am – 5 pm at Bend of the River (located directly off I-35.) <u>http://txmn.org/centraltexasnaturefest/</u> (AT approved)

**11. Boonville Days October 10**, Brazos Museum of Natural History.

12. TMN 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Mtg, Oct 23-25, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls

**13.** AT Comm added <u>list of pre-approved advanced training activities</u> 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.

**14. Texas Society for Ecological Restoration Conference**, **Nov 13-15**, San Antonio-Trinity University campus (AT approved)

15. 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) 16. 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.