



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for September 12, 2013
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President – Olivia Ash –
- B. Vice President – Jim Balthrop –
- C. Secretary – Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of August 2013 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau –
- E. Outreach – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair –
- F. Training – Bruce Neville, Chair –
- G. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
- H. Advanced Training –Mike and Joyce Conner, Co-Chairs –
- I. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
- J. Host/Social – Joyce Conner, Chair – Upcoming events - **Sept. 21**, Fall Social, Bird Survey (see in announcements below), Meet New Trainees and Potluck at Cedar Hill Ranch, Gause; **Nov. 12**, refreshments for last Fall training class; **Dec. 7**, Holiday Day Party and Potluck at Ferguson Showroom, Bryan. Please save dates (more information to come later).
- K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
- L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
- M. Program – Jim Balthrop, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A. Olivia-store room keys

III. New Business

- A. Olivia Ash-procedure for approval of BVTMN members' participation in events and expenditure of funds for reimbursement
- B. 2014 BVTMN officer elections

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
September 12, October 10, November 14
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
Sept 12-Marsha May, TPWD, Texas Nature Tracker Coordinator-**Biological Inventory Team Project**
Oct 10-Pete Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service-**Famous Trees of Texas**
Nov 14-Jaime Gonzales, Katy Prairie Conservancy-**TBA**
- 3. Shorebird ID - Sept 14, 7 AM– Galveston (AT approved)
- 4. **Cornell Shorebird ID webinars**-http://store.birds.cornell.edu/category_s/55.htm
\$10/session. (AT approved)

5. **200 Webinars (AT approved)**-Over 200 live and archived webinars available for AT credit through [Southern Regional Extension Forestry](http://www.forestrywebinars.net). This organization is partnered with AgriLife Extension, as well as USDA Forest Service. AT Committee approved all of them for AT credit hours that ARE APPLICABLE TO TEXAS. Learn more about webinars at <http://www.forestrywebinars.net>. (This location is sometimes seen as [Forestry Webinar Portal](#) in some announcements.) Once there, for live webinars, click "Upcoming Seminars"; for archived webinars, click "Previous Seminars" in the upper bar. Select the one in which you are interested, learn, and enjoy!
6. **BVTMN Fall "Meet the New Trainees" Potluck Social (and Early Bird Survey)** Sat, Sept 21, 11 am-2 pm at Cedar Hill Ranch. Interested in **surveying birds**. Groups will leave the ranch house at **8:00 am** and return at their leisure. **RSVP:** To joyce@conner.net if you intend to come and what dish you would like to bring.
7. **Captain Planet Foundation Grants** \$250 to \$2,500 Deadlines for submitting grant applications are **September 30** and **February 28**.
8. **First Friday Tours**-Kerr and Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Areas Addressing Resource Concerns in the Edward's Plateau
 - 8b. **Part 3** Oct 4th **Kerr Wildlife Management Area** 1-5 PM, Oct 11th **Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
"Ecosystems Approach to Wildlife Management, putting it all together"
9. **Boonville Days at the Museum of Natural History in Bryan is Saturday, Oct. 5**
10. **Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, Oct. 5**
11. **Landscaping with Texas Natives** October 9th 7-9 pm Conroe (AT approved)
12. **Fall Field Trips** Sundays, October 6: **Baytown Nature Center**, October 20: **Barker Cypress Trail**, November 3: **Deer Park (College Park) Prairie**.
13. **Muddy Zombie Mud Run Texas World Speedway, College Station Sat, Oct 12**
14. **NPSOT State Symposium** in Corpus Christi, Oct. 17-20 (AT approved)
15. **TX Master Gardener Conference** McAllen, TX October 17, 18, & 19
<http://2013tmgaconference.org/>
16. **Annual TMN meeting New Braunfels, Oct. 25-27**
<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1250748>
17. **Plant identification workshop** Nature Walk & Talk What Plant is that? Oct. 26 9am-4:30pm Southwood Community Center (AT approved)
18. **American Honda Foundation Grants** Foundation awards grants of up to **\$75,000** to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and others for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. Deadlines to apply for the grants are **May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1**.
19. **TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)
20. **Two new "citizen science" projects** at Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center (V credit approved)-1. new Dragonfly Monitoring program for Xerces Society 2. involve collecting wood boring beetles that are the preferred prey of a species of wasp. 1300 Riley Fuzzell Road, Spring, Texas 77386
21. **Angler Ed Instructor Workshops in your local area**
22. **Iola Nature Trail** (V credit approved)
23. **TMN Project: Biological Inventory Team(s) need your help!!!** (V approved)
24. **TWA Discovery Trunks Resources for Educators**-Will begin spring 2013
25. **Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)
26. **Water quality monitoring** (AT approved)

27. BVTMN AT Webinars (~60 webinars) <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/webcasts/>