



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Detailed Meeting Agenda for March 14, 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 January 2013 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau – pay 2013 dues, 013 TMN membership update and proposed cut-off point
- E. Outreach – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair -
- F. Training – Bruce Neville, Chair –
- G. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
- H. Advanced Training –TBA, Chair –
- I. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
- J. Host/Social – Joyce Conner, Co-chairs –
- K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
- L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
- M. Program – Jim Balthrop, Chair -

**II. Old Business**

- A. Olivia-BioBlitz date change- Again-I got an email today from the student coordinator for Bioblitz , and he says they now have decided to have Bioblitz the weekend after earth day which will be April 26 th and 27th. I got the impression this may be their final choice. Hopefully there will not be any major conflicts. We can discuss at our March meeting but if there is anything critical we should all know, please share now - especially if you will be unable to be at the March meeting.
- B. Date for landscaping around the Chris Northcliffe bench. A group of volunteers needs to be recruited to purchase and plant grass and native flowering plants around the bench by sometime in early April. After that, the schedule gets too busy on the weekends. We had a suggestion to have a dedication on Saturday, May 4, but I (Lisa) have not received a response from the City of College Station yet. I think we should still shoot for that goal.  
Suggest that we get Molly involved since she has extensive experience in native landscaping. I'm sorry I can't be there, but I think that it would be a good idea to get the Board's input and get this organized before the next meeting.

**III. New Business**

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**IV. Announcements**

**Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items**

- 1. **TMN Spring and Summer Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)  
March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)  
March 14-Cindy Bolch (TMN Camino Real, Bat Committee Chair) - **Bats**

April 11-Dale Kruse (S.M.Tracy, Herbarium Curator) - **Moss**

May 9-Shelly Du Puy (NOAA Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, Education Outreach Coordinator) - **Flower Gardens NMS and Invasive Species**

June 13-Jan Janecka (TAMU-VIBS, Research Assistant Professor) - **Mountain Lions in Texas**

August 8-Kelley Bender (TPWD Urban Biologist) – **The Future of Wildlife Conservation Issues in Texas**

3. **BVTMN AT Birding Walk 101 April 6 (AT approved classes)**
4. **Kleb Woods Nature Center Friday Fun Spring Offerings 2013 (AT credit approved)**
5. **Entoblitz 2013 April 19-21 at Lake J.B. Thomas in Scurry County, TX**
6. **TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training (AT credit approved)**
7. **Women of the Land Workshop scheduled for April 19-21, 2013. (AT approved)**
8. **Milam County Nature Festival 7 pm Friday evening April 12 and 9am - 2pm Saturday April 13 so you can visit our Nature Festival. This free event has something for adults and children of all ages. (V approved)**
9. **Winter Webinars to Get You Ready for Spring**
10. **Angler Ed Instructor Workshops in your local area**
11. **New grant program-Funds are to be used to develop Monarch Waystations and Monarch demonstration gardens.**
12. **April 12-14: Prairies Lakes & Timbers north Texas TMN chapters regional conference**
13. *Excerpted from the Hays County Chapter President, Larry Calvert in a message to the chapter members:*
14. **We cordially invite you to participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Brazos Valley Earth Day Celebration scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Wolf Pen Creek in College Station.**
15. **TMN Project: Biological Inventory Team(s) need your help!!! (V approved)**
16. **Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept announces that Great Texas Birding Classic Goes Statewide (V approved)**

16b. **Looking for a fun way to take kids and teens outside, have some fun, and learn your local birds in the process? Mentor or chaperone a Roughwings (13 years and younger) or Gliders (14-18 year olds) team in the Great Texas Birding Classic** <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/events/great-texas-birding-classic>. Registration is now open!

17. **Invaders of Texas workshop June 29 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

18. **Upcoming Events of Interest in the Trans-Pecos**

19. **Seed Grants**

20. **TWA Discovery Trunks Resources for Educators-Will begin spring 2013**

21. **New Volunteer Opportunity- S.M. Tracy Herbarium**

22. **New Nature Play at Home Guide** [www.nwf.org/natureplay](http://www.nwf.org/natureplay).

23. **Texas PTA has a grants program for schoolyard gardens called "Grow Your Garden Grants"** [www.formsite.com/txpta/form256/secure\\_index.html](http://www.formsite.com/txpta/form256/secure_index.html)

24. **Jan-Feb. Reverchon Naturalist Newsletters from NRCS**

[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/technical/ecoscience/bio/?cid=nrcs144p2\\_003087](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/technical/ecoscience/bio/?cid=nrcs144p2_003087)

25. **WFSCAgriLife YouTube Channel** called "WFSCAgriLife" and can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WFSCAgriLife>

- 26. Texas Archeological Society, Academy Sessions, for Spring 2013 (AT credit)**
- 27. Amphibian and Mussel Watch Train the Trainer Workshops for April 26 - 27, 2013 in Milam County.**
- 28. Join us in developing a Texas Junior Master Naturalist (TXJMN) Program**
- 29. North American Butterfly Association (V approved)**
  - 29b.** Rio Brazos Audubon has conducted a NABA Butterfly Count each July in Brazos County for the last several years. Laura Sare is the compiler. This year's count is scheduled for July 13th. Details will be provided closer to the event.  
Bruce Neville
- 30. Stream Team Advanced Training SAVE THE DATE: August 31,2013.**
- 31. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach (AT approved)**
- 32. Water quality monitoring (AT approved)**