



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for May 9, 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 April 2013 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau – pay 2013 dues. As of May 4-\$3684.69 (TMN own fund) and \$533.80 (Chris Northcliffe's Memorial Fund). 47 paid members.
- 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 –
- K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
- L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
- M. Program – Jim Balthrop, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A. Chris Northcliffe bench dedication June 1

III. New Business

- A. Child Protection Training for Master Naturalists!
Please complete this training by May 10, 2013.
Instructions for Child Protection Training:
 - 1. Go to this address for the training:
<https://apps6.system.tamus.edu/TrainTraQ/web/External/ExternalGatewayLogon.aspx>
 - 2. Enter your email address and this password: bridge-garden\$702
 - 3. Scroll down the courses to course #2111652 - Child Protection Training.
 - 4. Hit the Start button. Fill in your name, etc.
 - 5. Enter “volunteer” for employer.
 - 6. Please answer the "How did you hear about the course? Texas Master Naturalists
 - 7. Begin and complete the course.
 - 8. Please print a copy of your completion certificate for the Master Naturalists files.If you have questions, please drop me a line at
jmassey@ag.tamu.edu or give me a call (281-309-5063)!
Julie Massey

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

1. **TMN Spring, Summer, Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14
2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
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**
July 11-TBD
August 8-Kelley Bender, TPWD Urban Biologist-**The Future of Wildlife Conservation Issues in Texas**
Sept 12-
Nov 14-Jaime Gonzales from the **Katy Prairie Conservancy**
3. **Field Trip Saturday May 11: North American Migration Count** (V approved)
4. **Dragonfly and Butterfly Monitoring Program training at nature center on May 11** (AT approved)
5. **Ag in The Classroom** May 14 - 8:30am-Noon at the Cameron Livestock Building
6. **Endangered Species Day** May 17 with Chris Harper (more info to come) (AT approved)
7. **Sex in the Garden-Butterfly Garden that is!** May 24th 10:00-Noon at the Milano Community Center, 303 W. Ave E, Milano. (AT approved)
8. **Mycology is Better Than Yours; Fungi in Texas** May 24th 1:00-3:00pm at the Milano Community Center, 303 W. Ave E, Milano. (AT approved)
9. **Wildlife Tracking Certification** Sat.-Sun, May 24-25th - in Austin. (AT approved)
10. **Wildlife Tracking Certification Training**, May 25-26 Austin area
11. Friday, May 31st - The Nature of Milam County Project @ 1:30pm at Ann Collins' residence in Milano.
12. **June 1st Chris Northcliffe bench dedication, Lick Creek Park**
13. **L.A.N.D.S. Volunteer Training**-Mountain Home, TX June 10-12 (AT approved)
14. **U of H Clear Lake/Environmental Institute of Houston Presents: *Discovering Nature Camp*** For students entering Grades 3 – 6 June 10-14, 2013 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM (AT approved)
15. **Invaders of Texas workshop** June 29 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
16. U of H Clear Lake/ Environmental Institute of Houston Introduces: **The Hunger Games Camp** For boys & girls entering Grades 7 – 9 July 8 – 11, 2013 8:30 AM-12:30 PM (V approved)
17. **North American Butterfly Association** (V approved) July 13th.
18. **Southeast Texas Regional MN Meeting July 20th** (AT credit approved)
19. **Stream Team Advanced Training SAVE THE DATE: August 31, 2013.**
20. **TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT credit approved)
21. **Two new “citizen science” projects** will start shortly at the Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center (V credit approved)-1. new Dragonfly Monitoring program for the Xerces Society 2. will involve collecting wood boring beetles that are the preferred prey of a species of wasp. 1300 Riley Fuzzell Road, Spring, Texas 77386
22. **Kleb Woods Nature Center Friday Fun Spring Offerings 2013** (AT credit approved)
23. **Angler Ed Instructor Workshops in your local area**
24. **Iola Nature Trail** (V credit approved)
25. **TMN Project: Biological Inventory Team(s) need your help!!!** (V approved)
26. **Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept-Great Texas Birding Classic Goes Statewide** (V approved)

- 26b. Looking for a fun way to take kids and teens outside, have some fun, and learn your local birds in the process?** Mentor/chaperone Roughwings (13 yrs and younger) or Gliders (14-18 yr olds) team in the Great Texas Birding Classic <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/events/great-texas-birding-classic>. Registration is now open!
- 27. TWA Discovery Trunks Resources for Educators-**Will begin spring 2013
- 28. Texas Archeological Society, Academy Sessions, for Spring 2013** (AT credit)
- 29. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)
- 30. Water quality monitoring** (AT approved)
- 31. BVTMN AT Webinars (~60 webinars)** <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/webcasts/>
- 32. March-April issue of the Reverchon Naturalist newsletter**
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/technical/ecoscience/bio/?cid=nrcs144p2_003087