



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for April 11, 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 March 2013 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau – pay 2013 dues
- 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. BioBlitz date change
- B. Chris Northcliffe bench landscaping and dedication

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)
April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
 - 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. **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**)
- 4. **April 12-14: Prairies Lakes & Timbers north Texas TMN Chapters regional conference**

5. Seven Texas Master Naturalist Chapters in the North Texas area are coordinating a **Regional Master Naturalist Advanced Training Conference** to be held **April 12-14th** in **Anna, Texas** (AT approved)
6. Keep Brazos Beautiful (KBB) seeking individuals, neighborhood groups, clubs, churches, civic organizations, non-profit organizations, scouts, youth groups and businesses to VOLUNTEER to help clean litter and trash dumped illegally in Brazos County during the ***Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, on Saturday, April 13th*** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** (V approved)
7. **Spring Volunteers Needed at the Museum!** Various through April 27th.
Entoblitz 2013 April 19-21 at Lake J.B. Thomas in Scurry County, TX
8. **Women of the Land Workshop** scheduled for **April 19-21, 2013.** (AT approved)
9. **Wildlife Management Workshop**-April 20, 8:30 am-4:00 pm at Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area Wildlife Conservation Center, Tennessee Colony, TX (AT approved)
10. We cordially invite you to participate in the **18th Annual Brazos Valley Earth Day Celebration** scheduled for **April 20th, 2013** at **Wolf Pen Creek in College Station.**
11. **Amphibian and Mussel Watch Train the Trainer Workshops** for **April 26 - 27, 2013** in **Milam County.**
12. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection April 27** needs volunteers to help the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency with traffic control, litter collection and other duties.
13. **2013 Texas Bison Conference** May 3rd & 4th, 2013 Fort Worth, TX (AT approved)
14. **Wildflower Workshop-Panhandle Native Plants May 4** Palo Duro Canyon State Park (AT credit approved)
15. **L.A.N.D.S. Volunteer Training-Mountain Home, TX June 10-12** (AT approved)
16. **Invaders of Texas workshop June 29 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
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 announces **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 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!

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)**