

# Coastal Prairie Chapter **Courier**

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We are a group of trained volunteers who share our appreciation and knowledge of nature with the community through outreach, education, and conservation/restoration projects.

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## ON THE COVER

*Linda Rippert beams at her day of dedication; Susie Doe (in purple) leads one of many plant walks with TMNs and the public; many members of TMNCPC come to the call for invasives management at Seabourne Creek Nature Park*

## EDITOR TEAM

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THANK YOU to the editing and proofing team. It takes a village to put together this newsletter each month!

## President's Message

by Terri Hurley, TMNCPC President



Greetings and "warm" wishes to all of you as we face the summer season here in the coastal prairie. Our Texas landscape is a treasure trove of vibrant flora and fauna, and as stewards of the environment, it is our privilege to celebrate and protect it ... no matter how HOT it gets! Let me take this opportunity to share some exciting updates and upcoming events with you.



I am pleased to announce that our chapter has reached a significant milestone this year. We have officially surpassed **two hundred active members!** This achievement is a testament to the hard work of all of our past Training Class Directors and everyone who has ever helped with a training class. We owe a debt of gratitude to Membership Co-Directors, Jan and Kevin Kolk, who have worked hard to make each new trainee and member feel welcome and valued. Our large membership shows the growing interest and awareness of the importance of environmental stewardship in Fort Bend, Waller, and Wharton counties. I extend a warm welcome to our new members and encourage them to actively participate in our various initiatives.

Speaking of initiatives, our chapter has started up several new projects that I hope you will get involved in. First of all, I would like to introduce the upcoming **"Nature Days" at Seabourne**. Jan Poscovsky is taking the lead and we are looking for other volunteers to help put on this captivating event that will celebrate the various areas of the park. We will start with the Butterfly Garden



Nature Day to be held on September 23. The plans include children's hands-on craft sessions, face-painting by chapter members, plus goodie bags with eco-friendly items such as seed packets, talks by master naturalists, and presentations on how to garden for butterflies. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please visit **#team-scnp-signage-and-outreach** channel on Slack.

A new **Advisory Team** led by Shannon Westveer and Susie Doe will collaborate

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## July Chapter Program: Thursday, July 6th, 7 PM “Rescuing Nature’s Treasures: The Wildlife Center of Texas Rehabilitation Program” *by Jan Peterson, TMNCPC Programs Director*



### The Houston SPCA’s Wildlife Center of Texas (WCT),

one of the largest wildlife care facilities in the country, cares for more than 12,000 native Texas animals each year.

In this presentation, attendees will receive a glimpse of what this amazing organization does to help injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife return to their natural environments. Presenters **Monica Taylor, Jean Watson, and Randolph Watson** will share stories about some of the interesting cases that have entered their doors and provide tips on how people can coexist peacefully with our wild neighbors.

The audience will meet some of the Center’s education ambassadors – animals that cannot be released back to the wild but provide an up-close look at some of the types of patients the Center treats. This presentation will appeal to anyone who is interested in Texas wildlife, especially to those who want to learn about the work and passion of wildlife rehabilitators.

All three presenters are long-time WCT volunteers who provide countless hours of care. They are also members of WCT’s outreach team and deliver educational presentations to various groups in the community. Jean and Randolph



Photo credit: [TMNCPC Website](#)

are both Texas Master Naturalists™ and certified members of the Coastal Prairie Chapter.

July’s program is **free and open to the public**, held at Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 Texas 36 South in Rosenberg, Texas. Please plan to **arrive at 6:00 PM** for refreshments and social time; the **1-hour program begins at 7:00 PM**.

The [Texas Master Naturalist](#) program is sponsored by [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) and [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#).

[TMNCPC members in attendance should record their Advanced Training (AT) hours under “AT: Chapter Meeting-Coastal Prairie” and the VSP hours for the business meeting under “Chapter Business: Chapter Meeting.”]

#### *President’s Message*

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with various restoration-minded members to create guidelines and plant lists for use during the planning phase of restoration projects. No longer will we have to reinvent the wheel each time when it comes to the best plant choice or determining the best steps for restoration projects. This can be very much a collaborative and helpful relationship between project leads and members of this team. Join the **#team-plants-restoration** channel on Slack.

Finally, I want to say **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment to our chapter. Your efforts in preserving and protecting our local environment are truly commendable. Our chapter continues to make a positive impact on the natural beauty that surrounds us.

## *Courier's Writing, Proofing, and Editing Team — THANK YOU!*

Middle of each month it's the same line: Is it time for the *Courier* to get put together ... *again*? We are one busy and dynamic chapter, and it's hard to keep up with our goings-on each month.

Regular monthly contributors (Board Members) are always right on time with their friendly reports.

**Terri Hurley**  
**Jan and Kevin Kolk**  
**Johanna DeYoung**  
**Jan Peterson**  
**Lynn Trenta**

To the proofing and editing team, Co-Editors cannot thank you enough for your careful eyes and mistake-catching.

**Susan Walther**  
**Esmeralda Fisher**  
**Ute Welk**

What once was one person's job (Lynn Trenta) turned into **TWO!** Co-Editors:

**Cindy Wainikainen**  
**Shannon Westveer**

## Membership Minute

By Jan and Kevin Kolk,  
TMNCPC Membership Co-Directors



***Congratulations!*** to our numerous certification and milestone achievers. *Way to go!*

### ***Initial Certification***



Lisa Sanders – 2023 Spring  
James Yi – 2023 Spring

### ***2023 Recertification***

(67 recertified to-date)



Pete Weston – 2022 Fall  
Jamie Fairchild – 2012  
Elaine Whiteley – 2021 Fall  
Pam Jones – 2020 Spring  
Greg Hurley – 2020 Fall  
Donetta Clark – 2022 Spring

### ***250 Hour Milestone***



Janis Hodgson – 2020 Fall  
Shree Nath – 2022 Fall



The Blue Donut, or “Dubious Achievement Award,” finds its way into another member's hands. According to Jim Butcher (photo left), “Sometimes, it is given just for showing up.” But **Shree Nath** does so much more than just show up!

Since graduating TMNCPC Class of Fall 2022, she has engaged in a number of activities including but not limited to Seabourne invasives management, helping high schoolers learn how to lightly manage (for wildlife and bloom succession) the Sugar Land Memorial Park Butterfly Garden, and maintenance work at Cullinan Park Bird Viewing Area. She has become the bane of overzealous baccarus and dewberry.

Congratulations, **Shree**, on your Blue Donut. *You are so deserving!*



## Volunteer Service — July HOT Highlights

By Johanna DeYoung, TMNCPC Volunteer Director



Before arriving to serve, check our website calendar for last minute changes, cancelations, or other information before departing.

<https://txmn.org/coastal/events/month/2023-07/>

**Signature Project Seabourne Creek Nature Park (SCNP), Rosenberg:** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Wednesdays and 1st and 3rd Saturdays which fall on 7/1, 7/5, 7/12, 7/15, 7/19, 7/26

**Signature Project Monthly Bird Hike at SCNP, Rosenberg:** \* resumes in October \*

**National Moth Month Public Outreach Event, “Meet Your Nighttime Neighbors” @ Sugar Land Memorial Park, Sugar Land:** 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Saturday 7/15

**Houston Museum of Natural Science Outreach in Sugar Land,** 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM 2nd and 4th Saturdays which fall on 7/8 and 7/22

**Coastal Prairie Conservancy Indiangrass Preserve, Katy:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Tuesdays, Fridays, and 2nd Saturdays of each month which fall on 7/4, 7/7, 7/8, 7/11, 7/14, 7/18, 7/21, 7/25, 7/28

**Houston Audubon’s Bird Survey @ Archbishop Joseph A: Fiorenza Park, Houston:** 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM 4th Monday which falls on 7/24

**Lawther-Deer Park Prairie, Deer Park:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 4th Saturday of each month which falls on 7/28

**Bird WOW Outreach @ George Memorial Library, Richmond:** Joyce Tipton and Lucy Moyer presenting 2:00 - 3:00 PM Saturday, 7/29

**Sugar Land Memorial Park Butterfly Garden Workdays, Sugar Land:** 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Fridays which fall on 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

### JOIN US!

Get out and meet TMNCPC members in the field!

TMNCPC Member **Tierra Ortiz-Rodriguez** will be leading a “Mindful Outdoor Experience” at Seabourne 7/9/2023.

<https://txmn.org/coastal/event/guided-nature-meditation-walk-at-seabourne-creek-nature-park/>

### DID YOU KNOW?

Success!!! Super-kudos to **Jan and Kevin Kolk**, Membership Co-Directors who developed an online process for turning in public outreach **impact data** outside of the Samaritan VMS.

In June, Jan rolled out instructions and a new online form version of the older “Public Outreach Report” form typically completed on paper or as a fillable PDF. Both the on-line and PDF versions can be found pinned on the **#forms** channel in Slack.

The instructions for completing either are as follows:

1. Complete the form within 7 days of an outreach event
2. ONE member (typically the Leader) is responsible for capturing and reporting the headcount
3. If an accurate report is not possible, an estimate is better than no data at all
4. When reporting hours into the VMS, the Leader will also enter the same data into the boxes required under “Impact Data”; this must be done within 45 days

## Linda Rippert Education Station

*By Katie Sallean, TMNCPC Class of 2013*

**On Wednesday, June 14**, long-standing member, Linda Rippert — TMNCPC Class of 2005 — was celebrated, and an Education Station at the SCNP Butterfly Garden was dedicated in her honor.

In addition to TMNCPC, members from the Fort Bend Master Gardeners Entomology Group turned out as well as Linda's family. An Education Station Library had been installed to honor Linda Rippert for her contributions to our chapter and for her impact on our community in educating others about pollinators — in particular, our local butterflies.

Linda is one of the chapter's finest butterfly enthusiasts. She has been instrumental in outreach efforts: teaching children and adults alike about the importance of protecting butterfly habitats; educating folks about the different species of butterflies; and instructing the public about which butterflies can flourish and the dangers currently facing their populations.

Linda had recently donated her collection of mounted butterflies to the chapter along with many of her resource books. We have



been giving some away as door prizes at Chapter Programs.

This Education Station will serve as an extension of Linda's efforts to educate the public,

housing nature books for adults and children and providing a depository for native seeds

distribution to the park visitors. It will include a rotating children's activity packet to be used by visitors to instruct kids about the garden, nature, and our natural resources.

TMNCPC President Terri Hurley unveiled the library which includes a plaque honoring Linda Rippert. The inscription reads:

**"To teach is to touch a life forever"**



Photos by Katie Sallean

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## Linda Rippert Education Station (Cont'd)

By Katie Sallean, TMNCPC Class of 2013



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That is what Linda has done with countless Texas Master Naturalists over the years. She was presented with an honorary chapter membership — voted and approved unanimously by membership.



Photos by Katie Sallean

Karl Baumgartner presented the history of the Butterfly Garden, with photographs of the garden in its infant stages, including Linda in them as one of those at the helm!

Participants then shared stories about Linda's influence the positive impact of her wealth of knowledge. Afterward, participants enjoyed a garden-party-themed spread of desserts and sandwiches ... and, of course, fellowship.



**THANK YOU** to organizers Terri Hurley, Aida Pita, and Jamie Fairchild (and Katie Sallean) for the fantastic help in setting up and making the day joyful for all!



**THANK YOU** to TMNCPC Member Neil Lisco (photo above), who both constructed and installed the Education Station. It is truly a *work of art*.

Be sure to stop by the Butterfly Garden at Seabourne and explore the books and activities there. Bring your kids and grandkids ... Linda will be there in spirit along with her bright smile and energy!



## Fisher Scientific May Volunteer Day: A Thank You Note

*By Martin Crames, Thermo Fisher Scientific Sales Manager*



### From the moment we

**arrived**, we were greeted with enthusiasm and a genuine commitment to fostering a love for nature and environmental conservation. Your team's dedication and passion were evident in every aspect of the event, making it a truly unforgettable experience for all of us!

The tree planting activity was an incredibly rewarding hands-on endeavor. Working together, we witnessed the immediate impact of our efforts as we adorned the Texas coastal prairie with new life. Your expert guidance and instructions ensured that we planted the trees with care and precision, understanding the importance of preserving and restoring this vital ecosystem.

The knowledge imparted by your team of Master Naturalists was captivating, providing us with a comprehensive understanding of the ecosystem's biodiversity, its



ecological importance, and the challenges it faces. We were captivated by their expertise and their ability to convey complex concepts in an engaging and accessible manner. It was evident that your organization is truly dedicated to raising awareness and promoting the conservation of this unique and fragile habitat.

Finally, we extend our deepest

appreciation to the entire team for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to creating such a memorable and impactful volunteer event. Your organization's tireless efforts to protect and preserve the Texas coastal prairie are commendable and serve as an inspiration for all of us. We are honored to have had the opportunity to contribute to your mission and to be part of the collective effort to conserve our natural heritage.

Once again, please accept our sincere gratitude for hosting us and for the wonderful experiences and knowledge we gained through our participation in your volunteer event. We eagerly look forward to future collaborations and the chance to further support your organization's endeavors. Our experience with your organization was truly exceptional, leaving us inspired and eager to continue supporting your noble cause.



18 trees installed May 5th by Thermo Fisher Scientific and TMNCPC volunteers (Photos by Shannon Westveer and Lynn Trenta)



## July: Moth Month and “Moth-ing”

By Shannon Westveer, TMNCPC *Courier* Co-Editor

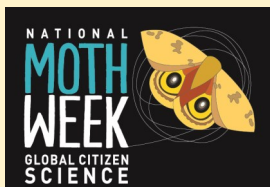


Above: Shannon engages Chuck's grandson and other kids at the TMN Gulf Coast Chapter Exploration Green event June 3rd (Photo by Chuck Snyder, TMN Galveston Bay Chapter).

Below: For June's Pride Month, a rainbow tinted Fiery Search Beetle arrives to the sheet at Shannon's private blacklight social on June 15th; the kids also found a sleeping longhorn bee



July 22-30, 2023 is  
<https://nationalmothweek.org/>



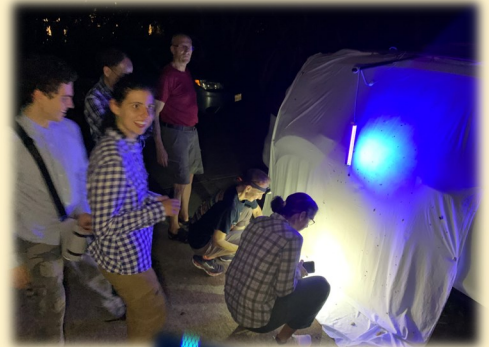
### When I went “moth-ing”

with TPWD's Sam Kieschnick and iNaturalist ento peeps at Hudson Woods WMA for the first time in 2020, I was hooked.

Many insects — especially moths and beetles — are night fliers, and once you hang up the white sheet with a blacklight, you don't have to chase them; all the tiny, beautiful creatures *come to you*. It is lazy bioblitzing with friends at its best ... a bit like automobile “bird blind” birding.

**National Moth Week.** Join me with our chapter in Sugar Land for a first nighttime outreach on **July 15th** so you can learn how to have some blacklighting fun in your own yard!

<https://txmn.org/coastal/event/vsp-blacklighting-and-mothing-event/>



Share the  
[Event Flyer!](#)

Past President **Bert Stipelcovich**, who last year reached 4,000 hours, recently received the presidential certificate to go along with it—only a few months wait. His patience is as strong as his persistence and ability to have fun under any circumstance.

**THANK YOU, Bert** for your dedication!





## Seabourne Creek Sizzles!

By Lynn Trenta, TMNCPC Seabourne Gardens



**What's been going on at Seabourne** this month in this sizzling heat you might ask? Be prepared to be amazed! We have supervised boy scouts, planted prairie plants around the wetlands, celebrated a veteran, attacked invasive plants, started an outreach tour, planted trees, and installed a reclaimed water irrigation system. The chapter has supported Seabourne in a big way last month.

The most challenging project for our chapter is the Niagara Arboretum. Project Manager Jerry Trenta reports that two 4-valve irrigation control stations, 6,600 feet of irrigation water lines, and over 400 fittings were installed next to 150 trees planted in and around the Arboretum and Picnic Area.

Approximately one hundred trees have been planted so far this year alone (twenty more than planned) with fifty-eight of them by the city using Niagara Grant funds and another thirty-five using RDC Grant funds.

Kudos to Jerry for designing the irrigation system and leading the installation team: Sal Cardenas, Garrett Engelhardt, Rodney Walther, Elaine Whiteley, Philip Ward, James Yi, and Bob Naeger. Their efforts will be appreciated for many years to come!

Kudos also goes to the entire



Above: Boy scouts get to work restoring some prairie! (Photo by Terri Hurley); Below: Jerry with new irrigation (Photo by Lynn Trenta)



watering team: Jim Stepp, Janis Hodgson, Mary Saville, Shree Nath, Fran Wilson, and Randolph and Jean Watson. Their efforts have enabled the trees to survive through the hot temps while irrigation installation was underway. This project will ensure that visitors to the park have a great

place to picnic and enjoy the shade of mostly native trees.

**Greg and Terri Hurley** helped a boy scout and his troop with a planting project. Along with Jerry Trenta, they guided scouts in planting our own homegrown native plants in the wetlands area adjacent to the new bird viewing platform. We are happy to provide this experience to boy scout troops; their efforts richly benefit our wetlands prairie.

One of the highlights of the month was the dedication of the Seabourne Butterfly Garden's "Linda Rippert Education Station." Learn more about this celebration on pages [6](#) and [7](#) of this issue.

Thanks to our new Outreach Leader, **Jan Poscovsky**, wasting no time setting a new Seabourne Outreach Program in motion, the first hike in many years led by **Emily Essa** — TMNCPC Class of

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Emily Essa leads a Nature Hike ... a first in a long time!  
(Photos by Jan Poscovsky)



## Seabourne Creek Sizzles! (Cont'd)

By Lynn Trenta, TMNCPC Seabourne Gardens



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Emily Essa with visitors in the Butterfly Garden (Photo by Jan Poscovsky)

Spring 2022 — happened on June 11th. (Emily is the one with big shade hat.)

The 1-hr tour began at the Butterfly Garden and made a circle around Seabourne Lake, ending at the bird sanctuary. There were thirteen adults and one very engaged child; eight members from the public attended. This was the first of many public hikes and nature tours to be held at Seabourne. **THANK YOU**, Emily, for setting a high bar to follow!

TMNCPC “Plant Guru,” **Susie Doe**, led park visitors and chapter members on a plant discovery walk. After an informational introduction to the park for our visitors, she led us into the Native Plant Garden and along the edges of the prairie pothole. Just in that one small area, Susie shared many plants in hand to examine and talk about. Among those studied were western vs. giant ragweed, yellow false wild indigo, little quaking grass, plains tickseed, late-flowering boneset, pink evening primrose, Carolina canarygrass, and southern dewberry, and more.

Susie reported that participants included: “... Six visitors, with one from TMN Heartwood Chapter (Brian Beebe).”

Susie gave a well-deserved shout-out to Communications Director Megan Cromeens who publicized the event. **THANK**

**YOU**, Susie, for continuing to expand our knowledge of plants!

To continue our list of Seabourne happenings we have to mention the prairie. The temperatures have been sizzling, but that’s not stopping the prairie team! They have been out tackling the invasive plants in our prairie restoration project. A big thank you to Shree Nath, Randolph and Jean Watson, Fran Wilcox, Pam Jones, Nancy Jones, Marilyne Malone, Kerry Padilla, Rodney Walther, Shannon Westveer, Lori Foux, and Lynn Trenta for making room for our prairie natives by mitigating a few invasive plants. This is a big part of prairie restoration and we’ve got a great team taking it on! The prairie team will be making a calendar of projects for the prairie to communicate what is coming up as well as document what we have accomplished.

Join us! But come early — **8 AM**.



Susie Doe doing her thing in the Native Plant Demo Garden (Photo by Lynn Trenta)



Invasive plants mitigation in the prairie area (Photo by Lynn Trenta)

## Effects of Plastics in the Environment: UH Coastal Center

By Debby Wendt, TMNCPC Class of 2012



Nurdles of different shapes and sizes  
(Photo credit: Oceanservice.NOAA.gov)

### Have you heard about

**nurdles?** Ramona Ridge and I attended the Plastics Symposium at UH Coastal Learning Center last month and learned a lot of interesting facts about plastics.

Nurdles are plastic pellets manufactured in a facility and shipped to manufacturing plants that make plastic utensils and other plastic items. Sometimes during the loading process, spillage occurs and is not captured by the plant and can pollute beaches or other water areas. Of course, plastic impacts wildlife when the water absorbs the chemicals. The highest concentration of nurdles is in the Houston area.

The effects of microplastics found in Matagorda Bay were evident in red speckled trout, red drum, and flounder. Speckled trout had the highest concentration of mercury which is found in polystyrene.

Most plastic recovered on the beaches came from recreational activities. The largest occurrence

of microplastics in Galveston Bay is caused by single use water bottles, accounting for 94% of plastic trash on beaches. There is a larger occurrence of plastics on the beach in September than March due to more visitors during the summer.

When I participated in the World Sea Turtle Day Beach Cleanup, I picked up more plastic water bottle caps and cigarette butts than any other item. Over eight million metric tons of plastics enter the oceans every year. Photodegradation occurs when the plastics are exposed to heat from the sun that break them down into microplastics which are then consumed by sea animals who live in the ocean.

One of the interesting sessions was about using reclaimed plastics in a 3D printer to make other useful plastic items – like planters. I have bought t-shirts and sandals made from recycled plastics, and I encourage others to do the same.

Some of the encouraging research focuses on thinner plastic bottles and plastic trash bags which can break down faster than traditional plastic bags. Chemical recycling is a controversial issue but can be useful. Some legislation is proposed through Global Treaties to limit plastics

throughout the world. Texas HB 3060, on the regulation of recycling and recycled products, passed the legislature May 27, 2023. There are other bills proposed to further protect our air and water.

One of the best ways you can reduce your plastic footprint is to ask yourself, “Do I really need this?” For example, when you get a takeout meal, leave the plastic utensils for those you have at home. Do you need a plastic bag to put something you just bought in, or can you hand-carry it out? If there is an alternative to a plastic to-go cup, use it. If we all make an effort to the “Five R’s” of recycling – first **refuse** or **reduce** use, then **reuse** or repurpose an item, or let it **rot** as compost, **then recycle** it – we could all decrease our plastic footprint and make this world a better place for our kids and their kids’ futures.

### PLASTIC-FREE JULY

Join the many Master Naturalists across Texas who will be endeavoring to reduce their single-use and other plastics impact.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>





## Karl Baumgartner Field Trips: The Gift of Connecting

By Shannon Westveer, TMNCPC *Courier* Co-Editor



Left, utility vehicles stop at a restored prairie; Karl helps with Jan Poscovsky's fish catch (her first!); below, blitzing new native species in the field with Susie Doe and Shannon Westveer (not shown)



Above: Pre-hike meeting on the porch at Lavaca property 3/11 and Shannon steals an obligate selfie with trail bud Monique Smith (Photos by Shannon Westveer)

Below: Group enjoys a rare look into an eagle's nest at Lavaca property (Bald eagle credit: Noel Zinn)



## SEABOURNE NATURE DAYS

### ... Coming Soon!

**Jan Poscovsky** is one busy volunteer! In addition to the new weekend hikes at Seabourne Creek Nature Park, she is also leading "**Nature Days**" — a series of outreach events to take the place of our chapter's formerly annual Seabourne Nature Fest.

Mark your calendars for proposed dates and park locations + nature themes.

**9/23/2023** — Butterfly / Pollinator Garden

**12/02/2023** — Bird Sanctuary

**3/02/2024** — Arboretum

**5/11/2024** — Prairie Demo Garden

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to honorary TMNCPC member **Karl Baumgartner** for the many opportunities he gave for us to explore, learn from, and bioblitz his properties in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties March, April, and early May.

These trips help to strengthen ties between members, further our knowledge of ecosystems and their biota associations, and just give us fun adventures outside together.

We appreciate all you do for our chapter and for our new members!



## The Lighter Side

By Various TMNCPC Members



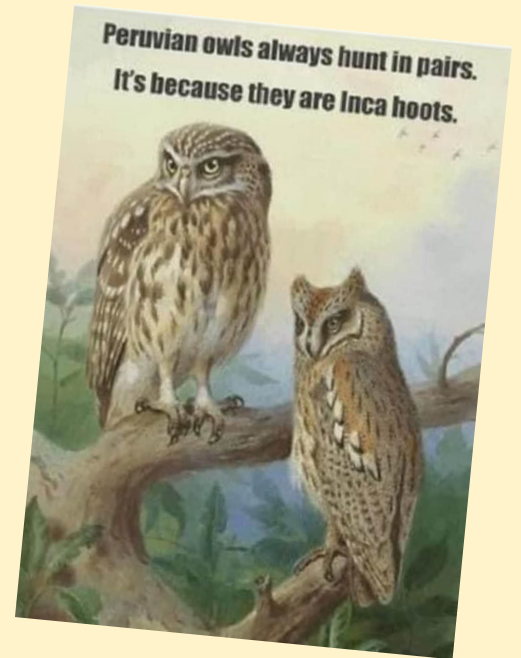
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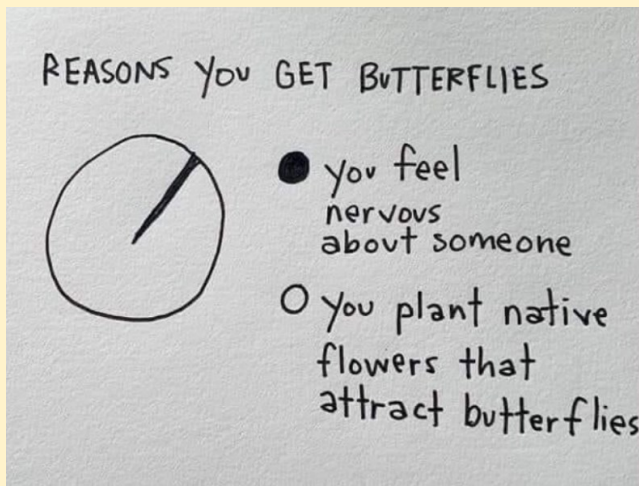
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Credit: Karl's photo frame Lavaca

(plus some meme font by Shannon Westveer)

Photo shared by Jim Butcher (a long time ago!!)



Credit: Wild Green Memes

Shared by Rodney and Susan Walther

### GOT SOMETHING FUNNY?

Share it on Facebook (Members Only)

OR on the **#random** channel on Slack.

The Co-Editors will find it!



## Elected Officers

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## FALL TRAINING — Evening classes, Saturday field sessions, August 19 through November 18

[The Fall 2023 Training Course](#) is up! If you'd like to join our corps of volunteers, don't wait: **classes fill fast**. Registration opened **June 27th** and there are only 24 slots to fill. You can become a Master Naturalist™. [JOIN US. And RECONNECT!](#)

## NEW! NATIVE PLANTS ADVISORY TEAM “Think Tank” Meetings

If you are a TMNCPC member who has past experience with restoration work OR you are a *new member* who would like to gain experience so that you may engage in coastal prairie restoration work of your own, join leads **Susie Doe** and **Shannon Westveer** for one of two meetings for convenience of our working members: 7/20 or 7/22.

Together, the team will explore and define guidelines including funding and grant-writing, designing with native plants, site preparation, invasives management, measuring wildlife diversity ... *and more*. These guidelines will be used in reporting new projects with more detail to the Volunteer Service Projects (VSP) Director for approval. We need the collective experience of all members who restore natural resources!

For more information, contact Shannon or Susie directly or join **#team-plants-restoration** channel on Slack to RSVP for one of the meetings.



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