

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Chapter News – April 2008 Editor, Mary Helen Israel

President's Message, Dave Brandes

I just looked at the calendar for this month and I'm dizzy. I applaud you all for your dedication and activism toward our mission. Look at this schedule:

April 8	DEEP
April 10	ConocoPhillips
April 10-11	John Deere & TDECU
April 11-13	Migration Celebration
April 15	DEEP
April 16	General Meeting
April 17	ConocoPhillips
April 19	EnviroFest at the mall (need volunteers)
April 22	Volunteer Fair at Brazosport Community College (need volunteers)
April 22	DEEP
April 24	DEEP
April 25	INEOS

This must be one of our busiest months.

Folks, we need some help. We need one or two leaders to step forward. Carolyn must give up her leadership of our ConocoPhillips program with the Sweeny school district to attend to other important matters. This program is now well established, serving over 1200 pre-K through 5th grade elementary students. She has the fall schedule already set, and Tracie is documenting the curriculum. We also have trained volunteers. What this means is that the new leader(s) will have a soft start with months to learn the ropes. Carolyn will have time to advise you and Tracie will help with the lower grades. If you have ever wanted to stretch yourself and learn to lead, we have no better opportunity for you. Now's the time.

One last thought ... Laura and I just returned from a Pond Life class at BBSP taught by Glen Kilgore. We had a great time with the Coastal Prairie Chapter and learned a lot. This is a learning organization with members dedicated to lifelong learning. Keep your eye out for opportunities with area chapters. Not only does it broaden your learning opportunities, it's also a chance to network with other area chapters. This networking makes us and our chapter more effective delivering appropriate interpretive education to Brazoria County.

April Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Social time
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Advanced Training – Bryan Adams, USFWS

**Reminder from Chapter Hosts,
Jerry Krampota and Justina Dent**

The following folks signed up to bring refreshments for the April meeting: J. E. Smith, Dave and Laura Brandes, Jean Audas. If for some reason you have a conflict, please call Jerry Krampota at 281-585-3249 or email at jkrampota@hotmail.com.

**COT Texas Master Naturalist Awards to be Presented
April 2008**

Re-certified:

John Boettiger
Jerry Eppner

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