

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Chapter News – November 2004 Editor, Mary Helen Israel

A Note from the Prez-----

1. YOU MISSED A GREAT TIME:

The 5th Annual Statewide Meeting and Advanced Training Conference held this past weekend at Mo Ranch in Hunt, Texas was great – weather, speakers, topics, location, and attendees! There were over 250 people attending this year with several new chapters represented. Those attending from our chapter were: (New Trainees) Ed Barrios, Marty Cornell, Jerry Krampota, Tom Morris and wife Ethel, and Alice Sieling and her husband plus certified master naturalists Carolyn May-Monie, Rainbo Johnson, Tracie Teague, Justina Dent, and Diane Richmond. The new trainees were all able to complete their required advanced training hours.

A new pin is now available for those of you who have earned 2,500 volunteer service hours. Anyone in our chapter qualified?????

Please mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Statewide Meeting:
Place: Mo Ranch, Hunt, Texas
Date: October 21-23, 2005

2. DECEMBER 8TH – LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE YEAR AND SOCIAL EVENT

The last general membership meeting for the year will be in two parts.

- Part 1: will be held at the Extension Office from 11 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. We will review this year's activities, give out certification awards, have door prizes and other thank you gifts, elect the board of directors for 2005, and socialize with fellow TMN. Please plan to bring one dish of your favorite finger food. The chapter will provide all coffee and soft drinks. Spouses are invited.
- Part 2: A field trip to Ed Barrios' home will follow the above starting at 2 p.m. until ? We will conduct a field investigation of the flora and fauna plus lake critters, etc. and prepare a list of our findings – a mini mucker's event. After the field investigation Ed Barrios and Marty Cornell will provide turkey and drinks. All those attending are asked to bring a side dish to compliment the turkey.

PLEASE RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND PART 1, PART 2, OR BOTH TO CAROLYN MAY-MONIE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We want to be sure that we have enough drinks for all attendees.

3. BP AMOCO 3rd Grade School Program has been rescheduled for Nov. 12 from 8:30 until 2:00 p.m. If you wish to observe/participate, please call Carolyn May-Monie for further details.

Note of Interest from Betty Bouley

The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center on Woodway Drive in Houston has a new website, <http://www.houstonarboretum.org>.

The Arboretum will celebrate Arbor Day on January 22, 2005. It is a great family day activity.

Calendar of Future Events

November 17 – General Meeting,
9:00 am, Texas Mushrooms, Susan Metzler

December 8 – Last general meeting for year plus Christmas Party

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