

Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING of the  
Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter  
WEDNESDAY February 8, 2012  
AgriLIFE Extension Building, Angleton, Texas

**Attendance:** 42 Active Members, 9 Interns.

**Start Time:** President Barbara Burkhardt opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

**Training Chair** Ed Johnson introduced nine interns attending this general meeting who began their training last Wednesday: Neeta Allan, Rhonda Ckudre, Julia Geisler, Jim Hillis, Mike Mullins, Leo Novak, Gail Smith, Peggy Romfh, and Peter Romfh. Ed reminded the membership that their help will be needed to assist the interns in their class projects.

**Membership Chair** Jerry Eppner presented a 2012 recertification pin (a Mexican free-tail bat design) to Barbara Burkhardt. Four members not attending this meeting were noted for awards; recertifying were Georgia Monnerat, Janet Clemenson, and Sherry Summers, and Barbara Bruyere for attaining 500 hours of volunteer work.

**Outreach Chair** Ruby Lewis reviewed upcoming outreach activities:

- February 25th; Gulf Coast Adventure Weekend
- February 27th; Nature Night at the Angleton library featuring Barbara Burkhardt
- March 3rd; Heritage Day in Brazoria
- March 3rd; Nature Day at Sea Center Texas
- March 10th; Water Conservation seminar in Pearland
- March 15th; Nature Night at the Angleton library featuring the EarthQuest® raptor show.
- June; County library summer program featuring reptiles
- July; County library summer program featuring the Wild in the City stations.

Details for most of these events can be found on the chapter website calendar. <http://tinyurl.com/8yc73jg>

**Migration Celebration 2012** volunteer needs were outlined by Ed Barrios in a presentation showing the contribution of COT members at last year's event. Denis Mudderman explained the process for entering photos in the MC12 photo contest. He announced that the Migration Celebration committee has once again been invited by the Brazosport Art League to display a selection of these photographs during the month of June at the Brazosport Center for Arts and Science.

**Environmental Education:**

- Barbara Burkhardt passed on a request by Bryan Adams for more volunteers to help in the **DEEP**; the next session is on Thursday, February 16th.
- Tom Morris noted that the next Birds & Bottomlands Blitz outing will be this Saturday, February 11th, featuring Warren Pruess teaching lichens and mushrooms.

The **Scholastic Bowl Fundraiser** for the Brazosport Center for the Arts and Science will be held on February 25th. None of the regular COT Nerdy Naturalists will be available, so Barbara Burkhardt asked for other members to take over this task.

Denis James invited the members to participate in an outing of the **Muckers** on February 13th to walk in the new Eagle Nest Lake Unit of the SBNWR. They will be conducting a qualitative survey for the flora and fauna on this 1,000-acre tract. VT can be recorded by participants.

The general meeting ended at 10:01 and was followed by a presentation from Heather Biggs of Galveston Baykeeper on the topic of protecting coastal wetlands. One hour of advanced training can be recorded by attendees of her talk.

Submitted by Marty Cornell, Secretary, Texas Master Naturalist, Cradle of Texas Chapter