



THE PADDLEFISH

Briefings from Barbara

Daylight saving time is upon us. Did you know that while Arizona does not observe this funny quirk of time change but the Navajo Nation, does? Benjamin Franklin suggested it as early as 1784. In 1908, Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada became the first city to use it and by 1918 the United States and most of the industrialized world had adopted DST. It was codified in U.S. law with the Standard Time Act of 1918 and the Uniform Time Act which standardized DST in 1966. Love it or hate it, it's here to stay, for now.

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We have a dynamic chapter chock full of members who are out doing incredible things but hardly any of it shows up on the Chapter's Facebook page. The best way for us to let the public know what we do, is to show them. If you are out working on a trail, identifying plants or just enjoying nature, take pictures and post them on the Chapter's Facebook page. Post, post, post! Please, please, please because we will get more engagement and subsequently more followers. New followers could turn into new members that will help us do even more for Harrison and Marion County!



Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, the first new state park in North Texas in 25 years, is set to open in late 2023, just in time for TPWD's centennial celebration. The park already has a page within the TPWD system at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/palo-pinto-mountains/ranger-notes>. Even though the park is not open, the page is populated with plenty of information. The Ranger Notes section is especially interesting because it

describes the process of building the park, establishing the park's personality and researching the history of the area. I hope you will find it all as fascinating as I did.

"Texas is the finest portion of the globe that has blessed my vision." – Sam Houston

~Barbara Judkins, CBTMN President

TMN Welcomes Prospective New Members to Our Newsletter!

Look inside to find our meeting times and venues, volunteer opportunities, a list of officers, and much more.

**Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists
Financial Report for
February 1, 2023—February 28, 2023**

Beginning Bank Balance, 02/01/2023 **\$ 19,501.94**

Add Receipts:	Dues	180.00	
	Flotilla 23 Paddling Fees	424.83	
	Amazon Smile	10.14	
	Sale Mug	10.00	
	Sale Cookbook	<u>25.00</u>	+ 649.97
Less Expenses:	Flotilla 23 Advertising		- 24.00

Ending Balance, 02/28/2023 **\$ 20,127.91**

Flotilla Funds	\$ 13,526.61	
Trainee Scholarship Fund	600.00	
General Funds	<u>6,001.30</u>	<u>\$ 20,127.91</u>

Note:

Chapter Dues for 2023 are now due - \$25/individual and \$40/couple. You may pay at chapter meetings or mail to me at: 709 Lovely Road, Marshall, TX 75672. I will bring envelopes to the meetings for you to include cash payments with your name on the envelope. Checks will not need an envelope.

~ Submitted by Charles Gillis, CBTMN Treasurer

March Monthly Meeting ! ! !

Our next meeting is **March 13th, at 6:00pm at Caddo Lake State Park**, in the Rec Hall. Set up will be at 5:30. You don't need to stop at the office - they know we are coming! Come get the updates on the Flotilla, the Trail of the Month, and all the other VT and AT opportunities. Hope to see you there!

"Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again ."

- *Gustav Mahler*

11th Annual Earth Day Flotilla

It's Flotilla Time!

The Cypress Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists is holding their 11th Earth Day Paddling Flotilla on Caddo Lake, Saturday, April 22nd. More information coming! Breakfast snacks will be provided, fishing education table, corn hole games, raffle, silent auction. Food available for purchase: hot dogs, burgers and Frito chili pie. Launch is either at Shady Glade Marina or Johnson's Ranch. Registration fees range from \$30-35 (Adults) and \$10 (under 13), depending on when you register. Tickets are available via Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/2023Flotilla>



- Per Stella, As of this morning, we have 64 registered adult paddlers, no children as of yet.
 - Sponsors:
 - * Paddlefish: City of Uncertain, Shady Glade Resort
 - * Large Mouth Bass: GCLA, Caddo Lake Cabins, Smoothie King
 - * Crappie: Capt Ron's Swamp Tours
 - New this year—Scavenger Hunt, details to follow!
- Contact: 2023flotilla11@gmail.com or 903.736.3063

Share the tiny URL or QR code to register!

<https://tinyurl.com/2023Flotilla>

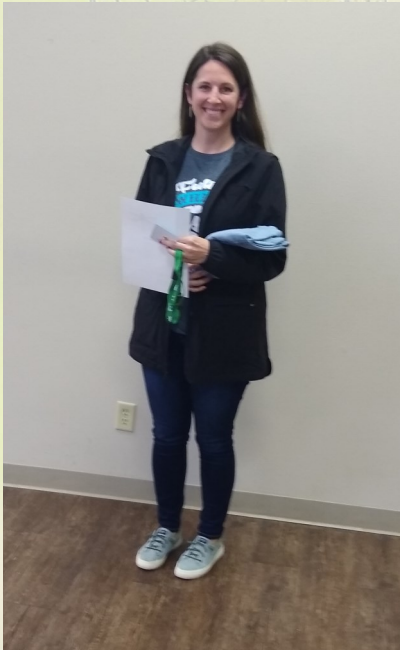
FALL TRAINING CLASS UPDATE

Caroline and Susan are getting busy lining up prospective new members and class presenters for this year's new class, which will begin in August. Classes will be held at the Refuge in the Main Building's Conference Room. If you have friends, co-workers or family members who would like to join us, please ask them to email Caroline at cahughes8@gmail.com and she will send them all the necessary paperwork and information. The classes are Friday evening from 5:45-9pm, and Saturday from 8:30am-5pm, 1 weekend a month for 4 months. The weekends of the classes are August 18-19, September 15-16, October 6-7 and November 3-4, with a bad weather make up day on November 11. We will need help with food Friday evenings and Saturday breakfasts. And of course, all members are encouraged to come to classes that interest them, both to meet the new folks and earn some VT or AT.



Recruiting trainees for the upcoming training class. Bring interested folks to a meeting!

AWARDS



Amy Taylor earned her initial dragonfly pin and is now an official member of the chapter.



Jennifer Bean and Mike Woodruff earned their 250 hour milestone pins .



Caroline Hughes earned her 1000 hour milestone pin.



Caroline Hughes, Jason Bean, Jennifer Bean, Herman Hazard, Thelma Woodruff, Mike Woodruff all earned their recertification pins.

Volunteers in Action



Flitter, Flutter, Flowers!

- Learn to create a butterfly habitat that includes native and adapted plants with special guest presenter: **The Texas Plant Guy, Daniel Cunningham**
- Get tips for successful container gardening from: **Mary's Heirloom Seeds.**
- Vendors, refreshments, raffles and door prizes round out the morning.

TICKETS: \$20
405 EAST MARSHALL AVE STE #101
903-236-8429

MARCH 4TH, 9AM - 12PM
LONGVIEW EXHIBIT CENTER
1123 JAYCEE DRIVE



Lisa Egner is presenting a program March 28 in Linden at the Native Plant Society meeting on Dragonflies and Native Plants. For more information contact her at daylilylady12@gmail.com

27th Annual Birding Classic

The biggest, longest, wildest birdwatching tournament in the U.S.!

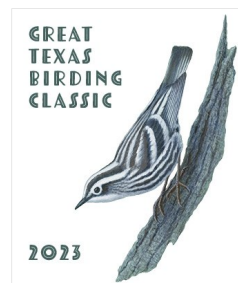
2023 Birding Classic registration is now open!

2023 Team Registration

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2023
 Tournament Dates: April 15 – May 15, 2023

2023 Conservation Grant Proposal Information

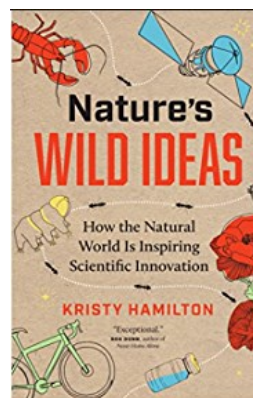
Conservation Grant Project Submission
 Deadline: May 1, 2023



2023 official artwork by F.P. Bennett (Black-and-white Warbler)

TMN Nature Book Club

Our next selection is Nature's Wild Ideas, by Kristy Hamilton. This is a nonfiction book about how nature has inspired some of the world's greatest inventions. We will meet Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm at the Refuge to discuss.



Anyone who would like to join us, please contact Caroline Hughes at cahughes8@gmail.com.

"You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way."

– **Walter C. Hagen**

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge Trail-of-the-Month



Celebrate spring by visiting Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge! CLNWR (former Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant at Karnack, TX) has over 8000 acres of beauty, diversity and historic interest. There are 5 established trails varying in lengths and habitats. You will see both how nature restores itself and how humans can help with restoring natural habitats. The auto tour route takes you to the various trailheads where you can see some of the historic structures from LHAAP and signage discussing both the history and interesting biology of the refuge. The auto tour route is also a great option for bicycling. Paddlers can access Goose Prairie from the dock at Starr Ranch.

The Cypress Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists (CBTMN) invites you to enjoy a different featured trail March - April. Volunteers will be available at the Visitor Center deck and at the trailhead of the featured trail for one Saturday morning each month. They will help you get oriented to the Refuge, help you locate the trails and even walk the featured trail with you if you so request.

On March 18 the featured trail is the 1/2 mile Magazine Trail. CBTMN will be hosting visitors on March 18th from 9am - noon. Hikers should wear sturdy walking shoes. Volunteers will be also available for an 8-10 mile bicycle ride that explores the refuge. Riders should be prepared to ride on some gravel roads and bring their own water.

Other featured trails (time to be determined) will be April 29th—Hope Cemetery Trail and May 20th—Starr Ranch trail.



You can contact Cypress Basin TMN at cypressbasintmn@gmail.com or <http://txmn.org/cypress/> or <https://www.facebook.com/CypressBasinChapterTMN/>

Volunteer Opportunities

2023 OFFICERS:

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Laura Wilson
Class Rep.

Linda Richtsmeier
Membership Director

Vanessa Adams
Neace
Advisor

Doug Weir
Advisor

Join the Bird Herd!



Volunteers needed to maintain the bird blinds at the Refuge.
Please contact Barbara Judkins




Join Bluebird Buddies



Volunteers to help maintain the bluebird houses and counts.
Please contact Sue Simmons

Please share pictures and updates of any presentations, field trips, etc. that is going on! We also can use interesting articles you come across. Email them to

cypress-basintmn@gmail.com



March 14, 2023
Speaker Series



#TMNTuesdays

Melissa Felty
(Alderson)

Texas Waters:
Become an ambassador
of our waterways

TEXAS

Master Naturalist



2023 Meeting Dates

March 13th - Caddo Lake State Park
April 10th - Kellyville - Dutch Oven Cooking Demo by the wonderful Beans!! AT opportunity
May 8th - Marshall Central Fire Station
June 12th - Kellyville
July - no meeting
August 14th - Caddo Lake State Park
September 11th - Jefferson Transportation Center - POTLUCK!!
October 9th - Marshall Central Fire Station
November 13th - Caddo Lake State Park
December - no meeting

Texas Master Naturalist Program

The Mission:

To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

The Need:

Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers is often cited as a limiting factor for community-based conservation efforts.

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." - Virgil A. Kraft

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