

El Camino Real chapter Texas Master Naturalist

Minutes for July 13, 2023

All Saints Episcopal Church 5:30 p.m.

I. Welcome

A. Pot Luck Dinner 5:30

B. Guests: Melanie Reed and Karyn Tagard

C. Speaker 6 p.m. – Lauri Mason, Outreach Manager for Pines and Prairies Land Trusts, and Melanie Pavlas, Executive Director

II. Meeting 7:35

A. Annual meeting in October in McAllen. An email was sent out that shows all the sessions being offered. If you missed it, you can find it here:

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/>

There are contests to enter if you are interested. Please note deadlines for entering. You can find it on the same page.

1. Eric Neubauer is a presenter this year at the annual meeting. We will get a preview at our September meeting.

B. Upcoming events

1. Dr. Dale Kruse, Texas A & M professor, met with interested participants immediately after this meeting for a short message about the grass identification program he is starting soon.
2. Wildlife and Woodlands Post Oak Savannah Landowner Workshop put on by Tim Siegmund and Paul Crump in Caldwell, August 4. We will have a table there with information about us. Staffing the table will be volunteer hours. Attending the program will be AT hours. You must register to attend the program and have lunch. Carolyn Henderson will be there, and she needs a few volunteers. Email her to volunteer.
3. The ninth annual Milam and Burleson Counties Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Summit will take place on August 17, also at the Caldwell Convention Center. Michelle Lopez and Donna Lewis have volunteered to set and staff the table. Others are needed. Table staffing is VS. Attendance is AT.

III. Board and Department Reports

- A. Liz Lewis, VP - not in attendance
- B. Mike Connor, Treasurer - not in attendance, no report
- C. Sue Ann Kendall, Secretary- approved minutes from June meeting. Alan Rudd moved and and Victoria Everett seconded. Motion passed.
- D. Lisa Milewki, Membership
 - a. New certification: Neil Wettstein
 - b. Recertifications: m Ellen Luckey, Pamela Neeley, Cindy Rek, and Gene Rek
- E. Don Travis, Communications - not in attendance
- F. Pamela Neeley, AT authorization - nothing to report
- G. Donna Lewis, Project Coordinator - not in attendance
- H. Alan Rudd, Student Training - nothing to report
- I. Linda Jo Conn, State Cheerleader and iNat coordinator
 - a. Dale Kruse is giving a class at the Goodwater Chapter on Bryophytes
 - b. A Big Spider Badge with a spider on it was given to Eric Neubauer, because he deserved it.
 - c. WOW Award for May: Purple Pleatleaf plant, by Alan Rudd (it's a great year for them) May
 - d. WOW Award for June: John Pruett, who took a picture in Montana and shared it.
 - e. Moth Week is coming up - we may have a mothing event at Bird and Bee Farm
- J. Catherine Johnson, Hostess and Wildscape Coordinator
 - a. This Saturday 9-11] is a workday at the Wildscape. We may have free items to take. We want to impress the Master Gardeners, who are coming to visit soon, so let's make it look great.

IV. Old business - none

V. New business

- 1. We will be watching the excellent PBS show "Deep in the Heart...", narrated by Matthew McConaughey at our August meeting. **We have paid the small fee and received official permission.** We can discuss a more public showing, perhaps at

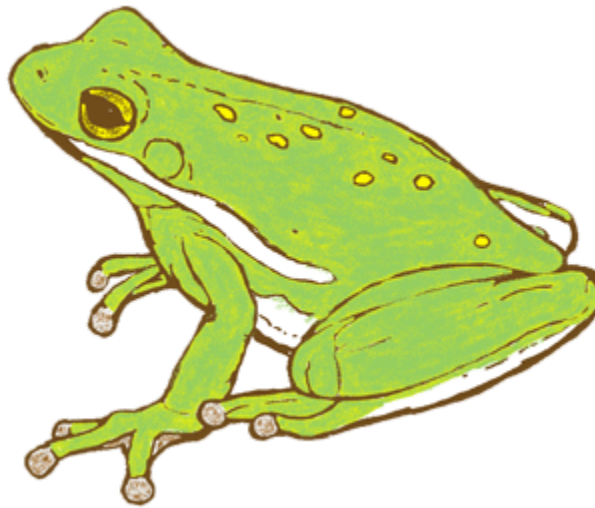
the Kay Theater in Rockdale. Victoria Everett volunteered that she is on the board of the theater and can help with arrangements.

VI. Adjourn 8 pm. Sue Ann Kendall moved to adjourn and Kim Summers seconded

VII. Meeting with Dale Kruse. Those planning to attend stayed for this meeting.

1.5 AT hours for the presentation (at a Chapter Meeting)

.25 hours VT Chapter Meeting





Extra Information

MASTER NATURALIST LOGO STORE

Pop Up Store with TMN logo items, 25th Anniversary and Annual Meeting logo items!

Timeline:
Opening August 15th
Closes August 31st
Shipped to you PRIOR to the Annual Meeting

Items:
-Soft Shell jacket
-T-Shirts
-Polos
-What else?



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
2023 ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 12-13
WAXAHACH, TEXAS

Wildlife & Woodlands Post Oak Savannah Landowner Workshop

Caldwell, TX - Milam & Burleson Cty
August 4, 2023
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Caldwell Civic Center
103 TX-21, Caldwell, TX 77836

Topics & Information:

- Learn about the Post Oak Savannah ecosystem
- Wildlife in a healthy Post Oak Savannah
- Wild Turkey biology & management
- Where did the "Horny Toad" and other reptiles & amphibians go?
- Wildlife Tax Valuation information
- Habitat restoration and conservation cost-share opportunities for private landowners
- Land use trends & future rural development
- Talk with wildlife biologists & land managers
- Meet local organizations
- Get wildlife and habitat advice
- ...and more!

Registration required

[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER](#)

\$20 Registration
Lunch, drinks, and snacks included



Questions? Contact:
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Photo, Art & Media Contest

LINK COMING SOON!

Entry Submission - August 15, 2023 12:00AM through September 15, 2023, 11:59PM

Categories

- Individual member submissions categories:

- Photo –

- Plants and Fungi
- Wildlife: Birds
- Wildlife: Insects and arachnids
- Wildlife: Reptiles and Amphibians
- Wildlife: Other
- Chapters at work/play
- Scenic
- Macro
- Digitally Enhanced Photos

- Art –

- Paintings or Drawings
- Sculptures, Carvings, & Ceramics
- Sewing or Stitchery

- Chapter submissions categories –

- Newsletter
- Scrapbooks
- Brochures



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Betsy Cross
Hays County
"Night of the Flower Moon"