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EFCMN Newsletter

EVENTS

January MEETING

Date: 1/20/2011

Social: 9:00 a.m.

Meeting: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Extension Office Conference Room

February BOARD MEETING

Date: 2/10/2011

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Extension

Office Conference Room

Board meetings are open to members

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected

President: George Kragle

Vice President: Rob Roy

Secretary: Marian Kester

Treasurer: Kay Crowe

2010 Class Rep: Deborah Estes

Member-at-Large: Doug Chadwick

Appointed Chairs/Other

Training: Van Elliott

Publicity: (Open)

Projects: Susan Pohlen

Communications: Monica Chaffin

Webmaster: Sharon Barr

Editor: Rob Roy (January)

Wanda Odum (starting in Feb)

2011 Dues are due!

January EFCMN Meeting

Awards & Special Recognitions

Our annual awards and special recognitions meeting will be Thursday, **January 20, 2011**, in the Extension Office Conference Room.

This is a special time when we recognize our members who achieved major milestones in 2010 as well as those who made significant contributions to our chapter and communities through EFCTMN activities.

We will begin with a social time followed by a short business meeting. New officers for 2011 will be installed and people reaching major milestones and those re-certifying or certifying for the first time in December 2010 will be recognized.

We will recognize the graduates of the 2009 class. Lunch will be provided by the 2010 class.

If you have any questions please contact:

George Kragle gkragle1@verizon.net.

2011 Dues Notice

It's that time again! Chapter Dues for the calendar year of 2011 were due January 1, 2011. If not already paid, the amount is \$25.00 and the check should be payable to Elm Fork Chapter Master Naturalist or **EFCTMN**. Please send dues to **Kay Crowe, 3320 Dunes Street, Denton, Texas 76209**.

The members of the Elm Fork Chapter Texas Master Naturalists volunteer their time for a large number of work projects and educational programs for the greater Denton area and your help is valuable. Please join us for another great year of friendship and community service.

Last Month

Our annual Christmas party was a great success enjoyed by all. Santa came a-calling, several members were recognized for milestones reached and certifications achieved, a gift "exchange" ensued, and a great lunch was consumed. Some of us may have eaten too much but that was part of the fun (pain.)

Down the Road



Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Field Trips

February 17th - "Corps of Engineers Lake Operations and Management" will be presented by Mr. Eric Pedersen, Deputy Operations Project Manager, Trinity Regional Project, US Army COE-Fort Worth District.

March 17th - "Stream Restoration" will be the topic of our speaker, Mr. Kenneth Mayben, Zone Engineer, USDA-NRCS.

Field Trip (Advance training opportunity) April 6th (alternate 5/4 in case of bad weather) trip to the LBJ Grasslands. More details will be provided later.

Major Milestones Reached

The following members reached major milestones in November and were recognized at the December 2010 general meeting/Christmas party.

Bill Hammon – 1,000 hours

Peggy LaPoint – 500 hours



Photos Needed!

Our chapter historian, Betty Zajac, is “looking for photos from some of the smaller projects for the scrapbook.” She needs them by Feb 1, 2011. She will take photos, CD, or they can be emailed to her email address: EAZ805@aol.com.

Certified in 2010

Congratulations to the following members who were announced during the December meeting as having certified as a Master Naturalist for 2010.

**Joe Bain
Diana Block
Jeri Marold
Abigail Miller
Carolyn Richard
C. J. Solberg
Jan Thompson
Marilyn Turnage
Liz Williamson**

The following individuals in the **2010** class were recognized for receiving their initial certification as a Master Naturalist.

**Randy Kimball
Carl Patrick
Cindy Schlaht**

New Editor!!!

Wanda Odum has volunteered to become the Newsletter Editor beginning with the February issue. Be sure to thank her at the January meeting. Please send items you would like to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming issue to her at wodum10043@aol.com.

Trail Guide Training for LLELA

Lisa Cole at LLELA will be offering a trail guide training workshop to recruit and train folks who would like to lead hikes and help with programs at LLELA. Attached is a course outline for the workshop which will begin on February 16 and run through March 23. There are 5 Wednesday sessions from 0930 AM to 1230 PM and 15 Advanced Training hours can be earned by Master Naturalists. The course content is excellent and should be a lot of fun. It is also open to other people outside the MN organization who would like the training.

There is **no fee** for these training sessions, but participants will be asked to lead at least 3 hikes at LLELA within in a one year period. What a neat way to get advanced training and then get service hours for something you enjoy doing.

Interested people should contact Lisa Cole at telephone 972-219-3930 or email: lisacole@unt.edu to reserve their place in the class. RSVP is requested so we know how many plan to attend.

Submitted by Van Elliott
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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON VACANCY

Elm Fork Chapter is seeking a publicity committee chairperson for 2011. In accordance with the chapter Operating Handbook, the publicity committee chairperson is a member of the board limited to a 2-year term and is expected to regularly attend monthly board meetings.

The purpose of the publicity committee is to promote and maintain public awareness of Texas Master Naturalist, Elm Fork Chapter, and is specifically charged with the responsibility of coordinating information booths and assisting the training committee in publicizing training classes. However, since there are numerous approaches to effective publicity, the committee is not limited to these specified responsibilities. This is an excellent opportunity for one to make use of a creative imagination.

Persons interested in this position, should contact George Kragle, president, at gkragle1@verizon.net or if you have questions about this position, contact outgoing publicity chairperson, Wanda Odum at wodum10043@aol.com Wanda will make herself available for any needed assistance by a newly appointed chairperson.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES NEW PROJECT

The Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility (LAERF, pronounced *Lay' erf*) is an experimental aquatic plant facility located within the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA) on Jones Street in Lewisville, Texas. It was established in 1990 by the Corps of Engineers' Aquatic Plant Control Research Program.

LAERF supports studies on the management of aquatic plants, including:

- Control of aquatic plants by microbial pathogens and host-specific insects
- Efficacy of aquatic plant herbicides
- Effects of aquatic plants on fisheries, water quality, macroinvertebrates, and native vegetation
- Impacts of introduced aquatic weeds, such as water hyacinth, Eurasian water milfoil, hydrilla, and giant salvinia, on native aquatic environments
- Methods for establishing native aquatic plants to prevent further spread of introduced weeds

LAERF's facilities, a former Texas fish hatchery, consist of:

- Fifty-three earthen and twenty-one lined ponds
- Eighteen flowing water raceways
- Three outdoor mesocosm tank facilities
- A research greenhouse
- An analytical laboratory

- A chemical laboratory
- Other laboratories supporting aquatic plant studies

These facilities are available to support research by other agencies, such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Aquatic Habitat Establishment Initiative; state, city, and river authorities; and the South Florida Water Management District on the spread of torpedo grass in Lake Okeechobee; as well as the activities at LLELA for environmental preservation, education, and research.

In addition, LAERF hires high school and university undergraduate and graduate students as support staff for research projects, providing them with hands-on experience for their theses and dissertations, and post-graduate resumes.

Now, LAERF will be adding opportunities for Master Naturalists volunteers to participate in the fascinating world of aquatic plant research.

Mary Hooser
Project Manager

