

# Galveston Bay Area Chapter

## Texas Master Naturalist



2020





# COVID



## 2020 The Year That Disappeared

2020

Perfect Vision

Year of the Rat

Rat is clever, quick thinking and successful

Friday the 13th of March

Stocking up on water and toilet paper

Panic and masks

Sanitizer, sanitizer, sanitizer

Texas Master Naturalists learned how to zoom

Who knew boomers could zoom?

Unmute became the word of the year

AT, chapter meetings, chapter chats

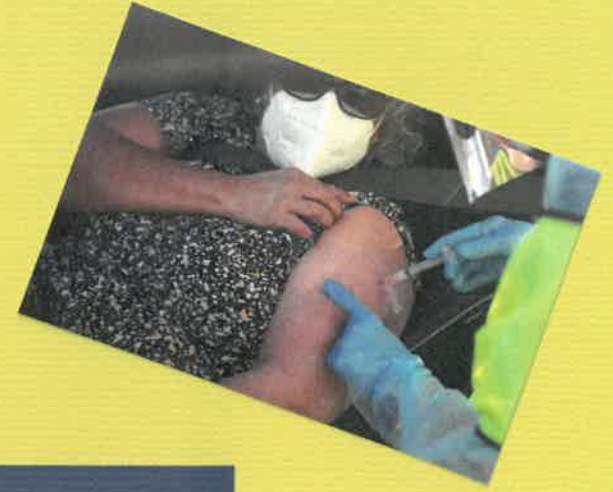
And the new training class made it through

With the concern and care of the leaders

Who were clever, quick thinking and successful



# COVID



January 2020 started off full of hope and plans for all the wonderful new adventures the year would bring. In early January we began to hear news stories about a deadly virus in China and concerns of it traveling around the world began to grow. By mid-January COVID-19 had reached the Pacific Northwest and the devastation began to become very real for the US. By mid-March the reality of the threat was everywhere we looked. The world as we knew it began to shut down...literally. Businesses and restaurants closed. Non-essential workers sent home – some permanently. Hospitals and health care workers stretched not only beyond capacity but beyond imagination. We watched, waited and wondered what damage and changes the now global pandemic would bring. In a never before imagined time, we all coped the best we could. Wearing masks, using sanitizers to clean everything, staying inside our own bubbles, and spending quality time with others became virtual and took place behind computer screens and through windows. New technology and our willingness to adapt bonded us together while fear fought to divide what was united. So many lives lost and families, friends, businesses and organizations that will never be the same, but we, Galveston Bay Area Chapter Texas Master Naturalists have hope. While the world secluded indoors, nature healed. New growth and life appeared and passions for the outdoors soared to new heights. While 2020 was an unprecedented time that forever altered our realities, naturalists stand firm in the united goal of improving the natural world around us and educating and inspiring others to do the same.

We are Texas Master Naturalist Strong!





# Committees

Membership

Archive

Communications

Emeritus

Education Outreach



P3

Scholarship



# Committees

Training Class

Advance Training



Green Team



The Midden

Diversity



Chapter Sales

Hospitality



# Treasures of the Bay Awards

## Dick Benoit Leadership Award

Awarded for extraordinary service, mentoring, leadership and dedication to our organization.

*Diane Humes*

## Beth Cooper Memorial Service Award

Awarded to a new Chapter member (2 years or less) in recognition of their volunteer service and dedication to the chapter.

*Pam House*

## Sara Snell Education Award

Awarded in recognition of initiatives in education about the Galveston Bay ecosystem.

*Cindy Howard*

## Non-profit Award

In recognition of a non profit for leadership in Protecting and improving the Galveston Bay area environment.

*Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research  
at Texas A&M Galveston*







### Chapter Service Award

Awarded to an active Master Naturalist of the Galveston Bay Area Chapter for outstanding work and commitment to the success of our organization.

*Madeleine Barnes, Gene Fisseler, Susette Mahaffey,  
Robin Kendrick-Yates, Patty Trimmingham,  
2020 Training Class Team, Advanced Training Team  
GBAC Facebook Knowledge Sharing Team*

### Making a Difference Award

Awarded in recognition of an individual or individuals whose initiatives in preservation, restoration, education and/or enhancement of our natural world have improved and/or enriched the quality of the environment in the Galveston Bay area.

*Chuck Snyder & Maureen Nolan-Wilde  
and the 2020 Zoom team*





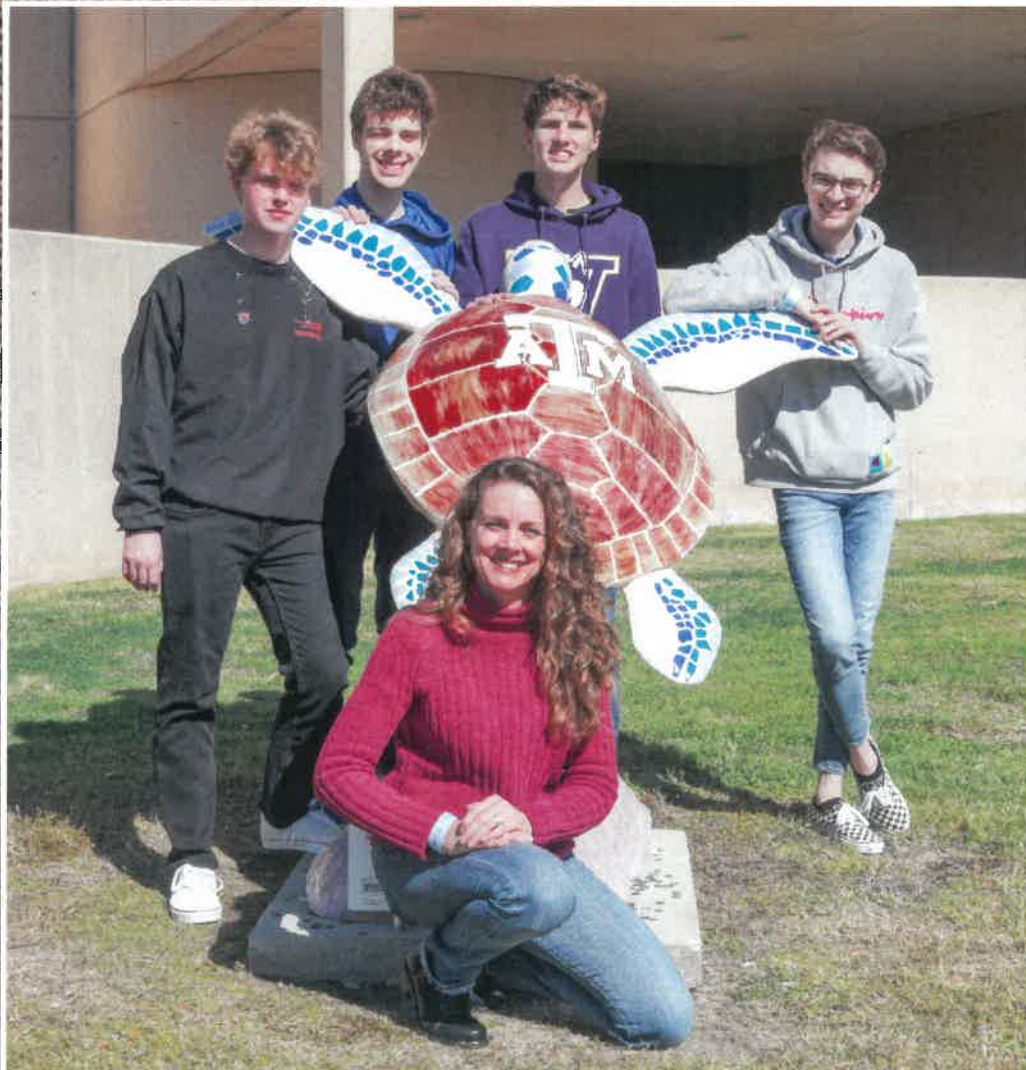


Beach Heroes





Are You A Bolivar Beach Hero?











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# Advanced Training

The Secret Life of Seeds

Native Bees of Texas

Tepees of the Southern Plains

Green Infrastructure

Birding 101

Virtual Kayak Tour

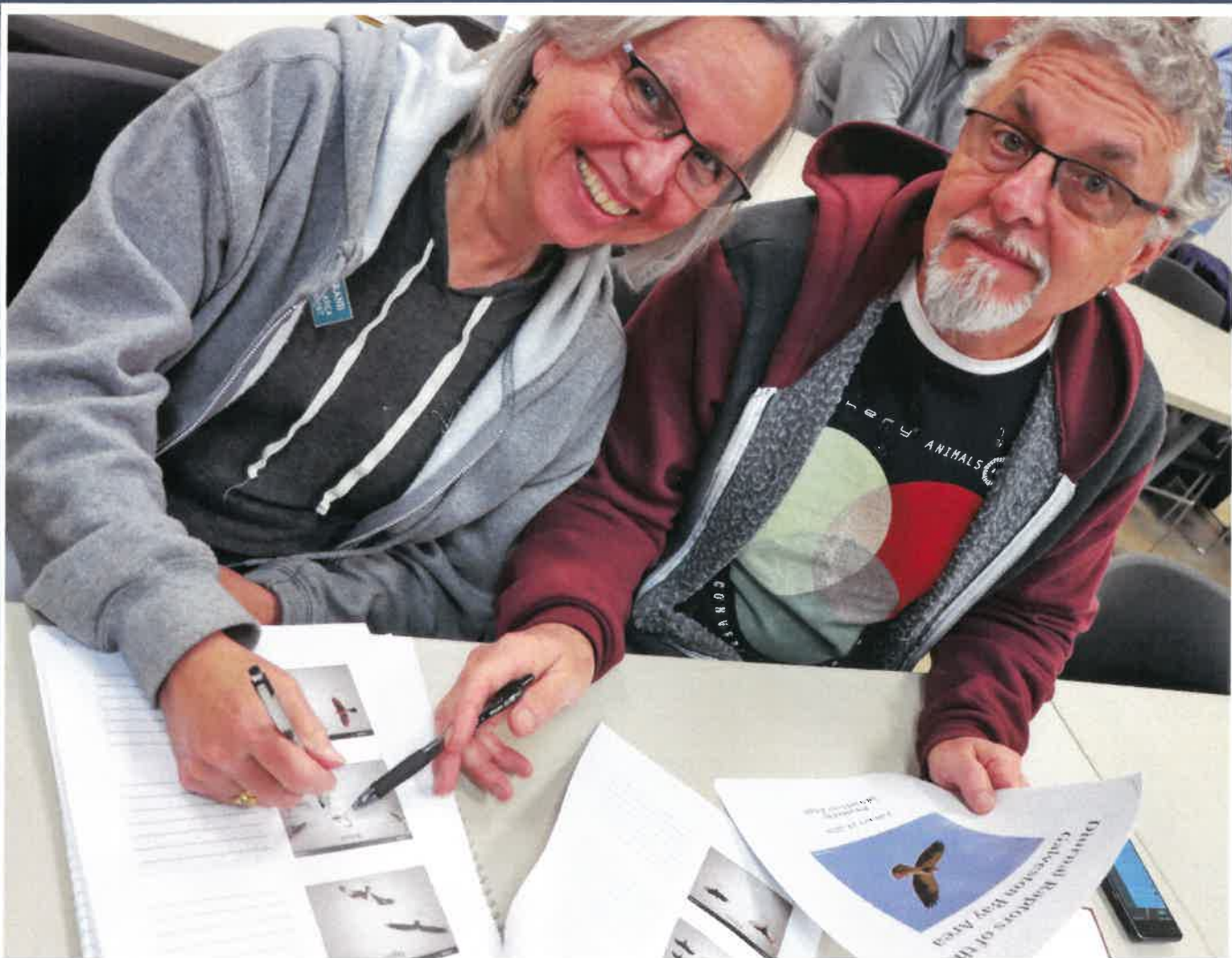
Mammals of Texas

GCBO Hummingbirds & Banding

Red Wolves

Native Coastal Prairie Restoration

Plastic in the Time of Coronavirus





# Advanced Training

Diurnal Raptors of the Galveston Bay Area

Fire Ecology, Then and Now at the Bastrop State Park

Galveston Bay Bottlenose Dolphin Research

Heritage Book Study

Early People of Texas

Digital Photography



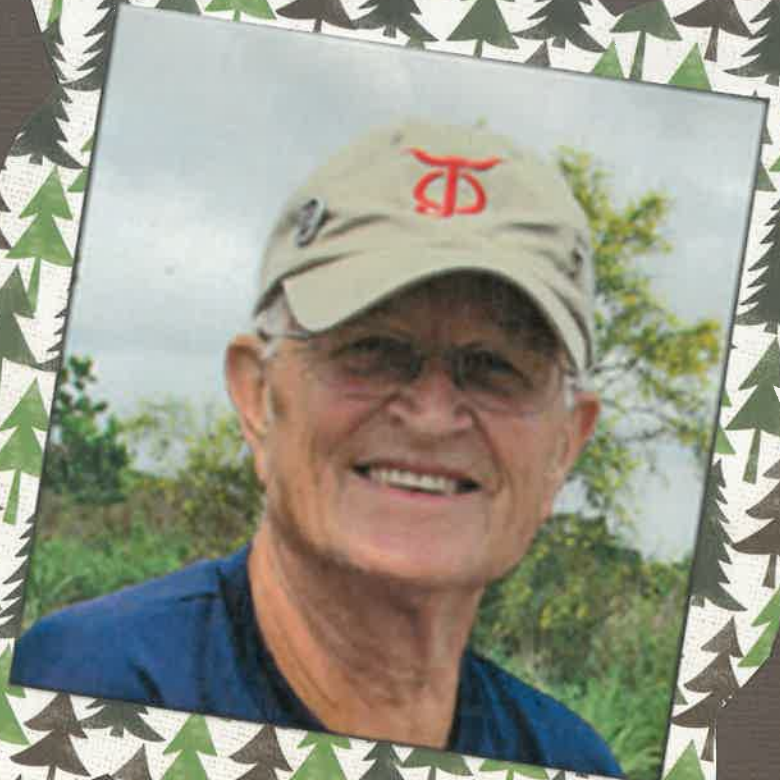
Texas Oyster Mariculture Industry

Bats

Whooping Cranes

An Introduction to CoCoRaHS





# Milestones





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*4,000 - Stennie Meadours*

*5,000 - Larry Brasfield and Gib Larson*

*15,000 - Marie Asscherick*

*25,000 - Tom Solomon*





# Monofilament





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# Dolphin Challenge



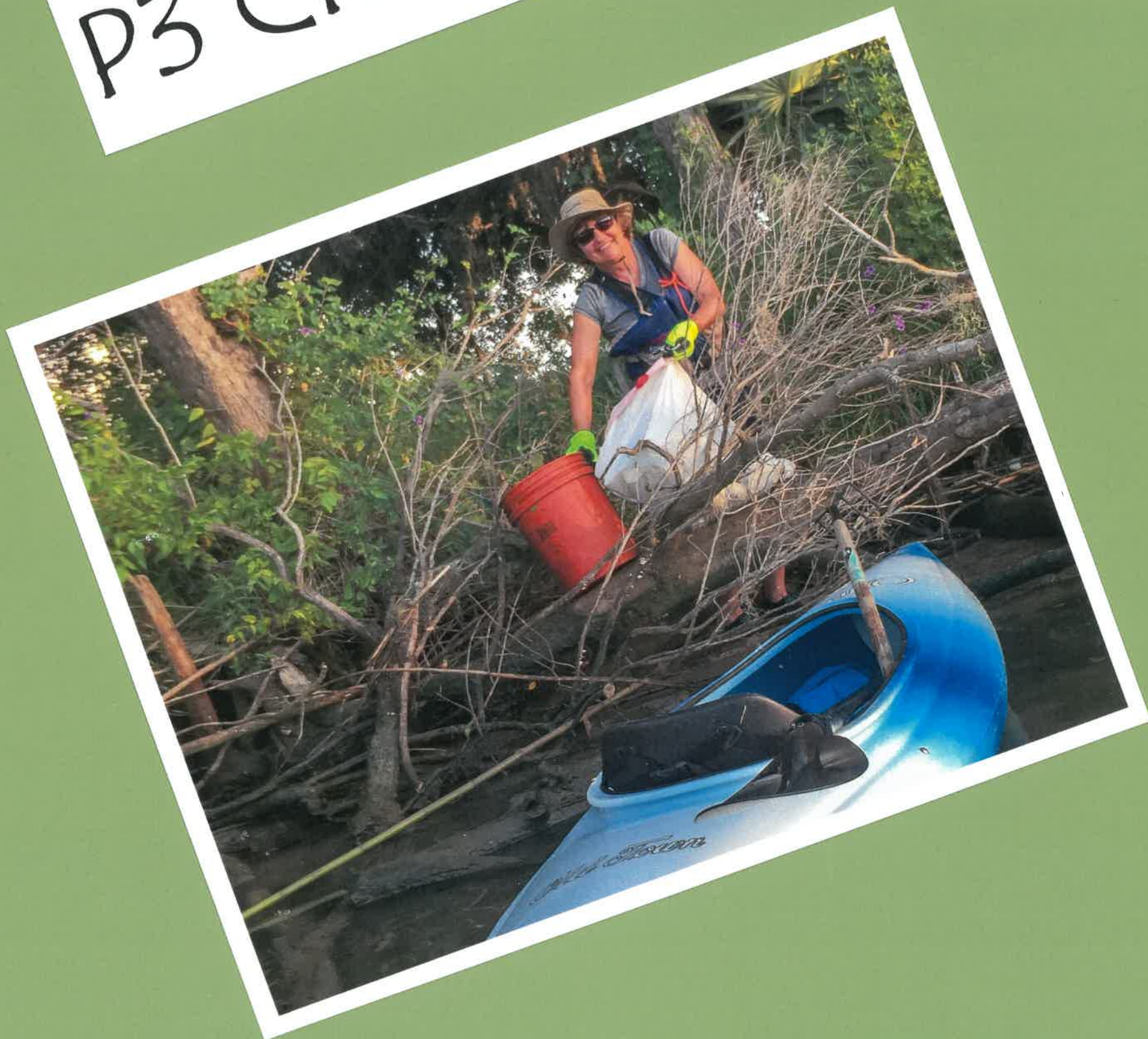


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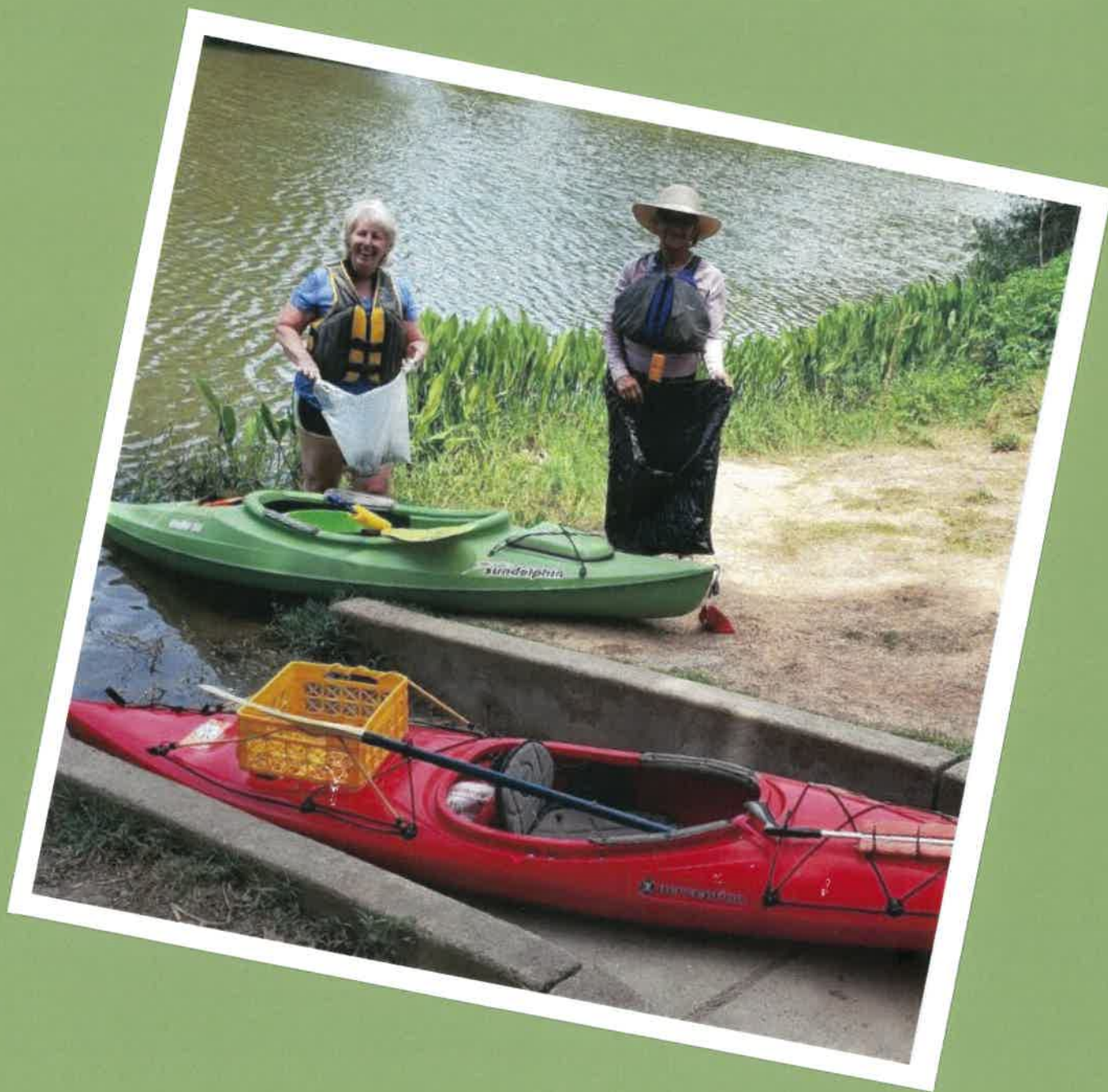


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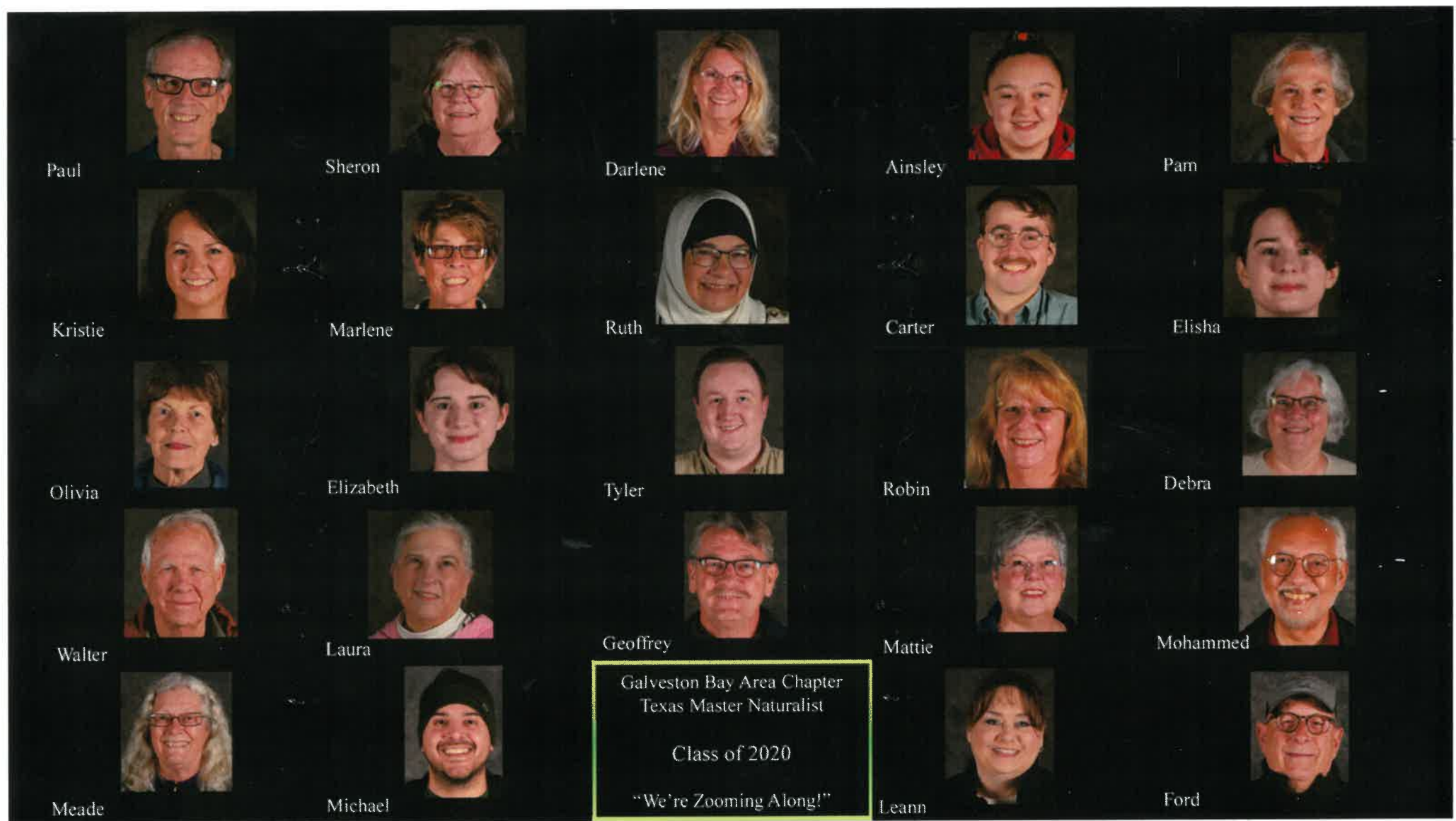


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# Class of 2020











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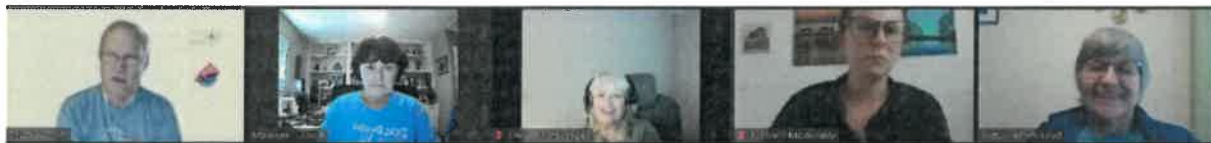
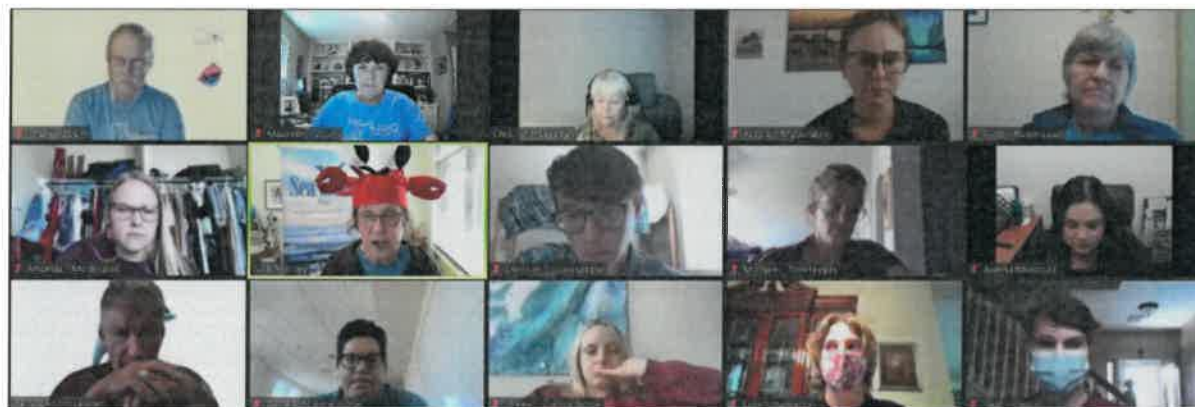






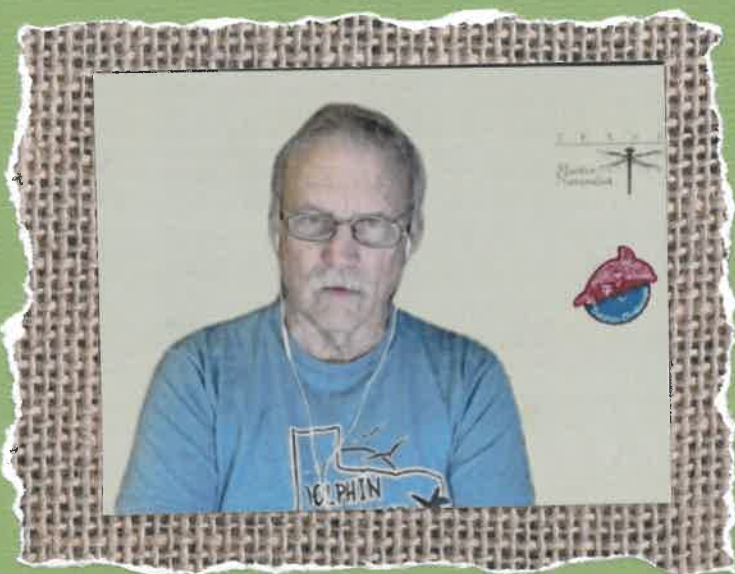


# Zoom Team





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# TMN at Work & Play













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# Board



## 2020 Board of Directors

### 2019 Board of Directors

#### Elected

President	Susette Mahaffey
Vice President	Mike Petitt
Treasurer	Cindy Liering
Secretary	Beverly Morrison

#### Appointed

Service Director	Jo Monday
Training Director	Ellen Gerloff
Membership Director	Patty Trimmingham
New Class Director	Janet Mason
Communications Director	Maureen Nolan-Wilde
Training Class Rep.	Tiffany Cummings
Training Class Rep.	Monica Duran
Sponsor	Julie Massey
Past President	George Kyame

The full chapter organization chart and a list of the committee chairs can be found at <http://bxmn.org/gbmn/board-of-directors/>.



Photo by Monica Duran







# Special Thanks



**Julie Massey**

Distinguished Extension Agent  
Galveston County

Advisor, Texas Master Naturalist Program, Galveston Bay Area Chapter



**Joanna Mendoza**

Administrative Assistant,  
Coastal & Marine Resources

& Texas Master Naturalist Program, Galveston Bay Area Chapter

