

**TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST GIDEON LINCECUM CHAPTER
CHAPTER MEETING MAY 20, 2023
WINEDALE HISTORIAL CENTER**

President Sheri Wilcox called the chapter meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Coastal Prairie TMN members Burt and Jean Stipelcovich presented an advanced training program on purple martins. In addition, three members of the Class of 2023 presented to the chapter, as follows:

- Carey Soderstrom presented on Dark Skies and helping to reverse light pollution
- Jim Kelley illustrated and discussed the Common Ants of Texas
- Marvelyn Granger explained and demonstrated the advantages of foraging on your own property

The minutes from the March 18, 2023 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

Education Director Karen Gardener informed members about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Karen also shared the plans to update and add new educational presentations.

Denise Turner gave the membership report for Chris Morrison. A copy is included in the minutes.

Communications Director Lori Buffum reminded members to submit articles for the newsletter.

Training Director Connie Shortes presented the members of the graduating class of 2023, who were welcomed to the chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55

Respectfully Submitted by Patti Brown, Secretary

Membership Report – Gideon Lincecum Chapter
May 20, 2023
Chris Morrison

Since the March 18, 2023 meeting:

Initial Certification – Green Dragonfly Pin and Certificate (40 volunteer & 8 AT hours since graduation)
Scott Maddox, class of 2023

Recertification for 2023 – Texas Ecoregions Pin

Marcia Braun
Patti Brown
Linda Esco
John Gardner
B.R. Koehler
Charlene Koehler
Chris Morrison
Donna Mueller
Betsy Palkowsky
Dottie Schoeneberg
Denise Turner

Milestones:

250 Hours All-Time – Bronze Dragonfly pin
Connie Shortes
Swee Leng Rapatz

500 Hours All-Time – Pewter Dragonfly pin
John Gardner

Congratulations to those who initially certified or re-certified already this year. Remember that maintaining annual certification isn't a requirement for remaining in TMN, but it is strongly encouraged. Keep logging those hours! Each volunteer hour is worth the equivalent of over \$23 in federal grants.

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