

Guadalupe Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist

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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.



Chapter meetings will not be held during June and July. Volunteer activities will continue and opportunities for Advanced Training will be available.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Discover the Forest

Date: Saturday, June , 2023

Time: Volunteers at 8:30

Staggered start from 9:30 – 10:0 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Date: Monday, June 13, 2023

Time: Volunteers at 8:30

Staggered start from 9:30 – 10:0 AM

Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte



Description: Children learn about how a forest functions by identifying how each living organism plays a role in the use of the natural resources in a forest. Children will compare their city life to that of the forest city.

Hopefully this link works for you to sign-up for **June's Discovery Program.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DA8A723A13-discover2>

This will be a great one to do at both sites.

Let me know if there are questions or if you have trouble signing up.

Contact: Jennifer Ehlers 830-305-1352

Pollinator Garden at Park West

Date: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description: Our Pollinator Garden is a Citizen Science Monarch Observation site for Master Naturalists, adopted by the Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and an approved volunteer garden site for Master Gardeners.

Come dressed for gardening, bring water and your favorite weeding tools. We'll weed, see what's coming up, and make plans for any additions we might need this year.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, 830-305-9104

M. O. Neasloney Wildlife Management Area

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 20700 SH 80 North, Gonzales, TX 78629 [halfway between Seguin and Gonzales]

Description: Craig Wagner and Nick Franzen invite Chapter members to join them at Neasloney WMA every Thursday. There are many, many jobs to be done to help our TPWD biologist Trent Teinert. If you are interested, **please contact Craig** at craigwagner31@aol.com or call Craig at 847-226-4375 for information. If not familiar with Neasloney, it is 100 acres located in Gonzales County, south of Luling, midway between Luling and Gonzales. The WMA is used primarily for wildlife ecology field tours by public school groups. Outdoor recreational opportunities include wildlife viewing, hiking and an interpretive nature trail. Page 3

Contact: Nick Franzen, nhfranz204@gmail.com

Craig Wagner, craigwagner31@aol.com or 847-226-4375

Trent Teinert, trent.teinert@tpwd.texas.gov or (830) 424-3407

Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary



Dates/Times: Vary

Description: Assist with filling feeders, clearing brush, building owl boxes, general maintenance, golf cart repairs/maintenance

Location: Warbler Woods, 19349 Old Wiederstein Rd, Cibolo, TX

Contact: Sandi Wheeler at wheels5683@gmail.com for current opportunities

Kirchoff Prairie Restoration Workday

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Kirchoff Family Farm, 1444 County Road 210, Floresville, TX

Description: Work and learn at the ongoing prairie restoration project at the Kirchoff Family Farm. Come when you can, leave when you're ready. Tools and LUNCH are provided by the Kirchoffs.

Contact: Don Kirchoff, 713-562-7681 donkirchoff@earthlink.com

Organizer: San Antonio Chapter of Native Prairies Association of Texas

Pollinator Activities



Pollinator Power Party

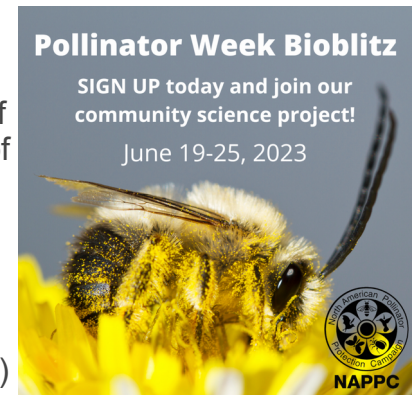
Date: Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 25, 2023

Information and **registration** link at <https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week/activities>

Pollinator Week Bioblitz

Date: June 19 – 25, 2023

Description: Join the Pollinator Week Bioblitz on iNaturalist! Be a part of this community science project and help collect data on the distribution of pollinators across the United States, Canada, and Mexico during Pollinator Week (June 19th-25th). This project is easy to join, and consists of taking pictures of pollinators and the flowers they are visiting and uploading them to iNaturalist to be included in the dataset. Sign up and learn more at the link in our bio. This community science project is hosted by the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign's (NAPPC) Pollinator Communications Task Force.



Information and **registration** link at <https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week/activities>

Warbler Woods Night Trip - San Antonio Audubon Society

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Description: Join Sandi Wheeler for a night birding experience at Warbler Woods.

Contact: To RSVP, contact Sandi at Wheels5683@gmail.com

Crescent Bend Nature Park – San Antonio Audubon Society

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023

Time: 8:00 – 11:00 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, 12780 West Schaefer Rd., Cibolo

Description: Meet Sandi Wheeler (wheels5683@gmail.com) in the parking lot of the park. Bring water.

TMNTuesday - Topic Unknown

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Time: 12:00 noon

Description: Information not available at this time. Check the website for information.
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

Guadalupe Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas
Water Conservation, Harvesting and More



Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2023

Time: 6:30 – Social / Seed Exchange

7:00 – Presenter

8:00 – Business Meeting

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, Marion

Description: Dr. Larry Sunn from RainBees will discuss the current status of available drinking water, the aquifers under Guadalupe County, the Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, rain harvesting processes and components, and how you can help feed your aquifer. Learn what you can do to conserve water in and around your home, and of course, save money on your water bills!

Gault School of Archeological Research

Date: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: The Gault School for Archeological Research, 3451 FM 2843, Florence, TX

Description: Some facts about Gault:

- Intact Archaic deposits dating from ~5,000 to 9,000 years ago
- Paleoindian deposits from 13,000 to 10,000 years ago
- Incised stones that are among the oldest provenienced art in the Americas
- More than 600,000 artifacts of Clovis age (13,400-12,700 years ago)
- Oldest component in Area 15 of the Gault site is >15,000 years old

This is a three hour tour/lecture which covers the following topics:

- hypotheses regarding the peopling of the Americas
- the geology and history of this area of Central Texas
- cultural history of central Texas
- primitive technologies
- important finds from the Gault site
- archaeological excavation
- Find more info at <https://www.gaultschool.org/>
- **GAULT SIGN UP** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4da8a723a02-gault>
Please contact Jim Dyess jnd16123@gmail.com if you need help signing up.

June AT & VT Opportunities

VT-Volunteer Time



Visit txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar to register or learn more about each opportunity listed below. Check back often---new items added as we hear about them. Need to add an event or report a change? Please send information to gmncal@guadm.org.

Saturday, June 10

8:30am – 11:30am VT Discovery Series

Monday, June 12

8:30am – 12:00pm VT Discovery Series

Saturday, June 17

9:00am – 4:00pm AT/VT Kirchoff Prairie
Restoration Workday (In person)

Sunday, June 25

8:30pm – 9:30pm AT/VT Walk With a Naturalist
(In person)

AT-Advanced Training

Thursday, June 1

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

Friday, June 4

8:00am – 12:00pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding
Tours (In person)
9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Thursday, June 8

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

Saturday, June 10

9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Sunday, June 11

8:00am – 12:00pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding
Tours (In person)
9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Tuesday, June 13

12:00pm – 1:00pm AT TMN Tuesday (Webinar)
7:00pm – 9:00pm AT NPSOT Guadalupe
Chapter Meeting (In person)

Thursday, June 15

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)
6:00pm – 7:30pm AT LMN Chapter Meeting (In
person or virtual)

Saturday, June 17

9:00am – 4:00pm AT/VT Kirchoff Prairie
Restoration Workday (In person)
9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Sunday, June 18

8:00am – 12:00pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding
Tours (In person)
9:00 – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Tuesday, June 20

5:30pm – 7:30pm AT Central Texas Prairie –
Understanding a Biome (Virtual)
6:00pm – 7:30pm AT Fish Management
Strategies (Virtual)

Wednesday, June 21

All day AT Gardening for Monarchs (Virtual)
(Day 1/2)
6:30pm – 8:00pm AT Weather (Virtual)
6:30pm – 7:30pm AT Mapping Texas
Landscapes on the Go (Virtual)

Thursday, June 22

9:00 – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

Friday, June 23

All day AT Gardening for Monarchs (Virtual)
(Day 2/2)

Saturday, June 24

8:00am – 10:00am AT Beginner Bird Walk (In
person)
9:00am – 11:30am AT Honey Creek Hike (In
person)

Sunday, June 25

8:00am – 12:00pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding
Tours (In person)
8:30pm – 9:30pm AT/VT Walk With a Naturalist
(In person)

Thursday, June 29

9:00am – 10:30am AT Scenic Overlook Nature
Hike (In person)

FLEX-Flexible Schedule VT

All month – these opportunities need volunteers for projects throughout the month. Contact the point of contact to arrange a day that fits your schedule.

FLEX Neasloney Wildlife Management Area
FLEX Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary

AT=Advanced Training, VT=Volunteer Time, FLEX=Flexible Schedule VT

Congratulations!

Our members have been working like busy bee's.



These members have completed their 40 hours of volunteer work and at least 8 hours of Advanced Training, which means they have recertified for 2023

Recertifications for May 2023

Nancy Masterson
David Tripp
Janet Magee
Jennifer Ehlers
Sharon Frels
Laura Griffith

We have a newly certified Master Naturalist from the class of 2022!

Melissa Moon, Joy Lawson and Sarah Jones

If you have not collected your pins, awards, or certificates for past accomplishments, you will be able to pick them up at the meeting.

Training Class

The Training Class Committee is excited to have six registered students for our Fall class. This is a wonderful start to building the class. Each Master Naturalist has the responsibility to grow future Naturalists that will be contributors to our various programs.

Please, reach out to those you know who would make valuable additions to our Chapter.

Applications and information are available on our website at <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/>



Guadalupe Master Naturalists Training at Bracken

The 2023 BCI Docent training for Bracken Cave emergence nights was held recently. The displays and information for all positions have been updated, added to and were on display for us to learn. The training session was followed by watching the emergence using the new concrete benches.

What is great performance put on by the Bats!

Last year there were 7000 visitors. This year there will be 200 visiting nights and 95% have already been booked. The number of people per night has been increased to 75.

Thank the bat for reducing our pesticide needs!



Representing the Guadalupe Chapter were Melissa Moon, Kim Lewis, Laura Griffith, Mark de Kiewiet and Joy Lawson.

Do You Want Master Naturalist Merchandise??

You can order many Master Naturalist items from the AgriLife Learn website:
<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>



On the home page, select the Merchandise drop down and browse through the five pages of items. You can place your order on the website.



Re-forestation of Park West Project

Naturalists on the Park West Forest Restoration crew were excited to find 6 Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) seedlings in April. These foot-high little trees had sprouted from nuts they had collected in the fall of 2022 from the mature walnut tree that divides two soccer fields. The nuts had been cold-stratified for 2 months in damp perlite in zip-locks bags. On the first workday in January, the volunteer crew planted walnuts and pecans in a large area of forest where they had cut and removed the invasive ligustrum trees.



Subsequent searches have found at least 12 new trees sprouting up. Finding walnut trees in Seguin is especially poignant since the town's original name was Walnut Springs. The great value of walnut wood for tools, gunstocks and building made living trees rare. But now a new walnut forest is returning!

This summer, the Park West crew asks all our members to collect seeds, nuts and acorns from their own home landscape to assist us in the re-forestation of Park West. Planting from seed allows the trees to sprout naturally, so we will not have to worry about transplant care or watering. In addition to walnuts, oak acorns and pecans, we are looking for pits, nuts and seeds from: Mexican plum, Mexican buckeye, Mexican olive, Texas persimmon, Texas mountain laurel, redbud, roughleaf dogwood, whitebush, kidneywood and other native understory trees and shrubs.

Many native trees flower in the spring and set seeds throughout the summer and fall. As you collect, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not collect seeds that have been on the ground for any period of time.
- Do not collect seeds that have any insect or borer holes.
- Do not allow seeds to dry out.
- Put your seeds in a labeled and dated zip-lock bag with slightly damp sphagnum moss, sand, Perlite or vermiculite.
- Put the seed bag in your refrigerator in the lower vegetable bin for the summer.

Bring your seed bags to one of the fall Master Naturalist meetings and we'll find locations in sun or shade for your contributions. Thank you!

Nancy Masterson

(Source: The New Seed-Starters Handbook by Nancy Bubel, Rodale Press)

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson,
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