### 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.

#### Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Business Meeting

Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 Time: 6:30 PM - Social/Visiting 7:00 PM - Program 8:00 PM - Business Meeting Location: Schertz Area Senior Center, 608 Schertz Parkway, Schertz

#### Description: Program information not available. Watch your email for details as available.





### Social time is Happy time!

We enjoy visiting and catching up on things during our pre-meeting social time. The contribution of refreshments adds so much as we gather.

If you are able, please bring something to contribute to the refreshment table. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or even homemade; whatever you place on the table will be appreciated! The Chapter will provide drinks.

Ken Harvey and Deb Dedrick serve as hospitality coordinators at the Schertz meetings.

THANK YOU to those who consistently bring refreshments

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### NATURE EDUCATION



Discover Unbelievable Bats

#### Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AMVolunteers, please arrive at 8:30 A.M.Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. NolteCrescent Bend Nature

Saturday, October 12, 202 Inteers, please arrive at 8:30 A.M. Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

**Description:** The often maligned bat is a common creature associated with Halloween. In this Discover program, children will learn bats are some of our most important friends. These flying mammals provide immense benefits in the natural world. Come have fun and share your knowledge about the wonderful world of bats.

#### **Contact to Volunteer:**

Jennifer Ehlers [Seguin] at ehlers@gvec.net

Laura Griffith [Schertz] at ljgriffith528@gmail.com

Note: Both Discover sites will have the same lessons on bats, so I combined the information. Seguin date is October 5, Schertz date is October 12.

#### Annual Agricultural Awareness Days sponsored by the "Big Red Barn"

Dates: Thursday, October 3 Monday through Thursday, October 7 to 10
Time: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Lunch provided!
Location: "THE BIG RED BARN" - The Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center 390 Cordova Road, Seguin
Description: We are offered a wonderful opportunity to be involved with the Annual Agricultural Awareness Days sponsored by the "Big Red Barn" every year. Over a three week period, fourth

Awareness Days sponsored by the "Big Red Barn" every year. Over a three week period, fourth graders from most of the elementary schools in Guadalupe, Wilson, Barnes, Lavaca, Goliad and more are bused in to participate in the program. We are talking 1000's of young eager learners AND their teachers and parent sponsors.

We present about a 15 to 20 minute **lesson on the Wildlife of Guadalupe County.** The Red Barn has quite a nice display of taxidermied animals and animal hides on display in the area where we present. We have a script for volunteers to follow.



It is really nice when two Master Naturalists work together on a day so we can switch off presenting. Different schools come each day. We normally do five to six 15 to 20 minute sessions a day. There is always one "break" period and they provide us lunch.

The excitement and pure joy of these fourth graders as they sometimes see or feel the hide of a wild animal for the first time in their life is worth every minute. We have the opportunity to educate so so many young people over this three week period.

**Contact:** Jennifer Ehlers at <u>ehlers@gvec.net</u> or 830-305-1352 to <u>sign up for this exciting teaching opportunity!</u>

#### Monarch Festival at Fischer Park

**Date:** Saturday, October 19, 2024 **Time:** 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Location:** Fischer Park, 1935 Hilltop Summit Rd., New Braunfels



**Description:** New Braunfels Parks and Recreation team and community partners as we host a fallthemed day of fun games, crafts, exhibits and activities to celebrate the state insect of Texas, the Monarch Butterfly! We have many different volunteer shifts available, including Education, Set-up, and many others!

Sign-up to Volunteer: If you are interested, please sign-up at <u>https://forms.gle/tf4WZuMEdtaHXmz57</u>

Google form must be filled out no later than September 27<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with you!

#### Contact: Holly Platz, hplatz@newbraunfels.gov

#### Walk With a Naturalist at Crescent Bend Nature Park

**Date:** Sunday, October 27, 2024 **Time:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm (volunteers meet at 3:00 pm at the picnic tables next to the restrooms) **Location:** Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

**Description:** Now that we're moving into the fall, it's time for us to transition back to our daytime Walk With A Naturalist. Inspired by the interests and observations of those who attend, we will expand our knowledge on all types of nature from soil, plants, insects, mammals, and birds, talking about their dependence, interaction and place in preserving nature around us. You do not need to be an expert, just need to have a willingness to talk with people about becoming a Master Naturalist and answer questions that participants might have regarding things they see during our walk. Helping with Merlin and iNaturalist is always welcome since most people aren't familiar with those apps. We'll walk about a mile, finish in about an hour and the route is completely accessible.

If you don't want to lead a group you're welcome to walk with another naturalist and work together to introduce visitors to the neat things to see in Crescent Bend.

Contact Carolyn Wolfer, <u>wolfercdat@mac.com</u> to volunteer.

#### Garden Volunteer Day at Fischer Park Nature Center Pollinator Garden

Date: Saturday, October 5th, 2024
Time: 9:00 - 10:30 am
Location: Fischer Park, 1935 Hilltop Summit Rd., New Braunfels
Description: Come join other volunteers on the first Saturday of each month helping our pollinators have a great place to stop off for a meal. There are always tasks available for any age or ability and the garden is completely accessible. The tasks vary depending on the time of year, how many volunteers we have available and what's going on in the garden at that moment. Volunteers are provided water, gloves, and tools but you're always welcome to bring your own. The Pollinator Garden is located down the hill next to the Nature Center in New Braunfels.

**Contact:** Carolyn Wolfer, <u>wolfercdat@mac.com</u> or Craig Bruska <u>craigbruska@hotmail.com</u> for information.

#### Warbler Woods Workday

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2024 **Time:** 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

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

**Description:** Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary could use your help to maintain this premier birding location. Trimming along trails, cleaning feeders, trash pickup, and bend maintenance are all things you can help with. We may even get some birding in, too. Water will be provided. Some tools are also available but if you have your own loppers or small chain saw that would be helpful.

Contact: If you'd like to participate, please let Sandi Wheeler know at Wheels5683@gmail.com

#### Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Fall Cleanup

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024 Description: Save the date for the 4th Annual Fall Cleanup - Oct 19!

Details and registration available at http://www.geronimocreek.org/

Free Breakfast Tacos Free Event Swag (t-shirts) Trash Pickup Supplies

#### Native Seed Cleaning/Packaging

**Date:** Sunday, October 13, 2024 **Time:** 1:00-4:00 **Location:** Schertz Library, 798 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX 78154 **Description:** The Guadalupe Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas and Guadalupe Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists are inviting you to help with the cleaning and packaging of native plant seeds in preparation of the Schertz public library's new Native Seed Library. All are welcome to come help prepare seeds for distribution.



The Library will launch their new Native Seed Library on October 20th at 12:30 – 1:30 PM. **Contact:** Craig Bruska, <u>Craigbruska@hotmail.com</u> or 847-651-2629 for informatio

#### Park West Forest Restoration



The Forest Restoration squad is cleaning and sharpening their tools in preparation to return to work at Park West.

Dates: Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21, 2024
Time: 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon
Location: Park West, 601 N. Vaughn St., Seguin
Description: Removal of invasive plants like ligustrum and bamboo will again be a priority. Great progress has been made toward restoring Park West to it's original native vegetation. When bamboo, ligustrum and other invasive plants dominate the forest, Texas oaks, pecans and cedar elms are starved by the alien plants. If nothing is done to remove the foreign invaders, our native forest with all its botanical diversity, birds, wildlife and botanical beauty will be lost.
Wear: Long sleeves, long pants, hat, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.
Bring: Drinking water; BYO Tools - lopping shears, small saws, pruners.
Contact: Nancy Masterson, nsethermasterson@gmail.com or



In partnership with HEB, the Texas Forest Service is making tree saplings available to groups working to restore natives in public places. The Forest Restoration team will be receiving a supply of these saplings. Notice will be sent out when the opportunity arises for you to help in planting these trees In Park West.

John Barrington, freedom516@yahoo.com for information

#### 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 <u>wheels5683@gmail.com</u> for currect opportunities

### Pollinator Garden at Park West

Dates: Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024 Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin Description: Please contact Liz Romero for what's happening in the garden. Contact: Liz Romero, <u>fleurromero@gamil.com</u>



#### COMMUNITY SCIENCE

#### **Texas Pollinator Bioblitz**

Dates: October 11 - 27, 2024

**Description:** Pollinator BioBlitz participants observe and identify pollinators. Mark your calendars now and get ready for some photographic fun and the opportunity to contribute to community science! Join the fun:

•All ages and abilities are encouraged to find pollinators and nectar-producing plants and take photos to share with friends!

•Sign up for email updates during the event or for information on hosting

events: https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/bioblitz/registration.

•Find events to attend near you (please note: new events added regularly) by using our online events calendar: <u>https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/bioblitz/events</u>.

•You may also submit your events if your chapter is hosting a public pollinator event any time from Oct. 11-27.

•Post your pollinator photos during the event to your own Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook accounts (use #TxPollinators).

•Follow the 2024 Texas Pollinator BioBlitz event on Facebook to see daily challenges, links of interest, share your own photos, and more: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/387887267673175/</u>

Be a part of community science! Add pollinator and flowering plant photos to iNaturalist during the event dates to be included in the 2024 Texas Pollinator BioBlitz iNaturalist project: <a href="https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2024-texas-pollinator-bioblitz">https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2024-texas-pollinator-bioblitz</a>.

Whether you enjoy viewing pollinator photos, honing your photography skills, learning more about pollinators in Texas, hosting public bioblitzes, or taking part in community science, we'll have something for you!

Website/Information: https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/bioblitz

**Contact:** Shelly Plante, Nature Tourism Manager, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department-HQ Office: <u>512-389-4500</u> Cell: <u>512-241-9163</u>



#### Guadalupe Chapter Bioblitz at Palmetto State Park

**Dates:** October 5, 2024 **Time:** 10:15 AM **Location:** Refectory building, Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Rd. 11, Gonzales, TX



**Description:** Elaine will give a quick lesson on using iNaturalist before beginning the walk. You need your smart phone! See how many creatures you can find and photograph at Palmetto SP. Then, upload to the iNaturalist website. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will focus on pollinators!

Dress for the weather; it's Texas, folks, so who knows what the weather will be. Wear sturdy shoes for trail walking. Bring water and insect repellent.

→ Day pass is required which can be done online or at the office.

Contact: Elaine Cowley at <a href="mailto:ecowley@gvtc.com">ecowley@gvtc.com</a>

#### \*Guadalupe Chapter Mini BioBlitz -- Texas Pollinator Bio Blitz

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 – 11:00 am

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park in Schertz

Description: Join Sandi Wheeler and contribute to the Texas Pollinator Bio Blitz. No experience required! We'll spend a few minutes getting everyone familiar with INaturalist and then see what we can find in the world of pollinators at Crescent Bend. Bees are not the world's only pollinators! **Contact:** Sandi Wheeler at <u>wheels5683@gmail.com</u>

#### Texas Parks & Wildlife Pollinator Bioblitz

Dates: October 19, 2024

Time: 10:15 AM

**Location:** Refectory building, Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Rd. 11, Gonzales, TX **Description:** Elaine will give a quick lesson on using iNaturalist before beginning the walk. You need your smart phone! See how many creatures you can find and photograph at Palmetto SP. Then, upload to the iNaturalist website. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will focus on pollinators!

Dress for the weather; it's Texas, folks, so who knows what the weather will be. Wear sturdy shoes for trail walking. Bring water and insect repellent.

> Day pass is required which can be done online or at the office.

Contact: Elaine Cowley at <a href="mailto:ecowley@gvtc.com">ecowley@gvtc.com</a> or Sandi Wheeler at <a href="mailto:wheels5683@gmail.c">wheels5683@gmail.c</a>

#### Cornell Lab of Ornithology Project Feeder Watch

#### **Date:** November 1 – April 30

**Description:** FeederWatch is a November-April survey of birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. You don't even need a feeder! All you need is an area from which you like to watch birds. Plus, the schedule is completely flexible: you can count every week or once all winter, for as much or as little time as you like.

#### Arboretum San Antonio iNaturalist Walk

Date: October 20, 2024 **Time:** 9:30 am – 1:00 pm **Location:** Arboretum San Antonio, 4226 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX

**Description:** Join us for an iNaturalist Bioblitz and nature walk at the Arboretum San Antonio! This event will be limited to 40 adult attendees, ages 18 and older, due to limited facilities as the Arboretum is currently not open to the public. This citizen science bioblitz aims to benchmark and document the flora and fauna at the Arboretum using the iNaturalist app. Participants are encouraged to have the iNaturalist app installed on their smart devices; still camera observations for later upload to iNaturalist are also welcome.

If you're unfamiliar with iNaturalist, you're still welcome to participate! We will offer a Zoom training session or a recorded tutorial on how to use the app based on interest. On-site support will also be available during the event. T

To RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/ASA-Bioblitz2024

#### City Nature Challenge 2025

**Dates:** April 24 – 28, 2025 Take pictures of wild plants and animals April 29 – May 4, 2025 Identifying what is found May 5, 2025 – Results of Contest Announced

Find Wildlife
It can be any plant, animal, or any
evidence of life found in your city.

Take Picture Take a picture of what you find. Be sure to note the location of the critter or plant. Share! Share your observations through iNaturalist or your city's chosen platform.

In the days and months leading up the world-wide City Nature Challenge, April 25 – 28, 2025, various nature organizations in our area plan to host events to make us all more proficient in using INaturalist. Events will include both in the field and in the classroom activities. For the full list go to <u>https://cnc-sa.org/events</u>

Website: https://www.citynaturechallenge.org/

#### ADVANCED TRAINING

#### Birding 101

Date: Saturday, October 5 and October 19, 2024 [Two Saturdays]
Time: 9 – 10:00 AM
Location: Refectory building, Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Rd. 11, Gonzales, TX
Description: Enjoy hiking the trail at Palmetto with Elaine Cowley while learning techniques in bird identification.

Contact: Elaine Cowley at <a href="mailto:ecowley@gvtc.com">ecowley@gvtc.com</a> for information

#### Chapter Project Fair - TMN Tuesdays

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Description: Join us as we hear about projects from five Texas Master Naturalist Chapters for our 2024 Annual Meeting Chapter Project Fair. Location: Online - Webex https://tpwdevents.webex.com/webappng/sites/tpwdevents/webinar/webinarSeries/register/4e6f9dd3145e4 368a56d4c028b97f158

#### iNaturalist In-Person Training

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, **Time:** 4:00 – 5:00 pm **Location:** Schertz Library,

**Description:** Learn about iNaturalist, an online community that allows you to share observations to discuss, identify, and create research-quality citizen science data for science and conservation. Learn how to make observations via your iPhone or Android and how to do camera upload via the web. Free seminar/open to the public.

Registration is highly encouraged. Register Here



#### **Crescent Bend Nature Park**

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024 Time: 8:00 AM

**Location:** Crescant Bend Nature Park,12780 W Schaefer Rd, Cibolo, TX 78108. Bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. **Contact:** Meet Sandi Wheeler (<u>wheels5683@gmail.com</u>) in the 1st parking lot.

#### Beginners Bird Walk at Judson Nature Trails

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2024 **Time:** 8:00 AM **Location:** Address is 246 Viesca Street, San Antonio, TX. **Description:** Meet leader Barbara Sykes at the Judson Nature Trails. From the 5900 block of Broadway, turn west on Ogden Street and drive to the stop sign at Greeley Street. You'll see a sign to Judson Nature Trails. Turn left, go one block and turn right on Viesca, then into parking lot on left. Bring water. **Contact:** Please RSVP to Barbara at <u>intbirding@gmail.com</u> to let her know you'll be attending.

#### \*Maverick Ranch - Fromme Farm

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024

Time: 8AM

**Description:** If you are interested in attending, please email Sandi Wheeler (Wheels5683@gmail.com). We will be meeting Mary and Bebe Fenstermaker (956-236-3779) at the gate to their ranch on Boerne Stage Road. Exit I-10 West in Leon Springs. The gate will be locked after we meet, so please note the start time and arrive early. Wear suitable footwear for hiking. Bring snacks and water.

#### Comanche Look Out Park

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 Time: 8:00 AM Location: Comanche Lookout Park, 15551 Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio

**Description:** Meet Mariann Golden (210) 415-4661 In the parking lot Bring water. The trail partially paved. There is an increase in elevation as we get to the top of the hill. We will be looking for migrants and arriving winter birds.

#### Government Canyon State Natural Area

Date: Monday October 28 Time: 8:00 AM.

Location: Address: 12861 Galm Rd, San Antonio, TX 78254.

**Description:** Meet leader Zachary Tonzetich (210-232-3670,<u>zachary.tonzetich@gmail.com</u>) in the parking lot near the Government Canyon Visitor's Center. Attendees are encouraged to purchase day passes ahead of time if they don't have a Texas State Parks Pass. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellant, and dress appropriately (especially footwear) for rugged trails. Terrain will be uneven and rocky in some areas.

#### Honey Creek Hike

**Dates:** Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 **Time:** 8:30 AM

Location: Guadalupe River State Park, 3350 Park Rd 31, Spring Branch, TX

**Description:** Join us for a guided walk to the beautiful Honey Creek to learn about both the natural and cultural history of the area. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Guadalupe River State Park/Honey Creek State Natural Area. The trail is about 2 miles long, and moderate in difficulty -- much of it is flat but there are some rocky areas, slopes, and 2 steep but short hills. All ages are welcome. No dogs, please, except for service dogs

<u>Registration is required for this event.</u> Registration for each hike opens approximately 3 weeks in <u>advance.</u>

Contact: Brandy Hansen at honeycreekhikes@gmail.com.

#### **Texas Stream Team Training**

Texas Stream Team at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is a statewide environmental education and volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Citizen scientists are trained to collect and submit surface water and environmental guality data that can then be used to promote and protect the 191,000 miles of Texas waterways.

Training sessions are available several times this year. To find out more information or reserve a spot, you must contact: Adam Berglund (Coordinator - San Marcos River Rangers)

email: RiverRangers@SanMarcosRiver.Org 2024 Water Quality Monitoring training schedule:

Standard Core: Oct. 13, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos Nov. 09, 2024 (SAT) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos Dec. 08, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Standard Core @ San Marcos Riparian Evaluation: Nov. 10, 2024 (SUN) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos Dec. 07, 2024 (SAT) 10AM-2PM - Riparian Eval @ San Marcos

For more information go to the Texas Stream Team website, https://www.meadowscenter.txst.edu/leadership/texasstreamteam/about.html

#### **Beyond Butterflies**

Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 Time: 6:40 Zoom opens; 7:00 Speaker **Location:** Online Zoom - Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. https://www.npsot.org/event/beyond-butterflies-hybrid-clear-lake-chapter-meeting/ https://uhcl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArcuyspzMoHtUENWxTtARkcDE32GFQ4V 7#/registration

**Deacription:** Beyond Butterflies takes a deep dive into the world of native pollinators. Erin Mills will take us through each of the main groups of pollinators, discuss their biology and needs, and introduce us to some fascinating members of each group. We will end with some specific tips on how to foster healthy populations of these precious pollinators in the garden.







Our members have been working like busy bees.

### These members have completed their 40 hours of volunteer work and at least 8 hours of Advanced Training, which means they have re-certified for 2024

Re-certifications for September 2024

Gayle Temple



Ken Harvey

**Marilyn Anderson** 

**David Tripp** 

We would especially like to thank these members for completing hours towards their milestone pins.

# **250 Hours**

# **500 Hours**

Ken Harvey

Seth Faught

**Mary Habib** 

### Guadalupe Chapter members celebrate your dedicated service.



# **Chapter Calendar**

Visit our chapter calendar at txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar for volunteer or advanced training opportunities.

Check back often---new items are added as we hear about them.

Need to add an event or report a change? Please send information to **gmncal@guadmn.org**.



# **Guadalupe Chapter 10th Anniversary Family Celebration!**

# Saturday, November 9

# 3:00 – 5:30 PM

### Stay later for optional star party and bat emergence

### **Location: Bracken Cave Preserve**

We are planning an outing for you and your family for an interactive anniversary party for our Chapter. Walking tours of the area with bird/bat/plant experts, hands on table displays to learn more about the preserve, scavenger hunt with prizes for kids and adults, and a catered meal! You have the option to stay a little longer to view planets through a telescope and, of course, maybe see some bats!

**But we need you to help us plan a fun day!** Use this SignUpGenius link to let us know if you think you'll attend and if you'll bring children so we can plan activities accordingly. Please include the age of children in the comment section of the sign-up. We will send out another SignUpGenius RSVP closer to the party date for final numbers before we order food.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ADAC2CABF8C52-51551668-10th

Please contact Susan Hanks <u>depositemailhere@gmail.com</u> or Krystie Miner at <u>kminer@batcon.org</u> if you have questions.

Class of 2024 Graduation - Celebrating our 10th Year Anniversary

When: November 16, 2024, Noon to 2:00 Where: Seguin ISD Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 US HWY 90 East, Seguin

Everyone is invited to attend the Class of 2024 Graduation. We will also be celebrating our 1st graduating class from 2014. All members are encouraged to join in this celebration! More details to follow.





Holíday Party and Fínal Chapter Meetíng

December 9, 2024 6:30 PM St.John Lutheran Church, Maríon, TX

*Celebrate the season and all the accomplishments of our Chapter in 2024.* 

Your Hospitality Committee has started planning a fun evening. We will need Chapter members to help with the many tasks necessary to make it a successful event. Specific details will come in the November newsletter but start thinking now how you can volunteer. Contact committee members: Ken Harvey at knntdhrvy@yahoo.com Deb Diedrick at ddedrick7@gmail.com

Marílyn Anderson at MarilynA@access4less.net



# Chapter Gift Basket Donation for October Annual Meeting

All Chapters are asked to donate a gift basket for the Silent Auction at the State Annual Meeting. Elaine Cowley has volunteered to organize the basket from Guadalupe Chapter. However, she needs members to contribute items for the basket.

Chapters are asked to donate a minimum of \$100 in cash or items to the auction.

There are many types of items that are appropriate for the silent auction. Cash will be used to purchase attractive and relative items to be placed on the auction tables.

Below are some ideas from previous years:

- Travel packages, vouchers and gift certificates for trips, tours, experiences, hotels and sights. Local experiences are a great way to share chapter-area treasures.
- Items and gift certificates solicited from your local businesses.
- Purchased items such as outdoor gear, tools, nature guides, books about nature and generally anything related to nature.
- Hand-crafted items such as art (paintings, sculptures, framed photographs, carvings), jewelry, notecards and natural arrangements.
- Theme baskets and grouped items. These may represent your region and members may join together to complete these. Some theme ideas include coastal, birding, outdoorsy, décor items, kitchen, cooking, gardening, regional cuisine, etc.

We encourage you to use your imagination and keep<u>naturalist themes</u> in mind. If it's something you would like to have, other members probably would, too. Items in new condition with a value of at least \$25 may be donated. Vintage or collectible items in like-new condition with a value of at least \$25 may also be donated. We occasionally group like items together to add to the appeal!

### <u>Please contact Elaine Cowey to arrange your donation.</u> <u>ecowley@gvtc.com</u>

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, <u>MarilynA@access4less.net</u> by Friday, <u>October 24, 2024</u> for the November 2024 issue.

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