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NOVEMBER MEETING: TEXAS BATS

Nyta Brown, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Superintendent/Biologist for Old Tunnel State Park, will join us to speak about the bats at Old Tunnel.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, November 17 in the Upper Guadalupe River Authority lecture hall, 125 N. Lehman Drive in Kerrville. Arrive at 6:30 to chat with members and guests.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . Vern Crawford

On November 4, 2014, the last full day of classes, we honored the Texas Lions Camp by presenting their Chief Executive Officer with a plaque recognizing their continued cooperative support in hosting our classes for the past decade, and declared the Texas Lions Camp a "Friend of the Chapter."

Following that presentation, Jim Stanley delivered the concluding lecture, a thought provoking and challenging treatise on "Land Stewardship."

Thus, the Class of 2014 completed the curriculum required for our training course, and the members are eager to receive their official name badges at the commencement ceremony at Cibolo.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Class Committee, getting to know more about these fine new Master Naturalists, watching them bond with one another during their studies, and exploring the Hill Country on their various field trips.

They are an impressive group, already engaged in fulfilling the Texas Master Naturalist mission: "To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach and service to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities."

Six of these ambitious class members--Carla Brady, Rose Ellis, Brenda Fest, Gary Fest, Chris Keating, and Bridget Langdal--not only had perfect attendance, but have already fulfilled their Advanced Training and Volunteer Project requirements. They will be receiving their dragonfly "wings" at the November Chapter meeting.

Please join me in congratulating the Class of 2014.

Vern

This Month We Honor

Initial Certification

Kris Bobbit .Phylis Ripkin (Class of 2013)

Carla Brady, Rose Ellis, Brenda Fest, Gary Fest, Chris Keating, Bridget Langdale (Class of 2014)



Special Certification

Pattie Boertje, Liz Ross (Class of 2013)

Brenda Fest (Class of 2014)

2014 Recertification

Leanne Beaubeanes, Koy Coffey, Sharron Jay, Marilyn Knight, Pat McCormick, Melissa Seymour

Milestones

Lisa Flanagan, Sharron Jay - Bronze Dragonfly, 250 hours

Charles Smith - Brushed Silver Dragonfly, 500 hours

Ric McCormick, Ken Weber - Gold Dragonfly, 1000 hours

Ronald Hood - Gold & Emerald Dragonfly, 10,000 hours



Congratulations to members who received awards at the October meeting.

From left to right: Ginny de Wolf, Tara Randle, Dale Bransford, Karen Millikan, Liz Ross, Russell Vowell, Nancye Drukker, John Walker, Pattie Boertje, Charles Smith, Ann Carabin, Dan Carabin

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Congratulations also to Glenn Randow and Gracie Waggener, who received certificates of appreciation for 4000 hours of volunteering from Michelle Haggerty, State Program Coordinator, at the October meeting.



And, congratulations to Kip Kiphart, who received the U.S. Forest Service's "Wings Across the Americas 2014 Conservation Award" at the Statewide Annual Meeting last month. The plaque he's holding reads

Wings Across The Americas 2014
For Outstanding Achievement In Conservation
The US Forest Service Presents the
Communities in Conservation Award to
Ridlon "Kip" Kiphart
Monarch Larval Monitoring Project
University of Minnesota Monarch Lab



And, to the Class of 2014 -- still more congratulations!

During the last of this year's training classes, Vern Crawford, President of the Hill County Chapter, presented Steven S. Mabry, CEO of the Texas Lions Camp, with a plaque recognizing their continued cooperative support in hosting our classes for the past decade and declaring the camp a "Friend of the Chapter."



from Gracie Waggener

Learning Across New Dimensions in Science: An Introduction

Have you ever run for your life or measured a worm? Do you enjoy sharing your passion for the outdoors with others? If so, are you interested in volunteer opportunities in the Kerrville, Fredericksburg, or Junction area? Heck, how about the whole state of Texas?

Join us on January 10, 2015 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the TPWD Kerr Wildlife Management area to find out what it is all about. We'll introduce you to the Texas Wildlife Association and their youth education program, L.A.N.D.S.- (Learning Across New Dimensions in Science).

More and more information is being published about the importance of getting kids outdoors in nature, and the L.A.N.D.S. program does just that. While studying quail (for instance), students learn about Texas natural resources, habitat, the importance of quality land stewardship, and how they all depend on each other. From hands-on class room activities to outdoor Field Investigation Days, kids get involved in nature.

What does a volunteer do?

Whether in the classroom or at a Field Investigation Day, there are many things that must be done to ensure that the activity is exciting, educational, and fun!

We'll go through the list and help you find just the job for you.

As a L.A.N.D.S. Volunteer, not only will you get to visit beautiful private ranches; you get to share your love of nature with kids in grades 6-12.

L.A.N.D.S. cannot exist without volunteers. We need your help to be able to continue this great opportunity not only for you, but more importantly, for kids all over the State of Texas.

Texas Master Naturalist considers this such an important program that it has been approved as a state wide volunteer project.



Photo: Guadalupe River, Paul Huchton



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Water, essential for life, is our most precious and valuable natural resource. But water supply is limited and under increasing pressure from a growing population. How will we protect this resource and plan for a sustainable future? There is a great need for a water-literate public; decisions being made today have far reaching and long lasting effects for our children and future generations.

The Texas Water Symposium Series provides perspectives from policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders. Join us as we explore the complex issues and challenges in providing water for Texans in this century. Each session is free and open to the public. The hour-long program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion time with Q&A. The events are recorded and aired on Texas Public Radio one week later.

Nov. 20, 2014

Balancing Rural and Urban Water Needs: How Local and Regional Planning Activities Ensure Long-Term Supplies

Doors open at 6:30,
Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Moderator: State Representative-Elect Andrew Murr
Schreiner University, CACC River Room, 2100 San Antonio Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028

Moderator:

State Representative-Elect Andrew Murr, House District 53, Hill Country Counties include: Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Medina, Menard, Real, Schleicher and Sutton

Panelists:

Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager of the San Antonio River Authority, and Chairman of the Guadalupe/San Antonio Bay and Basin Stakeholder Committee

John Ashworth PG, Hydro-geologist at LBG-Guyton, and Plateau Regional Water Planning Group (Region J) Professional Consultant

Tommy Mathews, PG, REM - President Westward Environmental, Inc., Guadalupe Blanco River Authority Director from Kendall County - Board Vice Chair, Former Cow Creek GCD Representative - Board President (2000-2014)

Difficult decisions lie ahead as urban areas demand more water, rural areas experience loss of spring flow, and our region faces increased challenges brought by population growth and drought. Are Central Texas' water planning processes on track to balance the needs of its rural and urban users and protect the natural water resources that sustain our ecologic and economic health?

Our panelists will discuss their experiences with water planning processes; what's working and what needs to improve. Learn how you can participate and make your voice heard. Please join us!

www.HillCountryAlliance.org tpr.org/people/texas-water-symposium www.schreiner.edu/water

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Neighbor to Neighbor News, Nov. 6, 2014

Recent Hill Country Naturalist Columns by Jim Stanley

10/10/2014 How Much Rain Did You Keep?

10/17/2014 Understanding Aquifers

10/24/2014 The Big Four Grasses of the Tall Grass Prairie

10/31/2014 The View From the Back Porch on a Beautiful
October Morning

These and all other previous Kerrville Daily Times columns
can be found at www.hillcountrynaturalist.org

Riverside Nature Center Events

Native Healing Garden, Thursday, Nov. 20 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Medicinal plants that are Hill Country natives bring together this group, led by certified herbalists Amy Coward, RN, and Sally Garrett, M.S. Each month they study a particular herb, then tend the garden. The finale is a potluck lunch, with herbal tea provided. Bring a healthy dish to share, your gardening gloves, and a favorite trowel. Newcomers are always welcome. There is no charge, but donations fund the garden. RSVP to 830-257-4837.

Nature Detective: Birds, Saturday, Nov. 22 10:30-11:30 a.m.

RNC Naturalist Susan Sander, with Craig McCain, launches a new CSI-type series for third - sixth graders and adults. Learn to observe, search for clues, and deduce who left that evidence! You'll even construct a birdhouse to take home. Kids (under 13) and RNC members, \$5; adult non-members, \$8. RSVP to 830-257-4837; for general info, visit www.riversidenaturecenter.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Nature Detective: Mammals, Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nature Detective: Fossils, Saturday, Jan. 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nature Detective: Ancient Birds, Saturday, Feb. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Spring Native Plant Sale & Festival, April 18, 2015, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

150 Francisco Lemos Street

Kerrville, Texas 78028 830-257-4837

RNC.Kerrville@gmail.com



Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop

Pedernales River Watershed

December 5, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lyndon B. Johnson Group Dining Hall
199 State Park Road 52 (off HWY 290 E.),
Stonewall, Texas

Online RSVP and Agenda: naturalresourcestraining.tamu.edu/schedule

Workshop partners include: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Hill Country Alliance and The Nature Conservancy. For more information and to register please contact Nikki Dictson at 979-458-5915 or n-dictson@tamu.edu.

Continuing Education Units available: Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Applicators License – 3 CEUs; Texas Water Resources Institute – 1 CEU; Texas Nutrient Management Planning Specialists –6 hours; Texas Board of Architectural Examiners “Acceptable for HSW credit”; and may also be used for CEUs for Professional Engineers.

The workshop will include both indoor classroom presentations and an outdoor field portion on the Pedernales River to discover how it functions and the role of riparian vegetation in properly functioning systems. A catered lunch from Clear River Pecan will be available for the cost of \$12 cash at the door, but RSVPs are required by Dec. 2, 2014. Please remember to select either the catered lunch or if you will bring your own lunch. To RSVP by mail, please complete the form below and send to 1500 Research Pkwy, Ste 110, College Station, TX 77843-2260.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Org./Employer: _____ Lunch Options: I would like the catered lunch
 I would like to bring my own



From Susan McKinley

Nature Education: The Kroc Center After-School Program



A group of volunteers from the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists presented a program on plant adaptations to a group of approximately 25 students at the Kroc Center on October 16. The program was developed by Julie Clay and facilitated by volunteers Betty Clyburn, Susan McKinley, John Sloan, and Mary Thomas.

After a brief overview, the children divided into three groups and rotated among three stations, participating in highly engaging, hands-on activities. While at each station, they used real plants and leaves to make observations of structures that plants require to survive in our hostile hill country environment.



Concepts addressed were ways plants adapt to survive extreme conditions such as drought and cold; to maximize resources such as water, light, and nutrients; and to avoid predation by animals. Other concepts introduced included evasion, avoidance, conservation, and hiatus.

The students were also taught the basic leaf shapes and participated in an activity to sort and classify leaves according to shape. They received a take-home activity to follow up; by classifying leaves they found at home, they could extend their nature adventure.



The Kerrville Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will meet 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th at the Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos Street in Kerrville.

Participants will share native gardening tips and ideas for decorating using native materials. We will also share information on protecting plants which are not deer resistant. The N.I.C.E. (Natives Instead of Common Exotics) featured selection for winter will be introduced and a drawing will take place to give it to a lucky participant. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Barbara Stidham at 830-928-3202 and consult the Native Plant Society website, npsot.org/Kerrville.



Save The Date

Hyatt Lost Pines | April 7 - 9, 2015 | Austin, Texas

Join leaders from around the world to hear what others are doing to create nature-rich communities that are so critical to the health and well being of children and families. Learn about the latest research and policies, hear from leading health and urban planning experts, and discover innovations in technology that bring new audiences to nature.

Mark your calendars — you don't want to miss this ground-breaking conference.

Tuesday, April 7th:

Technology & Nature Summit

- Cutting-Edge Uses of Technology in Nature
- Cyber Learning
- Games in Nature
- Fueling Citizen Science

Gala Dinner

Benefiting Texas Children in Nature and Children & Nature Network

Wednesday, April 8th:

Creating Healthy Communities

- Nature's Role in Vibrant Communities
- The Health & Nature Connection
- Nature-Smart Leaders in the Next Generation
- Taking Education Outdoors

Thursday, April 9th:

Action Labs: Putting Ideas to Work in Communities

- Research to Action - Health & Nature
- Breaking Down Legal Barriers
- Greening the Schoolyard
- Grassroots Coalition Building



REGISTRATION OPENS THIS FALL
childrenandnature.org

For More Information, Please Contact
conference@childrenandnature.org

Registration for the Children & Nature Conference is now open. Don't miss out on the Early Bird Special that ends on December 1, 2014. You can also now purchase your ticket for the Nature Heroes Gala.

To register, go to

www.eventbrite.com/e/children-nature-network-2015-conference-and-summit-registration-7164941533

The View from Rusty Bend



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The sun has climbed the hill, the day is on the downward slope.
Between the morning and the afternoon, stand I here with my
soul and lift it up.
My soul is heavy with sunshine, and steeped with strength.
The sunbeams have filled me like a honeycomb.
It is the moment of fullness,
And the top of the morning.

-D.H. Lawrence

October light lays an amber caress upon Rusty Bend. Fall grasses seem lit from within each evening as the sun highlights soft greens and golds. On the river, seed heads are heavy. Bushy Bluestem hangs over the water. Indian grass plumes look gilded with a dark, dark gold. Monarch butterflies have roosted in the trees again this year and wave their orange flags among the Cedar Elms. The rusty luminescence of the Bald Cypress slowly works its way up from water to sky, as if the river is breathing light.

Up on the cliff, smaller grasses are also laden with seeds. Red grama, Hairy grama, Tall dropseed, Sideoats grama. Turkeys walk among them, unzipping the seeds from each stem. Zip, bottom to top, head bob, zip. Efficient. Comical.

Mornings are greeted with a strangely punctual skunk trotting across the yard. We call him the 7:06. We work around his schedule when loading the truck. Caution seems wise. The Canyon Wrens are not as prevalent as last month, though our backwards singing "Contraria" still grooms the front porch, gleaning bugs and spiders. We imitate her call and she sometimes answers. A thrill.

In October light, blue-black colors of the Giant Swallowtail and Zebra Longwing really sparkle. Huge dragonflies hover like jewels in the sun.

The leaves of the Texas Persimmon have dropped. An early winter reveal has begun. As I walk in the pasture, I see an old Axis buck with his grizzled white face. His bugle also signals his seniority, deep and loud. The hair rises on my neck. His walk is stately. His antlers look like small trees.

When I return to the house, I hear a strange rattle. It seems familiar, but out of place. I look on the ridgeline of the house and there are two Belted Kingfishers, side by side, rattling at each other. Their silhouettes look like Heckle and Jeckle. What are you guys doing up here off the river, rising above it all?

One wet morning the fog below us puts on a show. As it sinks into the river bottom, the hills around us are barely revealed. Like a pod of humpback whales that has found its way to the hill country, the dark hilltops rise and sink in the fogbank. Then, as the sun pierces the fog, each stem of grass in the field is laced with a drop of dew. The entire pasture is opalized with radiance. A Red-shouldered Hawk glides over looking for breakfast, his darkness stark against the gleam.

Doing a little pasture maintenance with the shredder on the tractor, I am accompanied by a roadrunner. He moves in and out of my path, collecting displaced grasshoppers. We pass a companionable afternoon.

In the early morning, Andy and I grab coffee and blankets and sit on the porch waiting for the dark to fade. To the west, down in the river bottom, the turkeys coming off the roost sound like a large, boisterous family. Squabble, gobble, peep and pop. To the east, a Great Horned Owl "who-whoos" a farewell to nocturnal hunting. We hear from the west and then from the east. And another refrain. The dawn seeps in. October light has come again to "fill me like a honeycomb."

Lucy Griffith, PhD co-manages the Rusty Bend Ranch with her husband, Andy Robinson. When she is not on her tractor, she practices Clinical Psychology. When the tractor is broken, Andy is fixing it. Both Lucy and Andy are certified Master Naturalists from the Class of 2013. Comments welcome at oodie1950@gmail.com.

Advanced Training

TUESDAY, NOV. 11 1:30-3:00PM RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER, KERRVILLE (RNC)

AT 14-190 GLEANING, COLLECTING, CLEANING, AND SAVING NATIVE SEEDS

Barbara Lowenthal and Susan Longacre will demonstrate techniques for efficiently collecting and preparing wildflower seeds for replanting and increasing species of native plants.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15 10:30AM-12:30PM HILL COUNTRY STATE NATURAL AREA, BANDARA

AT 14-202 NATURE WALK: AUTUMN IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

Park Ranger Leanne Beauxbeannes will lead this walk, which features the autumn colors that nature provides here in central Texas. Bring a walking stick, camera, and binoculars; wear appropriate footwear for walking and dress for the weather. Unexpected rain will find us enjoying nature on the covered porch of the headquarters. Regular entry fees apply: \$6 day use, kids 12 and under free, seniors 65+ with ID \$3, and annual pass holders and passengers free.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15 9AM-4PM CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE (CNC)

AT 14-182 WATER QUALITY TESTING & STREAM TEAM TRAINING

Join stream team coordinator Donna Taylor to learn how to test water for conductivity, dissolved oxygen, pH (acidity) and temperature, as well as to make field observations regarding water flow, color, clarity and conditions. Suggested donation, \$10; bring a sack lunch. For more information, contact Donna Taylor at donna@cibolo.org or 830-249-4616.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15 8AM-5PM MANSFIELD ISD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

AT 14-183 TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW

Learn about Texas plants and their pollinators, the conservation challenges they are facing, and how you can help. For registration (\$15, including lunch, before Nov. 6; \$25 after that date) and more information, go to <http://txpollinatorpowwow.weebly.com/2014-event-information-and-registration>.

MONDAY, NOV. 17 6:30-8:30PM UPPER GUADALUPE RIVER AUTHORITY, KERRVILLE

AT 14-193 TEXAS BATS

Nyta Brown, Superintendent/Biologist for Old Tunnel State Park, will speak on Texas bats at our monthly meeting. Free.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19 9AM-12PM GAULT SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, SAN MARCOS

AT 14-191 FIELD TRIP TO THE GAULT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Dr. D. Clark Wernecke, Executive Director of the school, will lead this guided tour, which begins at 9am. Cost: \$10. per person; the proceeds support the Gault School. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. Go to <http://www.gaultschool.org> for more information and directions to the site. For more information about this event and car pooling, contact Kay Harter at harterkr@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19 CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE

AT 14-196 1:30AM-4PM MODERN PIONEER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Georgia Pellegrini will lead this workshop, which begins with lunch and continues with making beeswax drip candles, a foraged grapevine holicay wreath, and mozzarella cheese. Cost: \$100; advance registration is required. Advance registration and payment is required; go to Modern Pioneering Holiday Workshop Registration. For more information, contact Cheyenne Johnson at chenenne@cibolo.org or 830-249-4616.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20 6-8PM CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE (CNC)

AT 14-200 NATURE CLUB: MYTHICAL CREATURES OF TEXAS

Jonah Evans, the state mammalogist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will explore the mythical creatures that some people claim to see in Texas, but simply aren't there. These include everything from the imaginary Chubacabra to the real, but not in Texas, black panther, and many more mythical creatures. Jonah is a master tracker who has explored many of these sightings only to discover that evidence is lacking or that the animal in question has been misidentified. He will explain the role of psychology in these wild claims and why myths about these creatures persist despite a lack of evidence. Free; everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20 7-8:30PM SCHREINER UNIVERSITY, KERRVILLE; CACC RIVER ROOM

AT 14-206 TEXAS WATER SYMPOSIUM SERIES: BALANCING RURAL AND URBAN WATER NEEDS

This Symposium provides perspectives from policy makers, scientists, water resource experts and regional leaders. Join us as we explore the complex issues and challenges in providing water for Texans in this area.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 5 8AM-4PM STONEWALL; STATE PARK ROAD 52

AT 14-205 TEXAS RIPARIAN AND STREAM ECOSYSTEM WORKSHOP: PEDERNALES WATERSHED

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SATURDAY, DEC. 6 9AM-12PM CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE

AT 14-186 WINTER SPARROWS AND WRENS WORKSHOP

Experienced birders Tom and Patsy Inglet will review the numerous sparrows and wrens of the Texas Hill Country. Attendees will learn field identification points, including subtle differences in patterning and flight patterns. This workshop is for intermediate birders who want to become more proficient at field identification of winter sparrows and wrens; classroom presentation and time in the field are included. Cost: CNC members \$15; non-members \$20; free to Winter Prairie Bird Survey Participants. Go to nature@cibolo.org to register, or call 830-249-4616.

The newsletter's publication schedule does not allow listing all AT events in each issue.
Check the chapter calendar on our website for additional AT.



We meet on the fourth Monday of most months (but on the third Monday in November, and not at all in December) at 7:00 PM in the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Lecture Hall at 125 North Lehmann Drive in Kerrville.

Join us at 6:30 for our social half-hour. Everyone is welcome.

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