

# Texas Master Naturalist Lindheimer Chapter

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## A Message from Diane...

It's hard to believe that three months of the New Year have already passed into history, but they have and much too quickly! The Texas winter has rapidly turned into spring, with the arrival of the martins, the grass burs, and the constant battle to stay ahead of the fire ants.

We had a remarkably good member turnout at our January and February Chapter meetings. Could it be the food or the speakers? A few private citizens even attended in February. If you ever have the opportunity to hear a presentation by Jan Fulkerson with the Texas Forest Service speak, take advantage of it. She spoke to our Chapter in January about what steps we can take as homeowners to make our homes "firewise" and mitigate the risk of loss. Her talk was an eye-opener for me personally, as I promptly went home and looked at my own property, wondering if I *really* needed those rosemary plants so close to the house. Ray Laxson, Art Williams, Charles Tubbs, and Rachel Burdett completed the Texas Forest Service "Citizen Wildfire Ecology Certification Program" held last year and are available to come evaluate your property for firewise practices. Contact them to set up an appointment.

Two-hundred sixty-one volunteer hours were reported for 2007 to support water monitoring on the Guadalupe River and Canyon Lake. At the February Chapter meeting, Jason Pinchback of the River Systems Institute, Texas State University, San Marcos, presented a review and analysis of the water monitoring data collected by Lindheimer Chapter members along the Guadalupe River and Canyon Lake over the past three years. The testing program, which is part of the statewide Texas Watch program, looks primarily at dissolved oxygen (critical to aquatic life), conductivity (a measure of dissolved solids), and pH (the waters alkalinity). There will be more to follow on this continuing volunteer project.

### **Upcoming Chapter meetings:**

**March 20 - John Kight** will be the guest speaker at the March 20 Chapter meeting. John is a Professional Engineer, who retired in 1993 with 35 years service with the Texas Department of Transportation, San Antonio District. His personal residence in Kendall County is totally dependent on rainwater harvesting for all potable and non-potable uses. He offers rainwater catchment seminars through the Cibolo Nature Center and he will share his wealth of knowledge on this subject with our Chapter.

**April 17 -Texas Parks and Wildlife** representative Mike Wallace will present "Nature Interpretation" at the April Chapter meeting. This unique subject is, literally, "how to" interpret nature to others. His presentation will demystify the link between subject matter expert and layman. Chapter members working with schools or other organizations; docents leading public tours; and anyone else who has a need to convey their knowledge of nature with others can benefit from Mike's presentation.

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**Remember to Report  
your hours to Art!**

**As a reminder, Earth Day on April 26 is quickly approaching.** Our Chapter plans a big presence at this community event and has asked (and probably will ask again) for your time, various items of equipment, and expertise in order to make the day a success.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CHAPTER MEETINGS!

### Projects Needing Help

Two current Chapter projects are in need of a Leader/Contact.

- The first is the Invaders of Texas Program which is a project sponsored by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and is an effort to identify, map & monitor invasive plant species in Texas. We presently have several members who are active in this project.
- The second is the St Jude's Ranch for Children. This is a project to develop native and naturalized xeriscapes at the ranch, which is located off of FM2722. This project will need someone to revitalize its efforts.

If you are interested in helping direct either of these two projects, please let Susan Bogle know by contacting her at [jfbogle@gvtc.com](mailto:jfbogle@gvtc.com).

- AgriLife Extension Rain Water Collection Pond:

All of you know we have a rainwater collection apparatus attached to the side of the meeting room at the AgriLife Extension Office. It is a demonstration project that feeds a small pond meant to provide water for wildlife, and it has worked well in the few years it has been in place. However, the pond is in need of serious upkeep. Our Extension Agent, Glenn Avriett, has requested that the pond be cleaned if possible, or removed. If it were to be removed the rain water from the collection barrels would flow into the ground.

Please contact Art at [nosko@gvtc.com](mailto:nosko@gvtc.com) for further details on the revitalization of the pond.

### New Volunteer Opportunities

- Warbler Woods Preserve has an especially critical need for volunteers this spring. Master Naturalists can earn easy and enjoyable volunteer hours with bird observations; filling bird feeders, etc. during this important time of spring migration! Volunteers are especially needed during the months of March, April and possibly May. For details, directions and contact information for Susan & Don Schaezler click on: <http://www.warblerwoods.com/directions/> Or call: 210 – 602 – 8621  
What is Warbler Woods? Warbler Woods is private property, which is managed as a bird and wildlife refuge and preserve. It covers 126 acres of varied habitat covering Pecan Gap sediments with gently rolling topography. It is near the convergence of three Ecological Regions: South Texas Plains, Blackland Prairie, and Edwards Plateau. It is also near the Post Oak Savannah region and is about 4 miles down dip from the Balcones Escarpment, at the northwest corner of Guadalupe County. Click [here](#) for more info.
- The Headwaters Coalition has been approved as a project eligible for Volunteer Hours. The Coalition is a non-profit ministry of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word which is dedicated to spreading an ecological ethic. In this effort, it is protecting one of the last undeveloped forests in San Antonio on 53 acres which adjoin the University of the Incarnate Word. They intend to create a nature sanctuary there by restoring the health of the land by clearing non-native trees & vines, planting native forbs & trees and building trails. The Coalition will be providing all tools and supplies. The location is at 4503 Broadway, San Antonio. Anyone interested in participating should contact Lacey Halstead at [lacey.halstead@amormeus.org](mailto:lacey.halstead@amormeus.org).
- Gorge Preservation Society periodically trains new docents to lead tours of the Canyon Lake Gorge. For details on future training sessions, contact Cinde Thomas-Jimenez at [cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org](mailto:cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org) Also, more information below.

## Elder Who? – Diane Schaule

The Lindheimer Chapter was host to 43 participants of an Elderhostel tour group in February at the AgriLife Extension Service. The five-day tour featured a visit to the Texas Hill Country to learn about the local German history of the area. While the tour involved visits to numerous Hill Country historical attractions, the number one requested side-trip was to see the Canyon Gorge and learn about its creation. Judy Scott provided an excellent slide show and film clip presentation detailing the 2002 flood and its subsequent unearthing of what has become a

major geological and botanical find. The audience was intrigued by the vast amount of water that breached the spillway and had lots of questions. Only eight of the 43 participants were Texans; the others represented states from Connecticut to Oregon. Elderhostel is a non-profit organization whose focus is on lifelong learning. We were pleased they chose the Lindheimer Chapter to enhance their knowledge of the Canyon Gorge. We presented this same program to another Elderhostel tour group on March 13.

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## Grass Roots Class Project – Lydia Dougherty



The LMN Grass Roots Class of 2008 is up and running! With instruction on ecology, soil, and native grasses under our belts, we have selected our Class project: Native Grasses.

Jenny Williamson has agreed to be our project chair and has developed a detailed landscaping plan for a display of native grasses at the AgriLife Center. The group constructed the planting area and added the soil. After which we plan on laying down mulch and planting some of the native grasses.

We are considering these grasses for the display: Inland Sea Oats, Wildrye, Bristle Grass, Buffalograss, Blue Grama, Sideoats Grama, Eastern

Gamagrass, Lindheimer Muhly, Canyon Muhly, Gulf Muhly, Nolina Texana Bunch Grass, Yellow Indiangrass, Switchgrass, White Tridens, Little Bluestem, and Big Bluestem. Look for updates and pictures in the next newsletter.

In March, we are going to the Bamberger ranch for Colleen Gardner's Texas native grasslands tour. We are also assisting Ray and TMN-LC with Earth day in April.

Our group has become involved in many volunteer projects and attended several advanced training programs throughout the county. We are having a great time and look forward to keeping you up to date on our activities.

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## Guadalupe River Trail Project Update – Susan Bogle

The Guadalupe River South Trail just below the dam at Canyon Lake is a natural riparian habitat of native plants and wildlife. The trail is a long standing project supported by our Lindheimer Chapter and has the distinction of having the highest number of volunteer hours reported in 2007.

The trail was originally developed in 1995 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with 200 volunteers participating in a Public Lands Appreciation Day event. Our Chapter started its volunteer work at the trail in 2000 and that commitment and involvement continues to this day. While the Guadalupe River South Trail is federal land and is the responsibility of the Corps of Engineers, our

Chapter has developed a mutually beneficial partnership with the Corps in the trail's development and maintenance.

Our volunteers have extended the original quarter mile trail to 1.25 miles and as a result, the



**Charles Tubbs & David Skinner  
Installing the New Trailhead Sign**

Guadalupe River South Trail has become a favorite destination for hikers, dog walkers, birders and fishermen. Four separate Eagle Scout projects have been installed on the trail, including two

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bridges, an amphitheater and site markers. Our own Master Naturalists developed a brochure to accompany and explain the thirty different site markers. Most recently, the much worn original trailhead sign was replaced with a new sign providing much more detailed information about the trail and the Canyon Lake recreation area.

Currently, a crew of Lindheimer Chapter volunteers works at the trail the last two Thursdays of every

month. Anyone interested in joining the effort is welcome

Charles Tubbs, one of our most dedicated and ever faithful volunteers at the trail, has said that "there might be a more beautiful place in God's earth, but I would be hard pressed to find it." If you have not had the opportunity to walk and explore the Guadalupe River South Trail, be sure to take the time to do so, as it changes by season and even the time of day.

**Oak Wilt Spring Reminders!** The Forest Service reminds everyone that this time of year is the prime season for new oak wilt infections to start. It is extremely important to avoid wounding or pruning oaks from February through June and, it is recommended that all wounds/cuts be painted immediately at all times, regardless of time of year. For the protection of your property and your community, always be certain that your contractors and landscapers are made aware of this information as many of them still operate under outdated information. *John Siemssen*

### "OAK WILT IS ON THE MOVE"

James Houser-Oak Wilt Technical Coordinator-Texas Forest Service

"Spring has sprung. Birds are singing, trees are leafing out and, unfortunately, oak wilt disease is on the move. Texas Forest Service reminds the citizens of Texas that this time of year is the prime season for new oak wilt infections to start.



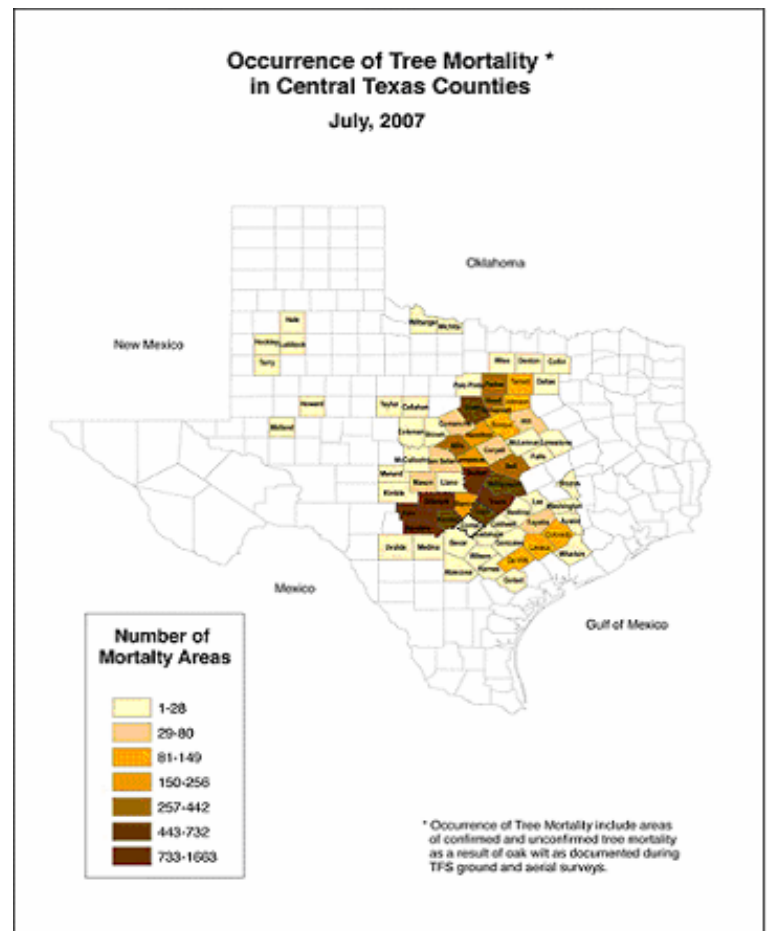
Crack in bark where fungal mat is formed underneath on red oaks

In spring, spores of this fungal disease may be transported by sap-feeding beetles from fungal mats on oak wilt-killed red oaks to fresh wounds on any species of oak, especially live and red oaks.

**It is extremely important to avoid wounding oaks from February through June.**

Any new wound may be susceptible to infection, including those produced by pruning, construction activities, livestock, land or "cedar" clearing, lawnmowers and string trimmers and storms. Sap from these wounds can attract beetles that may have previously picked up spores on an oak wilt fruiting mass on a red oak. Once the fungal spores are introduced to the wound, the fungus will invade the tree and a new oak wilt infection is created. To decrease the attractiveness of fresh wounds to these insects, always cover over any wound on any oak any time of the year. Any kind of paint will accomplish this task.

Millions of trees have been killed by this disease in over 65 counties of central and west Texas. **In order to keep new infection centers from starting, it is essential to avoid wounding oaks in the spring and to immediately paint any fresh wound that may occur any time of the year."**



Leaf of infected Live Oak. Veinal Necrosis is diagnostic.

*(Oak Wilt is on the Move cont'd.)*

(There is a misperception is that it is safe to wait up to 3 days before painting a cut or wound. This is a misunderstanding of the fact that trees generally will self-seal within three days. The reality is that the tree is most susceptible to infection during this time period.) For detailed information and pictures go to: <http://texasoakwilt.org/> and select items from "Oak Wilt in Texas" on left menu.

## Departing Winter Texans – Janet Siemssen



**Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Wintered in Comal County**

Crowned, Pine and Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Now spring migration begins with millions of birds winging their way over mountains and ocean for hundreds of miles to reach favored nesting sites. Many that survive this arduous journey descent on Central Texas with its excellent habitat for both resident and migratory birds in fields, upland oak & cedar savannahs, and riparian habitats.

Some Winter Texans of the avian variety who visited or took up residence in our area this past winter are: Red-breasted Nuthatch; Ruby Crowned Kinglet; Hermit Thrush; Chipping Sparrows; Orange

Keep your favorite bird identification book and binoculars handy! Breeding season will be under way soon, so when you look at your landscape, take a moment to consider the 4 habitat needs of our small birds: water, food (pesticide free seeds from plants & grasses for the adults, and insects for their young), cover for protection from predators that occur naturally in the ecosystem, such as larger birds and hawks; and shelter for nesting and raising their young.

Remember, over the eons small birds have developed a defense against birds of prey by mainly foraging and nesting in small to midsized trees and large shrubs, not in the upper canopy of tall trees where they would be more exposed! Sadly, they have few defenses against non-native predators, such as free roaming domestic cats, who hunt even on a fully belly. Young birds are especially vulnerable making the protective cover of brushy green belts even more critical for our barely noticeable woodland friends!

## Spring Arrivals – Kim Wright

As I sit here, writing this article, a Carolina Wren is busily building her nest in my hanging fern. As regulars here in the Hill Country, each breeding season the cheerful little birds know the best and safest places to raise their young. It's such a joy to see their tails erect as they forage for twigs and grasses to build their nests. However, I await with greater anticipation the arrival of the spring migratory species.

Purple Martins are our earliest spring arrivals, usually showing up in February to search out prime nesting sites. The males are the scouts and will return with females to start their brood. It's not uncommon for a male to set up housekeeping with more than one female at a time. The martins will migrate through most of Texas from February through May and again from July to October. As those of us who have martin houses know, they are quite fascinating birds to watch.

Another harbinger of spring is the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, also called the "Texas bird of paradise". The scissor tail is often seen perching on fences in farm and ranch areas and is most noted for its long, graceful tail feathers which scissor open and closed during flight.

My favorite of all our seasonal birds is the Painted Bunting, called by the Spanish settlers the "mariposa pintada" or painted butterfly. The male's head is indigo blue, his back brilliant lime green, and his under parts and rump are flaming red. The male retains his beautiful colors all throughout the year as if too proud to give them up. The bunting arrives in Texas in April and nests across most of the state except for the northern Panhandle. It departs in October for its winter home in Mexico and Central America.



The Yellow-billed Cuckoo is a summer resident here and is more often heard than seen. It is a skulker, sitting motionless in dense thickets, and then darting out in fast, direct flight. Its call is a series of loud, hollow notes, resembling something you might hear in a jungle. A rather large bird with distinctive rufous primary feathers and large white tail spots, the cuckoos are one of my favorite visitors, however elusive they may be.

The Yellow-billed cuckoo was sometimes called the Raincrow or Stormcrow because its call was associated with the coming of summer rains. Its ability to eat enormous quantities of defoliating caterpillars made it a popular bird in North America. Unlike European cuckoos, it rarely lays its eggs in the nests of other birds. It is a neo-tropical migrant which winters in South America. Before its steep decline in the west, it summered and bred in most of the United States, southernmost Canada, and northern Mexico.



More than fifty warbler species occur in North America, and most can be seen in Texas. During the spring migration along the Texas coast, huge flocks of warblers stream northward to breeding grounds. This migration lasts several weeks, starting in late March and early April. Identification of spring warblers is not difficult, even for beginning birders, for most are fully decked out in their courtship plumage.



Summer Tanager - Mature Male

Another favorite of mine is the Summer Tanager. Imagine my surprise when I discovered another "redbird" existed here in Texas. The male Summer Tanager is a fiery orange-red bird that lacks the prominent crest and black face mask of the male cardinal. Summer tanagers are often called "red bee birds" for their affinity for bees and wasps.

Last, but not least, are the hummingbirds. Texas has many varieties of hummers who visit our feeders and flowers during their migratory seasons. Hummers are voracious and very territorial, as we have all witnessed during feeding frenzies. They must visit from 2000-5000 flowers each day to balance

their energy budget. Only 10% of their feeding time is spent on catching insects. Anecdotes abound about these tiny birds, said to hitchhike under the feathers of larger birds. They have very large wing muscles and for their size, are the "biggest hearted little birds in the world".

Texas is a wonderful habitat for resident and migratory species and presents an excellent opportunity for experienced and beginning birders. So grab your binoculars and see how many species you can add to your "life list".

### Whitetail Antler Sheds - Ray Laxson

March is the month that most of our Hill Country bucks will shed their antlers and get ready to grow a new set. It is not uncommon to see a buck running around with only one antler this time of year. Many people spend a lot of time collecting 'sheds' and then mounting matched pairs onto a display of some sort. But, you need to hurry – shed antlers are readily consumed by rodents and other animals as a source of calcium and they will not last long. I have rescued two or three antlers from our cattle – caught them munching away on a deer antler while they left the Purina cattle mineral untouched. With the early spring hormone change in the bucks, the antler gradually loosens from the pedicle and will eventually fall off. After a few weeks the pedicle will become covered with velvet and growth starts again. A matched pair of sheds

makes a very nice 'trophy' and you don't have to go to all the extra effort to process the deer for the freezer. And, the buck will grow a new (maybe bigger) set for the new season.

I have found sheds in many scattered locations. A particularly good location to check is around fences where the buck has leaped over the fence. When he lands, often he jars his antlers and may lose one of them. A watering location is another good site as it is along heavily traveled deer trails.



*(White Tail Antler Sheds cont'd.)*

If you find a set you would like to mount, it is fairly easy to drill a hole into the base of each antler and then attach it to a small block of wood with a screw. At the log cabin on our property, we have about 75 matched sets of antlers mounted

on the walls and ceiling. It's interesting to note antler development from year to year on the same buck. Most of the original owners of those sheds are still running around on the property. Good hunting!

## Four Upcoming Spring Events Approved for Volunteer or Advanced Training

**April 26 - Earth Day:** The celebration will be on and around the dance slab at Landa Park on April 26th from 11a.m. to 6p.m. BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!!!

Planning for the 2008 NEW BRAUNFELS EARTH DAY CELEBRATION is now underway, but we urgently need all the help we can get! All New Braunfels residents and/or eco-minded individuals are welcome to contribute in whatever way they can to make sure the 2008 Earth Day Celebration is the best New Braunfels has ever seen! It will be held at the Landa Park Dance Slab on April 26th from 11am to 6pm. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact Ray Laxson at: [rlaxson@gvtc.com](mailto:rlaxson@gvtc.com)



**May 1 - 4: Wildfest San Antonio:** San Antonio's second annual birding and nature festival will be held May 1-4, 2008. With its abundance of natural areas such as Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, Medina River Natural Area, Government Canyon State Natural Area, the Botanical Gardens, the Missions National Historical Park and others, San Antonio will be one of few large cities to host such an event. The festival will include a broad spectrum of workshops and fieldtrips that will include birds, butterflies, bats, plants (wild flowers), art, history and geology. A number of the events will be focused on getting children involved in nature. Click [here](#) for more information.



**April 22-27, 2008 - Nature Quest - Spring Session:** Join in the April fun at Nature Quest, Uvalde County, the best birding and all-round nature festival in central Texas. During Nature Quest you'll enjoy learning from world-class experts about native plants, wildflowers, butterflies, insects, birds, bats and mammals through our field trips, workshops, seminars and evening programs. Diverse vegetation, spectacular wildflower displays, monumental trees on the National Registry of Big Trees, abundant wildlife—including the world's second largest Mexican Free-tailed Bat population, lovely butterflies and birds—including many rare and endangered species such as the Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo—are just a few of the reasons the River Region is a perfect backdrop for your natural adventures in every season. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Canyon Lake Gorge Docent Training:**

For Gorge Enthusiasts! Many of you have indicated an interest in training to become a Gorge Docent/Guide. Guides and Docents are volunteers; this is not a paid position. Our spring classes have finally been planned and many have signed up. Some who have expressed interest cannot make it during the week due to work obligations, so the spring training sessions are all on Saturdays. If you do not fit into this category, and would rather wait until we hold a class that will meet during the week, please let Cinde Thomas-Jimenez know. That class will be planned for next fall. In order to qualify as a docent, you must be a member of the Gorge Preservation Society. A membership form can be found on the website for those of you who haven't yet joined. Thanks for your interest, and we look forward to working with you. There is a huge amount of interest in the Gorge, and we need all the help we can get! For additional details please contact: Cinde at: [cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org](mailto:cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org). Please visit the website: [www.canyongorge.org](http://www.canyongorge.org).

## Other Community Spring Events – FYI

**April 12-13, (Saturday & Sunday) - Folk Fest:** FOLKFEST is an annual "Family Heritage Festival" sponsored by the Heritage Society of New Braunfels on the grounds of Heritage Village in April. FOLKFEST features living history re-enactments, pioneer craft demonstrations, free furniture museum tours, children's activities, musical entertainment and delicious food. A complete schedule of activities will be posted the week of the event. All proceeds benefit Heritage Village and their historic preservation projects. LOCATION: Heritage Village – 1370 Church Hill Drive – New Braunfels. Click [here](#) for website.

**April 20, (Sunday) - Dinosaur Day:** The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country, 4831 FM 2673 between Sattler and Startzville at Canyon Lake, TX, will present **Dinosaur Day on Sunday, April 20, 12 noon to 5 p.m.** Presentations include Texas Dinosaurs, What You Can Learn from a Dinosaur Track, Tour of the Dinosaur Tracks, and Fossil Exhibits. Bill Rader a Central Texas paleontology authority will be available to identify your fossils. Snacks and drinks are available. Admission: \$3 adults & \$2 children. Call: 830-899-4542 for more information. Bring your unusual rocks for identification. See you there! Click [here](#) for website.

**Are you an undiscovered nature writer?** If you have ever thought about researching a topic of interest, or have a desire to share your knowledge on a topic related to nature observation and conservation we would welcome your article for our newsletter! Articles that are specific to our local area would be especially appreciated.

In addition to articles on topics of interest and special knowledge, you may want to consider sharing a personal journal or report about a trip or volunteer experience related to your interests in the conservation, preservation, and restoration of our natural resources.

News about class projects and individual profiles of members are also most welcomed. You may e-mail it to me as an attachment or typed directly in the body of the e-mail. If you are not able to submit a typed article but wish to contribute please contact me at my e-mail address, (see below). Note that the Board has approved volunteer hours for time spent in preparing material for our newsletter.

The summer newsletter will be sent out at the end of June and submissions are due by early June. Contact me for more information regarding word length or for any other questions you may have.

You can E-mail your article to [tmnlindheimer@yahoo.com](mailto:tmnlindheimer@yahoo.com) Thank you! *Janet Siemssen*

### 2008 CALENDAR REMINDERS- TMN - LINDHEIMER CHAPTER

#### March

- 4 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 20 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm
- 24 - TMN Board Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### April

- 1 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 17 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm
- 28 - TMN Board Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### May

- 6 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 15 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm

#### June

- 3 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 19 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm
- 23 - TMN Board Meeting , 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### July

- 1 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 28 - TMN Board Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- 17 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm

#### August

- 5 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 21 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm
- 25 - TMN Board Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### September

- 2 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 18 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm
- 22 - TMN Board Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### October

- 7 - TMN Class, 6 - 9 pm
- 16 - TMN Chapter Meeting, 7 - 9 pm
- 27 - TMN Board Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### November

Class Graduation Date TBD

#### December

TMN Chapter Christmas Party - Date TBD

**Extension Name Change** - On January 1, 2008, the name of Texas Cooperative Extension officially changed to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. In the coming months you will see changes in the logo, letterhead, signs and other correspondence. Although the name has changed, the programs will remain the same.

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