



# The Lindheimer Quarterly

## 3rd Quarter 2022



Photo of 2022 Class at Bamberger Ranch Field Trip by class member Lesley Frowick

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From the Editor:  
 Our officer elections for 2023 is next month. Here is our slate of candidates:  
 President: Michael Buley  
 Vice President: Sue Sommer  
 Secretary: Rob Kyrouac  
 Treasurer: Don Epps  
 Also, the Class of 2022 will complete their training & become Certified Texas Master Naturalists! Congrats! The graduation ceremony, election vote and dinner will be held at the December Chapter Meeting.

MJ McFarland





## Take It or Leave It by Mary B Wenzel

Ghosts from the past...bwah ha-ha-ha! "Yoda" has returned to haunt all of you kind souls in the Lindheimer Chapter of the TMN Program. Allow me introduce myself. My name is **Mary B Wenzel** and I'm a founding member of this amazing chapter from 2000 and first graduating class of 2001. And as a very good friend and fellow TMN told me several times: "Once a TMN

ALWAYS a TMN." It's a lifelong journey learning about how things work, live and grow in Texas nature. We all love it - don't we? We all have our special interests in this amazing program as we learn about the great state of Texas.

My interest is growing native plants and the intimate connection they have with supporting the environment and many living things that depend on them. I've learned that knowing the land and taking the time to identify as many existing plants as possible will allow for better decisions concerning the health of the area. From there, it's possible to attract and support wildlife more successfully. Build it and they will come...:) So, since we're on this journey together in some form or another, I thought I'd offer a few insights, stories and successes that I've experienced as a direct result of becoming immersed in the TMN program.

Here at Almosta Ranch, we decided to build a butterfly garden back in 2002. That's where we'll start. It was a big deal - especially back in 2000 when there weren't many native plants available commercially around this area. I found out 5 major lessons back then:





- 1) identify the existing desirable native plants BEFORE clearing;
- 2) build a fence around the garden to take the deer predation pressure off the vegetation;
- 3) plant native grasses and less palatable native flowering plants outside the fence and mix 'em up to add texture and interest;
- 4) start small/build from there;
- 5) learn to propagate! Use at least 4 levels of vegetation to attract different species: large trees, understory trees, shrubs and various flowers and ground cover. Always provide water and occasionally supplemental seed (we provide sunflower seed).

So, with those "words of wisdom" I'll close with a small list of plants that have worked here for us:

Understory trees:

- Tx. Mock orange (*Philadelphus texensis*)
- Carolina Buckthorn (*Frangula caroliniana*)
- Texas Madrone (*Arbutus xalapensis*)

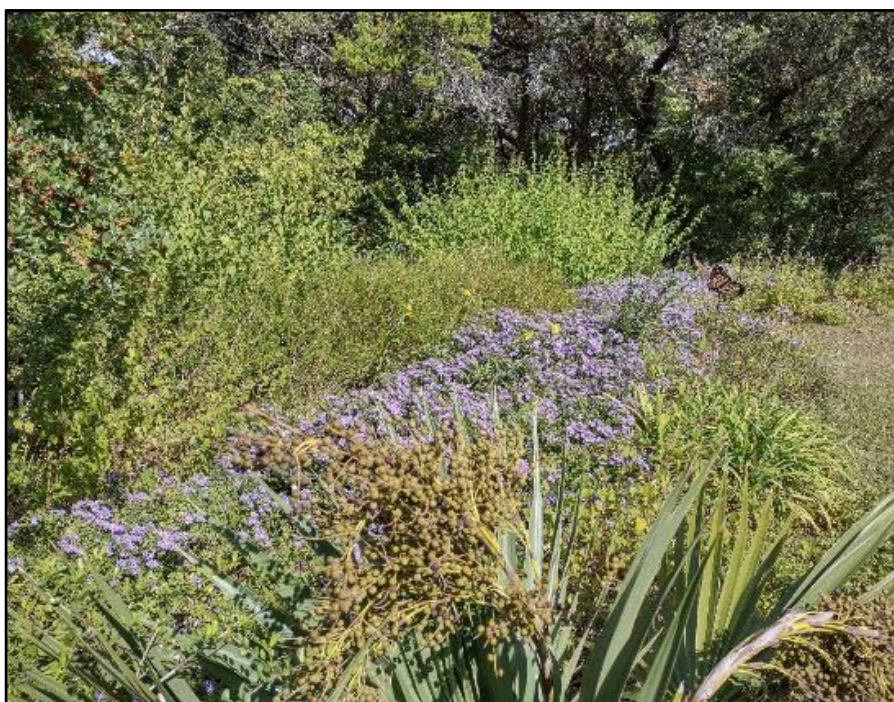
Shrubs:

- Agarita (*Mahonia trifoliata*)
- American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)
- Barbados cherry (*Malpighia emarginata*)

Flowers:

- Fall aster-lavender (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*)
- Mist flower-blue (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)
- Boneset-white (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

Stay tuned...to be continued! 😊



Photos of Almosta Ranch by Mary B Wenzel





Texas Master  
Naturalist State  
Meeting

Two of our members  
entered the  
photographic contests  
at the state meeting  
and won!

CONGRATS!!!



"Bracken Bat Cave at Sunset"  
by Mike Poffenberger  
1st Place - Scenery



"It's early!"  
by Darlene Varga  
3rd Place - Wildlife (Other)





## 2023 Chapter Dues

Members at the October Chapter Meeting approved **annual membership dues of \$25.00** per member commencing in 2023. We've been needing a consistent source of income in order to support and expand the work we do.

**Payment is due by December 31, 2022.** If payment is not received by January 31, 2023, you will be moved to inactive status in the VMS. If dues pose a hardship, please notify President, Treasurer or Membership Director about assistance.

Make checks payable to "Texas Master Naturalist Lindheimer Chapter" and mail it to the Treasurer at:

**LMN Chapter Treasurer Don Epps**  
**250 Northridge Dr**  
**New Braunfels, TX 78132**

Payment may also be made at chapter meetings via check or cash.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our President, Treasurer, or Membership Director.

Thank you for volunteering with LMN!

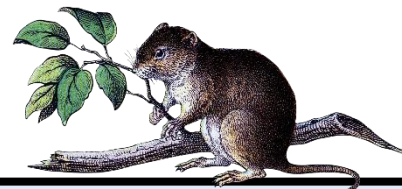
## Opportunity Codes for Documenting Your Hours in VMS

Do you wonder sometimes how to enter your hours into the VMS? Here's a guide! More info on the VMS here: [Report Your Hours \(txmn.org\)](http://txmn.org) Also, be on the lookout for Membership Chair Brian Trock's emails which explain the codes!

Code	Opportunity	Description	Examples
AT	Advanced Training	Advanced Training that you attend as a participant	*Chapter/NPSOT/Lunch & Learn meetings *Project WILD (Instructor/facilitator trng) *Cibolo NC/LB.JWC/TMN/etc.
CB	Chapter & Program Business	Activities related to managing and running a Master Naturalist Chapter and its committees	*Board of Directors/Officers/Committee Chairs *Newsletter/website management *Management of chapter records *Hours or chapter reporting *Other chapter business
FR	Field Research (Including Surveys)	Planning, leading or participating in data collection and/or analysis of natural resources where the results are intended to further scientific knowledge	*CoCoRaHS *Banding and tagging *Project Feeder Watch, MLMP, water testing, etc.
NPA	Nature/Public Access	Field-based activities that improve and manage the the public's access to natural areas or resources. Creating and/or maintaining nature trails, wildscapes, and/or interpretive areas	Developing new or improving existing: *Hiking trails *Gardens (interpretive, butterfly, habiscapes, etc.) *Wildlife viewing blinds *Wildscapes
OT	Other	Animal Rescue Only	*Wild animal rescue
PO	Public Outreach (Indirect)	Leading, organizing, or staffing an educational activity where participants come and go and are able to inquire on a variety of topics	*Discovery Center *Trout Unlimited *Festivals *Traveling Trunks
RM	Natural Resource Management	Activities that improve the health of a natural area or resource. Natural resource management, restoration, rescue, and rehabilitation	*Invasive species or trash removal *Plant rescue *Restoring or improving natural habitat *Wildlife houses, towers, chimneys
TG	Technical Guidance	Any work that provides written management recommendations to land owners and/or land managers	*Writing ecosystem management plans *Land Management Assistance Program (LMAP) *City/Community/Regional governments
TR	Training and Educating Others (Direct)	Leading, organizing, instructing, or staffing an educational activity where participants have a planned learning objective and generally stay for the full event (i.e. a planned start and end time)	*Workshops *Presentations *Webinars *Chapter MN trainees/interns



# Chapter Information Page



## 2022 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

### OFFICERS

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Rich Nielson
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Sue Sommer
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Rob Kyrouac
<b>TREASURER</b>	Don Epps

### COMMITTEES

#### Standing Committees

Education – Joe Finneran, Ellen Petray, Judy Henfey  
 Membership & Records – Brian Trock, Cheryl Trock (VMS)  
 Outreach – Debbie Kyrouac  
 Projects & Opportunities - Jeanie Springer

#### Subcommittees

Trunks – Deb Kyrouac  
 Program to Assist Landowners – Elizabeth Olszewski  
 Community Recognition (VP) – Sue Sommer  
 Hospitality (VP) – Sue Sommer  
 New Class – President-Caroline Broderick  
 Photographer-Lesley Frowick

### COMMUNICATIONS

Director – MJ McFarland  
 Out & About – Sara Riggs

### CHAPTER ADVISORS

Craig Hensley, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Wildlife Tracker  
 Jason Mangold, AgriLife

### The Lindheimer Quarterly Newsletter MJ McFarland – Editor

Newsletter published quarterly by the Lindheimer Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist™ to communicate, educate & inform chapter members & the Hill Country Community. Current and previous issues of The Quarterly are posted on the website [www.txmn.org/lindheimer](http://www.txmn.org/lindheimer).

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## 2022 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 24 “Madrone Trail” with Susan Bogle  
 February 17 “Don’t Mess w/Texas Bees”  
 with Charlie Agar  
 March 17 “Native Seeds” with George Cates  
 April 21 “Heritage Museum” with Janice Epps  
 May 19 Iliana Peña, Texas Wildlife Association  
 June 15 The Composition of Soil with Darla Reid  
 July 21 Dinosaurs of Texas with Arthur Williams  
 August 18 “Trees of Texas” with Doug Dalglish  
 September 15 Dinosaurs of Texas w/Arthur Williams  
 October 20 “Headwaters” w/Lauren Strack  
 November 17 “Honey Creek Cave” w/Michael Cicherski  
 December: Date TBA

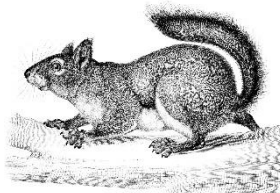
### 2022 Board of Directors Meetings Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:00 PM Meetings are via WEBEX All members welcome



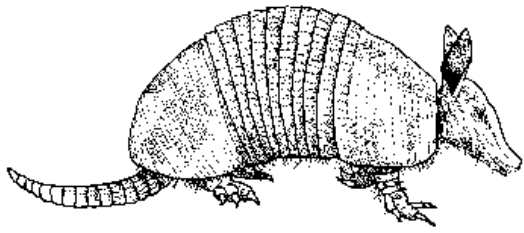
- January 24 ● February 28 ● March 28 ● April 25
- May 23 ● June 27 ● July 25 ● August 22
- September 26 ● October 24 ● November 28
- December 26

#### Board Minutes available at:

<https://txmn.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/lmn-board-members/lmn-board-minutes-archive/>







# 2022 Class: Nine Banded Armadillos

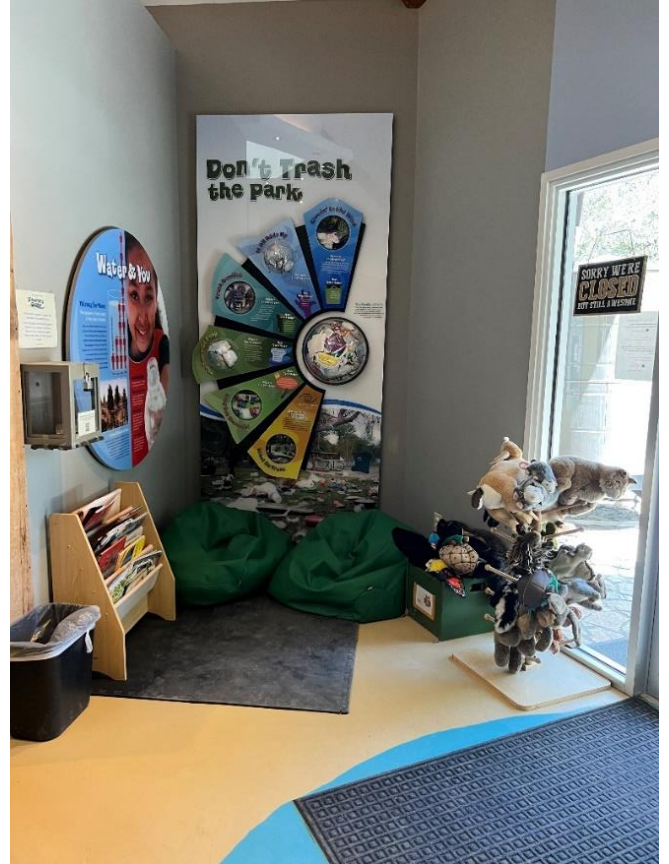
Field Trip to Bamberger Ranch  
Photos by Lesley Frowick





# LMN Chapter Volunteer Opportunities: Guadalupe River State Park Discovery Center

Photos by MJ McFarland



To volunteer: Email Jessica Bergner  
[jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov)



# NEW Volunteer Opportunity: Fischer Park Nature Education Center

## FISCHER PARK NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

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### Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 10am-5pm

Sunday: 12pm-5pm

### Contact Us:

830-221-4378

### Address:

Fischer Park Nature Education Center

1946 Monarch Way

New Braunfels, TX 78130



From Holly Platz, Recreation Programs Supervisor, Fischer Park Nature Education Center:

Thanks so much for your interest in volunteering at Fischer Park! I have been the Supervisor here since May 2022, and our volunteer program is still very young. I'm looking forward to building a strong volunteer team here! I am open to your ideas and suggestions, but below are our current opportunities. Please note that all regular volunteers, even Texas Master Naturalists, must complete a background check with the city. It's a simple online form and there is no cost to you.

Educational Programs: Saturday programming (kids and adults):

- Lead or assist with a variety of educational nature programs. The below programs generally take place on Saturdays, but sometimes are offered to private groups during the week. Time commitment varies but is generally between 2-3 hours.

Some of options include:

- Archery 101: Assist with instruction, set-up, tear-down. Generally the 3rd Saturday of the month, time varies with the season. NASP or Archery-USA certification required. NO VH – fun only
- Birdwatching 101: Held 2 Saturdays each season.
- Fishing 101 (freshwater fishing license required): Generally the 2nd Saturday of the month, time varies with the season (not held in February).
- Garden Volunteer Day: Assist visitors in caring for our Monarch Waystation and Pollinator Garden. 1st Saturday of the month, in the morning (not held in December, January, or February)
- Kayaking 101: CPR/First Aid and/or Water Rescue certification preferable, but not required. Generally 4th Saturday of the month, time varies with the season (March through October). NO VH – fun only
- Night Hikes: Held 2-3 times each season on the 1st Saturday of that month; time varies with season.



- Birthday Parties (kids): Lead or assist with a 1-hour educational nature program during a scheduled private birthday party. Also assist with prep and tear-down. Time commitment generally 3 hours. Program themes include: Dino Dig, Fishing (Backyard Bass and/or "Real" Fishing), Butterfly Garden.
- School-aged Field Trips (usually K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Lead (or assist with) an educational field trip station for a public, private, or homeschool group. Usually held in the morning – many scheduled in spring, but some in fall as well. Field trips are usually 1-2 hours, so with set-up and tear-down, total time commitment is approximately 3-4 hours. All training and materials provided. Sample stations include Seed balls; Frog Food Chain Tag; Furs and Skulls; and
- Butterfly Garden.

#### Wee Discovery Preschool (ages 3-5):

- Lead or assist with our weekly preschool classes. Each week has a different theme and includes indoor and outdoor time and hands-on activities. Program held every Tuesday 11 am – 12 pm during the school year. Total time commitment approximately 2.5 hours.

#### Maintenance Projects: Assist with a variety of maintenance tasks, including (but not limited to):

- Litter pick-up – no VH
- Invasive species removal
- Working in/helping maintain our Monarch Waystation Pollinator Garden
- Carpentry or building/assembling items as needed
- Fishing pole maintenance/repair

#### Citizen Science:

- eBirding and iNaturalist: Contribute to our knowledge of the natural resources of Fischer Park. I'm currently setting up a Project in iNaturalist, and plan to sponsor some Bioblitzes in the future.
- If you use iNaturalist, reach out to me about including your observations in the Great Texas Wildlife Trail
- maps – West Guadalupe Loop.
- Social Media Content (including photos): Create educational social media content about the natural resources of the park. Original photos or videos are ideal, but not required.

#### Special Events:

- Assist with park special events, including check-in/information stations, kids' activities, etc.

Thank you so much for partnering with us! Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Holly Platz

Recreation Programs Supervisor

Fischer Park Nature Education Center

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(830) 221-4375 (office phone)

Fischer Park: [www.newbraunfels.gov/3379/Fischer-Park](http://www.newbraunfels.gov/3379/Fischer-Park)  
Volunteer Information: [www.newbraunfels.gov/3421/Get-Involved](http://www.newbraunfels.gov/3421/Get-Involved)



# Recertifications and Milestone Awards

2022 Recertification Pin – Lightning Whelk



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!  
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

	Recertifications	Milestone Awards
January 2022	Susan Bogle, Judy Henfrey, Brian Trock Marilyn McFarland, Sara Riggs Rhonda Neel, Lois Ricci, Darlene Varga	250 Hours: MV Poffenberger, Mike Roberts, Karen Matson, Brenda Stoeck
February 2022	Ellen Anderson, Edith Bergquist, Joe Finneran, Jim Jameson, Ellen Petray, Patricia Porterfield, Jeanie Springer, Cheryl Trock	250 Hours: Judy Henfrey, Lisa Smith 1,000 Hours: Don Epps, Nancy Gray
March 2022	Don Bergquist, Ron Butts, John Davis, Jim Doyle, Erin Harrison, Deb Kyrouac, Valerie Lefebvre, Rich Nielson, Cathy Oberkamp, MV Poffenberger, Susan Sommer, Mary Williams	250 Hours: Aleta Meyer, Haley Faver, Mary Williams 500 Hours: Marilyn Garrison, Cathy Oberkamp 1,000 Hours: Beth Jameson, Rhonda Neel
April 2022	Don Epps, Haley Faver, Heidi Forgione, Lynn Jones, Rob Kyrouac, Aleta Meyer, Jane Miller, Lisa Smith	250 Hours: Toni Wayne, Ellen Petray, Patricia Porterfield, Margaret Olivier 1,000 Hours: Jim Doyle
May 2022	Heidi Case, Jane Finneran, Pat Fletcher, Gail Groves, Sarah Mato, Joni McGhee, Dana Murray, Evelyn Nielson, Mike Roberts, Brenda Stoeck, Teresa Turko, Linda Valdez	250 Hours: Steve Verschoyle 500 Hours: Susan Sommer
June 2022	John Corkill, Don Fletcher, Laird Ingham, Scott Ofsdahl, Robert Trott	250 Hours: John Corkill, Scott Ofsdahl
July 2022	Rich Bradley, Julie Crouch, Gretchen Ferrell, Harry Ferrell, Lori Lergen, Debbie Subke	250 Hours: Dave Skasik
August 2022	Lynn Boyd, Vanessa Brown, Kathy Ofsdahl, Jack Olivier	250 Hours: Michael Buley
September 2022	Sandra Carson, Joel Dunnington, Henry Hahn, Beth Jameson, Margret Olivier, Dave Skasik, Melissa Skasik, Teresa St. John, Steve Verschoyle, Arthur Williams	250 Hours: Heidi Case 500 Hours: Heidi Forgione

2023 TMN Annual Re-Certification Pin



2023 Certification Pin  
"Texas Ecoregions"



# 2022 Monthly Meetings

**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "The Madrone Trail Pollinator Garden – Birth of a Garden"  
Who: Susan Bogle  
Where: Online via WEBEX  
Members: Login to our Members Area for the Link (you'll need the chapter password)  
New members: Email LindheimerMNCcontact@gmail.com

Join Susan Bogle to:  
"Learn how this new garden came into being and how it will serve to attract the butterflies, bees & birds that are essential for pollination, as well as providing an example to both local citizens and visitors of how to attract pollinators with the proper utilization of native plants and garden design."

Susan Bogle is a member of Lindheimer Master Naturalist Chapter since 2004 and has created 18,200 volunteer hours! She is a very well known in the community for her design & maintenance of gardens and trails in Round Bayou Park and frequently lends her expertise to other groups & organizations. She says, "By the way, that tool I'm holding will be the most used tool during the development of the MTRP. I use it to remove the KR Beakem."




**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 5:45 pm  
What: "Don't Mess with Texas Bees!"  
Who: Charlie Agar, Beekeeper  
Where: Online via WEBEX  
Members: Login to our Members Area for the Link (you'll need the chapter password)  
New members: Email LindheimerMNCcontact@gmail.com

Charlie Agar got his first hive of bees in 2015, but when he started doing nuisance hive removals the following year his beekeeping work blossomed into a sideline business that's spanned two continents, and lots of crazy experiences. Today he does bee removals, manages TSO colonies, and helps beekeepers all across Central Texas. His work with bees is the subject of the Austin PBS reality TV show Charlie Bee Company. Charlie lives in New Braunfels with wife Kaye, three dogs, and their backyard chickens.

Charlie captures nuisance honey bees from walls and trees and takes them to a rural "bee-hub" for a little rehabilitation. He then loans bees for agricultural use on ranch properties all across the area. The byproduct of all this work is golden delicious Texas Hill Country honey. Charlie likes to call "Liquid Sunshine."

WOW! Beginning January 8, 2022 on Austin PBS, KLRU-TV, Charlie Bee Company will be airing Saturdays at 4:30 PM, with encore presentations on Sundays at 2:00 PM. In the Spring of 2022, following its Austin debut, Charlie Bee Company will be airing nationwide on PBS through American Public Television.





**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "Native Seeds"  
Who: George Cates, Restoration Specialist  
Native American Seed [www.seedsource.com](http://www.seedsource.com)  
Where: Hybrid Meeting  
In person at Tye Preston Memorial Library  
Online via WEBEX Here's the link: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

Join us for a presentation on native seeds!  
Planting native seeds is one small, but important step in safeguarding the web of life. Many sensible people are now enjoying the adventure, discovery and benefits that come with taking an active role in ecological landscape restoration.

About our speaker: George came to Native American Seed shortly after graduating from college in Sherman, TX. He's got a remarkable facility for looking at problems as "challenges" to be met, and the kind of willingness to learn that a priceless asset in a business full of the unexpected, unpredictable and at times downright chaotic. His persistence and attention to detail, along with his ability to grasp the "big picture," are qualities that allow him to move easily and competently to the spots where help is needed when he's not busy in the barn clearing seeds.



**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country - Trackways and Beyond"  
Who: Janice Epps, President, Board of Directors, Heritage Museum  
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library  
Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

Join us for a program on one of the natural wonders of Texas!  
The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country  
You will learn about the history of the museum (fascinating & unusual) and what the museum has to offer to the community in educational programs and events (a lot!).

Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country was incorporated in November of 1995. It is a 501 (C) (3) organization dedicated to the collection, conservation, preservation, and display of materials associated with the natural and cultural history of the Texas Hill Country, as well as the preservation of visitors using its collections. For the last 20 years, the museum has been trying to protect and preserve over 200 dinosaur footprints and 200 separate trackways. Made approximately 100 million years ago, the footprints and trackways are part of the early Cretaceous period in the upper Glen Rose Formation. You can become a member of the Museum - just go to their website!

The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country  
HOURS OF OPERATION: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed on major holidays)  
ADDRESS: 4875 FM 2975, Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
WEBSITE: <http://www.heritemuseum.com>  
PHONE: 830-393-4542 EMAIL: [info@heritemuseum.com](mailto:info@heritemuseum.com)





**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: Overview of Texas Wildlife Association  
Who: Chad Timmons, Conservation Education Specialist  
Where: Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

Please note: Meeting is Online ONLY

Mission  
Serving Texas wildlife and its habitat, while protecting property rights, hunting heritage, and the conservation efforts of those who value and steward wildlife resources.

Speaker  
Our speaker is Chad Timmons, Conservation Education Specialist with TWNA since September 2021. About: Chad attended Texas State University. Prior to his current position he was a teacher in the Austin Independent School District for over 15 years. Chad has many certifications, including Level 2 Instructor (Archery), Boyles Education, Leave No Trace, Project Learning Tree, Project Wild, Basic Archery Instructor, Paddle Sports, Angler Education & Fly-Fishing Instructor, and Wilderness First Aid. Join us online May 19 for an introduction to the Texas Wilderness Association!



**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "The Composition & Ecology of Soil"  
Who: Darla Reid, Research Scientist, Cibolo Nature Center  
Where: Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>  
In-person: Tye Preston Memorial Library

The Cibolo Center for Conservation transforms lives through the love of nature, welcoming guests into a beautiful natural Hill Country setting for nature education, sparking community experiences, and environmental research in action. Participation in water conservation, land stewardship, care for wildlife, sustainability, planting, and the celebration of harvest remind guests of their shared humanity, resulting in a community of belonging.

Join us and learn about the soil beneath your feet!  
Our speaker is Darla Reid, Research Scientist. After 20 years of administration and customer service experience, Darla decided to go back to school to implement a change in her career path. Always called a "team player," she completed her Environmental Science degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2016. Over the years through volunteering, she found herself in jobs that benefited the environment and natural conservation. In late 2020, she was hired by Darla Taylor of the Cibolo Center for Conservation as her replacement as Environmental Research Scientist on staff. Since then, Darla has looked forward to each day as another learning opportunity in a field she loves!





**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "The Dinosaurs of Texas"  
Who: Arthur Williams  
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library or Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

What do you know about dinosaurs in Texas?  
Texas has a rich history of dinosaur fossils, including some which are very close to us in Comal County!

Join us on July 21 at 6pm to hear Arthur Williams present "The Dinosaurs of Texas."

Psst! Did you know that Texas has a State Dinosaur? Yup, we do! It's *Paluxysaurus jonesi*.

**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "Ecology of Hill Country Trees"  
Who: Doug Dalgligh, Founding Member Lindheimer Chapter  
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library  
Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

Be sure to join us to hear Doug Dalgligh with a presentation of "trees as part of a complex ecosystem" including insects, birds, mammals, other trees, and many other factors!

Doug Dalgligh studied electrical engineering at Texas A&M, then made a career change to become a Presbyterian minister. Part of his work over the last 25 years has been land management over several church-owned properties in central and south Texas.

Doug is one of the founders of the Lindheimer Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program since 2001. This is a photo of the 2001 Founders' Class. Doug is the guy in the tie!






**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: "The Dinosaurs of Texas" – PART 2  
Who: Arthur Williams  
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library or Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

What do you know about dinosaurs in Texas?  
Texas has a rich history of dinosaur fossils, including some which are very close to us in Comal County!

Join us on September 15 at 6pm to hear Arthur Williams present "The Dinosaurs of Texas" – PART 2

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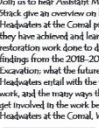




**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 pm  
What: Headwaters at the Corral  
Who: Lauren Stork, Assistant Manager  
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library or Online via WEBEX  
Members: Login to our Members Area for the Link (you'll need the chapter password)

Join us to hear Assistant Manager Lauren Stork give an overview on how the Headwaters at the Corral project began, what they have achieved and learned from the restoration work done to date, including findings from the 2018-2019 Archaeology Excavation; what the future plans for Headwaters entail with the timeline for that work, and the many ways the community can get involved in the work being done at Headwaters at the Corral, Where It Begins!

Learn that Arch Assistant Manager, has been with Headwaters at the Corral since 2017. She started a volunteer program to help with educational programming and the restoration effort. A monthly program which results in over 100 participants and has created significant success for the project. Her past and educational background includes the study of a wide variety of topics including geology, environmental conservation, agriculture and wildlife, water resources, forest management and more. She has also created a monthly newsletter, manages social media and website updates.


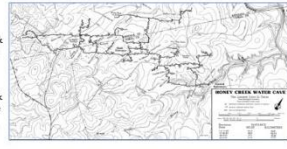
**Lindheimer Chapter**  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**  
When: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
What: History & Exploration of the Longest Cave in Texas – Honey Creek Cave  
Who: Michael Cicherski, Texas Cave Management Association  
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library  
Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

Join us to learn about Honey Creek Cave – the longest known cave in Texas, stretching more than 20 miles. Honey Creek is a tributary of the Guadalupe River (near Rockdale River).

Michael Cicherski has been caving regularly since the late 80's. He is a Fellow of the National Speleological Society and a recipient of the National Speleological Society Certificate of Merit. Michael has participated in the Honey Creek Cave, Powell's Cave, and other projects here in Texas, as well as projects in Montana, Kentucky and in Mexico. Michael continues to be an active caver, and is the Co-Project Director in two on-going efforts in the Texas Hill Country.

Michael is currently a Board Director of TCAA and has previously held positions of leadership in the TSA, TCAA and in The Fifth International Congress of Speleology.

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# Contributing to Community/Citizen Science: iNaturalist.org



Photo of endangered Golden Cheeked Warbler  
by LMN member Brian Trock

“Community Science” (formerly “Citizen” Science) is the participation of non-scientists in scientific research. As naturalists, many of us already participate in community science projects that contribute to the body of scientific knowledge about plants, animals & insects: butterfly surveys, bird counts, plant identification. And we take pictures – LOTS of pictures! Each picture is an observation and represents an opportunity to increase the scientific knowledge of what, where & when. One of the largest community science projects is iNaturalist, a world-wide, on-line database of observations provided by community scientists like Master Naturalists.

“If enough people recorded their observations, it would be like a living record of life on Earth that scientists and land

managers could use to monitor changes in biodiversity, and that *anyone* could use to learn more about nature.” How to get started? Go to [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org) and sign up!

Here are the iNaturalist numbers as of **October 31, 2022**. Take a look at Comal County!!!

Location	Observations	Species	Observers
World	119,953,373	400,811	2,453,064
Texas	6,987,280	25,997	132,490
Comal County	98,444	4,565	4,485

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The screenshot shows the header of the website with the text "T E X A S" at the top, the "Master Naturalist" logo on the left, and the "Texas Master Naturalist Lindheimer Chapter" title in the center. On the right, there are logos for "TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION" and "TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: "Welcome!", "Chapter Info", "Chapter Meetings", "Out & About Calendar", "Members", "New Class", and "Chapter Projects & Opportunities". A search icon is also present. At the bottom of the menu, there are additional links: "Texas Waters", "Join Us!", "Program to Assist Landowners", "Donate", and "Chapter Project - The BBW".

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