



The Lindheimer Quarterly

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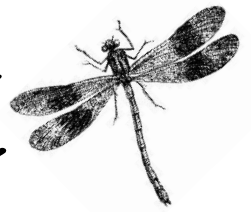


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From the Editor, 4/15/2023

Spring arrived & with it our beautiful Texas wildflowers. Lots of bluebonnets to see!

Kim Wright was an integral part of Lindheimer Chapter who served on the Board of Directors for many years. We will miss her very much. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Please think about contributing photos or articles for the chapter newsletter, the website and our FaceBook page. Just send to us at LindheimerMNContact@gmail.com. Thanks!

MJ McFarland, Editor

In Memoriam

Kimberly Ann Wright

JULY 13, 1949 – FEBRUARY 2, 2023



Kimberly Ann Beal Wright, 73, of New Braunfels, Texas, went home to her Lord on February 2, 2023. Kim was born on July 13, 1949 to Elizabeth Jean Grace Beal and Thornton Hubert Beal in Fort Worth, Texas. She loved to dance, and as a teen she trained as a competitive ballroom dancer under Brice Evans. After she graduated from Arlington Heights High School in 1967, she enrolled at UT Arlington and studied geology. There she met her future husband, David Norman Wright. The two married September 4, 1970 and relocated to New Orleans, where Dave began his career with Amoco as a geologist. Kim also had a brief stint at Amoco as a well log analyst. The couple had 3 children while living in New Orleans. In 1989 the family relocated to Richmond, Texas, and in 2003, the couple retired to their dream home in New Braunfels. Kim was a nature lover and enjoyed working in her flower beds. She was a member of the Texas Master Naturalists. She also loved to travel. She was quite the social butterfly and enjoyed "doing lunch" and shopping with her girlfriends, socializing with the "Friday Afternoon Club," attending plays and concerts at the Circle Arts Theatre and the Brauntex, and living it up at Wurstfest. As a member of New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, Kim played in the bell choir, organized dinners and trips, and served as a Stephen minister. Kim had a servant's heart and volunteered in many capacities throughout her life, including at her children's schools, her church, her neighborhood property owners' association, the Heritage Society of New Braunfels, the Texas Master Naturalists, and the Gorge Preservation Society.

Kim will be best remembered by her family as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother; as a teacher, a listener, and advisor; as courageous, generous, faithful, optimistic, fun-loving and vivacious. We will miss her terribly. Kim is preceded in death by her father and mother; her brother, Joe Beal; and her stepmother, Mildred (Suzy) Beal. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dave; her children--Jamie (Dave) Deptula, Erin (Byron) Gerke, and Will (Stephanie) Wright; and her beloved grandchildren: Brynlee and Landon Deptula; Hannah, Emily, and Sadie Gerke; and Colton Wright; as well as many other cherished relatives and friends. The family would like to express their appreciation to the staffs of Hope Hospice, New Braunfels Regional Rehab, and Sundance Inn Health Center; the caregivers at Visiting Angels; and to Dr. Christopher Bogaev, who stood by Kim and her family throughout her battle with cancer. Thank you to all of our family and friends who visited and provided support to us all these many months.

A memorial service celebrating Kim's life will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, 373 Howard St., New Braunfels, TX 78130. A private interment will happen at a later date.

Lindheimer Chapter will miss Kim very much. She gave many years & much hard work to our chapter and we are grateful. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.



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!

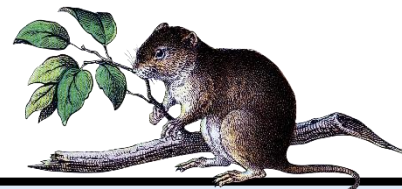
Opportunity Codes for Documenting Your Hours in VMS

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, habitacles, 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

PRESIDENT	Michael Buley
VICE PRESIDENT	Sue Sommer
SECRETARY	Rob Kyrouac
TREASURER	Don Epps

COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Education – Ellen Petray, Judy Henfey, Caroline Broderick, Tom Oldham, Marc Rashinski
 Membership & Records – Cheryl Trock, Brian 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- Pending
 Photographer-

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

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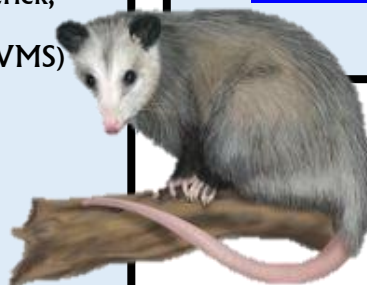
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2023 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday at
 Tye Preston Memorial Library
 5:45 pm – 7:30pm

Attend in person or online:

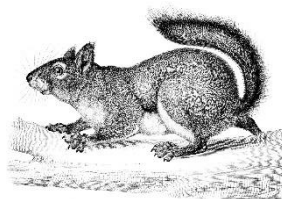
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7461036858>

2023 Board of Directors Meetings
 Every 4th Monday at 5:00 PM
 Meetings are via WEBEX
 All members welcome

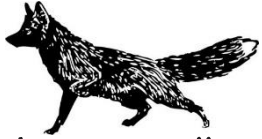


Find the WebEx link under Members (password protected) [Members \(txmn.org\)](http://Members.txmn.org)

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



2023 Class: Gray Foxes



Thirty members of the community have committed to the year-long training to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist. One of our largest classes in years, this 25th class is active and engaged in learning about the natural world of the Texas Hill Country. The class chose "Gray Foxes" as their group name.

New Class Training Schedule

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
10 Jan 2023 - 6:00 to 8:30 PM	New Class Orientation	<i>New Class Director and Coordinators., Member from BOD</i>	Agrilife Center
	VMS Training	Cheryl Trock	
17 Jan 2023 - 6:00 PM	Weather & Climate	Paul Yura (NOAA)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
7 Feb 2023 – 6:00 PM	Archaeology	Clark Wernecke (TSU)	Agrilife Center
7 Mar 2023 – 6:00 PM	Geology and Soil	Joe Finneran (LMN)	Agrilife Center
11 Mar 2023 - 1:00 PM	Canyon Lake Gorge	Gorge Preservation Society and GBRA	Canyon Lake
4 April 2023 - 6:00 PM	Ecology, Ecosystem Concepts & Management	John Herron retired TNC & TPWD	Agrilife Center/Zoom
15 April 2023 – 10 AM	Honey Creek Nature Area	Nancy Gray Friends of Honey Creek	Guadalupe River State Park
9 May 2023 – 6:00 PM	Ornithology	Tom & Patsy Inglet (AAMN/Audubon)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
13 May 2023 - 9:00 AM	Birding at Crescent Bend Park	Tom & Patsy Inglet (AAMN/Audubon)	Schertz, TX
6 June 2023 – 6:00 PM	Botany and Taxonomy	Debbie Kyrouac (LMN, NPSOT)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
11 July 2023 –6:00 PM	Entomology	Craig Hensley (TPWD)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
1 Aug 2023 - 6:00 PM	Mammalogy	Pamela Owen (UT Austin, TMM)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
5 Aug 2023 ~ 6:00PM	Bracken Cave Bat Flight	Fran Hutchins (BCI) Don and Edith Berquist (LMN)	Garden Ridge
5 Sept 2023 – 6:00 PM	Native Grassland Ecology and Restoration	Doug Dalglish (LMN)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
9 Sept 2023 – 9:00 AM	Bamberger Ranch Preserve	April Sansom (Selah)	Johnson City
3 Oct 2022 – 6:00 PM	Herpetology	Craig Hensley (TPWD)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
7 Oct 2023 - 10:00 AM	Meadows Center	(TSU)	TSU San Marcos
7 Nov 2023 - 6:00 PM	Water Resources	Cinde Thomas-Jimenez (GBRA)	Agrilife Center/Zoom
5 Dec 2023– 6:00 PM	Urban Systems: Xeriscaping	Joel Dunnington LMN	Agrilife Center/Zoom
21 Dec. 2023– 5:30 PM	Graduation		TPM Library
			18 Classes/Field trips



Chapter Recertifications and Milestone Awards

2023 Recertification Pin – Texas Ecoregions

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

	Recertifications	Milestone Awards
January 2023	Ellen Anderson, Susan Bogle, Brian Trock	500 Hours: Ellen Petray, Mike Poffenberger 2,500 Hours: Ellen Anderson 20,000 Hours: Susan Bogle
February 2023	John Davis, Judy Henfey, Jane Miller, Rich Nielson, Ellen Petray, Mike Poffenberger, Lois Ricci, Sara Riggs, Jeanie Springer, Cheryl Trock, Darlene Varga	250 Hours: Teresa St. John
March 2023	Don Bergquist, Edith Bergquist, Ron Butts, Joe Finneran, Christy Martinez, Evelyn Nielson, Cathy Oberkamp	

VH LMN Membership Report

Membership: 225 (active, 30 in-training, 5 advisor)

Training Class #25, Gray Foxes: 30

Membership Dues: 175 listed paid in VMS (78%) for 2023, 49 unpaid, final notice sent

VMS December:

110 members submitted hours:

1,217 VH -- 50 ATH -- 60 initial training

594 approved entries

VMS 2022:

167 members submitted hours:

19,481 VH -- 2,423 ATH -- 886 initial training

9,814 approved entries

LMN Lifetime:

232,047 VH -- 29,004 ATH -- (470 members)

January Chapter Meeting (42 TPML) (44 ZOOM): 86 attended

Cheryl Trock, Membership Director

Contributing to Community/Citizen Science: iNaturalist.org



Photo of gray fox by Mike Poffenberger

“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 and sign up!

Here are the iNaturalist numbers as of **March 23, 2023**. Take a look at Comal County!!! Our member, Darlene Varga, is #1 in Comal County with over 14,000 entries! Wow!

Location	Observations	Species	Observers
World	129,732,192	420,308	2,544,266
Texas	7,438,079	26,178	138,926
Comal County	107,273	4,650	4,795



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Website: www://txmn.org/lindheimer/ Take a look around our website to see what’s available! Lots of information you can use!



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Ops & Info: Weekly email with news, announcements, and AT/VH opportunities sent to your email every Sunday.