



Lindheimer Chapter Texas Master Naturalist™



2023 Annual Archive

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Photo Contributors



Our Chapter Photographers
From snakes in trees to birds in hand,
from sunsets to moonrises
our members submitted incredible & inspiring photos
that added beauty to our lives.

Many, many thanks to
(in alphabetical order):

Edith Bergquist, Don Bergquist, Susan Bogle,
Judy Brupbacher, Ron Butts,
Joyce Doyle, Joel Dunnington,
Debbie Kyrouac, Amber Lujan, Christy Martinez,
MJ McFarland, Rich Nielson, Collette Nies,
Sara Riggs, Valerie Robertson, Jane Schnell,
Brian Trock, Teresa Turko & Darlene Varga.

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM™

Mission: To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

Need: Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers is often cited as a limiting factor for community-based conservation efforts.

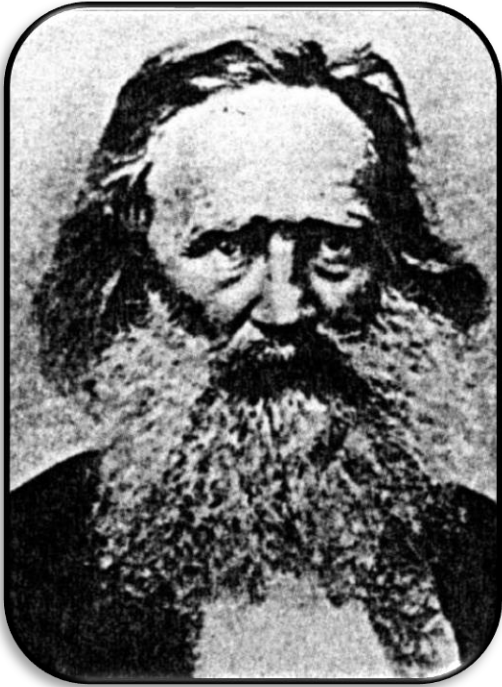
TMN provides volunteers with 40 hours of initial training, including field and classroom instruction. Certified Master Naturalist Volunteers then give a minimum 40 hours of community service annually and earn 8 hours advanced training annually.



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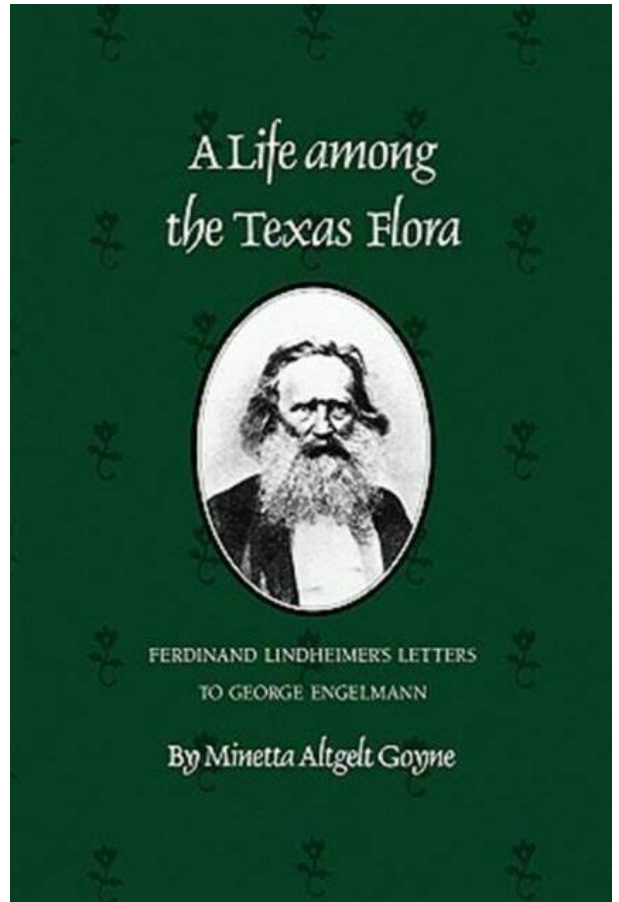
The Lindheimer Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program was established in 2000. Located in Comal County in the Texas Hill Country, we are an active, vibrant and growing organization of volunteers committed to preserving the natural resources of the Texas Hill Country for current and future generations.

Our chapter is named after Ferdinand Jacob Lindheimer (1801 – 1879), who is called the “Father of Texas Botany.” He immigrated from Germany in his early thirties, travelled throughout Texas discovering and documenting Texas flora. He found a permanent home on the banks of the Comal River in 1844, when New

Braunfels was founded. Lindheimer collected 1500 botanic species in Texas over a period of thirteen years (more than thirty species are named after him). His home in New Braunfels is now a museum which draws many visitors annually.

“A Life Among the Texas Flora”

Ferdinand Lindheimer's Letters
to
George Engelmann
by Minetta Altgelt Goyne





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2023 Class: Gray Foxes

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OPEN TO MEMBERS

Board of Directors Meeting



Every 4th Monday of the month at 5PM
 Comal County AgriLife Extension Center
 325 Resource Dr.
 New Braunfels, TX 78132



2023 Recertifications & Milestones

Texas EcoRegions – 2023 Recertification Pin

Congratulations on your accomplishments!

2023	Recertifications	Milestone Awards
January	Ellen Anderson, Susan Bogle, Brian Trock	500 Hours: Ellen Petray, Mike Poffenberger 2,500 Hours: Ellen Anderson 20,000 Hours: Susan Bogle Wow!!!!
February	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	Don Bergquist, Edith Bergquist, Ron Butts, Joe Finneran, Christy Martinez, Evelyn Nielson, Cathy Oberkamp	
April	Caroline Broderick, Heidi Case, Don Epps, Gail Groves, Jim Jameson, Deb Kyroutac, Rob Kyroutac, Marilyn McFarland, Aleta Meyer, Rhonda Neal, Teresa Turko	250 Hours: Caroline Broderick 500 Hours: Teresa Tyler
May	Jim Doyle, Joel Dunnington, Thomas Oldham, MV Poffenberger, Mike Roberts, Susan Sommer, Wendy Hill	250 Hours: Vanessa Brown 500 Hours: Gretchen Ferrell, Mike Roberts
June	Michael Buley, John Corkill, Craig Dillon, Jane Finneran, Don Fletcher, Pat Fletcher, Lori Largen, Joni McGhee, Lisa Smith, Teresa St. John	250 Hours: Lynn Boyd, Tanya Marroquin 500 Hours: Debbie Subke 1,000 Hours: Susan Sommer
July	Don Blake, Julie Crouch, Harry Ferrell, Rosemary Melody, Margaret Oliver, Patricia Porterfield, Debbie Subke, Toni Wayne	2500 Hours: Cheryl Trock
August	Dick Bigelow, Elizabeth Bowerman, Lynn Boyd, Gretchen Ferrell, Valerie Lefebvre, Sarah Mato, Scott Ofsdahl, Jack Olivier, Steve Verschoyle, Mary Williams	250 Hours: Ron Lucik
September	Vanessa Brown, Heidi Forgione, Howard Grove, Anne-Marie Kimbell, Dave Skasik, Melissa Skasik, Dave Wright	
October	Irene Betts, Phillip Brown, Shari Ferguson, Henry Hahn Kathryn Lamon, Loran Wilson	500 HOURS: Gail Groves
November	Pat Carnes, Joyce Doyle, Nancy Gray, Karen Kimball, Denise Miner-Williams, Kathy Ofsdahl, Valorie Robertson, Eric Weissgarber	1,000 HOURS: Evelyn Nielson 2,500 HOURS: Marilyn McFarland
December	Initial Certification: Elisabeth Olszewski Margie Armspacher, Mary Barr-Gilbert, Linda Bolano, Cynthia DeWitt, Holly Emrie, Jennifer Formell, Lesley Frowick, Bob Gray, Sherri Green, Beth Jameson, Lynn Jones, Tanya Marroquin, Steve Mato, Sandy McLemore, Justine Pacheco, Brenda Stoeck, Ron Stoeck	

Thank you for your volunteer spirit!

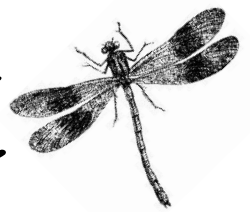


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From the Editor, 4/15/2023

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 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 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. 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.



to

and

Kim



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 \(txmn.org\)](https://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) *Cibola NC/LBJWC/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, habsclapes, 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

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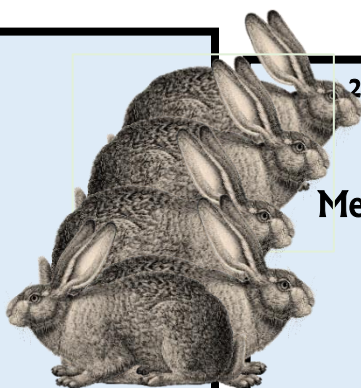
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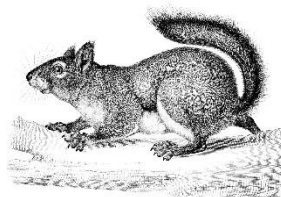
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7461036858>

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/](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 Kyroutac (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 - 6:00 PM	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 2023 - 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!

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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





The Electronic Lindheimer

Website: [www://txmn.org/lindheimer/](http://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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Welcome! Chapter Info ▾ Chapter Meetings Out & About Calendar Members ▾ 2023 Class

Chapter Projects & Opportunities Texas Waters Join Us! Program to Assist Landowners Donate Current Chapter Initiatives ▾

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From the Editor:

We are passionately committed to serving as stewards of our natural world, protecting and preserving it for generations to come. Since founding in 2000, Lindheimer Chapter Texas Master Naturalist™ members have contributed over 220,000 Volunteer Hours to Comal County and the inhabitants of the Texas Hill Country! In 2021 (despite limitations of COVID-19), we had 203 active members (including 23 in-training) who contributed 18,810 Volunteer Hours and earned 2,580 Advanced Training Hours.

MJ McFarland



Community Naturalist Award 2022 – Jack Downey by President Michael Buley



Jack Downey is the recipient of the Texas Master Naturalists' Lindheimer Chapter 2022 Community Naturalist Award for his outstanding contributions as the Program and Restoration Coordinator for Headwaters at the Comal. Jack is fully committed to his mission of restoring and protecting the springs and headwaters of the Comal River, and teaching others the importance of doing the same.

Jack was presented the award at the monthly chapter meeting on August 17, 2023. He was nominated by President Michael Buley and voted on by the Board of Directors.

Jack amassed a remarkable volume of engagements with community members of all ages. He coordinated and led more than 2000 volunteer hours in diverse activities including Headwaters site maintenance, education and outreach, training, citizen science, and the Texas Stream Team program. Many of these hours trained, developed and employed our own Lindheimer Master Naturalists. Jack coordinated and conducted a broad range of educational activities to include 107 Adult Education programs for more than 700 visitors, 23 formal and informal youth education programs for more than 800 students, and 4 community events welcoming more than 800 visitors.

Always looking for ways to extend his reach and share his naturalist message more broadly in our

county, Jack took the watershed curriculum directly to students in local elementary schools. He judged the Freiheit Elementary School Science Fair and installed a butterfly garden at the New Braunfels Kids Club. Jack coordinated 2 Eagle Scout Service Projects at the Headwaters site, and began monthly birding meet-ups at Headwaters.

Recognizing the value of building alliances with like-minded organizations across Comal County, Jack worked on a year-long project with the 2022 Lindheimer Master Naturalist training class, the Texas Conservation Corps, and other community members on a USFW grant to minimize sediment infiltration into the upper Comal River. He also co-hosted two "Introduction to Native Landscaping" classes along with the New Braunfels chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT).

I encourage you to spend a morning with Jack at Headwaters at the Comal...preferably a morning when the temperatures moderate and the rain returns. Let Jack take you on a walk along the trail that winds through Headwaters & witness the progress made. Better yet, accompany & assist Jack while he gives an educational tour of Headwaters to a class of 30 2nd Graders – you'll get it!

Program to Assist Landowners

By Elisabeth Olszewski, PAL Director

The Program to Assist Landowners (PAL) has made excellent progress in 2023! The beloved Arthur William retired from his role as Director of the program in late 2022, passing the torch to Elisabeth Olszewski, Alamo TXMN transfer. Since then, the program has been restructured and re-equipped with volunteers including Susan Bogle, Joel Dunnington, Christy Martinez, and Caroline Broderick, who all underwent the first rebooted training class in June of this year.







PAL has conducted fifteen site visits since January. Each site visit includes a walk-about of the property, along which volunteers listen to the landowner's goals and observe the property's areas-of-concern first-hand. Topics extend from native species establishment to land remediation including invasive species removal, water collection systems, wildlife habitat maintenance, etc.

The PAL volunteers are important public representatives of the Texas Master Naturalist Program, inspiring ecological ideals in Comal County residents via the primary avenue Texas land and wildlife can be protected—private property.



Sample photo of soil erosion

Top 6 invasives according to www.texasinvasives.org/

SPECIES	FED	TDA	TPW	IMAGE
<u>Ailanthus altissima</u> Tree of heaven Simaroubaceae (Quassia-Wood Family)	●	●	●	
<u>Arundo donax</u> Giant reed Poaceae (Grass Family)	●	●	●	
<u>Bothriochloa ischaemum var. songarica</u> King Ranch bluestem Poaceae (Grass Family)	●	●	●	
<u>Broussonetia papyrifera</u> Paper mulberry Moraceae (Mulberry Family)	●	●	●	
<u>Centaurea melitensis</u> Malta star-thistle Asteraceae (Aster Family)	●	●	●	
<u>Colocasia esculenta</u> Elephant ears Araceae (Arum Family)	●	●	●	

For more information on requesting an evaluation of your property, please follow the link and complete a request:
txmn.org/lindheimer/program-to-assist-landowners/



Lindheimer Chapter MN trainees in 2019 take a field trip to learn about PAL. Photo by E. Harrison



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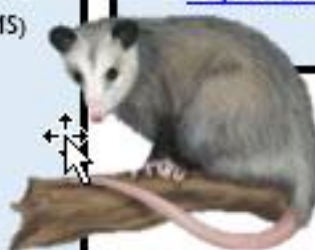


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...more Chapter Info

Members at the October 2022 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, 2023. If payment is not received by January 31, 2024, 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 \(txmn.org\)](https://txmn.org) Also, be on the lookout for Membership Chair Brian Trock's emails which explain the codes!

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AT	Advanced Training	Advanced Training that you attend as a participant	*Chapter/NPSOT/Lunch & Learn meetings *Project WILD (Instructor/facilitator trng) *Cibolo NC/LBJWC/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
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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
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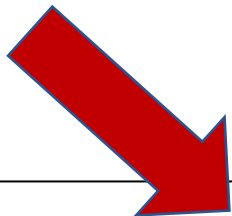
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Just halfway through the training year (July 2023), 22 trainees (79%) have obtained their 40 VH & 8 ATH, meeting their first year requirements!



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LMN MEMBERSHIP REPORT JULY 23, 2023

Cheryl Trock, Membership Director

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Transfer to Inactive: 2 (moved out of state)

VMS June:

137 members submitted hours:

VH: 1,875 ATH: 185 Initial Training Hours: 87

871 approved entries

VMS YTD:

176 members submitted hours.

VH: 12,817 ATH: 1,812 Initial Training Hours: 732

6,406 approved entries

July Chapter Meeting: (35 TPML) (23 ZOOM) 58 attended

Impact June – April

Adults: 1,205 Youth: 595

Impact Data YTD

Adults: 8,951 Youth: 9,107

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 **8/3/2023**. Take a look at Comal County!!!



Location	Observations	Species	Observers
World	151,595,131	431,733	2,758,436
Texas	8,451,155	27,119	150,016
Comal County	125,018	4,874	5,324



The Electronic Lindheimer

Website: www://txmn.org/lindheimer/



Welcome! Chapter Info ▾ Chapter Meetings Out & About Calendar Members ▾ 2023 Class

Chapter Projects & Opportunities Texas Waters Join Us! Program to Assist Landowners Donate Current Chapter Initiatives ▾



Facebook: www://facebook.com/txmn.lindheimer

Ops & Info: Weekly email with news, announcements, and AT/VH opportunities sent to your email inbox every Sunday. If you haven't been receiving the email, notify Sara Riggs at lmnoutandabout@gmail.com.

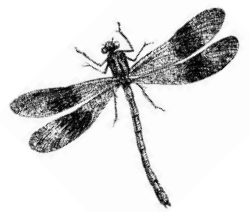


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From the Editor

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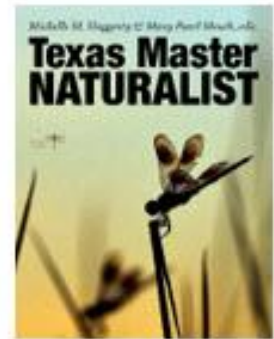


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- Texas Water Resources

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**AgriLife Extension Service Classroom
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Email Lindheimer Chapter: LindheimerMN.Education@gmail.com
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Texas Master Naturalist™ Mission:

To develop a corps of well-trained "Master Volunteers" to provide education, outreach and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural areas and resources within their communities for the State of Texas.

Sponsored by:



We encourage application by all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Lindheimer Chapter Members Reach 4,000 Hours Milestone!

The Texas Master Naturalists (TMN) in the Lindheimer Chapter give their time & sweat toward conservation and preservation of our beautiful Texas Hill Country. To recertify, a TMN must give 40 volunteer service hours and obtain 8 continuing education hours. One of the milestones – 4,000 hours – is recognized by awarding the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). The PVSA is a prestigious national honor offered in recognition of volunteer commitment. Established in 2003, this award honors individuals and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The PVSA was established in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to honor the important role of volunteers in America's strength and nation identity.



Nine members of our chapter have reached the 4,000-hour milestone. It's a significant accomplishment and we honor these nine who have given so much of their time to the chapter and community. Photos clockwise from top row: Rich Bradley, Don Bergquist, Edith Berquist, Darlene Varga. Second row:

Susan Bogle, Lois Ricci. Bottom row: Brian Trock. Not pictured: Art Williams and Sara Riggs.



Volunteer	TMN Hours to date	4,000 TMN Hours & PVSA Award Date	Initial Certification
Bogle, Susan	20,970.50	01/16/2014	10/15/2004
Williams, Arthur	8,014.50	04/17/2014	10/20/2005
Trock, Brian	6,451.00	02/07/2020	10/17/2013
Varga, Darlene	5,395.00	04/07/2021	10/16/2014
Riggs, Sara	4,549.00	10/01/2021	10/16/2014
Bergquist, Edith	4,716.75	11/12/2021	10/16/2014
Bradley, Richard	4,373.00	01/07/2022	10/20/2011
Ricci, Lois	4,000+	01/07/2022	10/21/2004
Bergquist, Don	4,152.50	12/31/2022	10/16/2014
9 Volunteers	63,082.75		

In Loving Memory

Gloria Cruz Glass

May 21, 1951 - September 18, 2023



In Memoriam

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Gloria Cruz Glass, a member of the Lindheimer Chapter Texas Master Naturalists since 2012. Gloria earned her Gold Dragonfly award for 1,000 volunteer hours. We will miss her very much.

Gloria Cruz Glass, 72, wife of Dwain Glass, passed away Monday morning, September 18, 2023, at her residence in New Braunfels, Texas. Gloria was born on May 21, 1951, in Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas, a daughter of the late Josephina Alonzo and Jesus Cruz.

Gloria's life was an example of joy and love bound by perseverance and faith. She was baptized at St. Jude Catholic Church on May 16, 1952, and confirmed on July 6, 1964. Accomplishing much in life; Gloria was a veteran of the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged on November 13, 1973. Moving to Baytown, Texas, she began working for ExxonMobil in the Baytown Olefins Plant. After 25 years of service, Gloria retired from Exxon Mobile on May 1, 2006.

Gloria and Dwain Glass were married on July 14, 2001, and in 2008 moved to New Braunfels, Texas. Over the years, she pursued many hobbies and interests including Folklorico, Flamenco, and Kazamba

dancing. She was a Master Naturalist and enjoyed working on the trails around her property with the help of Presley and then, Milo. She enrolled in college after she turned 65 to take some courses she was interested in and, it was free. She was an active member of the Episcopal Church Women's Group and made numerous friends. She bowled in leagues for many years, her favorite being the Woman's morning league in New Braunfels. Gloria hosted a Super Bowl party for 10 years. The festivities included pool and shuffleboard tournaments. She would always dress up and paint her face in support of her favorite team. Although she always said she didn't like running, she completed 22 marathons, 5 of which were completed in three months for the Texas Marathon Challenge, and numerous 1/2 marathons and fun runs. She rode the MS 150 ride from Houston to Austin 18 times and the MS 150 San Antonio 4 times.

In addition to her parents Josephina Alonzo and Jesus Cruz, she is also preceded in death by her granddaughter Presley Eastburn, brothers Richard Martinez, Robert Martinez and Richard Martinez Jr. Family members include her husband of 22 years, Dwain Glass; children, Grace Maxwell, Arlene Ibarra (Eliazar), Carolyn Eastburn (Jeremy), Rudy Castillo (Amber), Drew Glass and Jared Glass (Cristina).

Gloria's pallbearers are Roger Cruz, Jose Antonio Sanchez, Leonard Martinez, Rocky Martinez, Eleazar Ibarra and Chad James. Nine Grandchildren, Gaike Maxwell, Savannah Maxwell, Angelisa Ibarra, Mark Ibarra, Patricia Ibarra, Gage Eastburn, Gavin Eastburn, Milo Castillo, and Zander Castillo; siblings, Raquel Skyes (Gerald), Elida Galindo, Jose Cruz, Lucinda Cruz, Andrea Torres, Roger Cruz (Laura), and Leo Martinez; in addition to a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive guests at Castillo Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm for visitation and a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:00 pm.

A funeral mass will be conducted on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 10:30 am in the St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial will follow with a graveside service in the San Fernando Cemetery II. - Castillo Funeral Home

What are Bug Hotels & why would you build one?

www.ruralsprout.com/build-a-bug-hotel/

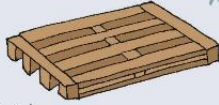
How to build a bug hotel



You will need:

- Wooden pallets

x4



- Bricks



- Plastic bottles



- Bamboo canes and/or plastic straws



- Straw



- Leaves



- Tiles



- Cardboard



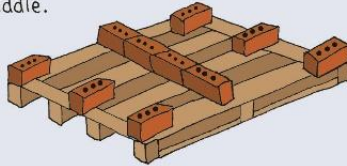
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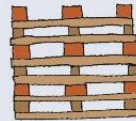
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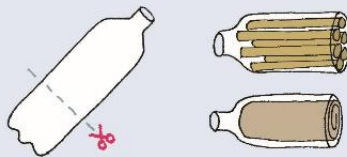
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- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.



- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes/plastic straws and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.



- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.



- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative - add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!



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What kind of bugs will live in a bug hotel? Wild bees, Ladybirds, Green lacewings, Earwigs (don't put them in the same hotel as bees); Ichneumon wasps, and some butterflies.



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VH: 1,233 ATH: 209 Initial Training Hours: 97

701 approved entries

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7,470 approved entries

September Chapter Meeting:

(31 TPML) (21 ZOOM) 50 members attended + 2 guests = 52

August Service Pins:

Recertifications: 10 (year total: 67, for 41% of membership)

250 hours - 1 (2023: 6)

500 hours - 0 (2023: 6)

1,000 hours - 0 (2023: 1)

2,500 hours - 0 (2023: 2)

20,000 hours - 0 (2023: 1)

Impact Data August

Adults: 1,049 Youth: 208

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Submitted by: Cheryl Trock, Membership Director

September 24, 2023

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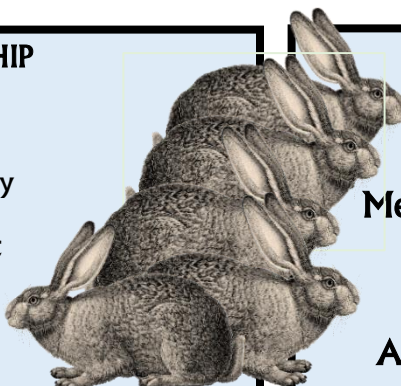


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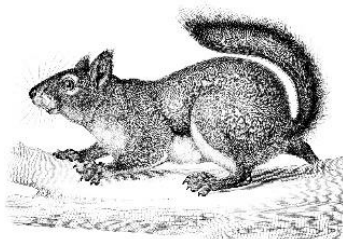


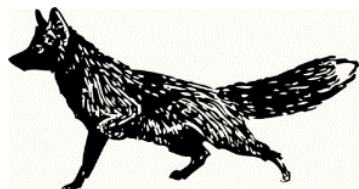
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July 2023	Don Blake, Julie Crouch, Harry Ferrell, Rosemary Melody, Margaret Oliver, Patricia Porterfield, Debbie Subke, Toni Wayne	2500 Hours: Cheryl Trock
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September 2023	Vanessa Brown, Heidi Forgione, Howard Grove, Anne-Marie Kimbell, Dave Skasik, Melissa Skasik, Dave Wright	



Members' Monarch Photos
L>R: Michael Buley, Rich Nielson,
Edith Bergquist

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 **September 26, 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	159,289,629	431,218	2,839,329
Texas	8,643,287	27,219	152,893
Comal County	127,700	4,938	5,427

Out of the top 10 observers in Comal County, 4 are
Lindheimer Chapter Master Naturalists!

WOW!

#1 Darlene Varga – 15,418 observations; 849 species

#2 Edith Bergquist – 4,897 observations; 757 species

#6 Don Bergquist – 2,513 observations; 517 species

#7 Brian Trock – 2,245 observations; 479 species

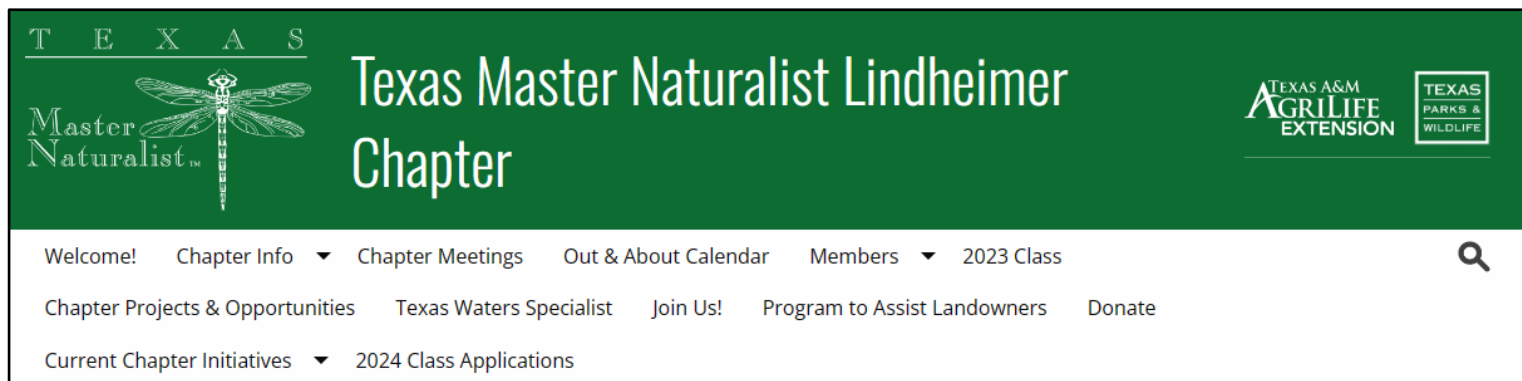
Thank you for your contributions to Community Science!



The Electronic Lindheimer

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Chapter Dues

Members at the October 2022 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 of each year. 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!

Congratulations, Graduates!



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In December the Gray Foxes completed the curriculum and requirements to earn their Certifications as Texas Master Naturalists. (Not all graduates are pictured).

Welcome to the Chapter as Certified Texas Master Naturalists! What a great day!

Below are some photos of the Gray Foxes in action during their learning year!



Monthly Meeting Programs October – December



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Texas Master Naturalist Program



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Monthly Chapter Meeting


When: Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 5:45 pm
5:45 Sign-in/social
6:00 AT Presentation (Speaker)
7:00 Chapter Business
7:45 Clean-up & exit Tye Preston Memorial Library

What: "Lindheimer Chapter Garden Project: The history and future of reaching out to our community."

Who: Trish Coons Director of Adult Education at Spring Creek Gardens, Spring Branch

Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library
Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

Public is welcome!
Find out about the chapter's Garden Project!



About our speaker: As a child, Trish was highly involved in 4-H Livestock, FFA, Texas 4-H Horticulture Project, and Kendall County Fair Baking and Canning Competitions. Trish was a firefighter in the US Marine Corps. She also has a degree in Interior Design & Architecture. She is a member of Lindheimer Chapter's 2023 Gray Foxes Training Class and has worked on numerous projects for the community. Currently Trish is the Director of Adult Education at Spring Creek Gardens in Spring Branch.



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Texas Master Naturalist Program



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Master Naturalist

Monthly Chapter Meeting

When: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:45pm

What: "Project Bedrock: Nature-based Solutions for Texas Karst Country"

Who: Elizabeth McGreevy, Ecological Consultant & Author
Founding Executive Director of Project Bedrock

Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library
Online: <https://tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>

PROJECT BEDROCK

Join us on November 16 online or in person to hear Elizabeth McGreevy who will provide an introduction to Project Bedrock. Its mission to promote the adoption of nature-based solutions for Texas karst country to replace almost a century of conventional woody brush clearing strategies that have caused more harm than good.


About our speaker: Elizabeth is a nonprofit and private sector professional natural resources and ecological consultant with more than 25 years of expertise in Hill Country working lands and ecosystem analysis, planning, education, project management, and best development practices. Her well-researched book, "Wanted! Mountain Cedars, Dead and Alive", advances many of the nature-based solutions that serve as the basis of the Project Bedrock mission. A sixth-generation Texan, Elizabeth received her master's degree from Texas A&M and is a certified permaculture planner.

Her research on the Mountain Cedar (Ashe Juniper) has been featured in magazines, television, and talk radio, including a radio show she hosted on KDRP Radio in Dripping Springs as "The Cedar Lady."





Elizabeth McGreevy working in a field at Dripping Springs, Texas



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Lindheimer Chapter
Monthly Chapter Meeting



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When: Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm
(please note date changed to 2nd Thursday and 15 minutes earlier)

Where: Tye Preston Memorial Library (in person only, no online)

What: Chapter Elections, Graduation & Holiday Dinner Meeting

Who: LMN Members - Welcome to bring spouse or significant other




Holiday Dinner
RSVP & Food: Please go to Sign-Up Genius to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084E8A6F73A7F49-46300902-lmnwinter>



Gray Foxes Graduation
Come to the meeting to congratulate our newest Texas Master Naturalists!

ELECTIONS Elections!



Candidates for Office

President:	Susan Sommer
Vice President:	Laurie Dugan
Secretary:	Rob Kyrourac
Treasurer:	Don Epps

Your vote also nominates from the floor

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2024!

Election Results

2024 Officers

President: Susan Sommer

Vice President: Laurie Dugan

Secretary: Rob Kyrourac

Treasurer: Don Epps

Congratulations & Thank You!



2024 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
COMMITTEES

Sue Sommer
 Laurie Dugan
 Rob Kyroutac
 Don Epps

Standing Committees

Education – Caroline Broderick, Marcia Kell
 Oldham, Mike Poffenberger
 Membership & Records – Cheryl Trock, Brian
 (VMS)
 Outreach – Debbie Kyroutac
 Projects & Opportunities - Jeanie Springer

Subcommittees

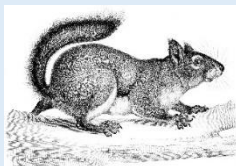
Trunks – Deb Kyroutac
 Program to Assist Landowners – Elisabeth Olszewski
 Community Recognition (VP) – Laurie Dugan
 Hospitality (VP) – TBA
 New Class Representative – Karla Roch
 New Class Photographer – Katie Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS

Director – MJ McFarland
 Out & About – Sara Riggs

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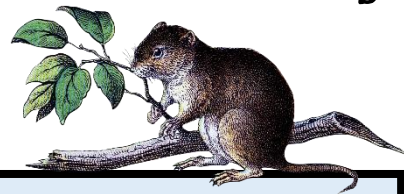
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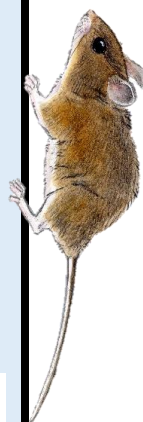


Chapter Information Page



2024 MONTHLY MEETING

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



2024 Board of Directors Meetings
 Every 4th Monday at 5:00 PM
 Meetings are via ZOOM
 All members welcome

Link to board meeting:

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

Board Meeting minutes available at:

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

LMN MEMBERSHIP REPORT December 2023

Brian Trock, Membership Chair

Membership: 206 (181 active, 23 in-training, 2 advisors)
Training Class #26: Texas Yellow Stars



Four (4) members requested to go inactive
One (1) active member requested transfer to AAMN
One (1) inactive member requested transfer to AAMN

2023 VMS:

184 members submitted hours

VH: 20,117; ATH: 2,839; Initial Training Hours: 1,112
10,492 approved Logbook Entries (LBE)



DECEMBER Chapter Meeting: TPML: 55 (17 guests) = 72 attended
JANUARY Chapter Meeting: ZOOM: 95 (5 guests) = 100 attended

2023 Service Pins:

Recertifications: 121 (66% of membership)

250 hours - 6

500 hours - 7

1,000 hours - 2

2,500 hours - 3

20,000 hours - 1



2023 Impact Data

Adults: 13,196 Youth: 12,054



Chapter Recertifications and Milestone Awards

2023 Recertification Pin – Texas Ecoregions

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!

2023	Recertifications	Milestone Awards
January	Ellen Anderson, Susan Bogle, Brian Trock	500 Hours: Ellen Petray, Mike Poffenberger 2,500 Hours: Ellen Anderson 20,000 Hours: Susan Bogle Wow!!!!
February	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	Don Bergquist, Edith Bergquist, Ron Butts, Joe Finneran, Christy Martinez, Evelyn Nielson, Cathy Oberkamp	
April	Caroline Broderick, Heidi Case, Don Epps, Gail Groves, Jim Jameson, Deb Kyroutac, Rob Kyroutac, Marilyn McFarland, Aleta Meyer, Rhonda Neal, Teresa Turko	250 Hours: Caroline Broderick 500 Hours: Teresa Tyler
May	Jim Doyle, Joel Dunnington, Thomas Oldham, MV Poffenberger, Mike Roberts, Susan Sommer, Wendy Hill	250 Hours: Vanessa Brown 500 Hours: Gretchen Ferrell, Mike Roberts
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October	Irene Betts, Phillip Brown, Shari Ferguson, Henry Hahn, Kathryn Lamon, Loran Wilson	500 HOURS: Gail Groves
November	Pat Carnes, Joyce Doyle, Nancy Gray, Karen Kimball, Denise Miner-Williams, Kathy Ofsdahl, Valorie Robertson, Eric Weissgarber	1,000 HOURS: Evelyn Nielson 2,500 HOURS: Marilyn McFarland
December	Initial Certification: Elisabeth Olszewski Margie Armspacher, Mary Barr-Gilbert, Linda Bolano, Cynthia DeWitt, Holly Emrie, Jennifer Formell, Lesley Frowick, Bob Gray, Sherri Green, Beth Jameson, Lynn Jones, Tanya Marroquin, Steve Mato, Sandy McLemore, Justine Pacheco, Brenda Stoeck, Ron Stoeck	

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!