



# The Lindheimer Quarterly 2023 #4

## 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

**T E X A S**  
Master Naturalist  
Lindheimer Chapter  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**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: [tamm.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/](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.

**T E X A S**  
Master Naturalist  
Lindheimer Chapter  
Texas Master Naturalist Program

**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."

**T E X A S**  
Master Naturalist  
Lindheimer Chapter  
Monthly Chapter Meeting

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/508084E8BAF73A7F49-46300902-1mmwinter>



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

**ELECTIONS Elections!**

CaroleAnn Fox Office	Susan Sommer
President	Laurie Dugan
Vice President	Rob Kyrouac
Secretary	Don Epps
Treasurer	

You can also nominate from the floor.

**Election Results**

**2024 Officers**  
President: Susan Sommer  
Vice President: Laurie Dugan  
Secretary: Rob Kyrouac  
Treasurer: Don Epps

**Congratulations & Thank You!**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# 2024!



## 2024 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT** Sue Sommer  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Laurie Dugan  
**SECRETARY** Rob Kyrouac  
**TREASURER** Don Epps

### COMMITTEES

#### Standing Committees

Education – Caroline Broderick, Marcia Kelly, Tom Oldham, Mike Poffenberger

Membership & Records – Cheryl Trock, Brian Trock (VMS)

Outreach – Debbie Kyrouac

Projects & Opportunities - Jeanie Springer

#### Subcommittees

Trunks – Deb Kyrouac

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

### CHAPTER ADVISORS

Craig Hensley, Texas Parks & Wildlife

Jason Mangold, AgriLife

#### The Lindheimer Quarterly Newsletter

MJ McFarland – Editor

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## Chapter Information Page



### 2024 MONTHLY MEETING

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

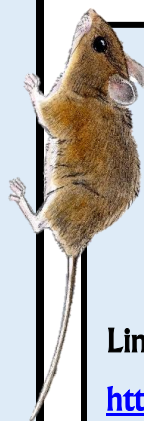


### 2024 Board of Directors Meetings

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:00 PM

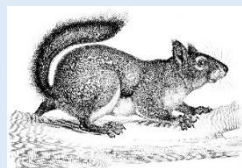
Meetings are via ZOOM

All members welcome



Link to board meeting:

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



**LMN MEMBERSHIP REPORT December 2023**  
**Brian Trock, Membership Chair**

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



Training Class #25: Gray Foxes: 25  
Graduates  
17 Double Certifications (65%), 1  
Bronze Dragonfly  
One (1) completed training from  
Arizona  
One (1) trainee did not graduate



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 Kyrouac, Rob Kyrouac, 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 TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!