



## Septembers's Chapter Meeting

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What started out as an "I want to introduce you to my friend," from our chapter member Richard Peters, turned into a very enjoyable evening with Mike Howlett of PetFlyTrap.com, one of the largest and most diverse online carnivorous plant nurseries in the nation.

Mike is recently retired after 25 years of service with the Harris County Precinct 4 Parks Department. As their Special Projects Coordinator, he worked on land and trail projects. He spent his first 15 years with the county as a naturalist at the 312-acres Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center in Humble, Texas.



Mike and his wife, Stephanie, have traveled extensively to see carnivorous plants in the wild, including Indonesia, Europe and many locations in the U.S.

Our combined meeting of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners were impressed by Mike's extensive slide show and knowledge of native and foreign carnivorous plant species.

Many live specimens were on hand for close-up viewing and for adoption. The photo below is of my new pet flytrap and if you look closely, you can see that he has already captured an unwelcome fruit fly. Good boy!

- Sharon



"DID YOU FEED THE NEW PLANT, FRANK?... FRANK?"



To get a pet fly trap of your own, contact Mike and Stephanie at <https://www.petflytrap.com>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October—

- 1st- Field Trip training day at MDJSP - 10am
- 3rd— LRMN Board meeting**—Agrilife office—10am
- 5th, 7th, 14th—work days, 8-11am @ arboretum for Festival prep, See website for details
- 5th— Dam to Dam Saddle/Paddle @ MDJSP volunteer to help with canoes and kayaks
- 8th— LRMN Chapter meeting** 6pm MDJSP Dining hall Program — Dr. Hans Landel, Invasive Plants
- 12th—Guided canoe trip—MDJSP reg. at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-canoe-trip-tickets-70699368715>  
Zombie Apocalypse Hike reg. at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zombie-apocalypse-hike-tickets-71820814991>
- 16th-18th—Texas Master Naturalist Annual meeting—Rockwall TX
- 17th— Friends of the Park meeting**—6pm , MDJSP Nature Center
- 19th— Butterfly Fall Fest— LRMN will a host a booth, Chairman –Don Fralick ([fralickdonald@gmail.com](mailto:fralickdonald@gmail.com))
- 26th—Jack-o-Lantern Hike—MDJSP Find hidden Jack-o-Lanterns while hiking
- 26th—Farmer’s Market LRMN booth- Tractor Supply parking lot, Chairman- Richard Peters ([bethshebaheps@yahoo.com](mailto:bethshebaheps@yahoo.com))

### November—

- 7th—LRMN Board meeting**—Agrilife office—10am
- 9th—Guided canoe trip—MDJSP reg. at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-canoe-trip-tickets-70701226271>
- 12th— LRMN Chapter meeting** 6pm , MDJSP Dining Hall, Ranger Amy Kocurek— Nature Center Activities
- 16th—Longleaf seedling planting in the Angelina Nat. Forest— meet at Angelina Ranger office, Zavalla- 7:30- noon

October 1—Andromeda constellation in NE sky  
 October 3—Moon and Jupiter near on SW horizon  
 October 5—Moon and Saturn near on S horizon  
 October 9—Draconid Meteor shower near Vega star  
 October 21—Orionid Meteor shower in E sky near Orion



**October’s Night Sky**

Texas Master Naturalist  
 ROCKWALL, TEXAS



Oct. 16-18, 2019  
 20th Annual Meeting



Head Start—Contact Claire Boutte - [fdclaire@gmail.com](mailto:fdclaire@gmail.com)  
 Martin Dies Jr. State Park - Contact Ranger Amy at [amy.kocurek@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:amy.kocurek@tpwd.texas.gov)  
 MDJSP service projects—Contact Lori Horne—[lori.horne1965@gmail.com](mailto:lori.horne1965@gmail.com)



### FREQUENTLY USED WEB SITES

- Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalists web site..... <https://txmn.org/llr/>
- Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalists FaceBook....<https://www.facebook.com/LongleafRidgeMasterNaturalists/>
- Martin Dies Jr. State Park events.....[https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr/park\\_events](https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr/park_events)
- Watson Preserve.....[http://watsonpreserve.ning.com/?xg\\_source=msg\\_mes\\_network](http://watsonpreserve.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network)
- Big Thicket National Preserve.....<https://www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm>

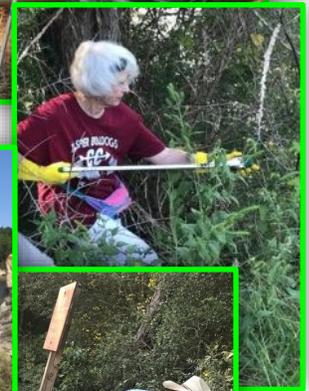
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**LENDING A HAND**—A dozen volunteers from Longleaf Ridge Texas Master Naturalists scoured the steep, overgrown slopes below Sam Rayburn Reservoir on Saturday morning, September 14, to celebrate National Public Lands Day by picking up trash.



Lori Horne coordinated the event with Abigail Bobette, the Corps on Engineers Park Ranger, who was absolutely thrilled with the resulting 25 bags of garbage in their dumpster instead of on the banks of our beautiful lake at this popular fishing site.



This event was part of our Trash-off Challenge! It began July 26 and will end November 5, 2019. Pick up anywhere in Jasper or Newton Counties. Take before and after pictures, and be sure to get a picture of your participants and how many trash bags you picked up. The goal is to see who or which team picks up the most trash!

-article submitted by Laura Clark



Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, Claire Boutte, has announced that the following schedule is for the Fall 2019 Head Start program. Head Start is a program for 3-5 year old children that promotes growth and well-being in the areas of early learning, health and family services.

Claire is chairman of the presentations delivered to these children to increase their knowledge and interest in nature. All of these presentations would be better delivered with a helper, if you are interested in helping with the programs, please contact Claire at [fdclaire@gmail.com](mailto:fdclaire@gmail.com). They meet a little before 9 am in the parking lot by Trinity Episcopal Church at 105 Collier Street in Jasper, TX. and spend about 20 minutes in 5 different class rooms. Your service, as helper, should be entered as Outreach.



### Head Start Schedule Fall 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
October		
2	Propagation	Petty Chapman
9	Plant Garden	Joanie Kochanek
16	Seed Needs	Claire Boutte
23	Rainbow	Georgia Purdy
30	Owls	Georgia Purdy
November		
6	Animal Tracks	Claire Boutte
13	Pollinators	Georgia Purdy
20	Bees	Joanie Kochanek
27	Holiday	
December		
4	Craft	
11	Christmas Book	Claire Boutte



### Feeding the Deer—an article from Sue Singletary

Wow! How exciting it is to look out the kitchen window to see not one but four deer grazing in the back yard. It would tend to make one wonder about what happens to deer when the grass has been killed by frost. While they tend to be browsers they need a little filler in their diet.

If a person is seriously considering a feeding program for the backyard deer, there are certain steps to follow. Do research and take precautions before feeding deer in the area.

Introduce a new diet slowly. The deer's body must learn how to process new food. Deer tend to eat woody vegetation found in our forest, so feeding them foods that are rich in fats and carbohydrates can be harmful.

Only purchase formulated deer food mixes. This is usually a mix of alfalfa, oats, soybeans, molasses and vitamins and minerals. If these mixes cannot be found, then oats are the next best supplemental food for deer. Not only do the oats provide carbohydrates, but also fiber which won't disrupt their digestive systems.

A variety of fruits and vegetables can be introduced, including apples, grapes, cherries, pears, carrots and snap peas. Remember how they love the garden vegetables. Acorns are another safe food source.

Since deer are browsers, it would be a good idea to cut tree branches for them. They will reach as high as they can to get twigs and leaves, but often they have eaten as high as they can reach. Some of the better species to cut are trees like red maple and yellow birch, but the species is less important than the quantity. There's not a lot of difference in the nutritional quality of the buds and twigs by species. Quantity is more important. If you grow apple trees or maybe ornamentals in your yard that require pruning, leave the pruned limbs in piles where deer can reach them.

Often people only purchase corn. This is extremely dangerous for a deer. A deer's digestive system is complex and corn is one of the worst foods for them. When deer are offered a sudden supply of corn, they aren't able to adjust to the high carbohydrate diet and end up dying. Purchase a well balanced mixture. This supplemental food should be offered year round.

Do not suddenly stop feeding deer. Deer fed by humans often become dependent and stop foraging for food naturally. The deer should be slowly weaned off of supplemental food so that they can begin foraging for food on their own again.

Try not to interact with deer, as this can make them less fearful of humans and therefore more likely to become prey. Consider planting trees to feed the deer. This is a more natural way to feed deer and will reduce the dependence on the human. Get involved with the wildlife agencies. For more information, check out these articles: [www.boncollector.com/the-dos-and-donts-of-feeding-deer-this-winter](http://www.boncollector.com/the-dos-and-donts-of-feeding-deer-this-winter)

<https://www.qdma.com/provide-emergency-winter-deer-food/>



### I love Autumn because:



..... It's beautiful, it's cool, and bonfires. - **Heather Goodman**

..... of the cooler weather (hallelujah!) and the colors. - **Connie Cook**



.... There is a special feeling in the air and cool breezes whistling through the pines.

I love autumn because of vibrant colored leaves decorating the trees, and beneath my feet dried leaves crunch with my every step. I love autumn because of the wonderful aroma of burning leaves of families enjoying an outdoor culinary experience of grilling. I love autumn because the colors of fall are earthy, and they evoke in me a feeling of comfort and anticipation. -**Brenda Marshall**

