

Alamo Area Chapter News

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EVENTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

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AAMN BOARD MEETING

October 10 at 5:30 PM
AgriLife Extension
3355 Cherry Ridge
Classroom 208

General Meeting 7 PM (AT)

Joedy Yglesias will
speak about TPWD's
Aquatic Invasive Species
Management Team

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Volunteers!

I don't know about you all, but I'm having a hard time believing it is fall! I guess I'll have to rely on the calendar to tell me what season it is! The cooler days we had a few weeks ago really spoiled me!

We have several important announcements, so I'll get started:

The Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting will be held as planned in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel October 20th-22nd. Every year at this event there is a Silent Auction with the funds raised going to the Endowment Fund. If you have items you would like to donate, please make arrangements to get them to Jeanette Geiman or Martha Cray by October 19th. If you would like to support the Silent Auction but don't have anything to contribute, Jeanette and I will happily accept monetary contributions to help defray the cost of San Antonio themed baskets we are making!

Our 20th Anniversary Celebration is about a month away!! Can you believe it? Keeley Porter and her committee have been hard at work planning so that we may all have an enjoyable time! You will soon be receiving news from Keeley via email blasts from Pam Ball, so be watching for those!!

We will have our Holiday Gathering Tuesday, December 12 at Phil Hardberger Park UEC. As in years past, this will be our December meeting, so please mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this event!

The October program will be presented by Joedy Yglesias (our new Program Director). It will be about the Texas Parks and Wildlife Aquatic Invasive Species Management Team, which he joined this summer and has done several projects with over the last few months.

HAPPY VOLUNTEERING!!!

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Pins and Awards

Congratulations to all our pin recipients! Pins will be mailed out.

Initial Certification Dragonfly

Pam Lewis 40

2017 Recertification – Ridley Sea Turtle

Cheri Avigne 31

Jean Countryman 35

Diane Fey 23

Aubrey George 29

Patsy Kuentz 27

Myra Pylant 13

Jane Whitaker 30

Patricia Zacharias 39



Joedy Yglesias, Jessica Rupke, and Jeanette Geiman at the AAMN table during Bat Loco! on August 8. Photo by Cristina Gonzalez.

Do you have a picture you'd like to share with other Master Naturalists? Send them to your friendly newsletter editor at clealgonzalez@gmail.com.

Newsletter Policies

We try to publish all material we receive, but space is limited in each month's newsletter. Long articles may be published on the website instead of the newsletter. Event notices must go through Pam Ball; and only the Activities Information Committee is authorized to declare whether an event is approved for Advanced Training or Volunteer Service Hours. Deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month.

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From the Nominating Committee—

As prescribed by Article V, Section E of the AAMN Bylaws found on the following at txmn.org/alamo/documents, past president Liz Robbins, assisted by AAMN nominating committee members, Keeley Porter, Evelyn Penrod, and Stan Drezek, is submitting the following slate of candidates for the 2018 chapter elections scheduled for the November 14 general meeting.

President	Martha Cray
Vice President	Donald Ewers
Secretary	Stan Drezek
Treasurer	Jeanette Geiman

All chapter members should be aware that nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor prior to a vote at the last General Membership Meeting of the calendar year (November 14, 2017). This can be done between now and the November 14 general meeting, via email to the president, past president, or any nominating committee member mentioned above.

ALAMO AREA CHAPTER



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

All Alamo Area Master Naturalists are cordially invited to attend the Founding Chapter's 20th Anniversary Celebration.

**The event will be held under the Grand Pavilion at the beautiful
Joshua Springs Park and Preserve.**

There will be activities for all ages: bring your hiking shoes – several marked trails with informational signs; cart in your canoes and kayaks – there's a watercraft launch; sling your birding binoculars around your neck – three bird blinds; fishing poles welcome – two fishing docks; children will love the large play area – soft surface and climbing frames; share your Master Naturalist adventures in the Story Booth – capture your memories for posterity; furry friends can tag along ... OK ... just dogs ... two spacious dog parks, one with an agility course! YES ... there's something for everyone!

Tickets will be available soon. We are charging a nominal fee so that we can get an accurate head count for the catered lunch. This will be a BYOC event – *Bring Your Own Can* (no bottles please!) for those who wish to imbibe alcoholic beverages.

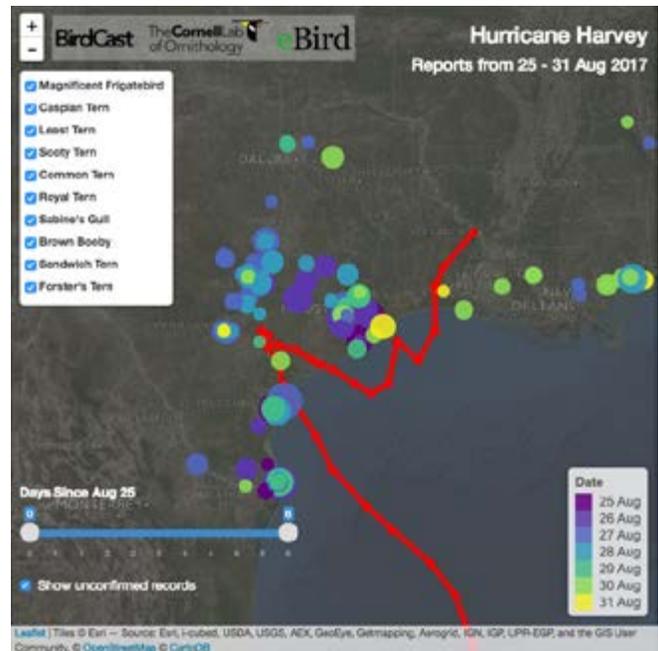
You can purchase your tickets with cash, check or via PayPal. Adults (16 yo+) \$5; Tweens & Teens (11-15 yo) \$3; Children (5-10 yo) \$1; Little 'Uns (0-4) \$0.

More information will be available SOON on our AAMN website and Facebook page!

San Antonio Parks and Recreation Natural Areas Stewardship Activities

The tropical storm and hurricane season has been exceptionally active, both in terms of the number as well as the severity of storms. The impacts on humans are devastating, and storms also significantly impact natural ecosystems. Rain inundates areas, wind destroys or fragments woodlands and forests, and the effects ripple throughout the ecosystem. Consider just one group of organisms, birds. Since fall migration overlaps with hurricane season, the effect that hurricanes can have on migratory birds is of special concern.

Migratory birds pack on enough extra fat reserves in order to make their long journeys, but there is no way for them to plan for unfavorable conditions, like strong headwinds and heavy rains. Moreover storm damage to food sources, perches, and other rest stops all add stress. According to author, naturalist, and conservationist Kenn Kaufmann, storms can “drop a lot of exhausted birds back to some point that presumably they’d left a day or two before” (<http://www.audubon.org/news/how-do-hurricanes-affect-birds>). However, there is also a story of a whimbrel that was on its migratory trip from Canada to Brazil when it encountered, and managed to navigate around, a tropical storm (<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/whimbrel-survives-tropical-storm-shot-in-caribbean/>)! To see how birds were displaced by Hurricane Harvey, see <http://birdcast.info/forecast/photographs-of-birds-displaced-by-hurricane-harvey/>.



BirdCast tool showing the path of Hurricane Harvey and reports of displaced birds. URL available at left.

Hurricanes are part of the natural regime, but it is wise to consider how human actions may be contributing to increases in the frequency and intensity of storms. Likewise, it is important to maximize management practices that maximize healthy, resilient ecosystems.

Consider joining us this month as we do our part to wisely manage our City’s Natural Areas. Below is our schedule, with exact locations to be determined as management needs dictate. Please note the time change. You must make a reservation for each work day by e-mailing Jayne Neal at Jayne.neal@sanantonio.gov. Jayne will confirm your reservation and give you directions to the specific site and the designated parking area. Work sites will not typically have access to water or restrooms.

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM (RM), Location to be determined. To reserve a spot, you must contact Jayne Neal, e-mail above.

October Training and Volunteer Events

Headwaters Environmental Film Series: The Great Story (AT)

Mon, October 2, 3:30 PM – 4:20 PM

The Village at Incarnate Word, 4707 Broadway, San Antonio, TX

“At the heart of the film is Berry’s experience of the universe as a cosmic liturgy. He reminds us that ‘we are not a collection of objects but a communion of subjects.’ As Berry said, “I am not myself without everything else.” Bullfrogfilms.com Run time: 50 min For information, contact Pam Ball at 210-828-2224 x 280.

Balcones Satellite of the Texas Invaders: Invasive Plant Eradication (RM)

Tue, October 3, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Medina River Natural Area, 15890 Highway 16, San Antonio

For October, we will continue eradication activities at Medina River Natural Area. No prior experience is required. Equipment and materials needed for invasive control will be provided, but if you have favorite loppers, hatchets, saws, etc. bring them. Parking available in lot next to staff building. If this is your first visit to Medina River Natural Area, please allow extra transportation time so that we can begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Wear attire suitable for working in rough terrain and brushy areas with sticky plants, loose rocks, and assorted critters large and small. Water is essential and insect repellent is likely to be needed. For questions, contact George Ozuna at 210-669-9935 or by email gardenarch@yahoo.com or Olivia Tapia at 210-315-4707.

Native Plant Society of Texas, Boerne Chapter: Introducing the Milkweeds of Texas (AT)

Tue, October 3, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Cibolo Nature Center & Farm Auditorium, 140 Coty Park Road, Boerne, TX

Park Interpreter Craig Hensley will present a talk on the unique structure of milkweed flowers and introduce you to those native to the Hill Country, as well as to those around the state. Presentation begins at 7 pm. Questions? or for details: Please contact Emily Weiner, NPSOT - Boerne Chapter at <https://goo.gl/yUb5VX> or emily.a.weiner@gmail.com or 210-259-7009

SABOT: Monthly Photography Series - Macro Photography (AT)

Wed, October 4, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX

Let the Garden be your muse while learning photo basics during this monthly class. Instructor: Victor Watson, Schertz Photography Get up close with macrophotography. Learn how to use macro equipment and discover techniques for that awesome detailed shot. This class is perfect for photographers on a shoestring budget and is a great overview for beginners or a perfect refresher for the experienced macro photographer. Students should bring a camera with any lens with a 52mm or 58mm filter thread size. Please bring your own digital camera (and extra batteries) Fee: \$35 To register, copy and paste this link to your browser: <https://goo.gl/7UnTZv>

Eco Centro: Composting Workshop (AT)

Wed, October 4, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro, 1802 N. Main Street, San Antonio, TX

This workshop is for anyone who was not able to make the Master Composter Certification class and is free! Whether you are a novice compost enthusiast, or a seasoned expert, there is always something to learn from our in house master composter in this popular composting workshop. Link: <https://goo.gl/JcgWK6>

Finding Common Ground and Advancing Positive Conservation Outcomes in Environmental Issues (AT)

Fri, October 6, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Patrick Heath Public Library, 451 N. Main Street, Boerne, TX

Cost: \$10 for lunch at door (Cash or check).

Checks made out to HCMN or Hill Country Master Naturalists. Preregistration by October 4 required for attendance: Contact Craig at craig.c.childs@gmail.com or 210-286-2674. Texas Master Naturalists are called to use sound science and common ground in reaching our audience members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. In-person attendance qualifies for 5 hours AT. In-person attendance is encouraged. To join online go to this website: <https://goo.gl/CXMo3A>

October Training and Volunteer Events

Lower Pecos Rock Art: Corporal and Spiritual Survival of Indigenous Peoples of South Texas (AT)

Fri, October 6, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Whitley Theological Center, classroom 106, 285 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, TX

How have the ancient spiritual practices of South Texas and North Eastern Mexico survived the last 500 years? In part, that survival is grounded in an integrative cosmology that for 4,295 years has been passed from generation to generation. The survival of the South Texan and North Eastern Mexican peoples over the most recent 500 years has included both oral and pictorial narrative wisdom. The Lower Pecos rock art guides our own lives today, where we are, how we are placed, the space and time where we exist here and now. Gary Perez will address the questions of survival of body, soul, and culture based on personal, generational teaching and his own experience guiding Native American church peyote rituals. Together we will participate in the revival of indigenous practices as we discover narrative and story embedded in ancient West Texas rock art, stories that speak to mind, body, and soul, telling us who and where and when we are. Fee includes lunch on Saturday. For information or to register by phone, contact Brenda at 210-341-1366 EXT 212. All refunds subject to 10% processing fee. Website: <https://ost.edu/continuing-education/>

NPSOT: Semi-Annual Native Plant Sale (TR if providing information about native plants)

Sat, October 7, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Phil Hardberger Park East, 13203 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX

The sale will offer native ground covers, shade and sun flowering plants, grasses, shrubs and trees. There will be native plants for sale that are not available in local nurseries, often at better prices. Plus, there will be plenty of SA NPSOT volunteers on hand to answer questions or make suggestions. Those who purchase plants go home with a website that will explain plant culture in detail. Credit & debit cards accepted. 10% discount for NPSOT members--join at the sale and get a discount!

Capturar La Belleza de Las Flores (AT)

Sun, October 8, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX

Unete a la fotografa profesional Maru Lee para otra introduccion a la fotografia. Esta clase estara enfocada en los horizontes, regla de tercios, los diferentes modos a usar en la camara, fondo, luz y angulos. Cualquier camara es permitida incluyendo telefonos. Las lecciones seran practicadas en al jardin. Fee: \$30 (\$27 members). To register: <https://goo.gl/SU7cvq>

CNC: Fall Wildlife Field Research Week (FR)

Mon, October 9, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road, Boerne, TX

Become a Citizen Scientist! To learn more about Wildlife Field Research Week at the CNC, check out the links below. You will be able to sign up for our Fall Research Week soon at the links below. For information, contact Donna Taylor at donna@cibolo.org or 830-331-8992. Related links: <http://www.cibolo.org/learn/wildlife-field-research/> <http://www.cibolo.org/learn/wildlife-field-research/about-wildlife-field-research-surveys.html>

Castroville Regional Park Work Session (RM/NPA)

Sat, October 14, 8:00 AM – noon

Castroville Regional Park, 816 Alsace, Castroville, TX

Work will include weeding/trimming beds & trail maintenance. Tools and water are provided but can bring your own. Picnic lunch afterwards for all volunteers! For more info on these events contact. Mary Beth Francis: 210-296-8559; mb_francis@yahoo.com.

Eco Centro: Native Plant Workshop (AT)

Sat, October 14, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro, 1802 N. Main Street, San Antonio, TX

Come join us as Joan Miller leads this exciting look into the world of native plants. Participants will not only learn how to identify these plants, they will also look at the many uses of natives in Eco Centro's landscape, including rain gardens, pollinator habitat, four seasons gardens, and wildlife habitat. Link: <https://goo.gl/69Yedh>

October Training and Volunteer Events

Call for Silent Auction Donations

EcoCentro: Climate Change in San Antonio Panel Discussion (AT)

Wed, October 18, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

EcoCentro, 1802 N. Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX
Doug Melnick, City of San Antonio Chief Sustainability Officer, Mario Bravo, Environmental Defense Fund, Stephen Ackley, Research Associate Professor at UTSA, and Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist.
Link: goo.gl/6mkYPP

CNC: Birds in their Habitats - Part 1 (AT)

Sat, October 21, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road, Boerne, TX
This is the first day of a 3-day workshop. October 21, November 4, November 18. Please note that the book *Attracting Birds in the Texas Hill Country* is required for this workshop. Class size limited to 25. To register: <https://goo.gl/ejSpb4>

Growing Up Wild: Who Lives in a Tree? (ages 4-7) (AT)

Thu, October 26, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Friedrich Wilderness Park, 21395 Milsa Drive, San Antonio, TX

Learn all about the animals that use trees for their homes! Activities are designed to provide an early foundation and appreciation of nature. To participate, email nicole.mcleod@sanantonio.gov, or call 210-207-3782.

SABOT Lunch and Learn Series: Preserving the Prairie (AT)

Thu, October 26, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX

Fee: \$15 (\$13.50 members). Bring your lunch.

PHP Oak Loop Walk: The Grasses of Phil Hardberger Park (AT - TR if assisting)

Sat, October 28, 8:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Phil Hardberger Park West, 8400 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX

Hear a brief introduction on area grasses & their importance followed by a walk focusing on grass identification led by Floyd Waller. Go to goo.gl/dAKFuK for full description. Contact Wendy Drezek (stanwendre@gmail.com) for additional information.

We are only a month away from the Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) Annual Meeting at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. It is time to prepare for getting donated items for the silent auction. Money raised by the silent auction is used for TMN project grants, scholarships to the annual meeting, and to bring in speakers and trainers for future annual meetings. We are asking each TMN chapter to donate a minimum of \$100 in items or cash to the auction. There are many types of items that are appropriate for the silent auction. Cash will be used to purchase great items at below market prices and/or to package items attractively. Below are some ideas from previous years.

- Travel packages, vouchers and gift certificates for trips, tours, experiences, hotels and sights. These always stimulate heavy bidding and high bids.
- Items and gift certificates solicited from businesses
- Purchased items such as outdoor gear, tools, nature guides, books about nature and generally anything related to nature.
- Hand crafted items such as art, paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, wood objects and natural arrangements.
- Theme baskets and grouped items. These may represent your region and members may join together to complete these. Some theme ideas include coastal, birding, outdoorsy, décor items, kitchen, cooking, regional cuisine, etc.

Use your imagination and keep naturalist themes in mind. If it's something you would like to have, someone else probably would too! Items in new condition with a value of at least \$25 may be donated. Items should be brought to the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 20, if possible but will also be accepted Saturday morning. Each item should have a Silent Auction Bid Sheet with it, filled out in advance, identifying the item(s), the donor, estimated value and suggested minimum bid. Silent Auction Bid Sheets will also be available at the Conference.

The Rio Grande Valley Chapter is the host chapter for the silent auction. Linda Butcher of the Rio Grande Valley Chapter is chair for the Silent Auction. Please let us know in advance what you plan to contribute so we can plan the space accordingly. Contact [Linda](#) or [M. Lee Brown](#) if you have any questions about the Silent Auction or need to ship items.

A Fundraising Challenge

The Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) Program will celebrate its twenty-year anniversary next year. Under the leadership of Michelle Haggerty and Mary Pearl Meuth, the statewide organization has grown to 48 chapters with over 11,000 trained volunteers. This incredible growth has benefitted our state greatly and has been accomplished with a bare-bones budget of about \$200,000 a year.

Several years ago, the TMN Endowment was created. While the endowment currently has about \$15,000 in it, its fully funded target amount is \$5 million. The interest income on this amount would generate additional funding for the state organization and would enable TMN to do such things as fund Master Naturalist projects across the state, hire additional staff for program support, improve members' access to useful technology, and implement many other improvements statewide in support of the important volunteer work we do. More information about the endowment can be found at masternaturalistendowment.org.

As you know, the Alamo Area Chapter was the first Master Naturalist chapter. We can be rightly proud of this fact and the role we have played both locally in managing, conserving and restoring our natural resources and regionally in supporting the growth of the Master Naturalist movement in the state. The success of our local organization and our leadership have served to drive the expansion of the Master Naturalist philosophy and program.

And now we are leading once more. Over the next year the Alamo Area Chapter is challenging the other state chapters to raise \$20,000 for the TMN Endowment to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the statewide organization. As a chapter we are committed to raising a minimum of \$1000 of this total. And we are challenging the other 47 Master Naturalist chapters in the state to set their own fundraising targets in this statewide effort.

This fundraising campaign will begin with this year's TMN Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi and run for a year. A final tally of chapters and their respective contributions will be announced at the TMN Annual Meeting in 2018, a fitting celebration for the TMN Program's 20th anniversary!

There are two ways to make donations and have them count towards the Alamo Chapter's goal. The first is to send a check to the AAMN and earmark it for the TMN Endowment. Checks should be made payable to AAMN, mailed to Nancy Thoss, PO Box 160543, San Antonip, 78280, and marked "TMN Endowment" on the memo line. This money will then be forwarded to the endowment.

The second involves sending the money directly to the TMN Endowment. Go to masternaturalistendowment.org/steward/donate-now/. Follow the directions, entering an amount and payment info. However, in order for the donation to count towards AAMN's goal, you have to go to the bottom of the page where it says, "This gift is in honor of someone special", click the box, and enter AAMN or the Alamo Area Master Naturalist chapter.

Please donate today because a stronger state organization lifts all boats!

Gary Poole

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Wednesday, October 4, 6 p.m.

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro

1802 N. Main Ave.

Your organic kitchen waste could be turned into black gold!!

Whether you are a novice compost enthusiast, or a seasoned expert, there is always something to learn from our in house master composter in this popular composting workshop!

Workshop will cover:

- Hot Composting
- Static Composting
- Trench Composting
- Worm Composting
- Takakura Composting
- Compost Tea Brewing



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SUNDAY, OCT. 8TH 1P-5P

Brackenridge Villa grounds
Near 4503 Broadway & the Incarnate Word Chapel
Follow the blue balloons!

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING



HEADWATERS NATIVE



JOIN US-FUN FOR ALL AGES!
LEARN ABOUT BEES, BATS, BIRDS, SNAKES, PLANTS, RAIN GARDENS & MORE
FACE PAINTING BY NORMA LARA
PICK UP A FREE NATIVE TREE FROM CPS ENERGY

WILDLIFE & HABITAT



"FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLIES" SCREENING
VIEW A LIVE DRONE TOUR OF THE SANCTUARY
RAFFLE PRIZES AND FOOD TRUCKS
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LEARN ABOUT HEADWATERS HABITAT, FUTURE EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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Growing Up
WILD

Growing Up WILD

Fall 2017



10:00-11:30 Regional Park

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education program for 3-5 year olds that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them.

This program is free but space is limited.

Registration is required.

Sept. 12. Wildlife Is Everywhere

Oct. 10. Spider Web Wonders

Oct. 24. Batty Bats

Nov. 14. Terrific Turkeys

Nov. 28. Looking at Leaves

Wildlife Field Research

October 9 - 14, 2017 (FR)

Citizen Science For Everyone



Ant Survey

Amphibian Watch

Aquatic Survey

Butterfly Survey



Bird Counts

Dragonfly & Damselfly Survey

Prairie Vegetation Photo Points

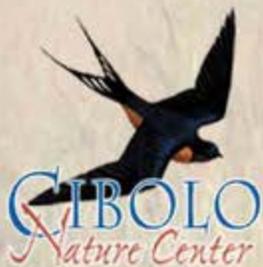
Prairie Vegetation Survey

Riparian Woody Plant Survey

Small Mammal Trapping

Water Snake & Reptile Search

NEW iNaturalist Bioblitz



Join the **Cibolo Nature Center's**
Citizen Science Research Team!

tinyurl.com/CiboloResearch

NATIVE PLANT WALK

Saturday, October 14, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro

1802 N. Main Ave.

FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC

Native
Plant
Society
of Texas
San Antonio

Guest Presenter: Joan Miller
President: NPSOT (SA Chapter)



Come join us as Joan Miller leads this exciting look into the world of native plants. Participants will not only learn how to identify these plants, they will also look at the many uses of natives in Eco Centro's landscape, including rain gardens, pollinator habitat, four seasons gardens, and wildlife habitat.

 **GARDENSTYLESA.COM**

Please Pre-register @
[Facebook.com/Ecocentro1/events](https://www.facebook.com/Ecocentro1/events)



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OCTOBER

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AT PHIL HARDBERGER PARK

JUST THIS ONCE 2ND SATURDAY WEEKEND WEED WARRIORS – Meet almost every 1st Saturday from 10:00 am – noon at various locations in the park to remove exotics, plant natives, remove trash, and revitalize areas.

October 14th – 10 am – 12 pm, Phil Hardberger Park – W (8400 NW Military Hwy) Re-mulch the dog park. Minimum of six people required, please register at philhardbergerpark.org – **FULL**, unfortunately we cannot accept any more volunteers for this event.

WEED WEDNESDAY WARRIORS – Meet almost every Wednesday from 8:30 am – 10:30 am at various locations in the park to remove invasive exotics and replant native species.

October 4th – 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Phil Hardberger Park – East (Blanco Rd entrance near CVS) We will return to the additional parking lot to remove vegetation and seed at the entrance. Meet in the additional parking lot near the dog park.

October 11th – 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Phil Hardberger Park – West (8400 NW Military) Meet at the Recreation parking lot near the basketball courts and playground. We will weed around the parking lot and at the wetland.

October 18th – 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Phil Hardberger Park – West (8400 NW Military) Meet at outside of the UEC we will walk the savanna trails weeding invasive species.

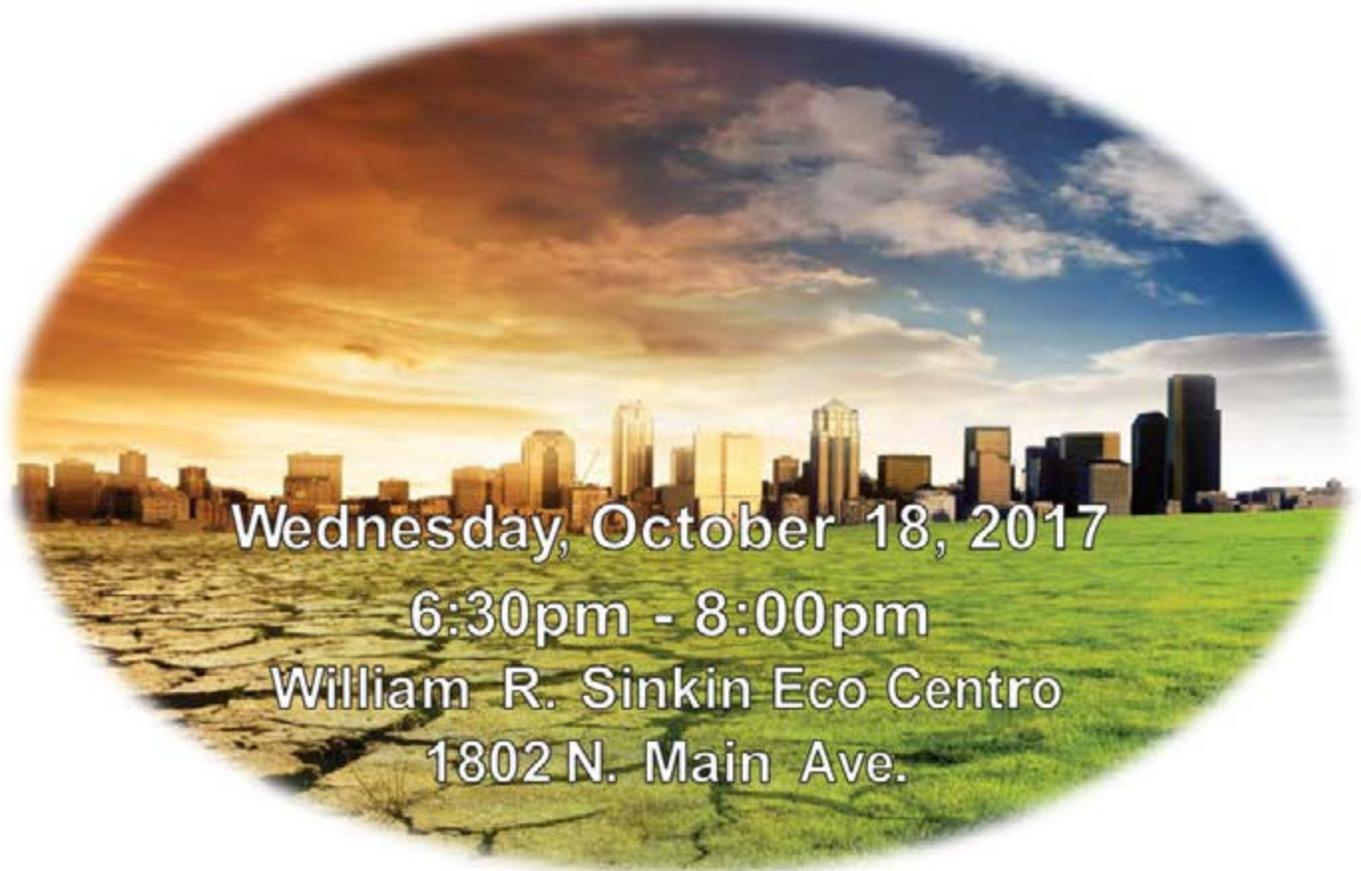
October 25th – 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Phil Hardberger Park - TBD

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Climate Change in San Antonio Panel Discussion 2017

Free & Open to the Public



Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6:30pm - 8:00pm

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro
1802 N. Main Ave.

Panel: Doug Melnick, City of San Antonio Chief Sustainability Officer, Mario Bravo, Environmental Defense Fund, Stephen Ackley, Research Associate Professor at UTSA, and Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist. Elizabeth Montgomery, Earth Sciences professor at Palo Alto College, will moderate the discussion.

Specifics:

- A Climate Action Plan for San Antonio
- Climate change effects on air pollution levels and our health
- Oil & gas emissions and climate change
- Proposed policy changes
- Effects on weather, water resources, and food production
- Current research and future projections



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Juan D. Martinez



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