

Coastal Prairie Chapter Courier

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We are a group of trained volunteers who share our appreciation and knowledge of nature with the community through outreach, education, and conservation/restoration projects



President's Message



Fellow Chapter Members:

Things continue to heat up!

The July heat has arrived, and so have some great opportunities.

"It ain't the heat, it's the humility." – Yogi Berra

COVID-19 Status

Fort Bend County's [COVID-19 community risk level](#) remains at yellow— "low/moderate risk." More detailed information can be found at the [county's pandemic website](#).

Effective June 17, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) updated its [recommendations for fully vaccinated people](#) and the following remains unchanged:

- "Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance"

The state program's [COVID Safety and Response Guidelines](#) remain unchanged.

Chapter Presidents & Advisors meeting update

At the June 28 meeting, 10 topics were covered. The state website has [links to the recorded meeting, presentation, and meeting notes](#).

Some noteworthy topics included:

- TMN license plates are available!
 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmn-license-plate/>
- The [Return to Service Guidelines](#) remain unchanged
 - Most chapters are returning to normal operations
- CMOP (Chapter Management and Operations Protocols) is being updated
 - The final document will be shared at the Annual Meeting in October
- Next [TMN Tuesdays](#) presentation July 13 – [Texas Watershed Protection Planning: Addressing Water Quality and Quantity Issues in Texas](#) by Clare Escamilla
- Next [Be the Change](#) presentation July 20 (TBD)
- Virtual Volunteer Fair will be held on August 31 and September 1
- [2021 Annual Meeting](#) (October 21-24) planning underway
 - Meeting format will be with both in-person and virtual attendee options
 - Call for proposals are now closed
 - July – Release registration costs & final agenda
 - August 2 – Open registration

Moving forward

We are in the early stages of forming a close partnership with the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS). Exciting news to come!

We are also in discussions with the Fort Bend County Parks and Recreation about another opportunity to partner.

Seabourne Nature Fest (SNF) 2021 planning continues.

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Cover Photo
We are Endangered
by Joyce Tipton

Please send chapter events and nature-related articles, photos, and items of interest to the chapter to [Lynn Trenta](#) by the 29th of the month. Suggestions for the newsletter are also welcome. Thanks.

Lynn Trenta,
Courier Editor

President's Message *(Continued)*

The 2021 Fall Class roster is filled up in the first two days! Kudos to Shannon Westveer, Jan and Kevin Kolk, Mac, and everyone involved in making this happen!

Chapter members will participate at the City of Rosenberg [July 4th Celebration](#). Thanks to VSP Director, Johanna DeYoung for leading this event, and to our Grand Poohbah, Jim Butcher, for leading the Wagon Master team.

We continue to grow, adapt, and most importantly — have fun!

Continue to stay safe. As always, contact me with any questions, concerns, and suggestions.

All the best,

Bert Stipelcovich bert@coastalprairie.org 713-540-2378



The Membership Minute *By Jan and Kevin Kolk, TMN Membership Directors*

Congratulations to the following members who recently achieved certifications and milestones:

Initial Certification

- Kevin Biddle (Spring 2021)
- Janis Hodgson (Fall 2020)
- Ting Kung (Fall 2020)
- Joyce Tipton (Spring 2021)



2021 Recertification (35 members recertified so far)

- Jean Greenhalgh
- Ursula Cooper
- Sandra Brown
- Wen Sherrill
- Gary Moore
- David Goff
- Angela LeDoux



Milestones

250 Hour Milestone

- Katherine Grazer
- Pam Jones

Certification/Recertification/Milestone pins will continue to be mailed as they are earned until we are able to resume in-person meetings.

July Chapter Program: "Prairies in the Sky"

by Associate Professor Bruce Dvorak



Green roofs using native prairie plants provide many environmental benefits over the usual succulent type plants that have traditionally been used. This program will be of interest to anyone who wants to know more about how nature can inspire new forms of conservation development.

ZOOM REGISTRATION: This will be a Zoom meeting and is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required. Check back here a day or two before the meeting for the registration link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Chapter Members will receive an email from Bert Stipelcovich with a link to register for the program. Please join us for a great presentation!

6:00pm-8:00pm

Volunteer Service Projects Highlights *By Johanna DeYoung, TMNCPC VSP Director*



CURRENT STATUS

4/13/2021: Fort Bend County moved COVID-19 category from Orange "Moderate/Significant Risk" to Yellow "Low/Moderate Risk". Per K. P. George

Attendance at Events and Entertainment

"Attend events only with proper physical distancing practices in place. Opt for small to medium size events (<50 people) to avoid large group settings."

Outdoor Entertainment

"Continue good personal protective measure such as facial coverings and physical distancing. Consider events that are less crowded and have better controls to keep you safe, such as capped numbers of attendees and good cleaning practices."

5/21/2021: Texas A & M AgriLife Extension issued the following update:

"The following considerations should direct how the Texas Master Naturalist Program will operate for the foreseeable future.

Considerations for all TMN Activities:

It is very important to know and follow all federal, state, county and local COVID guidelines/restrictions before conducting TMN Activities. Beyond these, please consider the following in planning gatherings:

- 1. Virtual meeting platform tools are useful and should remain an important consideration for planning meetings and events.*
- 2. For any indoor or outdoor activities that do occur in-person, masks and social distancing considerations are encouraged.*

Please note regarding vaccines: Our program and agencies currently have no legal authority to develop policy based on private health information (HIPAA laws) at this time and we don't anticipate the program drafting its own policy or allowances, etc. addressing whether individuals (members or the public) with vaccines can/cannot participate in any TMN activities and where, when and how.

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Volunteer Service Projects Highlights *(Continued)*

Texas Master Naturalist members or members of the public should not be asked about their vaccination status. Chapters may encourage persons in program settings to continuing following CDC guidance.

There shall be NO EFFORT (including casual comments made publicly or privately) to DISCOURAGE the use of face coverings or any COVID related safety precaution. Those who wish to wear masks and practice COVID protocols should be respected and their wishes supported."

3/2/2021: Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-34 noting changes in COVID-19 restrictions. These changes, which included lifting the mask mandate and opening businesses to 100%, took effect on 3/10/2021. Governor Abbott encouraged the continuation of wearing masks when maintaining a physical distance cannot be maintained.

VSP Opportunities

New Opportunity: "Plastic Free July: TMN Report Hours"

Opportunity Description: Reduce, Recycle, Reuse Activities for Plastic Free July. Prior to obtaining one (1) hour of VSP time, complete the TMNCPC Plastic Free July Tally Form (found in Slack in the Forms Channel) with your best estimates from July 1-31, 2021, and email it to judi.laraine.harrington@gmail.com by August 6, 2021."

New Opportunity: "Native Prairies Association of Texas and/or Houston Chapter - Native Prairies Association of Texas (HNPAT): TMN Report Hours"

Opportunity Description: Outreach, education, and/or service opportunities sponsored by the Native Prairies Association of Texas (NPAT) and/or the Houston Chapter - Native Prairies Association of Texas (HNPAT). Reminder: No more than 20 hours of VSP service outside of Fort Bend, Waller, and Wharton Counties may be counted toward certification or recertification.

Seabourne Volunteer Days

TMN COVID-19 Precautions: "For any indoor or outdoor activities that do occur in-person, masks and social distancing considerations are encouraged.

Fort Bend County COVID-19 Yellow Precautions: "Continue good personal protective measure such as facial coverings and physical distancing. Opt for small to medium size events (<50 people) to avoid large group settings." For bump ups, prairie planting, nursery maintenance, and/or trail maintenance, please contact Jerry Trenta, Seabourne director (713-898-4769 jerrytrenta@txtrentas.com)

For demo garden work, please contact Lynn Trenta, (832-646-4769 ltrenta50@gmail.com)

For bird sanctuary work, please contact Bill Johnson, (281-734-3349 rxrelo@aol.com)

For butterfly garden work, please contact Katie Sallean, (713-502-5701 katie@coastalprairie.com)

[VSP hours to be recorded in VMS under the category "SCNP-7 Habitats Public Access: TMN Report Hours"]

Seabourn Garden Group

Zoom meetings and field trips include the education committee meetings (signage is under this), and program meetings that offer information for members. For those interested, please contact [Jan Kolk](#), [Lynn Trenta](#), or [Katie Sallean](#).

[VSP hours to be recorded in VMS under the category "SCNP-7 Habitats Public Access: TMN Report Hours"]

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Volunteer Service Projects Highlights *(Continued)*

Family 4th Celebration: This is a City of Rosenberg event scheduled for Sunday, 7/4/2021, 6:00 – 10:00 PM, at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. We have a couple of Wagon Master positions still available. [VSP hours to be recorded in VMS under the category “Rosenberg, City of: TMN Report Hours”]

Texas Master Naturalist’s 2021 Virtual Volunteer Fair (VVF)

The idea of the VVF developed during the COVID-19 pandemic. After two (2) successful VVFs, the TMN is offering another. The TMN Virtual Volunteer Fair (VVF) is an opportunity for TMN partner conservation organizations to present service projects that need volunteers from a distance or virtually!” Mark your calendars for 8/31/21-2 or 9/1/2021. For more information, please check out the following: More information on our website - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-august-2021/>

[VSP hours to be recorded in VMS under the category: “TMN Virtual Volunteer Service Fair: TMN Report Hours”]

Please continue to check the website calendar, Slack, and the TMNCPC Members Only Facebook page for VSP updates. If there is no existing VSP description fitting a potential VSP opportunity, please request and complete an VSP Proposal Form. In turn, the VSP Committee, Terri Hurley, Charris Powers, Lynn Trenta, and Johanna DeYoung, will review the proposal and determine if it qualifies as an VSP opportunity.

If you are aware of VSP opportunities, have questions about VSP opportunities, or unsure how to record an VSP opportunity, please contact Johanna DeYoung (832-689-4877/johanna@coastalprairie.com).

Early Summer Prairie Pocket *Photos and Text by Shannon Westveer*



With around 20” of rain so far, the gamagrass is already 8 feet tall at the inflorescence. It’s going to make for some great hay come winter! Ironweed will flower soon, as will the fleabane and swamp sunflower. Many, many fritillary, monarch, and leafwing cats, and the tiny bees and flies and wasps are enjoying the cupcakes (frogfruit). Plant a little prairie!

This is the bluebirds’ second clutch of the year (and the rainfall amount is also cumulative of the year). The first clutch of five are regular yard visitors; this one has four, all hatching today.



Chasing Connections: Chapter Member Spotlight on Joyce Tipton

By Robbin Mallett



Echoing her work that celebrates the connections between birds and humans, it was an unexpected connection that led Joyce A. Tipton to join the Coastal Prairie Chapter. When she entered the Cullinan Park Photo Contest last year, coordinator Robbin Mallett was wowed by her photos and checked out her photography website and blog (www.joycetiptionimages.com). The two struck up a conversation via email in which Robbin mentioned her love of the Texas Master Naturalist program. That chance interaction led to Tipton and her wife, Lucy Moyer, joining the Coastal Prairie Chapter's Spring 2021 training class.

"Texas Master Naturalist training and educational programs have heightened my own awareness of the complex connections within ecosystems and the need for creative outreach in our communities", Tipton said.

A photographer, birder, nature enthusiast and traveler, Joyce is also a pharmacist, a retired health system pharmacy administrator, former member of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and adjunct clinical professor at the UH College of Pharmacy. Her love of nature reflects a childhood spent in rural Texas and a love for being outdoors. Having dabbled in photography for many years, retirement gave her the opportunity to pursue and refine her passion. Traveling abroad and becoming an avid birder narrowed her focus to birds, wildlife and street photography.

*She recently published a limited-edition coffee table book, *Birds from the Backyard*, with the aim of connecting her Fulshear community to the wide variety of birds and natural beauty located in their own neighborhood. All profits from the book were donated to the local Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate. She and Moyer are also working to engage their neighborhood through their TMN volunteer work in a community Butterfly Garden, highway trash collection, recycling activities and educational summer events for the neighborhood children. The most recent kids event was "Whooooo Knew, What do Owls Eat?" where the children dissected owl pellets and identified the prey's skeletal remains. They also have presented a program on backyard birds and a garden tour in their backyard for local organizations where native plant choices for attracting birds were highlighted.*

Tipton's outstanding bird photography can be viewed in person at Monterroso Gallery in Houston. Her photos are on display in a show entitled "Chasing Connections" along with work by multimedia artist Jonathan P. Jackson. The show was curated by Rosa Ana Orlando and is open on Saturday afternoons through July 24.

The photos selected for the show reflect the similarity of challenges facing birds and humans, "from interpersonal disputes to the catastrophic impacts of climate change." Through her photos, Tipton explores color and texture, lives that are amazing, yet difficult, and expressions that bring a certain human quality to birds. We glimpse into their lives. We see the hunger of migrants who have just crossed thousands of miles of water in their long journey and arrive on the first suitable land exhausted and starving. We see the parallel of birds lives to our own as they court a potential mate and raise a group of demanding children.

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Chasing Connections *(Continued)*

Photographing birds offers Tipton the challenge of capturing detail and animation in the small, the fast and the hidden. It brings her the delight of becoming part of their world, a goal that is shared by many Texas Master Naturalists whether their focus is birds or butterflies; insects or ichthyology; marine life or mammals.

Tipton is spreading the word that there are three billion fewer birds in North America now than in 1970. One in four birds have disappeared from the landscape due to environmental changes, loss of habitat, and human driven threats. For Tipton, sharing her beautiful images is not just about art, but also a way to educate people about the important roles birds play and how their fate is intertwined with ours. Birds not only bring us joy and entertainment, but they are essential elements of healthy ecosystems. Birds pollinate plants, spread seed, controls pests, perform clean-up duties and preserve our landscape by maintaining the delicate balance between plant and herbivore, predator and prey. Making these connections and sharing them with others are at the heart of what it means to be a Texas Master Naturalist.



Tipton's dragonfly photo - Bedraggled Beauty – placed 2nd in wildlife in last year's Cullinan Park Photo Contest and led to her joining the Coastal Prairie Chapter. Cullinan's 2021 contest entry dates are July 1-Sept. 22.

Lucy Moyer and Joyce Tipton at the Opening Night reception of Tipton's Monterroso Gallery Show

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Chasing Connections (Continued)



Marching Together is an image of three different shorebirds, a Ruddy Turnstone, a Sanderling, and a Semi-palmated Plover, moving forward, sharing the beach, seeking food and foraging together. I reflect in this, a hope of humankind coming together in spite of differences, recognizing our commonality, our common needs, our common dreams. The casual observer enjoys the pleasure of seeing three delightful white and brown birds skittering in the sand. Closer inspection reveals a unique and varied plumage with harlequin pattern on the Turnstone, the little Sanderling in front that travels up to 6000 miles every year from high arctic breeding grounds to as far as South America for the winter, and the Plover that loves to run in the sand with tail up and displaying its black neckband. Each species is unique and beautiful with their own characteristics. Together they march across the sand connected in unity in their shared purpose and facing similar challenges.



Commensalism: The Cactus and the Wren. Commensalism is the long-term connection between two species in which members of one species gains benefits, while those of the other species receive neither benefit nor harm. The Cactus Wren, an inhabitant of the Chihuahua, Sonora and Mojave deserts, is the largest wren in North America. These bold, inquisitive, brown-speckled bird build their football shaped nests in a Cholla or other cactus amidst the thorns. The cactus with its thorns provides protection from predators for the nest. In this case, I believe the Cholla cactus actually does benefit in sheer beauty with these charming birds decorating its branches.

We are Endangered. The stately Whooping Crane is the tallest bird in North America, one of the most awe-inspiring and one of the rarest. It reaches five feet in height with a wingspan of 7 feet and in 1941 there were only 23 Whooping Cranes left on the planet. Unregulated hunting and loss of habitat pushed these glorious white birds with red crowns to the brink of extinction. Conservation efforts have led to a limited recovery to a total of about 825 in 2021. The breeding population winters along the Texas Gulf Coast in and around the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Climate change, inadequate river flows, and illegal hunting currently threaten the tenuous survival of this species. The Cranes are not alone, the biodiversity needed to sustain our planet is maintained only by vast connections. Everywhere on the planet, species live together and depend on one another. Every living thing, including man, is involved in these complex networks of interdependent relationships.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH at Fort Bend County Farmer's Market

By Charris Powers, TMNCPC Outreach Chair



Some 55 people learned at least two facts about bats at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. These were visitors from the Rosenberg community who stopped by the TMNCPC Bats Workshop on Wheels (WOW), Saturday, June 19, 2021.

The TMNCPC had a booth at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds' first-ever summer Farmers' Market. Our chapter was represented among a half dozen other vendors who showed off their wares or crafts, e.g., perfumery, soaps, peanut brittle, candied pecans, honey, and herbs. The booth spokespersons were Johanna DeYoung, John Vindekilde, and me. We made sure our guests learned about our chapter, our signature project Seaborne Creek Nature Park (SCNP) and invited them to the upcoming July 4th festival to be held at SCNP.

I enjoyed meeting people from the community. It was good to hear historical references and stories of the area. Many of our guests mentioned they knew of someone in an organization similar to TMN and they were appreciative of our efforts at SCNP. We had some children visit the booth who were intrigued with our bat display. Thanks to Lynn Trenta, we were also able to give away a few Texas native plants from our nursery.

It was good to have been there! Until next time...



Johanna DeYoung, VSP Director and Charris Powers, Outreach Chair, Photo John Vindekilde



Johanna DeYoung, VSP Director and Chapter Member and husband, John Vindekilde—Photo Charris Powers



PTERA BLITZ AT HMNS SUGAR LAND the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land

By Shannon Westveer, TMNCPC VP and New Class Director

Jamie Fairchild and Shannon Westveer set up a table upon the museum's opening in the hallway out to the pollinator habitat. As members walked by us, they first watched a looping video compilation of 'ptera's' working on wildflowers, asked questions, saw living caterpillar ambassadors that Jamie brought in, learned about the different pollinators, and volunteered to engage in citizen science — turning in a tally of flying insects observed while outside for a few minutes.

Shannon caught and released several bee and fly species for up-close inspection, and 'AHA' moments were then quoted with the member's name and taped to the cloth. Parents and kids were equally engaged. It was a lot of fun!

As if on cue, an Eastern Lubber Grasshopper in the exhibit next to the table went through a 10-15 minute molt while we watch and discussed metamorphosis and exoskeletons. All the little guys cooperated with me nicely; special thanks to Svastra, Melissodes, Monobia, Apis, Dolichopodidae, Dianthidium, Oncopeltus, Leptoglossus, and Megachile for being so cooperative in the viewing jar for a spell!



Hymenoptera

'Married (Two Pair) Wings'

Bees			Wasps

How Many PTERA's?

Add a tick mark next to each individual that you saw visiting the plant. Try to sit and watch the same plant for 5 minutes.

- Coleoptera (Beetle)
- Lepidoptera (Butterfly)
- Hymenoptera (Bee or Wasp)
- Diptera (Fly)

Which Flower?

Circle the color of the flower you were watching.

- Purple Mealy Blue Sage (Native)
- White Frogfruit (Native)
- Red
- Yellow Rosinweed (Native)
- Pink

Aquatic Plant Photography Contest *By Paula Ditrack, TMNCPC Blogmaster*

Texas Master Naturalists have until September 30 to submit photos of aquatic plants for a contest sponsored by Texas Master Naturalist program in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Contest entries must have been taken since May 1.

“This year to spice things up and make this project competitive, we will be having a contest between TMN chapters and individuals,” said a [contest news release](#).

Photos are to be submitted to an [iNaturalist project](#) entitled TMN Aquatic Plant Photo Submission. Images must be taken and submitted between May 1 and September 30 this year. Rules say the photos:

- Must be an aquatic plant identified as an obligate wetland species as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on its [list](#). Obligate wetland plants almost always occur in wetlands. With few exceptions, these plants are found in standing water or seasonally saturated soil near the surface.
- Must meet the criteria for quality plant photos (see Best Practices for Quality Plant Photos in the [contest literature](#)).

The TMN chapter submitting the highest number of species will receive a set of field guides including:

—[Wetland Plants of Texas: A complete guide to the wetland and aquatic plants of the Lone Star State, Volumes 1 and 2](#) by Steven W. Chadde

—[Grasses, Sedges, Rushes: An Identification Guide](#) by Lauren Brown and Ted Elliman.

The three individuals submitting the highest number of species will receive one 5 x 7-inch canvas print of the submitted photo of their choosing.

Anyone entering the contest automatically agrees to the use of these photos in educational materials including, but not limited to, online courses, programs, social media, [AquaPlant](#), and publications. AquaPlant is a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service web site designed to help landowners identify and manage plants in their ponds or tanks.



Will You Take the Challenge? *By Judi Harrington, Seabourne Garden Group Education Chair*



Volunteer Name(s) _____

TMN-CPC Plastic Free July

Replacing single-use plastic items with reusable options keeps plastic out of our bayous and creeks! These important waterways are home to so many native species of plants and animals, and we want to do whatever we can to keep them clean!

We want to measure the impact that our chapter volunteers have on single-use plastic reduction to protect wildlife that utilize our waterways like our yellow-crowned night herons! Please complete the form below with your best estimates from July 1-31, 2021 and email it to judi.laraine.harrington@gmail.com by August 6, 2021 so that it can be included. Tally the number of times you performed the indicated action and add the total at the end of the month. For items that you use multiple times like bar soap, only count the first use because we are tracking how much single-use plastic we are keeping out of our waterways. For example, when you open a bar soap, you are saving one container of bodywash. Feel free to take pictures and share your successes via email, Slack, or social media! (#tmncpc)

Reduce Actions	Tally	Total Count
EXAMPLE: Used own straw		11
Used own straw eating out/refused straw when offered		
Used own cutlery when eating out/refused plastic cutlery when offered		
Used reusable water bottle		
Opened bar soap/shampoo/conditioner (only tally new items, not per use)		
Refilled body wash/shampoo/conditioner container (only tally new items, not per use)		
Used reusable grocery/produce etc. bags (tally the number of bags used)		
Other:		
Other:		



Every year, Plastic Free July is celebrated across the globe in communities, organizations, and volunteer groups. Plastic Free July (PFJ) challenges people to think about their daily plastic use and become part of the solution to the plastics problem! During the event, participants typically take a “pledge” to reduce plastic in some aspect of their lives (skipping the straw or using their own, bringing reusable bags to the grocery store, etc.). Typically, we hear about plastics being a problem in our oceans, and it truly is a global issue. However, many of these plastics start their journey on land traveling through streams, creeks, bayous, storm drains, etc. Houston is known as the “bayou city,” and these waterways are home to so many incredible animals from snapping turtles to yellow-crowned night herons. Plastics, especially single-use, can cause damage to the sensitive habitats these creatures call home.

It’s easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer size of this problem. But any change, no matter how small, can make an impact and even inspire others to do the same! Not to mention, you can look super stylish taking the PFJ challenge! Reusable water bottles can be decorated with your favorite stickers, many shopping stores sell decorative reusable bags (not just for groceries; I use mine at every shop I visit!), and bamboo cutlery sets can come in some pretty cool carrying cases.

If you’d like to take the challenge, snag one of the fillable forms attached here (or download it from Slack on the #forms channel) and track your progress throughout the month! You can choose as many (or as few) ways to reduce plastic throughout the month, from switching to shampoo bars to bringing your own to-go containers when you’re out to eat. You may even discover a new habit that lasts beyond July! Once complete, please send your forms to judi.laraine.harrington@gmail.com by August 6th for one hour of VSP.

Interactive Form can be found on the website under the Member’s section or on Slack under Forms.



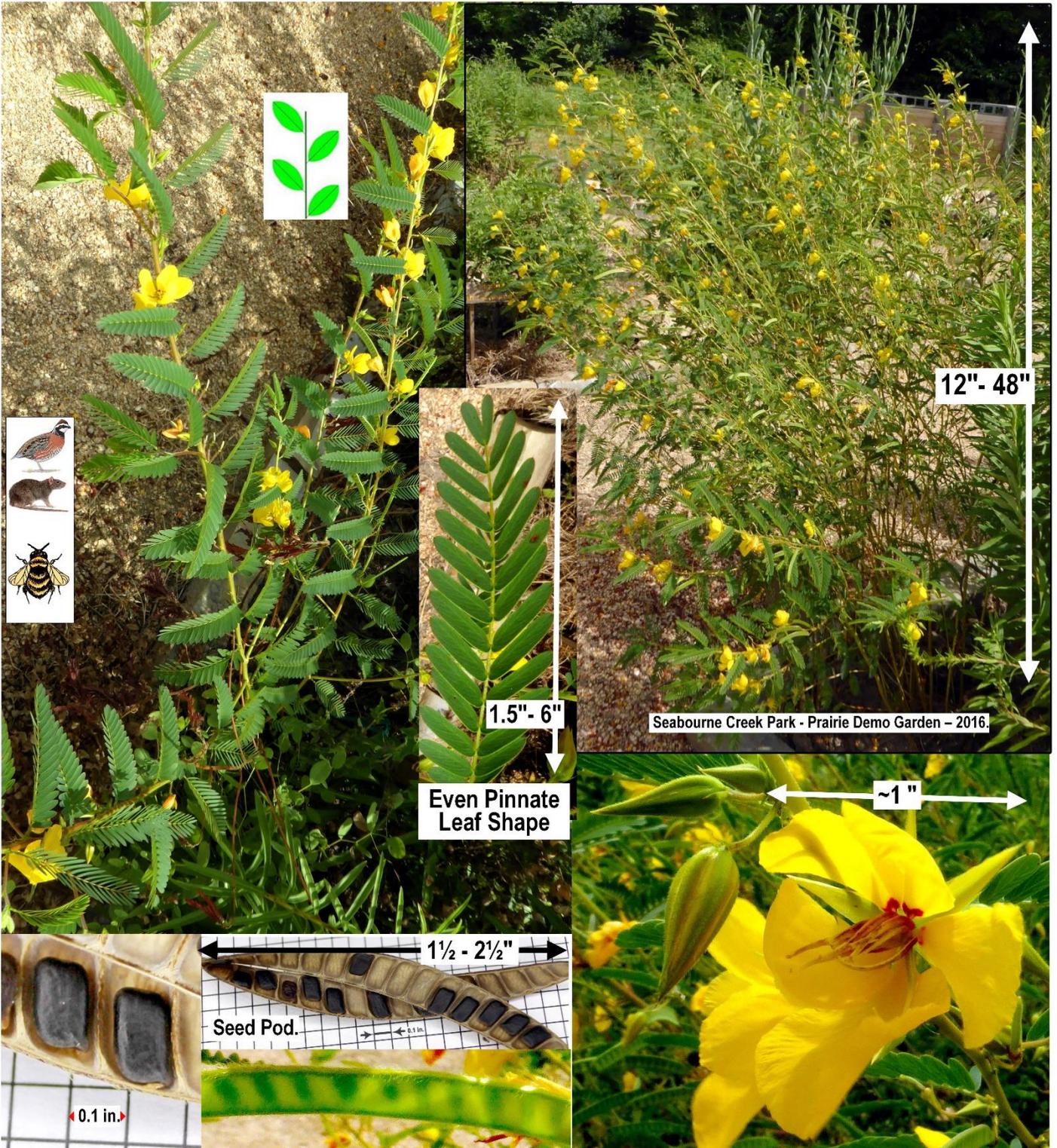
Seabourne News

Plant of the Month

Photos by Jerry Trenta, TMNCPC Past President and Seabourne Director



Partridge Pea *Chamaecrista fasciculata* var. *fasciculata* Bee Flower, Sensitive Plant
 Family: **Fabaceae (Pea)** Perennial Flowers: **May – Oct** Seed Collection: **Sep – Nov**



Seabourne News *(Continued)*

Prairie Plant and Grab *By Jerry Trenta*



It was a hot and humid morning, but what was accomplished was really cool. I want to thank all those who participated in the prairie planting event Saturday, June 19. It was a wonderful effort and significantly reduced the number of mature native plants in the nursery.

The 12 chapter volunteers set a SCNPs record for the most plants planted by volunteers in a single day – 320. That bested the old record of 290 for chapter-only volunteers and bested the previous high all volunteer record of 303 (LDS volunteers and chapter members.)

The Twelve Volunteers were:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Judy Ann Carlsson</i> | <i>Pradeep Sethi</i> | <i>Blair Margot</i> |
| <i>John Cooper</i> | <i>Ute Welk</i> | <i>Tracy Kolm</i> |
| <i>Hoiman Low</i> | <i>John Rouane</i> | <i>Jamie Fairchild</i> |
| <i>Shannon Westveer</i> | <i>Lynn Trenta</i> | <i>Jerry Trenta</i> |

The plants thank you for getting them out of the confines of the one-gallon pots and into the prairie to grow and flourish. Over the next couple of months, more holes will be dug, and more plants will need to be freed from their pots. So, keep them in mind on our regular volunteer days. Thank you to all the chapter volunteers.

Photos by Lynn Trenta



Photos by Shannon Westveer



Seabourne News(Continued)

Eagle Scout Expands Pergola in Butterfly Garden *Photo and Text By Jerry Trenta*

It took the whole day, 7:30am to 5:00pm, but the Butterfly Garden Pergola Extension was completed by Eagle Scout Hayden Degeyter and his Scout Troop members and family on Friday. It was an outstanding accomplishment on a very hot day and a finished a wonderful facility for the community. Well done Hayden.



Gardeners Volunteer at Seabourne *By Lynn Trenta, Prairie Demo Garden Coord.*

June has been a hot and humid month! The volunteers who have come out to the gardens are to be commended and appreciated! Many of the regulars came this month including, Sandra Brown, Janis Hodgson, Pam Jones, Nancy Jones, Linda Lourim, Marilynne Malone, Aida Pita, Linda Rippert, Katie Sallean and Lynn Trenta . We have been joined by Naomi Brown, Elizabeth Green, Hilda Jurdi, Jerry Trenta, Susan Walther and Sharon Watson.. Below are some of the photos from the gardens. Come visit to see the result of our work out there and If you are interested in joining the Seabourne Garden Group check out the SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4badad2fa3f94-seabourne> to see what we are doing besides gardening as well.

Photos by Lynn Trenta



Photos by Naomi Brown



Seabourne News(Continued)

Gardeners Tour the Houston Arboretum *By Lynn Trenta*



June 10, the Seabourne Garden Group members toured the Houston Arboretum, led by Adult Program Manager, Kelsey Low. It was a fun tour despite the heat. We enjoyed learning about the native plants and were impressed by the sculpture and hardscapes that were in place at the arboretum.

As part of the reason for our tour was to learn about signage and outreach, we were on the lookout for structures and signs that help to educate the public about nature. We observed an education station overlooking a ravine filled with wildlife and began thinking of developing something similar at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. Members In attendance were (seen below l to r) Lynn Trenta, Pam Jones, Jaime Fairchild, Aida Pita, Katie Sallean, Nancy Jones, Amy Phan, Ting Kung, Linda Mueller and Mary Saville. A good time was had by all!



Photos by Katie Sallean



Photos by Lynn Trenta



In Our Own Backyards and Other Places

Luna Moths *Photos and Text by Diane Eismont*

Luna Moths, also called Moon Moths, are beautiful members of the Giant Silkworm family, and are among the largest moth species in North America with a four to five inch wingspan. The wingspan of the one pictured is four and a quarter inches.

They are not rare but are rarely seen as they are active at night and only have a life span of seven to ten days.

I found this one on the ground after a storm on May 27 about 5 pm and put it on a pecan branch. The caterpillars feed on leaves of pecan, walnut, maple, oak, persimmon, willow and others. Adults do not eat.

Adult wings are light green with pink, purple or yellow forewing margins. Adults also have hind wings and long twisted tails. Antennae are feathery.



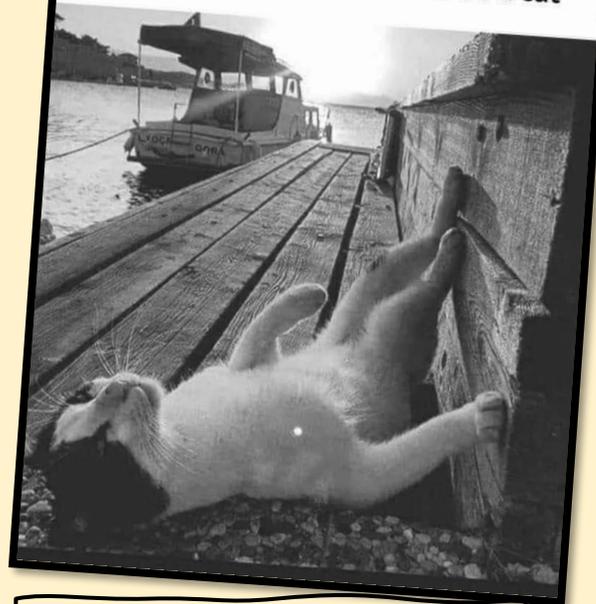
The Lighter Side

My Daughter wants a Cinderella-themed party, so I invited all her friends over and made them clean my house.



Jim Butcher

When you're child, you want to be a teenager. When you're a teenager you want to be an adult. When you're an adult you want to be a cat



The Best Cat Page -Facebook



The Heinlein Society -Facebook

Here's a question for the mind readers out there.

John Donaho -Facebook

Q: My child will not eat fish, what can I replace it with?

A: A cat. Cats love fish.

Nicki Hayes -Facebook

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Bert, Katie, Terri and Shannon at HMNS Sugar Land "Hatching a plan" Photo Jean Stipelcovich



Mark Morgenstern and Isabella Wu Photo by Andrea Morgenstern

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