



The Nature of Milam County

Soils Meeting

7/10/15 at 6:00 pm

The July meeting of the Soil Group was held at the home of Kathryn Bedrich. Members present were Katherine Bedrich, Gary and Cindy McDaniels, Lolly Lewis, Pamela Neeley and Janice Johnson. Guest speaker was Richard Reid with USDA - NRCS-Soil Survey Division. The topic for the evening's discussion was building a soil tunnel and presenting it at the Bell County Nature Festival on October 10, 2015.

Katherine Bedrich asked the group to:

1. Find soil fact sheets or handouts
2. Find age appropriate information and activities on soil, suitable and interesting for children
3. Nancy Adcock will bring the leftover NRCS brochures from the April meeting to the Festival
4. Have a signup sheet for those visitors at the Festival who might be interested in receiving information about the next Milam County Master Naturalist class

Katherine also unveiled the first prototype of her "Soil Tunnel". It is a work in progress and those interested in helping construct and paint should contact Katherine.

Guest Richard Reid gave a presentation on building a Soil Monolith, the Collection and Preparation. With his help we will try to build and display one at the festival. Instructions can be found using the link below.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/survey/office/ssr9/tr/>

The next meeting was "tentatively" scheduled for September. Bonnie and Leroy Sladek, Olde Thyme Gardens, were to give a presentation on Compost Tea. However at the time of this writing the presentation has been pushed to "tentative" in October.

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