



NOTES ON WILDFLOWER BROCHURE MEETING*

August 16, 2019: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Lucy Patterson Library, Rockdale

Chapter Participants:

Ann Collins (Lead), Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Catherine Johnson, John Pruett

Report: The following items were discussed.

Confirm Board approval of funds – Joyce (update – done)

Continue work on map – Joyce and Mike (update – Mike looking at commercial map apps due to Sept. 15 deadline; had hoped that ELCAT could modify one of their maps, but schedule might not be met through them). John suggested that Mike put river names on map. Route will mimic Trail signage, significant historical areas, and areas plants were identified.

Continue review of online printers – Ann to confirm with Sue Ann her availability. Don Travis has recommended **Printivity** and **VistaPrint**. Need to choose paper type, review cost, turn-around, picture pixel form, and file form for printer.

Choose pictures – Ann and Linda Jo have produced a list of 25 most seen wildflowers by group. Seven more were added during the meeting. If possible to fit, all would be shown 2" x 2" followed by Latin names, most common name, blooming period, uses. Chapter members will be invited to submit their best pictures of flowers on the list. Ann will ask Sue Ann whether she would like to be the one to choose best picture or have submissions sent to another committee member. (Joyce will scan list and make it available to chapter members once we know to whom they should send their submissions.)

Linda Jo will email Karen Patzke to see whether she has any of Katherine Bedrich's photos or files.

Write Disclaimer: John submitted a disclaimer. Joyce suggested one change. The latest and possible final is:

"The Texas Master Naturalist, El Camino Real Chapter, warns that you not eat or use for medicinal purposes any plant mentioned in this brochure before you consult your healthcare provider to determine if it is safe for the intended use."

Write Introduction: John submitted the following. It will be submitted to Steven Gonzales, ELCAT, for review.

"During the Spring and Summer of 1716, Captain Domingo Ramon, led an expedition into the new Spanish frontier to establish a road from Mexico to what is now East Texas. The El Camino Real Master Naturalist Chapter of Milam County, Texas, organized a group project with interest in the identification of wildflowers along the Ramon's Road segment of the El Camino de los Tejas National Historic Trail as it crosses our County. The ecosystem, soils, and plant species change as you travel in Milam County, from Blackland Prairie in the west to the sandier soils of the Post Oak Savannah in the east. We hope

that our guide to the wildflowers will enrich your travel and observation of historical resources on the El Camino in Milam County. "

Logos: Steven Gonzales has requested that ELCAT logo go on the back of brochure with TMN (chapter?). No others needed by ELCAT. No others needed by TMN(?).

Decide Front Page: Everyone liked the picture of Linda Jo checking wildflowers for the cover. Do we have a good copy?

Deadline: John suggested that we set Sept 13 as the deadline for the finished copy to go to printer.

Next meeting: August 23, 10 am, Patterson Library, Rockdale. This has been confirmed with librarian.

*These notes taken by Joyce Conner for Jackie Thornton.