

Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter meeting – September 12, 2019, Milano

Eat and socialize: 6:00-6:40

Chapter Meeting: 6:40

Program following meeting: Linda Friedrichson and Aloma Clayton spoke on keyhole gardening (modified raised bed). They are from the Little River Basin Master Gardeners

The book they recommended: *Soiled Rotten*, Deb Tolman. Further details are on our blog.

President Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order (7:45)

Guests: The speakers, Debbie Thorensen, and Bryce Conner. Phyllis also acknowledge members in attendance who were from our most recent last class (2018).

Secretary Report: Sue Ann Kendall reported that the minutes were emailed and posted on web. Questions or comments? Vote to approve. Sandra Dworaczyk moved to approve, Janice Johnson seconded.

Vice President Report: Donna Lewis. There will be a Board Meeting at 411 W Main St., Cameron, Sunday, 2 pm.

Mike McCormick, the Purple martin guy we visited this summer, is ill. We wrote him a card. Donna will take him a tree-frog tube.

Please change your hummingbird feeder. Put water out for the birds. Butterfly nectar feeders work, and you can get them at Tractor Supply.

Next month Donna Lewis and Cathy Johnson will talk about monarchs.

Kelly Bender Simon will speak in November, about climate change and its effect on gardens.

Treasurer Report: Michael Conner filed our tax-exempt return. The ledger is posted on password protected members page on website.

We also learned about ant moats. Birds and anoles love them. A rain chain works great.

Committee Reports

Communications: Don Travis/Sue Ann Kendall : Don is on vacation. Sue Ann reported we had weekly blog posts and posts on our Facebook page.

Host: Sherry Colley said all is well.

Membership: Lisa Milewski presented the following awards
Sue Ann Kendall 250 hours
Jackie Thornton 250 hours

Pamela Neeley 500 hours

Sandra Dworaczyk 2500 hours

Advanced Training and Volunteer: Kathy Lester

Mike Conner talked about the El Camino Real de Tejas National Trail group. Its meeting is Friday, October 11 at Apache Pass. Other activities happen on Saturday. Patrick Still and Lisa Milewski have volunteered to help out with the hiking supervision and other activities. Pamela Neeley will help with the art. Other volunteers will help with other Saturday activities. Ann Collins says that the brochure is the end of a project started long ago by our Chapter.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Nature Stories:

Linda Jo brought western soapberry to look at. They are NOT chinaberries! No one could identify Sue Ann's plant (later identified on iNaturalist as wooly cotton flower.

Adjourn: (time) Linda Jo Conn moved to adjourn and Dorothy Mayer seconded at 8:27.

Hours:

1 hour AT

1 hour hospitality

45 minute meeting