

Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter meeting – May 13, 2021, Zoom

Attendees: Bobby Allcorn, Connie Anderle, Marian Buegeler, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Catherine Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Liz Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, Eric Neubauer, John Pruett, Phyllis Shuffield, Debi Sorenson, Kim Summers, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis

Program: 6:15 pm

Bobby Allcorn talking about assessing private property to make improvements for wildlife and other purposes. Resources he shared include the Web Soil Survey <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm> and EDIT (Ecosystem Dynamics Interpretive Tool) <https://edit.jornada.nmsu.edu/>

Chapter Meeting after Presentation

President Report (Sue Ann Kendall):

- Sue Ann has fallen behind on blog entries, due to circumstances beyond her control. She will get to them all.
- Note Sue Ann's new email address: ECRMNPresident@gmail.com (use sunasak@gmail.com for personal communication). We can use the President address when we switch to a new president.
- Any ideas for in-person meetings? Soon? Pamela suggests July, after making sure at next month's meeting. Connie says check with the state. Or we can wait it out? Sue Ann is looking for updated maps to see if Milam County and nearby counties are in the "green" zone or not. The map has not been updated since January.

Vice President Report (Donna Lewis): Tyler Lawson is unable to be a speaker, because he is moving. There is a speaker for June, Cheryl Lewis, who has spoken to the Master Gardeners. In August, Dr. Alston Thoms will talk. Dr. Crump will come in October. Our meeting at Bird and Bee Farm was successful.

Secretary Report (Sue Ann Kendall): Approve April minutes. Remember to send Sue Ann items you want to discuss at Chapter Meetings. Mike Connor moved to approve. Lisa Milewski seconded.

Treasurer Report (Michael Conner): Virtually no changes. No new dues. \$56.19 spent last month.

Committee Reports

Communications: Don Travis. Nothing new to report. Sue Ann now has access to Don's contacts, as does Janice Johnson, which will make communicating easier.

Don gets lots of questions with requests for the link to the Zoom meetings. You only have to register once per year, and just use the same link for every meeting.

Host: Sherry Colley. We are storing all the Master Naturalist items safely at the Hermit Haus. If anyone needs anything, Sue Ann can put them in the carport to be picked up.

Membership: Lisa Milewski.

Awards for May 2021:

- Recertifications:
 - Marian Buegeler
 - Carolyn Henderson
- Milestone:
 - Darlene Reynolds - 500 Hours
- Remember to enter your hours in QUARTER HOURS. 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, etc. Please round up.
- You need to make TWO entries if you attend both the speaker and the chapter meeting, VT and AT.

Class Update: Class: Kathy Lester. Planning will be underway soon. She did a survey of the last class that gave her a lot of helpful feedback. Field trips will happen for the next class, so please suggest ones you liked before or ideas for new ones. Last year's class will be invited to all field trips, since they missed out last year.

AT and VT: Pamela Neeley and Don Travis. Pamela has nothing. She is making notes about field trips. She may invite us to come observe and learn about her property's terrace operation.

State Representative: Linda Jo Conn –

- WOW award of the month Connie Anderle of a polyphemous moth. It was her first iNat observation.
- Check weekly email for other activities suggested by Linda Jo.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Sam Jolly has gone to Amarillo to live and be cared for by his family. We can send him cards, letters, etc., to wish him well. Cindy Travis has shared the address: 4125 Terrace Drive, Amarillo TX 79109.

Nature Stories:

- Ruby throated hummingbirds are migrating, says Donna.
- Phyllis put out a gallon of hummingbird food yesterday, which is a record for her. A quart is 25-30 birds.
- Dorothy's daughter killed a giant scorpion that was black. Suna will get an ID for it if she'll send a photo.
- Pamela's friend went walking near her beaver dam and saw a timber rattler.
- Suna saw painted buntings in South Carolina.
- Cathy Johnson's neighbors found a dog that was killed by a very large timber rattlesnake. She will share a photo.
- Lisa asked if the salmonella scare was over with bird feeders. Donna says that has moved on but recommends cleaning feeders weekly or at least monthly.

Adjourn: Donna Lewis moved to adjourn. Pamela Neeley seconded.

Hours:

Advanced Training Hours for this meeting AT At a Chapter Meeting: 1

Volunteer Hours for this meeting VT: Chapter Meeting .75



Polyphemus Moth

Antheraea polyphemus

Research Grade

<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/73144503>

Connie Anderle cameronnat

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Observation of the Month Award

April 2021

Connie's First iNaturalist Observation!