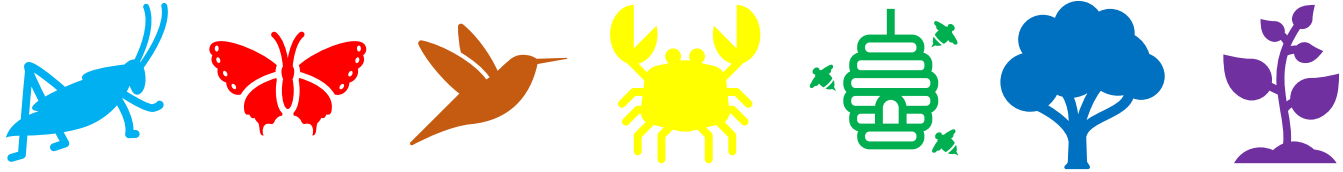


Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter

Chapter meeting – October 14, 2021

Zoom – register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>
If you have already registered, use the link you were sent.



Attendees: Marian Buegeler, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Carolyn Henderson, Catherine Johnson, Janice Johnson, Rosie Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Donna Lewis, Liz Lewis, Marsha May, Lisa Milewski, John Pruett, Jaclyn Robertson, Phyllis Shuffield, Debra Sorenson, Kim Summers, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis

Program: 6:15 pm

Tonight, we have Marsha May speaking about our friends the frogs and toads. Start 6:15, end 7:30.

Chapter Meeting after Presentation

President Report (Sue Ann Kendall):

- We will have a Board meeting in the next few weeks and decide the policy for what kinds of meetings we will hold going forward. The current guess is that we will return to in-person meetings in January and can hold the 2022 class in person, but we have not made a final decision.

Vice President Report (Donna Lewis): There is an iNaturalist event coming up in November on the 11th, and we will have a table along with the Master Gardeners. It will be at the Patterson Center in Rockdale. We will need to be there 9:30-12:30. Tonia Homayoun will be presenting. We are planning to do more with the Master Gardeners in the future. Upcoming speaker for November is Paul Crump on herps.

Secretary Report (Sue Ann Kendall): Approve September minutes. Remember to send Sue Ann items you want to discuss at Chapter Meetings. Carolyn Henderson moved to accept; Joyce Conner seconded.

Treasurer Report (Michael Conner): Shared costs of the class from the past two years. We discussed not doing so much newspaper advertising and doing more on Facebook, which will save over a thousand dollars. We can all share the announcement on our Facebook with our Facebook friends and other groups where we think we may find potential new students. That's free!

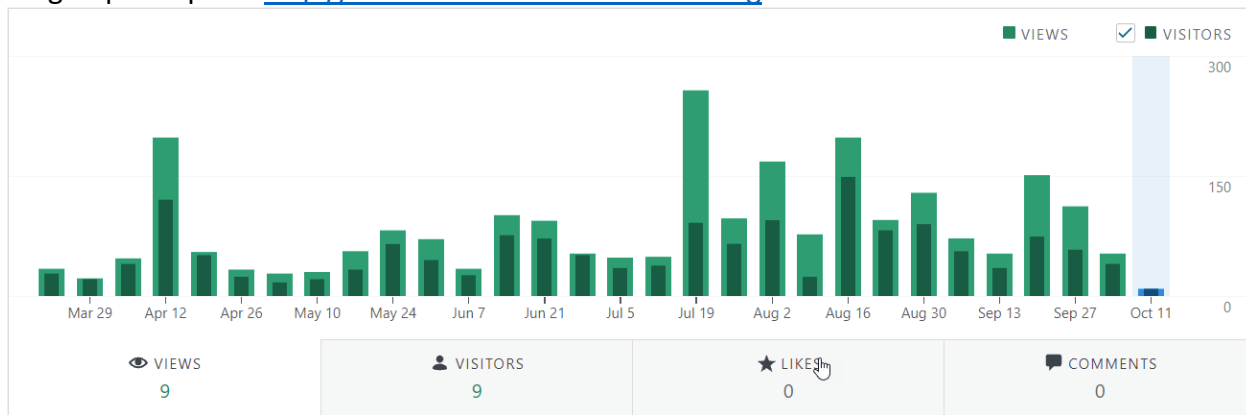
Please see the report at the end of the minutes to see the class costs document Mike shared.

Committee Reports

Communications: Don Travis. 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 until 2022.

Blog: Sue Ann Kendall. We get more visitors when we have posts, especially ones that appeal to the public. Also your likes, comments, and SHARES will make more people see it. Please visit our [Facebook page](#) or the

blog to participate! <http://www.ecrmasternaturalists.blog>



The time you spend writing a blog post and taking pictures for it counts as Community Outreach/Indirect! Here are a few stats:

- We had 11 posts in September and 102 so far this year. Thanks!
- We've had 3,873 visitors this year, more than last year already.
- We have 87 followers who get email updates from the blog.

Host: Sherry Colley. Items are stored in the Hermit Haus (old church) until we have space.

Membership: Lisa Milewski.

Awards for July 2021:

- Recertifications:
 - Kathy Lester
 - Elizabeth Lewis
 - Pamela Neeley
 - Phyllis Shuffield

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.

Linda Jo Conn will get her 4,000-hour pin from Michelle Haggerty at the conference, and Carolyn will take pictures. We are so thrilled for her!

Class Update: Class: Kathy Lester. (Not present) Get your copies of the class flyer and share the one on our Facebook page far and wide.

AT and VT: Pamela Neeley. (Not present)

State Representative: Linda Jo Conn.

- WOW award of the month for September: Carolyn Henderson for her many observations in September. Join the "Never Home Alone" project to share what you see at your house!
- Next BioBlitz! October 17-23 is the Wild Plants of Texas NPSOT (Native Plant Society of Texas) Challenge BioBlitz 2021. Observations of native plants are automatically added to project, but we encourage everyone to join the project to get that "badge" on their observation. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/wild-plants-of-texas-npsot-challenge-bioblitz-2021>

- iNaturalist is like learning to play baseball. Someone can show you all the parts of playing baseball, but if you never try it yourself, you'll never learn to do it. That is a very poor paraphrase.
- Check weekly email for other fun activities that will also get you volunteer hours, suggested by Linda Jo. We are grateful for her creativity! See the blog for reports.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Donna Lewis: What to do about items in storage. Can we get together and gather all the materials each of us has in storage? Should we get together and weed out things we don't plan to use? Plan is that people can call Suna to arrange drop-off times, or if people want to get together, that's fine. Just please weed out the stuff you think we won't be able to use in the future.

Nature Stories:

- Carolyn reports that Catherine Johnson has given some nice things to a friend and she reported it to the [Discover Cameron](#) Facebook page.

Adjourn: Donna Lewis moved we adjourn. Mike seconded.

Hours:

Advanced Training Hours for this meeting: AT At a Chapter Meeting – 1.25

Volunteer Hours for this meeting VT: Chapter Meeting - .75

Submitted by Sue Ann Kendall, October 15, 2021

El Camino Real TMN 2021 Financial Summary

Beginning Balance 5126.45

Income

Dues (some 2021, some 2022) 540.00

Amazon Smile 6.36

Reimburse masks, lanyards, shirts 114.26

Total Income 660.62

Expenses

Zoom expenses for 2021 179.88

New class mailings 209.00

Blog fees 118.00

New Class masks and lanyards 236.23

Earth Day refreshments 56.19

Brochure Printing 195.05

Total Expenses 814.47

Ending Balance 4972.60

New Class (most of this was last year)

Income

Registration fees 1,985.00

Expenses

Training books 490.00

Newspaper ads 1,262.75

Badges 84.50

Mailings 209.00

Lanyards, masks 121.97

Expense total 2,168.22

