



The GLC Tidings

From the President – Cindy Hobbs



WOW, what a year we had and the end of 2016 is around the corner. Mission accomplished running the AgriLife bookstore at the annual meeting. Thank you all. The Washington on the Brazos pollinator garden and classes for the public are a huge success. It would not have happened without the leadership and dedication of Allen and Karen Ginnard. Judy Deaton has the Indian Creek area looking great even after the rain washed some of it away. The Burton Cotton Gin Festival was well attended and received. We had a presence at the AG day events in every county, scholarship presentations for 4-H students in all 5 counties, and many other events throughout the year. We have built, cleaned and

constructed pens, counted chickens and collected seeds for the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge and rebuilt trails and installed plant ID plaques at Monument Hill. The Gideon Lincecum Memorial project at Winedale is coming along nicely now that a \$1000 contribution has been made and a planning committee is at work. The chapter held 6 advanced training sessions this year (counting Nov), and graduated the largest class we have ever had. I say, well done all. I'm proud to be associated with you.

November is a big month; the chapter meeting is the 19th at 9:00, followed by a program on bird banding at 10:30 am. We also have an **Open House** starting at 12:00 pm, on the 19th so please invite your neighbors and friends. This Open House will highlight our projects, mission and areas of interest in the five-county area. With that said, members need to bring in their Top Ten presentations to line the room. Our goal is to show the public first hand what we are about and the projects we are involved in. Committee chairs please contact me directly about your presentations and contributions to the Open House. This is a big event for the chapter so please come and share your experiences and knowledge with interested guests. *["From the President" is continued on page 2.]*

Chapter Meeting, Program & Open House in November



Join us Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Winedale Meadows Education Center near Round Top. The Chapter Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m., and the Advanced Training Program begins at 10:30. This Program is free and open to the public. The topic is "Bird Banding", presented by **Sumita Prasada**, Master Bird Bander. And following the program, a light lunch will be served during an "open house" highlighting our fun diverse projects in our 5-county area and showing more about the 2017 Training Course that begins in January. Spread the word and invite a friend to join you.

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Dues (\$20.00 annually per person), are due by 31 Dec 2016 for the 2017 year. You can pay online on our website txmn.org/glc, or bring payment to the chapter meeting or mail to our treasurer Christine Morrison, PO Box 99, Ellinger, TX 78938. We want to get ahead of this process this year. A bargain at twice the price.

Committee Chairs/Directors - Christine and I need your proposed budgets for 2017. I would like to get a head of this as well this year. PLEASE submit your budget no later than the December Christmas Party for the 2017 year.

Chapter Christmas Party, is Sunday December 4th at the Country Place Hotel, 201 W. Fayette St, Fayetteville. Members please bring a side dish and your beverage of choice; the chapter will provide the meats and dessert, the President will supply the wine. Bring your significant other and share in some Gideon Lincecum cheer. I hope to see all of you there.

The 2017 Training Class is off to a great start with 16 applications already. Thank you everyone. I listened to some of the presidents of other chapters at the annual meeting and I left with a huge appreciation for all of you. It's been your talking with the public that's filling our class again this year. As usual, you are the reason this chapter is a success.

Submission of Hours: Please, please, please log your hours in November and December promptly, Carol Daniels must put together a large report for State at the end of the year and she can't do that until the hours are posted.

Super Star: I want to congratulate Dave Redden, member, past president and TMN/GLC super star on his 4,000 hour pin and Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, ideas and proposals to make our chapter better. – **Cindy Hobbs**



17th Annual Meeting

Just a few of those who attended the annual meeting and managed the apparel store under the leadership of Chris Morrison & Cindy Hobbs "we get by with a little help from our friends".

Congrats to Dave Redden (4th from left) for receiving his pin and plaque for 4,000 hours of service!!!!

Consider a few amazing TMN statewide accomplishments:

* 758 new members were trained by 46 chapters in 2015.

* 429,134 service hours

were provided in 2015, * valued at \$9.87 million in economic impact. * In our 17th year, we have a corps of 10,430 trained volunteers.

Patrick & Cathleen Dunne (class of 2016) attended their first annual meeting (congrats on your “First Year

Certifications”) and went on the field trip to the Sam Houston National Forest to explore the prairie restoration efforts there. [Left]



First migrating Monarchs we've seen this Fall. Enjoying the nectar of cowpen daisies at our place. [Below]
- Patrick Dunne



Lee County Ag Awareness Day on October 20th: “Kids Beware What’s Out There”



250 4th graders attended from schools including Immanuel Lutheran, Giddings ISD,



Lexington, and Dime Box. Thank you to Donna Mueller, Lefty & LuAn Yarnold, Debra Namken, Debra Healy, Dave Redden, Judith Deaton and her daughter, Wendy on a job well done! There was class participation & learning about irritant plants, venomous insects, and the Zika virus and Chagas disease. And we were treated to hot dogs & Frito pie... a great day! Our TMN-GLC chapter was a participant in every county’s AG day this year and we are planning our presentations to be bigger and better than ever in 2017. Contact Donna Mueller (donnaz.mueller@icloud.com) to be a part of AG day for your county.



On the Wild Side at the Fair

At the Washington County Fair, our very own TMN-GLC snake charmer did his magic with sidekick Eastern Hognose. Little girls and little boys were delighted. With Lori Buffum, Steve Jackson, Jim Wilson, Debra Kollman at the Thursday night 4-8 shift in the TPWD room. What fun!

Butterflies & Beetles in Burton



Judy Deaton at Indian Creek in Burton shares her pictures of a Long-tailed skipper and a mystery beetle (can someone ID?). We also saw a Julia, a Monarch, a Queen, a Gulf fritillary, and a Sulphur.

Indian Creek Nature Park by Judith Deaton

Rarely do we see TMNers sitting down on the job so we captured this photo quickly as the crew took a well-earned rest in the butterfly garden after weeding, mulching, pruning, trail repairing, and generally "winterizing" Indian Creek nature park in Burton. Thanks Steve Jackson, Judy Deaton, Leada Dietz, Ann Ray, Dave Redden, Tom Scanio AND Jan Redden, Betsy Palkowsky, Nora Knowles, Susan Scanio. Then, a few days later, we delivered cedar posts for the trail edging. Thanks a bunch to Tom and Susan Scanio for the donation and to Dave Redden for the use of his world class trailer and to both of them for a lot of hard work. Much appreciated. We also planted one of the tiny Redbud sprouts (given out at the Annual Meeting thanks to Apache) at the edge of the terraced bed. A couple more Redbud sprouts will be nurtured over the winter at Lori Buffum's place then planted at a to-be-determined location at Indian Creek.



Collecting Seed on Quebe Prairie



Quebe Prairie 2016, beautiful Indiangrass, Little Bluestem, Big Bluestem and Switchgrass that we harvested today. A good day indeed!!! Donna Mueller with Charlotte Von Rosenberg and others.

Chapter Seed Bank – by Betsy Palkowsky

We have an inventory of the current forbs and grass seeds that are available in the chapter's seed collection. I will bring the collection to the November chapter meeting should anyone want to take some of the seeds home for planting. Contributions to the collection are always welcome. Bring any seeds you would like to share to the chapter meeting and I'll get them added to the inventory. [bpalkowsky@outlook.com] The inventory can be found on our website using the following link: http://txmn.org/glc/files/2010/07/TMN-GLC_Seed_inventory.pdf

Attwater Activities Past Present Future by Butch Young

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge near Eagle Lake is one of the chapter's biggest projects. Here are a few of the activities accomplished or planned to wrap up the year.

Russ Healy (Debra's husband), Charlie Winker (class of 2017), and Butch Young spent a morning using all tools available to remove Chinese tallow from a corner of the refuge. Clusters of small trees were mowed with a boom mower, larger trees were chain sawed and taken across firebreak into the burn areas, and trees that were inaccessible were basal sprayed with triclopyr and diesel. All cut trees were also sprayed. We also started prairie restoration on a 128-acre pasture in their 3500 acre Austin County property. Russ Healy and Butch Young plowed the field twice, used a land plane to level, then rolled it with a large roller. On Monday Nov. 7 we began planting using a no till drill and pulling the roller behind. Quail served as guides during the plowing.

On Monday Nov. 28 the Peaches (Ron and MaryAnn), Cindy Rodibaugh, Ann Ray, Mark Brown, Steve Jackson and Butch will be assisting Jennifer Romero (Attwater staff) to cut back and thin the display garden. We will take the plants that are removed, divide them into small clumps then replant on the old railroad and around the Sycamore trail. In December we have four acclimation pens to take down and move to new locations. Contact Butch Young if you can help.



The Rainwater Simulator - a report by Donna Mueller



At the Wildlife Habitat Federation's Native Prairie Discovery Tour, held on Oct 7, 2016 at Cat Springs, Colorado County, there was a dramatic demonstration. This is an annual Fall event worth noting in your events calendar for next year and counts as AT (Advanced Training) hours. Rainwater simulator being demonstrated by Garry Stephens, Biologist/Consultant for WHF. A superb comparison of rainwater percolation variation from bare ground to a native pasture cover of Little Bluestem.

So how do you find out about these fantastic educational programs? Keep in touch with your Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents. There is a wealth of information available that will benefit you. The public is welcome to attend

educational programs. The Gideon Lincecum Chapter covers 5 counties. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office contacts: Austin County AgriLife: 979-865-2072 Colorado County AgriLife: 979-732-2530 Fayette County AgriLife: 979-968-5831 Lee County AgriLife: 979-542-2753 Washington County AgriLife: 979-277-6212

Bookmark the TMN-GLC Chapter website:

<http://txmn.org/glc/>

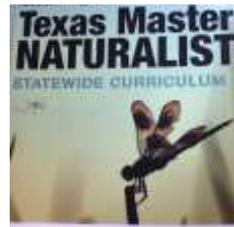
Keep your contact information up to date with the chapter.

Send any changes or corrections to

glcmembershipcommittee@hotmail.com

Make sure you are logging your hours into the VMS

<http://txmn.org/tmn-hours-entry/>



Now Enrolling

Our chapter is now accepting applications for the **2017 Training Class**. Please help spread the word. For more information and to apply online, visit <http://txmn.org/glc/about/to-apply-for-2010/>

Plant ID Signs Help Educate Visitors to Monument Hill

Patrick McLaugherty (class of 2016) joined a dedicated rock busting group at Monument Hill installing some great looking plaques identifying and describing native plants on the trails. Thanks to the park employees for critical assistance, cool tools and gator aid and iced water. A great effort by the group. Still more to do! C'mon cool weather!

To help with continuing efforts at Monument Hill Historic Site in La Grange, contact Karen Woods or Donna Mueller



TMN-GLC Flickr Group

The [Gideon Lincecum Master Naturalist Chapter](#) group has been created on the [Flickr website](#). This is a place to share the great nature photos you've taken. Please contact Betsy for assistance with Flickr: email bpalkowsky@outlook.com phone 281-728-3555. Full instructions and guidelines can be found printed in our *May 2016 GLC Tidings*.

Chapter Meetings (and AT programs):

November 19, 2016, January 21, 2017

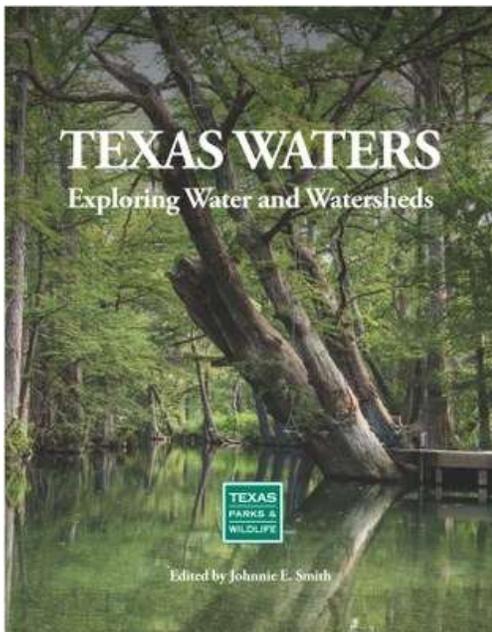
Chapter Christmas Party

Sunday December 4th, 4-8 pm

TMN-GLC Training Class Begins:

January 23, 2017

Texas Waters Specialist Training – a report from Patrick Dunne



Cathleen and I attended the Texas Waters Day meeting at the 17th Annual Meeting of the TMN near Conroe, TX on October 21. The training program requires participants to accumulate 8 hours of Advanced Training, including Texas Waters Day that we attended (4 hours), and 4 additional 1-hour online webinars through 2017. The program promotes the development of a corps of well-informed volunteer specialists who provide education, outreach and service aimed at the management of aquatic habitats within our communities. A new, gorgeously illustrated textbook, “Texas Waters: Exploring Water and Watersheds” by Johnnie Smith covers the curriculum that volunteers are expected to be familiar with in their outreach activities. Johnnie provided us with additional copies of this book for any members of our Chapter who may be interested in joining us (it’s free). [Contact Patrick for more information at pdunne@cvctx.com .]

Learn more about the TPWD Water Education programs here:

<http://tpwd.texas.gov/education/water-education/texaswatersprogram/texaswaters> .

Gulf-Houston Monarch Flyway Strategy Summit – a report from Patrick Dunne

Cathleen and I attended the Summit at the Houston Zoo Education Center as representatives of our Chapter on November 1. The Summit was organized into breakout sessions where group members presented their ideas about a topic and reached a written consensus that was then further discussed at a general session of all participants. Three major topics were hashed out: outreach and education, habitat restoration, and government regulation reform. I attended one of the habitat restoration breakouts where I emphasized the need to engage rural private landowners and managers in restoration activities in the 8-county region and not just concentrate on large-scale acquisition of properties in the public domain. The habitat group organizers asked me to attend future meetings. I will keep our Chapter informed of future developments.

Texas Native Tree Restoration Project by Daniel Lewis

[From Donna Mueller: I did get volunteer hours approval from our chapter. The time spent collecting seeds will count as volunteer hours. Members can bring the seeds to me at our meetings or take them directly to Daniel at the Texas Forest Service office in La Grange.]

I would like to enlist your help in collecting seed from certain native tree species in our area. Here is the list of native Texas trees we need to collect seed from http://txmn.org/glc/files/2010/07/Texas-Tree_Seed-Collection-Needs-2016.pdf .

Many nurseries and especially the big box stores, tend to offer up a selection of trees and plants that are not exactly suited for planting within the areas they are sold. To be successful in earth-wise landscaping it is important to plant the right plant in the right place. Plants from other parts of the country are frequently poorly suited to our conditions of soil texture, pH, rainfall amount and intervals between rain, high and low temps, etc.

No matter where you get the seedlings you plant, you will still need to do your homework on where and what you plant. You need to be able to match up the needs of your plants to what your site can provide. All of these considerations are even more important when you are trying to replant natives on a larger landscape scale where the plants are not likely to get extended care during seedling establishment. Just because a tree is a Texas native doesn't necessarily mean it will thrive on any soil or site anywhere in Texas!

Every year the TFS Foresters collect native seeds from the Central Texas area to be grown out for planting back into our area. These trees will then be offered for sale at very reasonable rates to Landowners in this area, as well as other central Texas areas that have been ravaged by oak wilt.

Our nursery took a hit last year from a bad windstorm that took out the greenhouse. The greenhouse has been repaired but production is down due to the delay and lost production time. Consequently, our selections for this year are very slim compared to years past. You can learn more about the nursery here: <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/CentralTexasRestorationandRecoveryProgram/>

As part of this seed collection effort I will be working on developing an education program for you guys that focuses on seed collection, seed storage, and seed propagation. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to collect your own seed and then propagate those plants yourself. You would then be able to inexpensively grow more plants from your own trees within your specific area and soil type!

I encourage you to please offer your assistance to me in my effort to get more native trees available to us within this area. We can use this effort to learn more about the process of collecting your own seed and becoming successful in planting and establishing those native plants back into our own landscapes.

Be thinking about some areas that you may be aware of that would be good for seed collection. In the meantime I will be working on developing a program on this topic and coming up with some dates that we could get together to do some seed collecting.

Thanks. Daniel Lewis, CF, Staff Forester III, Texas A&M Forest Service PO Box G La Grange, TX 78945 (979-968-5555)

Chapter Resources Keep You Informed, On Track, and In Touch

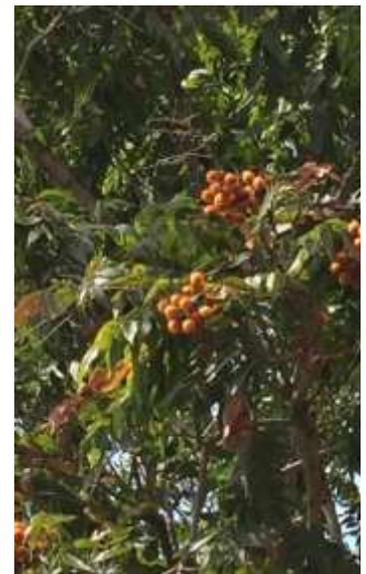
Texas Master Naturalist Website <http://txmn.org/> - the state website

Gideon Lincecum Chapter Website <http://txmn.org/glc> - visit often for event listings and more; no login required

TMN – GLC Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21969044537/> - find us on Facebook and ask to join

Online Volunteer Management System: Go to the state website to log your volunteer and advanced training hours: <http://txmn.org/tmn-vms-users/> and then to the login page: <http://txmn.org/tmn-hours-entry/> You can bookmark the login page for easy quick access to your logbook.

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Soapberry tree at Yegua Creek SP Somerville. Gorgeous just now. I googled it and found out it's in the lychee family - Judy Deaton