



## Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist™

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# NEWS

### ***NATIVE PRAIRIE REMNANT RECOGNITION***

In cooperation with our partners, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, our chapter is taking the lead on a program to recognize landowners who have protected portions of the Tallgrass Prairie ecosystem which used to cover millions of acres stretching from Texas to Canada. If this program is successful, it may expand to the rest of the state.

A native prairie remnant is a portion of land that has never been plowed or used for crop farming; it has not been overly grazed or otherwise used in ways that would destroy the native plants and animals that live there. Historically many of these remnants were saved from other use by serving as hay meadows for the farm animals that were used to work the land before the widespread use of motorized equipment.

The July 9 *Managing for Wildlife and Livestock Symposium* in Cat Spring was the occasion to recognize five landowners in the four counties of Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington. Charlotte von Rosenberg, leader of the Native Prairie Project, made the official presentations on behalf of the chapter. Each landowner received a gate sign and framed certificate.

The first five landowners to be recognized for their conservation efforts in protecting this land are:

- Fred and Bernadine Blum of Burton, Washington County
- Frank and Vickie Monk of Bellville, Austin County
- Jim and Belinda Weatherly of Industry, Austin County
- Bert and Wilda Pecore of Round Top, Fayette County, and
- Bill and Charlotte von Rosenberg of Brenham, Washington County



Charlotte von Rosenberg made the presentations. Below are Frank Monk, Fred and Bernadine Blum, Bert and Wilda Pecore and Jim and Belinda Weatherly.



## ***SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18***

### **Chapter Business Meeting**

*9:00 am, Conference Room at Winedale*

All members are invited. Come to see how you can be involved in our chapter's activities.

### **Program**

### ***FREE and Open to the Public***

*1:00 –3:00 pm, Conference Room at Winedale*

### ***Rainbow in the Soil*** ***Pat Richardson, Ph. D.***

Research Fellow, Integrative Biology  
University of Texas at Austin

Join Dr. Patricia Richardson, for a discussion of nature's incredible biological complexity beneath our feet.

Learn how to manage toward soil life biodiversity and perhaps even create land that will inspire a rainbow!

What does a rainbow have to do with living soil? What's bigger than bacteria, but smaller than earthworms, and plays an essential role in cycling nutrients and dispersing bacteria and fungi in soil and plants? Soil mesofauna – learn about them and see video footage of colorful, charismatic, middle sized, soil-building critters in action.

## ***COMING UP***

**August 20, 21—Texas Wildlife Short Course**

**September 4—Homecoming and Dedication of Gideon Lincecum Cabin**

**September 18—Business Meeting and Program**

**September 25—South Central Texas Water Conservation Conference**

**October 9—Nails Creek Open House**

**October 22-24—State Master Naturalist Annual Meeting**

## ***OPEN HOUSE AT NAILS CREEK STATE PARK***

***Saturday, October 9***

Plans are underway for a day of activities and fun at Nails Creek State Park at Lake Somerville. The purpose will be to highlight the park's attractions for visitors.

We will put up our tent, where we can display our chapter projects, as we did at the Burton Cotton Gin Festival in April (see photos). We'll have general information about our chapter, the Native Prairie Remnant recognition program, and some fun exhibits for children. If you'd like to help with greeting visitors or leading an activity for children, please contact [Dave Redden](#).



## ***TEXAS WILDLIFE SHORT COURSE***

***Friday & Saturday, August 20 & 21***  
***Brazos County Exposition Center, Bryan***

Texas AgriLife Extension and the Texas Wildlife Association will sponsor this event. Dr. Jim Cathey, Texas Master Naturalist liaison with Extension, asks for volunteer assistance. Help is needed with several youth activities and also with registration and other logistical tasks. If you'd like to volunteer, contact [Sonny Arnold](#), Assistant Director, Texas Master Naturalist. See details at <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu>, keyword, "wildlife."

## *HISTORIC GIDEON LINCECUM CABIN HAS NEW HOME*

Some of you will recall graduation for the Fall class of 2007 of Gideon Lincecum Chapter at the Outpost Inn at Round Top. We had a photo of our gathering taken in front of the cabin which was once Gideon Lincecum's home in Longpoint.

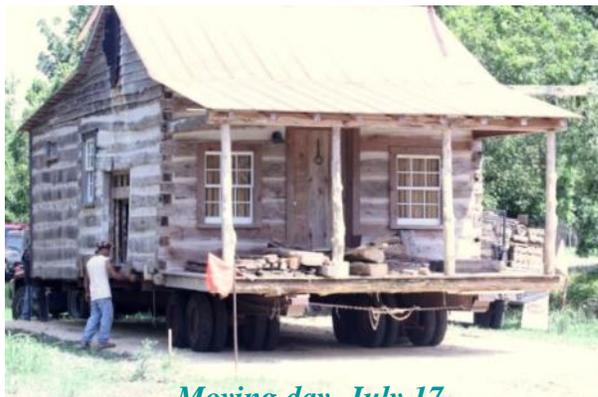
Through the efforts of one of Lincecum's descendants, Mark Lincecum, and chapter members Larry Joe and Joanne Doherty, the historic cabin has been relocated close to its original location where Gideon Lincecum lived and worked during the 19th century.

Mark Lincecum, of Sugar Land, is the great, great, great grandson of Gideon Lincecum; he was able to purchase the cabin from the Outpost Inn. Larry Joe and Joanne provided a small tract of land at the corner of Longpoint Rd and SR 309 for the cabin.

Moving day was on Saturday, July 17. Mark and his son, Grant, were on hand, along with the Dohertys.



*The chapter gathers outside of the cabin at the 2007 graduation at the Outpost.*



*Moving day, July 17*

*You're invited  
HOMECOMING and  
DEDICATION of  
GID LINCECUM'S CABIN*

*Saturday, September 4  
4:00pm*

*At its new site:  
5355 Longpoint Rd at SR 390  
Burton*

A dedication of the cabin will be followed by refreshments and socializing at Larry Joe and Joanne Doherty's Longstar Ranch nearby.

Jerry Lincecum, who has written extensively about his relative, will be on hand—probably in period dress—with entertaining anecdotes and tidbits about "Gid."

RSVP to [Joanne Doherty](#).



*Mark Lincecum and Larry Joe Doherty contemplate just the right location.*

## LUTHER HILL CAMP PROJECT

*Cindy Rodibaugh*

At Lutherhill Ministries Camp, north of La Grange, Larry Hilgers, Cheryl Karr, Daniel Lewis, and Cindy Rodibaugh are working with Jen Kindswatter, a camp administrator, to identify and label trees along the nature trails. We welcome the recent addition of Richard Hartin to our group.

We have finished the first steps of our project with help from Daniel Lewis, who works with the Texas Forest Service. The trees have been identified and tagged and photos of the leaves and bark have been taken. Seventeen species of trees and understory shrubs, such as yaupon and American beautyberry, were identified.

Our next steps include:

1. Develop teaching materials (Cindy)
2. Document GPS tree locations (Larry and Daniel)
3. Provide a sample signage post (any volunteers?)
4. Keep ideas flowing (everyone)!

If you'd like to get involved, contact [Cindy Rodibaugh](#).



**Post Oak**  
*Quercus stellata*

## Message from the Vice Pres:

I hope ya'll had a great summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you in September... isn't there a tune by that title?

I would like to thank all of the members who have stepped forward to volunteer to help with chapter operations for next year.

Voting for next year's chapter leaders will be held at our Christmas party, which is not that far away.

If you would like your name to be placed on the ballot for a board position or would like to nominate someone for President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact one of the members on the nominating committee: Cindy Rodibaugh - Chairman, Debbie Copeland, Wes Davenport, Mary Jones, Jacquy Pearson before November 1.

Thanks, [Cindy Rodibaugh](#), Vice President  
361-865-0107

**Calling all members:** Get your photos or journal entries, or a combination of both, into the **Gideon Lincecum TMN Chapter Journal 2010 Edition.**

Please send to: [Cindy Rodibaugh](#)  
2408 Young Lane  
Flaton, Tx 78941

**Deadline: October 1**

Our next **Top Ten Social** will be after the New Year. Start planning your presentation **NOW!**





The children at Christ Lutheran Preschool in Brenham show varying degrees of enthusiasm for the butterfly release that is about to take place. Dave Redden supplied the school with Monarch butterfly caterpillars along with milkweed branches, so the kids could watch the development of adult monarchs.



## Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting

October 22-24

T bar M Ranch Resort  
New Braunfels

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## What's Your Water Footprint?

South Central Texas  
Water Conservation  
Conference



**Saturday, September 25**

8:30 am-3:00 pm

Washington County Fairgrounds  
Event Center, Brenham

\$15 before Sept 1

\$20 after Sept 1

(Includes lunch)

### TOPICS

- How we use water
- Your personal water footprint
- Pollution costs
- Technology to create more water

Download registration form at  
[wcwildlife.org](http://wcwildlife.org) or register online

Sponsors: AgriLife Extension, TPWD, Washington County Wildlife Society, Texas Wildlife Association, Gideon Lincecum MNs, Bluebonnet Master Gardeners, LaBahia Chapter of Native Plant Society



Gid's Cabin

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Contact [Jan Redden](mailto:Jan.Redden@texaswildlife.org) with your story ideas  
and news items