



Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist™ *NEWS*

December
2010



Gideon Lincecum Chapter *HOLIDAY PARTY*

It was a festive gathering on Saturday, December 11, for the annual Holiday Party and Business Meeting. The Meadows classroom at Winedale was overflowing with Master Naturalists, good food and good cheer. At the meeting we elected our new officers for 2011. They along with the past president make up the new chapter officers:

President: [Cindy Rodibaugh](#)

Vice President: [Art Wammel](#)

Treasurer: [Tom Yates](#)

Secretary: [LeMae Higgs](#)

Past President: [Dave Redden](#)



New president, Cindy Rodibaugh, presents a gift to outgoing president Dave Redden, in recognition of his service to the chapter.



Gael Burke receives her certification along with several others, from Carol Daniels. See page 2.

Lefty Yarnold hands out door prizes.

Photos by Marilyn Eppler

WHO'S IN THE NEWS ...

At the Holiday Party, the following people were recognized for their volunteer service:

Initial Certification in 2010:

Gael Burke
Wes Davenport
Marilyn Eppler
Madeline Johnson

Recertification 2010:

Carol Daniels	Jacquy Pearson
Larry Hilgers	Lefty Yarnold
Mary Jones	LuAn Yarnold
Ed Koslosky	Belinda Weatherly
Martha Koslosky	Jim Weatherly

250+ Hours:

Linda Behrend
Judy Deaton
Gene Luhn
Jacquy Pearson
Cindy Rodibaugh
David Vogel
Charlotte von Rosenberg

1000+ Hours:

Jan Redden



2011 DUES ARE DUE

Dues are \$25 for each member household.

If your dues have not been received by March 1, your name will be dropped from the membership roll. Send your 2011 chapter dues to [Tom Yates](#), 6401 Trackside, Chappell Hill, TX, 77426

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, January 15

9:00 am - 11:00 am, Winedale Meadows Classroom

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

PROGRAM

Saturday, January 15

12:00 Noon—2:00 pm, Winedale Meadows Classroom

Water Stewardship: The Individual Landowner and the Municipal Challenge

Wes Davenport, Gideon Lincecum Chapter member

David Van Dresar, General Manager, Fayette County Ground Water Conservation District

Program is **FREE** and open to the public

From Your President,

I would like to thank all the GLTMN members who have volunteered to take on leadership roles for our chapter this coming year, 2011.

I would also like to thank every member who has helped lead the chapter from its inception, 2005, to its present state of success—105 members.

We have grown and with so many opportunities available to be explored, we have the potential to continue to impact land and wildlife stewardship within our 5-county location. Let's keep the momentum going. Thank you,

Cindy Rodibaugh
Gideon Lincecum Chapter President

COMING UP

What Can A Master Naturalist Do During The Long, Cold, Winter Days of January and February?

Why, put together a Top Ten Presentation, of course! Then present your Top Ten at the February 19 Social. Call or e-mail Carol Paulson, at 979-251-9384, or cspaulson@hughes.net to sign up. I can help you with your presentation format, particularly if it is Power Point, and go over the guidelines for presentation with you.

Carol Paulson, Top Ten project leader

TOP TEN SOCIAL

Saturday, February 19

Winedale Dining Hall

5:30 pm: Social

6:00 pm: Buffet meal

Provided: pork loin, tea, coffee

BYOB

Bring a covered dish: salad, vegetable or dessert

7:00 pm: Top Ten Presentations

LuAn and Lefty Yarnold, Host committee

2011 TRAINING CLASS

Saturday, January 29 - early May

Most of our speakers are in place. A class in aquatics will be added this time. There will be a forestry field trip, led by Daniel Lewis and a soils field trip, led by Christine Morgan. Stay tuned for more details soon. Contact [Judith Deaton](mailto:Judith.Deaton@hughes.net) if you know someone who would like to join.

A REMINDER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Carol Daniels and Jacquy Pearson

The end of the year is such a busy time that we hate to ask you to send in your hours immediately—BUT WE MUST! All of your volunteer and AT hours reports are due to us no later than December 31. An edict came down from the state that 2010 hours not received by December 31, cannot be counted—EVER! That seems a might lacking in the holiday spirit to us, but please take a few minutes to get them to us as soon as possible. The annual report is quite time-consuming for us to compile, so your help will be greatly appreciated.

A couple of hints: if you have submitted your previous hours in a timely fashion, and have something to add to a previous quarter, please mark it in some fashion so that we'll know to add it in. That way, we'll only have to look at your 4th quarter hours and will be a real timesaver.

For repetitive activities such as nest watch and CoCoRaHS, it is acceptable to report your totals on a weekly or even monthly basis. For example, since you are allowed to count only 5 minutes a day for CoCoRaHS, you could report 2.5 hours for the month of December. Or report your nest watch activities as a weekly total. And it is acceptable to round your time to the nearest 15 minutes.

Thank you in advance for submitting your hours—and for your patience in helping Jacquy and me make our transition. Martha is a tough act to follow, but we are doing our best.

Happy holidays
to you all,

Carol Daniels and
Jacquy Pearson

T E X A S



SEED COLLECTION WORKSHOP

Cecil Rives, Native Prairie Committee

The Native Prairie Restoration Committee sponsored a Seed Collecting Workshop at the Winedale facility in October. NRCS experts, Shelly Maher and John Reilly, from the E."Kika" de la Garza Plant Materials Center in Kingsville, made the presentation.

John gave us a slide show quiz on "pollinators," which include butterflies, bats, bees and birds (hummingbirds) by golly! Shelly enlightened us on how to harvest, process and store seeds.

There was also a display of seeds in various stages of maturity. After the lecture we examined the areas surrounding the Winedale facility and identified a number of prairie plants.

If anyone is interested in serving on the Prairie Restoration Committee please contact [Randy Reddeman](#) or [Cecil Rives](#).



Cindy Rodibaugh, Elisa Henderson and Debbie Copeland identify a prairie plant.

EXXON MOBIL GRANT RECEIVED

Our chapter has received another \$2,000 grant from ExxonMobil, as a part of a program in which its retirees earn grants for the organizations where they volunteer.

Volunteers in Action

LUTHER HILL

Cindy Rodibaugh

Recently numbered markers were placed at each of the trees identified by the GLTMN members along the east fence line trail at Lutherhill Ministries Camp. Larry Hilgers, Richard Hartin, and Arnie, a camp maintenance employee, with a little help from Cindy Rodibaugh, pounded, dug and drilled holes for the placement of the markers.

A picture guide book of the 25 trees numbered has been completed and presentation to the Lutherhill staff is pending.

This project was begun in February, 2010 and completed in December.



Richard and Larry dig holes for the posts.



Richard Hartin, Cindy Rodibaugh and Larry Hilgers take a break.

L.A.N.D.S.

Cindy Rodibaugh

I attended my first L.A.N.D.S (Learning Across New Dimensions in Science) program December 8, with several GLTMN veterans, on a cold windy day at Kerr Creek Farm, north of Burton.

Sponsors and instructors of the program included TPWD, Texas AgriLife, NRCS, Texas Wildlife Association, and Brenham ISD school teachers. The focus of this event was Deer Field Investigation Day.

130 8th grade students were expected to learn about 5 aspects of deer:

- General—presented by a local veterinarian
- Anatomy—deer opened and organ placement observed
- Musculoskeletal—skinning and meat use
- Reproductive—fawns in utero
- Habitat and diet

This was a very NEW Dimension for me: watching a deer get skinned, emptying the deer's stomach to determine what it was eating, looking for signs where the deer had browsed (stem counts), observing a deer fetus. Wow. What a neat day!

Watching these educators explain to the 8th graders the life cycle and needs of the deer was a lot of fun. I encourage our members to get involved.



8th graders get a lesson in deer anatomy.

INDIAN CREEK NATURE AREA



David Vogel hangs the latest addition to the area's amenities.

WHO AM I?



Photos by Carol Paulson

Answers: Red Admiral (top); Queen (bottom)

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Contact [Jan Redden](#) with your story ideas
and news items