

The GLC Tidings

June 2024

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Board Meeting – June 28, 2024

Chapter Meeting – July 20, 2024

From the President



Sheri Wilcox

Our May meeting is always a joyful one as we welcome a new class of graduates. The Class of 2024 had five members achieve their initial certification at graduation, which I am certain must be a chapter record. One of the things I enjoy most about serving on our training committee is the opportunity to share the excitement of our new members as they learn from each of our expert speakers. My personal favorite is the botany day. Grasses are, for me, endlessly fascinating and simultaneously frustrating. Tim Siegmund led our field trip to Quebe Prairie. Any day spent with Tim on a prairie is a day well spent. About an hour into the field trip, Tim pointed out that we had covered about 20 feet into the prairie, and quipped that he “moves at the speed of botany.” That is my new mantra. I hope each of you remembers a class or has found a topic that inspires you to keep learning. As you meet our new members in the field or at a chapter meeting, please take a minute to introduce yourself and let them know how glad we are to have them join us in our naturalist adventures.

This spring, we have kicked off several new volunteer projects that will bring varied opportunities for our members.

- Those of you who attended our May meeting heard firsthand from the leaders of our bat monitoring project. TPWD’s selection of the Texas Master Naturalists statewide to implement this important new citizen science program is a testament to their faith in the commitment of our TMN volunteers. I had the privilege of hosting a monitor in May. I must admit to a fair amount of curiosity about what will be found among the 1,369 recordings the monitor made in its four nights on my property.
- Our new nature-walk volunteer program at San Felipe de Austin Historic Site kicked off in April. While the heat has been a challenge, the opportunity to tie together the human and natural history of one of the most important sites in Texas history is a delight. If you have not been to San Felipe de Austin Historic Site

From the President (continued)

recently (or ever), come take a walk with us on the last Sunday of the month. Among the many things you will learn is how early settlers calmed their toothaches using the bark of a tree, how chinaberry trees came to San Felipe, and how to make the ink William Barrett Travis used to write his famous “victory or death” letter from the Alamo.

- Watch for some new opportunities coming from our GLC Texas Waters Group. Our Texas Stream Team group has been formed to begin water quality testing on area waterways. Training for team members will start in June. Monthly training is available, so there will be plenty of opportunities to join us. We have some other ideas in development, so watch for more information. All chapter members are welcome to attend our monthly group meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

So many choices and, hopefully, one that fits every member of our chapter.

Summer’s heat forces us to slow our steps and gives us the gift of time to observe and reflect. We can’t, after all, dig that hole or mow that field or do any of the thousand things still on our to-do list today. Emily Dickinson, one of my favorite poets, writes this about the power of reflection:

To Make a Prairie (1755)

*To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,
One clover, and a bee.
And revery.*



State Information



#TMNTuesdays 2024



June 11, 12 PM: Volunteer Safety in the Field
Speaker Kathy Granillo, Refuge Manager, USFWS

July 9 (topic TBA)

#TMNTuesday [#TMNTuesdays \(tamupress.com/tmntuesday\)](https://tamupress.com/tmntuesday)

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San Marcos, Texas

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Membership Memo



By Chris Morrison, Membership Director

Please congratulate these members for earning certifications and awards that were presented at the May chapter meeting:

- **Initial Certification** (the first 40 volunteer and 8 Advanced Training hours logged, marked by a certificate and a green dragonfly pin) – Wanda Anglin, Tim Brooking, Georgia Canfield, Cindy McMorran, Sheril Smith. They are members of the class of 2024, graduating and receiving initial certification on the same day! Yah-Hoo!
- **Recertification** for 2024 (Diamondback Rattlesnake pin) – Chuck Babb, Marcia Braun, Lori Buffum, Karen Dean, Judy Deaton, Ken English, Linda Esco, Marvelyn Granger, Trey Granger, Frank Michel, Ann Ray, Betty Scardino, Dottie Schoeneberg, Connie Shortes, Jon Watkins, Barry Zeluff.
- **250 all-time hours** (bronze dragonfly pin) – Susan Vanderworth.
- **500 all-time hours** (pewter dragonfly pin) – Debra Healy and Swee Leng Rapatz.
- **1,000 all-time hours** (gold dragonfly pin) – Karen Gardner

Looking for ways to get your hours in, but you can't go to outdoor projects very often? Consider participating in Citizen Science projects and Virtual Volunteer Service Fair projects.

We have a variety of **Citizen Science** projects that our members do. A sampling of them is listed under Activities on the What We Do tab of the chapter website. More specific names are found in the document "VMS for the Chapter Member" on the website in Documents & Forms under the Members Area tab. Count the birds at your feeder, record the rain measurement each day, look for birds or other wildlife and report them to one of the Texas Nature Tracker projects on iNaturalist or other bird projects on eBird, etc.

Watch the recording of the **TMN Virtual Volunteer Service Fair**, which was the April, 2024 TMN Tuesday program. Pick something that you'd enjoy doing, like transcribing data for the BRIT Herbarium project or other projects. These are done whenever you have spare time.

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors about the Texas Master Naturalist Program. YOU are our best 'advertisement'! Thank you for being a TMN volunteer. Every hour of volunteer time that you log is equal to more than \$23.00 in federal grants to our sponsors!



Celebrating Graduation with the Class of 2024

By Lori Buffum

We love celebrating with the graduates of our GLC Initial Training Class. At our chapter meeting, there was a full house to welcome and congratulate the newest Texas Master Naturalists in our group: Phil Pappano, Peggy Pappano, Alexis Stevenson, Amanda Jones, Cindy McMorrان, Tim Brooking, Jeff Post, Karen McClure, Marsha Carden, Training Director Connie Shortes, Sheril Smith, Wanda Anglin, Georgia Canfield.

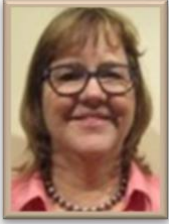


Graduates unable to join us on May 18: Kent Crowl, Nancy Dunnahoe, Tayvis Dunnahoe, Bill Fisher, Laura Smith, Abbey Wright.

Bravo to all for your commitment to the coursework, field trips, and homework over the last 5 months!

And a record-breaking number of five Training Class students have been busy volunteering to achieve their Initial Certification on the same day they graduated. Congratulations Sheril, Cindy, Georgia, Tim, and Wanda! Initial Certification means they logged 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training all while being diligent about their coursework.

Education Team News



By Karen Gardner, Education Director

Back in April, we talked about spring 2024 being busy; the Education Team and all our supporters from the chapter had a great time with a variety of events.

At the Honeybee Jubilee in New Ulm, some of the Education Team, along with our marketing director, Ken English, provided displays and information on the benefits of *Certifying Your Landscape for Wildlife Habitat*, and we shared information about Native Bees. It was fun to teach kids that bees pollinate both the alfalfa fed to dairy cows and the vanilla plants used for flavoring, so **No Bees Equals No Ice Cream**.

Sheri Wilcox gets the award for managing the most community based presentations during this time. We are so grateful for the GLC volunteers that made the field days for the Giddings ISD 4th and 5th graders so memorable. We had access to private land for the 5th graders to interact with nature, and we did activity stations on the 4th grade campus. Brenham ISD 7th graders participated in a variety of activities on land owned by Senator Lois and Jim Kolkhorst.

We were involved in the Ag-Safety Days in Colorado, Fayette and Washington Counties. Austin County had a game warden event this year and Lee County will have an event in the Fall. These events give us a special opportunity to teach students how to be *Nature Smart* and learning how to observe and appreciate nature while keeping themselves and the animals and plants safe.

Remember our team motto is to *Connect People and Nature* and these events with students are essential for that goal to be accomplished. The summer will be quieter, but we typically spend time developing and creating presentations with educational activities. We plan to work on some for Trees and Dark Skies. Our next big event is the Educational Expo and Chapter Social scheduled for August 18th at the Fayette County Agri-Life Building. You will get an invitation.

There is more coming, please check out our calendar or contact me directly: Karen Gardner glctmnedu@gmail.com.



Sheri Wilcox and Nita Tiemann demonstrating our Rainfall Simulator on a variety of surfaces for 5th Graders from Giddings ISD.



Jon Watkins and Jaci Elliott at the Reptile Station for Giddings ISD 4th graders.

Volunteer Highlights



Go Batty

By Marvelyn Granger

We've all felt like maybe we are going a little batty on occasion. But this GLC citizen science team has embraced that feeling!

Bats are notoriously difficult to monitor adding to the need for a coordinated effort. Despite the importance of bats and growing concern about their status, there was no program to conduct standardized monitoring of bat species across multiple taxa in North America before 2015.

By the Numbers

- 47 bat species in the U.S. and Canada
- More than half are of current conservation concern
- 8 are listed as federally endangered
- More than 30 species are found across Texas
- 11 species right here in our GLC area
- 5 in our GLC area are classified as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Why study bats?

- Biodiversity
- Insect Consumption
- Pollination
- Seed Dispersal
- Medical Research and Treatment
- Ecotourism

Acoustic Monitoring of Texas Bats: A Community Science Project for TMNs

With the guidance of Craig Hensley of TPWD, Texas Master Naturalists are playing a significant role in understanding the distribution of bats in Texas. Beginning in May 2024, our chapter citizen scientists have committed to coordinating nine weeks of monitoring bat activity in private and public spaces.

Nine TMN GLC Citizen Scientists identified a location to host a Wildlife Acoustics Bat-Mini Acoustic Recorder for one week each from March through June 2024 and note the weather during recording times. The monitor is set to record Monday through Friday starting 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes beyond sunrise. Our batty scientists are:

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Team Leaders:

- Judy Deaton & Chuck Babb: Team Coordinators / Leaders
- Trey & Marvelyn Granger: Field Deployment & Programming
- Karen McClure: Data Review/Analysis

Field Scientists:

- Marvelyn & Trey Granger
- Tim Brooking
- Karen McLure & Jeff Post
- Judy Deaton
- Sheri Wilcox
- Chuck Babb
- Lee Ann Booker
- Liz Watkins
- Betty Scardino

We are excited to share our findings with you and encourage you to consider joining the Bat Team next year!



Pictured clockwise: (1) Karen McClure & Jeff Post, (2) Sheri Wilcox & Duane Clemenston, (3) Trey Granger & Tim Brooking, (4) Chuck Babb, (5) Judy Deaton, Trey Granger, Charlotte Von Rosenberg, Thalia Granger, & Pepper



TX Stream Team Group

By Wanda Anglin

In "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" the English poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, penned the famous (and often paraphrased) line "Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink." The classic poem is a moral tale of how a thoughtless bad act can have lasting repercussions. Today's societal choices for using resources rather than understanding and conserving puts us and our fellow Earth citizens in the midst of our own bad acts that will undoubtedly have repercussions for generations to come.

The famous line though was literally about seawater, while allegorically it is about any situation in which someone is in the midst of plenty but cannot partake of it. In today's world, the line is having a broader literal application. The "2024 World Water Development Report" says that 2.2 billion people currently don't have access to safely managed drinking water, and that as of 2022, about half of the entire global population experienced at least temporary severe water scarcity. For those of us in central Texas over the past decade or two, the water scarcity has been real and impactful.

Now is the time to act...actually 50 years ago was when to act... so we have a lot of ground to make up!
And the TMN GLC Water Group is born!

Sheri Wilcox is leading the TMN GLC Water Group committee (new for 2024). This new group has identified several areas for action. We share this with you in hopes you will join us! Here is what is going on in this group.

Texas Stream Team Water Quality Monitoring Group

Wanda Anglin is leading the setup and ongoing operation of this new Citizen Science Project for our chapter. Here is an overview of what is going on with that new effort:

We filed a Group Monitoring Plan with the Texas Stream Team

(<https://www.meadowscenter.txst.edu/leadership/texasstreamteam.html>) to become a water quality monitoring group...this group has 30 years of Citizen Science behind them!

We were approved for loan of a standard water quality monitoring kit. We are looking into storage and checkout for the kit so multiple GLC chapter members can monitor various sites.

4 chapter members (Wanda Anglin, Sheri Wilcox, Georgia Canfield, and Sheril Smith) will attend standard water monitoring kit training on Sunday, June, 9, 2024, on the Texas State University campus in San Marcos. More training is available in future months.

We are exploring creating new monitoring sites or re-activating inactive sites in these priority bodies of water:

- Middle Yegua Creek (Lee County)
- Cummins Creek (tributary of Colorado River in Colorado County)
- Mills Creek (Washington County)
- Brazos River (proposed point near San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, but other committee members have additional interest in the Brazos so point to be determined)

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Texas Water Specialist Certification

The GLC Water Group committee is also conducting discussions of the Texas Water Specialist curriculum for those members who are going through or have completed the certification training. Note that anyone can begin the approximately 9 hours of Water Specialist training at their leisure by reading the PDF-based curriculum and completing the quizzes at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/water-education/texaswatersprogram/texaswatersspecialist>. Note that you get 1 hour of TMN Advanced Training (AT) with each chapter and related quiz completed! Plus, at the end you will be more equipped than ever to know what you don't know about water and riparian areas! And this helps us educate others.

River Cleanup Ideas Forming

And, if that wasn't enough excitement for one new committee, following our March meeting, a couple of members who are kayaking enthusiasts have joined forces to explore river cleanup endeavors for our chapter. There will be more exciting news about that soon!

How can you get involved?

The TMN GLC Texas Waters Group committee meets virtually monthly at 6pm on 3rd Tuesdays. Let committee chair, Sheri Wilcox (glctmnpres@gmail.com) know if you would like to be added to the group for future notifications of meetings and related information.

If you want to learn more about TX Stream Team, email the GLC TX Stream Team Monitoring Group Leader, Wanda (wanda.anglin@hotmail.com), or call 713 628 6545.

If you are interested in the Texas Water Specialist certification, feel free to get started and join the TMN GLC Texas Waters Group to benefit from the discussions.

Come on, now! Don't be the killer of the albatross! Join us! (Need a refresher on "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"? <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43997/the-rime-of-the-ancient-mariner-text-of-1834>)



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A Rare Sighting

By Vicky Greene

We bought our property, located in Fayette County, in 2006. Since that time, I can count on one hand the number of times that I have seen a bobcat. The most recent sighting occurred this year on April 24th. It was 8:00am and I was looking out of the window of our house, admiring the wood ducks and black-bellied whistling ducks that were swimming in the nearby pond. From the corner of my eye, I saw something move. It was a bobcat with a whistling duck in its mouth. I quickly grabbed my phone and took a couple of pictures before it walked into the nearby woods. Bobcats are very elusive and known to be nocturnal predators, so it was surprising to see it well after sunrise. I guess it didn't read the "bobcat behavior" manual!

Here are a few fun facts about bobcats (<https://tpwd.texas.gov>)

Scientific name: *Lynx Rufus*

Distribution in Texas: Found throughout the state

Weight: 10-35 lbs.

Den location: Crevices, canyon walls, boulder piles, thickets

Diet: Mainly small mammals and birds

Behavior: Reclusive, leaves cover before sundown to hunt at night.

Breeding season: Begins in February

Length of gestation: 60 days

Number of cubs: 2-7





Front Porch Takeover

Contributor: Judith Deaton

I was just getting finished with my mid-May gardening and had tidied the front porch when, yay!, my resident house wren took up her usual spot in the “Crown of Thorns” for the second time this year. Peeking out she tolerates my daily intrusions as I check that all is going well. I tentatively peer in and usually see only one rather beady eye staring back. She doesn’t move a muscle. She’s still sitting. No little ones yet. I usually put out snake granules when the babes hatch. I feel like a new chick grandma.

I decided to purchase a hardier hanging plant for the porch to make her vigil a bit more interesting. Went to the garden center and found a lovely *Tradescantia fluminensis* that I thought would survive well on the porch during the scorching Texas summer. It trails beautifully and will, hopefully, flower soon. It’s all about patience.



What in the world? A female cardinal is checking out the hanging plant and inserting large sticks in the foliage. No way. Uh huh, she has nested in the hanging basket.



The completed nest started to materialize overnight and during the next few days. I took photos when she cleared off to feed but was worried I had scared her off. Needn’t have had any concern. Cardinals are so resilient and, whew, get annoyed at the drop of a hat! Congratulations, chick grandma, one egg.

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There are now 3 eggs...



... and I am hiding behind my computer as I can see out and I'm sure she sees in.



Cardinal babes in my front porch hanging plant hatched!

She chips at the wren and scolds if she catches me watching. I no longer exit through my front door without checking for a tail.

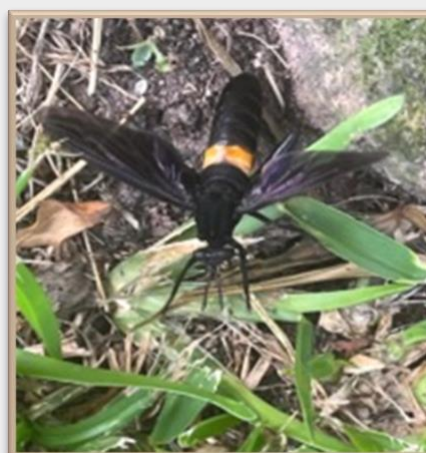
And, the wren chicks have hatched!



Is it a bee? is it a beetle? What is this guy?

By Lori Buffum

As I was picking the hibiscus blossom to bring in the house, I spotted a rather large bug with a bright yellow abdominal stripe and dark iridescent wings outspread. I wondered if it might be a native bee of some kind emerging from its underground nest, but it didn't look like any bee I had seen before. Hoping it wouldn't fly off before I could get my iPhone to photograph it (for iNaturalist), I went in, grabbed my phone and went back out to track it down, but with its wings now closed, it looked like a different bug, maybe a beetle? It kept crawling, not flying, stopping to groom its antennae and spread its wings, so I followed it and took pictures. Here it is:



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Still puzzled by what it could be, I posted my observations to iNaturalist and this guy was identified (and later confirmed) as the Clubbed Mydas Fly (*Mydas clavatus*), apparently rather a rare sighting. Often mistaken for a wasp and therefore subject to predation by humans, this true fly (belonging to order *Diptera*) is not a danger at all but rather a friend to our natural landscape. During its immature stage growing underground, the fly feasts on a diet of soil-dwelling insect larvae like grubworms. As an adult (a very short stage during which it can take flight) it provides pollination services as it feeds on nectar and pollen!

I feel very lucky to have spotted this innocent fellow in my garden habitat and hope to meet her again some day.



Trip to San Felipe de Austin State Park

From Sheril Smith

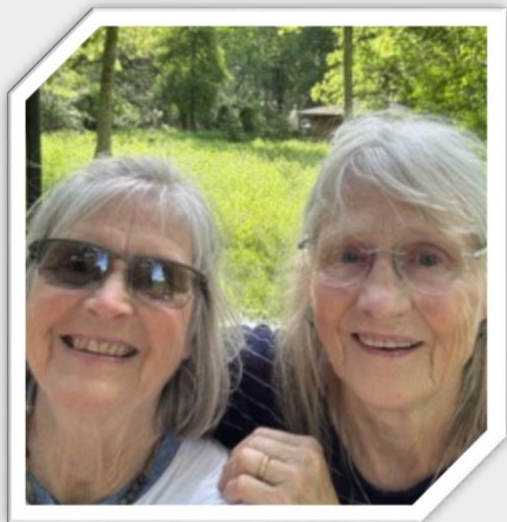
On April 10, Georgia Canfield and I left Lee County for San Felipe State Park (SFA). Along the way, we stopped at Schoebel's in Columbus. It had been years since I last ate there with my mom. It was Georgia's first time to experience the bounty of this German American Restaurant!

Satiated and sleepy, we drove on to SFA State Park. Neither of us had been to the park. As we entered the park, the towering trees and everything a brilliant green that is only seen during a Texas spring. Due to heavy rains the night before, some of the park was flooded and all the trails closed, much to our disappointment. The facilities were very well cared for and our screened shelter only \$35 for the night. We unpacked our cots, memory foam mattresses, and sleeping bags and then drove to the SFA Museum.

The Museum is a fascinating reminder of early Texas history, but we were sad that we had missed the earlier tour provided by Mr. Michel during TMN training class. At the end of the tour there was a sign asking about our ancestors, so I wrote a short note about my great-great grandfather Anton Felix Hans Hellmuth Von Blucher (what a name!). He came to Texas from Germany in 1844, to New Braunfels in 1845 and eventually settled in Corpus Christi (CC) in 1849. The Blucher family donated property in CC for a park, to be maintained in a natural state for birds and wildlife. After our tour at the museum, Georgia and I returned to our screened shelter for the night, after a quick hike on the roads, and a quick trip to the convenience store.

We rose early the next morning, drove to Sealy for coffee, and met up with fellow TMNers Sheri Wilcox, BR, and Charlene Koehler at the SFA pollinator garden. We worked pulling weeds and chatting, getting to know each other a bit better. Two hours passed quickly! Lovely garden! Georgia and I returned to our screened shelter, packed up and headed home. It was a very enjoyable but quick trip. If you've never checked out San Felipe de Austin State Park, you should add it to your bucket list.

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This and That



Digging up the Past at Washington-on-the-Brazos

From Julie Itz

This was an interesting FB post about the archaeological work done at Washington on the Brazos: "More than 10,000 artifacts found at 'Birthplace of Texas' reveal town's secrets

Archaeologists have unearthed more than 10,000 artifacts in an abandoned town known as the "Birthplace of Texas," located near the banks of the Brazos River in Washington County, Texas.

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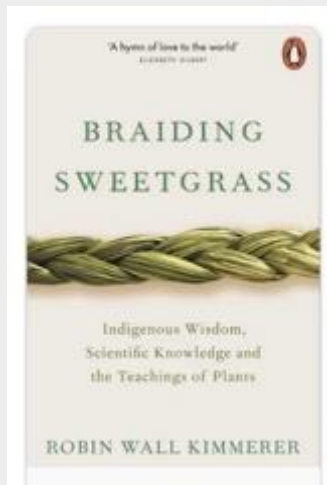
The town, named Washington-on-the-Brazos, holds historical significance as the site where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed on March 2, 1836.

The excavation, part of a \$51 million renovation and expansion project, has revealed a wealth of historical artifacts. Among the discoveries are fragments of glass and ceramics, nails, and the base of a brick fireplace indicating the location of a tavern. Notably, coins from 1831 and 1820 were found within the ruins of the tavern...

More information: <https://archaeologymag.com/2024/03/more-than-10000-artifacts-found-at-birthplace-of-texas/>



Book Review from Jaci Elliott



Having recommended this book to both of my book clubs and having experienced both the print and audio versions, I would have to categorize *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer as one of my top ten books of all time.

As a “scientist and decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation,” Ms. Kimmerer brings a unique and blended perspective of nature from both the academic world and her own Native American culture.

She weaves folklore and field studies together and does so with this connected theme of the proverbially braided sweetgrass, whose independent blades are intertwined to create a stronger yet still supple rope. The metaphor is aptly laid out in her table of contents, with the chapter headings entitled: Planting Sweetgrass; Tending Sweetgrass; Picking Sweetgrass; Braiding Sweetgrass and Burning Sweetgrass.

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I enjoyed reading about the indigenous practices and stories—some of whom were a bit familiar and others, completely new to me—but I really appreciated hearing about her teaching adventures, whether as a college instructor or as a mother.

Two analogies that will most stay with me are:

1. The tale of “The Three Sisters” about planting three food sources together, as an alternative to a monoculture of row crops, where the “oldest sister” **corn** sprouts first and grows straight up; where “middle sister” **beans** emerges next and gently climbs; and where “youngest sister” **squash** spreads out to

provide ground shade and space—being the oldest of three sisters, I can definitely relate to how all of these plants, when harvested together, provide a combined balance of nutrients.

2. The description of *Umbilicaria americana*, an interesting North American lichen, whose tenacity provides for its stubborn survival on glacial erratics and whose existence, as a lichen, is a symbiosis of fungi and alga, indeed, a “marriage,” where each organism brings to the relationship its own speciality.

Whether constructing a black ash basket or drawing maple syrup from a tree, the author’s stories are gentle lessons in perseverance and preservation. And while the tale of “The Sacred and the Superfund” was a particularly sad picture about our country’s disconnect with nature, I found much to value in the philosophy of a gift economy versus a market economy, and in the episode about a children’s recitation of “An Allegiance to Gratitude”.

I am thankful that I read this book and urge you to try it as well.

Events Calendar Snapshot

See the [Event Calendar](#) for more details on events and workdays at various project sites

JUNE

Date	Event
11	TMN Tuesday 12-1 PM
14	Prescribed Burn Workshop, El Campo, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
18	Texas Agrilife Aquatic Webinars 6-7:30 pm GLC Water Specialists Meeting 6-7 pm
20	Water Resilience and Climate Change on the Prairie 6-7 pm
21	Backyard bug hunt webinar series by Wizzie Brown 10-11 am
28	Chapter Board Meeting 9:30-11:30

JULY

9	TMN Tuesday 12-1 pm
16	GLC Water Specialists Meeting 6-7 pm
17	2024 Texas Waters Webinar
19	Backyard bug hunt webinar series by Wizzie Brown 10-11 AM
20	GLC Chapter meeting, 9:30 am – 12 pm (location TBA)
23	Texas Agrilife Aquatic Webinars 6-7:30 pm
25	Prescribed Fire During Droughts: NPAT summer zoom series



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Books

- National Wildlife Federation(R): Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Backyard Wildlife, Expanded Second Edition, by David Mizejewski
- Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies: a Field Guide, by Jim Weber, Lynne Weber, and Roland H. Wauer (There is also one for moths)
- Native Texas Plants: Landscaping Region by Region, by Sally Wasowski and Andy Wasowski
- Wild Edible Plants of Texas: A Pocket Guide to the Identification, Collection, Preparation, & Use of 60 Wild Plants of the Lone Star State, by Charles W. Kane (This includes non-natives)

Online Resources

- Bumble Bee Watch: <https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/>
- Ecoregions of North America: <https://www.epa.gov/eco-research/ecoregions-north-america>
- Ecoregions of Texas: https://tpwd.texas.gov/.../pwd_pl_w7000_1187a/media/1.pdf
- The Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center: <https://www.wildflower.org/>
- Fayette Prairie Chapter – NPAT [Fayette Prairie Chapter – NPAT \(texasprairie.org\)](https://www.texasprairie.org/)
- National Wildlife Federation: <https://www.nwf.org/>
- Native American Seed: <https://www.seedsource.com/Default.asp>
- Native Plants by State: <https://nativebackyards.com/native-plants-by-state/>
- Native Plant Society of Texas: <http://npsot.org/wp/>
- Native Plant Society of Texas - Plant Lists by Region: <https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/plant-lists-by-ecoregion/>
- Native Prairies Association of Texas: <https://texasprairie.org/>
- Plants for Birds – Audubon <https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>
- South Central Texas Prescribed Burn Association (SCTPBA) <https://sctpba.org/>
- Texas Butterfly Ranch: <https://texasbutterflyranch.com>
- Texas Invasives: <https://www.texasinvasives.org/>
- Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation: <https://xerces.org/>

Editor's note: The list of 'Helpful Resources' will be migrating to the GLC webpage. If you have any print or online resources to add to the list, please send to glcnwsltr@gmail.com

GLC Tidings Newsletter Index

<https://txmn.org/glc/whats-new/newsletters/>

Find information about articles for newsletter issues from 2018 through the most recent. For each article, the index cites the subject, title, author, and the hyperlink directly to the issue published on the chapter website.

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