

The GLC Tidings

February 2026



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From Our President

Jeff Post

Washington County

I'm honored to serve as the new President of the Gideon Lincecum Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists. I've been a member since 2024, and I am excited to continue to be actively involved with a group that does so much to support the natural environment in our local area.

For those I haven't had a chance to meet or visit with, a little bit about me. I live on nine acres, halfway between Brenham and Burton. Karen and I moved here from Houston three years ago, and we have thoroughly enjoyed being somewhere between Houston, Austin, and San Antonio without being too close to any of them. I retired in 2020 after 35 years as an engineer and project manager in the oil and gas industry.

As we start the new year with our new officers, it's important that we recognize the contributions of our two previous presidents. Betsy Palkowsky served as president for several years and, even though she moved out of state, she has remained active on the board as Past President, supporting the chapter however she could.

Since I've been a member, Sheri Wilcox has been the face of GLC. I'm not sure what GLC looks like without Sheri as President, but I guess we will find out together. She has graciously served four years as President and has been a steady hand at the helm. As I take over the role, I have no plans for any great changes but hope to just keep the Chapter growing and prospering as Sheri has done. The great news is that Sheri is not going anywhere and will remain an active member of the board. I expect to lean on her knowledge and insights heavily.

We also have other departing Board members to thank. Swee Leng Rapatz and Karen Dean both took their positions as Vice President and Treasurer at times when the Chapter especially needed their help. We thank them for answering the call and donating their time and effort in such an impactful way.

NEWSLETTER ENTRY DEADLINE

First day of even Months
Please email articles and photos to:

glcnwsltr@gmail.com

OUR MISSION

Volunteers dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources through education, outreach, and service in our community

SAVE THE DATE

Board Meeting – February 27
Chapter Meeting – March 21



..2026-2027 Officers: Treasurer Karen McClure, President Jeff Post, Vice President Wanda Anglin, Secretary Betty Scardino

Wanda Anglin is our new Vice President and Karen McClure our new Treasurer, and Betty Scardino continues as Secretary. We have many continuing Board Members, Committee Members and Project Leaders. I look forward to working with each of you.

It seems to me that the strength of our Chapter comes from our individual commitments to service and the natural world. I see the role of the board as simply providing an organization that supports you in your volunteer efforts and helps recognize those efforts. I'm not really someone that is overly excited about administrative activities, but I am extremely excited to continue working and interacting with each of you at our many volunteer activities.



Wanda Anglin
Colorado County

From Our Vice President

The first month on the TMN GLC Board has been busy. My duties include selecting monthly programs for the chapter meetings, arranging locations for the Chapter and Board meetings and serving as Advanced Training (AT) Director. Here's how you can stay on top of what is going on and help with selecting training.

How to Find Approved AT Opportunities:

- All chapter members are automatically subscribed to our private email list managed through Google Groups <https://groups.google.com/g/tmnglc>. Check your email inbox. The subject line for AT emails begins "TMN GLC AT Opportunity -" and each includes the VMS category for recording attendance.
- Check Chapter events calendar: <https://txmn.org/glc/events/> (Thanks Krystyna Westfield!)
- Many programs and projects presented by chapter sponsors and partners (AgriLife, TPWD, TWA, etc.) are approved to take for AT, provided they meet the criteria of the Gideon Lincecum Chapter. Example: if the AgriLife's Texas Master Gardeners are presenting on native plants or pollinator gardens, then the training is approved and reported under the AgriLife AT opportunity. But, if a Master Gardener program is about roses or spring veggie garden planting, that does not fall within TMN GLC's mission and is NOT approved. You can subscribe to the sponsor and partner organizations to receive notifications about upcoming events. If in doubt, ask glcvpres@gmail.com.

How to Request Training be Approved as "AT"

If you see a training opportunity that you believe applies to our chapter's mission, please submit the event for approval at least seven days prior to the training date using one of two ways:

- Forward the email with all the details, including flyer if applicable, to tmnglc-at@googlegroups.com.
- Or use the Advanced Training Pre-Approval Request Form. (GLC website, under "Member FAQ," then "Documents and Forms," under "Chapter Forms." See <https://txmn.org/glc/members-section/chapter-policies-and-procedures/> Submit form to glcvpres@google.com.

You will receive a response within 2-3 days. If approved, a TMNGLC Google Groups notification will be issued to share the information across the chapter. And the website team will add it to the chapter events calendar.

March Chapter Meeting and Program is on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 9:30 am, at the Winedale Historical Complex Education Building, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top, Texas 78954.

Please invite friends and family to our programs. They are always free, open to the public, and are held at various locations throughout Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lee, and Washington counties at 9:30 am on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov).

Agenda:

- 9:30 am Business Meeting
- 10:30 am Advanced Training Program “Gideon Lincecum’s Family 150+ Years Later”
- After the program, you may walk over to the Gideon Lincecum Arboretum across the road to see the tallgrass pocket prairie and the monument erected along the trail maintained by our chapter.

March Meeting AT Program Details

“Gideon Lincecum: A Look Back 150+ Years Later”

Our presenters are cousins, David Lincecum and Mark Lincecum, respectively, 6th and 5th generation descendants of the man our chapter is named for. You may have read books by David's father, Jerry Bryan Lincecum, a Texas folklorist and historian. David will read excerpts from Gideon's own writings, highlighting thoughts penned during his 7-month journey to Texas. Gideon Lincecum

observed a “Texas unvarnished by human animals,” and that helped him decide to move here in 1848 at age 30 with his wife Sarah and their 10 children. Gideon was more than a botanist; he lived a long, and interesting life before arriving in Texas; he was larger than life, so expect to be educated and entertained.



How to Find Details about Chapter Meetings & Programs:

- Check our website's **Chapter Calendar**.
- Follow on **Facebook** at, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21969044537>, or at [facebook.com/groups/TMNGideonLincecumChapter](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TMNGideonLincecumChapter)
- About three weeks before meetings, a notification will be sent by email with all the details.
- The week of the meeting, your President, Jeff Post, will send a reminder by email. When you get these emails, forward them to friends and family!

Recording VMS hours after Chapter Meetings

Check your email to get notifications a day or so after a meeting for detailed instructions on recording VMS hours. General instructions:

- Programs - AT: TMN Chapter Program and put the topic and speaker in the description.
- Business meeting (plus travel) - Administrative Work / Chapter Meeting

February's Board Meeting is on 2/27/26, at 9:30 am, at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Community Center, 104 W Colorado Sky St, Ellinger, TX 78938

All chapter members are welcome to attend Board Meetings on the last Friday of even numbered months, at 9:30 am. Meeting locations, dates, and times may vary, so check the Chapter Calendar on the GLC website to confirm. Board meetings vary in duration, but usually last about two hours.



Membership Director

Chris Morrison
Fayette County

DUES: By now you should have paid your 2026 GLC dues. If you haven't, please do that ASAP!! Pay \$25 to Treasurer Karen McClure or use the PayPal button on our website.

PINS: These members received their 2025 Recertification Roadrunner Pin during our January 2026 meeting: **Carol Daniels, Karen Dean, Debra Healy, Annette Holdeman, Matt Holdeman, David Itz, Susan Scanio, Jim Wilson, and Krystyna Westfield** (Initial Certification and Recertification). **Jon Watkins** has reached the 1,000-hour milestone for all-time volunteer hours and now has his gold dragonfly pin! (Chris and John pictured) Congratulations everyone!!



2026 GLC Photo Directory: A new roster will be compiled soon. If you have had any changes to your contact information or would like to submit a new photo of yourself, please let me know.

Logging hours in VMS: It is essential that members log hours monthly to make sure **all our volunteer hours can be counted** toward government grants that support essential programs. So, even if you already have your eight hours for recertification, keep on logging AT hours! Please note the following clarifications:

- We **cannot** make any entries listing **time for logging** your hours anymore.
- **Citizen Science entries** (FeederWatch, NestWatch, CoCoRaHS, Colorado River Watch, Time to Restore, and Citizen Science (Other)) must have, as part of the description, **what you did** and that the **data was reported** to wherever it was supposed to be reported. Examples:
 - Citizen Science (other) – If you participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count February 13-16, you can report your data using Merlin, eBird, or the eBird website. When you do, make sure you have designated in those apps/websites that your data goes to the Great Backyard Bird Count project. And when you log your hours to VMS, the description must say something like, **“Observed and identified birds at my backyard feeders, and reported data using eBird for the Great Backyard Bird Count (Cornell).”**
 - If you test river/stream water, your description should say something like, **“Tested Colorado River water near US 77 bridge in La Grange and reported results to Lower Colorado River Authority.”**

Texas Waters Certification Most forms for recording VMS hours include a checkbox saying something like “This activity qualifies for Texas Waters Certification.” Please **do not check this box unless** the activity has to do with: keeping waterways (and places that lead to waterways, like roadsides) clean, reporting on water condition, otherwise tells us the health of the waterway, or is AT related to Texas Waters Specialist certification or continuing education on certification topics. Your description must contain information as to **how** this event is connected to the TWS program. And yes, litter pickup on public property does count for TWS credit, whether done as a group at one of our Adopt-a-Highway or stream workdays or by yourself on one of your walks.



Communications Director

Lori Buffum
Austin County

TMN-GLC Google Group Email Demystified

We all get too many emails, but one of the most important methods of keeping members informed and involved in the “business” of our chapter is the **private** email list managed through Google Groups: tmnglc@googlegroups.com .

MEMBERS: “Private” means only GLC members can send an email to other members using that Google groups address (**writing from their specific email addresses**). Membership Director Chris Morrison and Communications Director Lori Buffum share the responsibility of maintaining the list to ensure all chapter members are in the group. Please let us know if you need to make corrections to your email address, or if you have not received any messages through the **TMN-GLC** Google group.

TOPICS: Use the Google Group to facilitate communication about chapter business (events, AT, Volunteer opportunities, etc.) or if you want to share something of interest with chapter members, but please be respectful of our fellow members’ INBOX, and consider whether the information might be better shared through a newsletter article, as an item on our chapter website, as a post to our Facebook group, or as an email sent to particular individuals rather than the whole Google group.



SUBJECT LINES: When you receive an email that has been sent through the group list, the subject line always starts with TMN-GLC. That is a helpful feature of Google groups that lets you know right away that it is a group email. (Another way to tell the email is coming from the Google group is the “footer” that is appended to every email that explains about Google Groups.)

When you send an email using our Google group, please be brief but put enough information in the subject line so that recipients can judge at a glance whether or not that email is of interest. It would be helpful to indicate whether the opportunity is eligible for AT hours, for VMS volunteer hours, or is part of a specific project or monthly meeting. Here are a few examples:

AT webinar: Birds February 14

Volunteers needed: Education Project Junior High Field Day May 6

Volunteers needed: Community outreach information booth April 12

Chapter Meeting: Winedale March 1

REPLY OR REPLY ALL: Some emails request that you reply to the sender. If so, make sure you **don’t REPLY ALL** because that means everyone in the group will get another email on that same subject (YIKES!) **A TIP FOR SENDERS:** put your personal email address in the **TO:** field, and put tmnglc@googlegroups.com in the **TO bcc:** field to make sure replies are sent only to you.



Marketing & Outreach

Ken English

Washington County

Thanks to all our volunteers who worked at booths and table displays at various programs and events last year. Your engagement with visitors has a significant impact as we tell our TMN story. So far this year, Spring is shaping up to be busy. Volunteer opportunities include the following events:

- February 27: Washington County Wildlife Valuation Workshop (Brenham)
- February 28: Texas Independence Day Celebration (Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site)
- April 11 & 12: Attwater Prairie Chicken Festival (Sealy)
- April 18: Burton Cotton Gin Festival (Burton)
- May 2: Honey Bee Jubilee (New Ulm)

I am sure that as the year progresses there will be additional opportunities to help. If you haven't joined us at previous event, come on out! I look forward to hearing from you.



Tips from the Treasurer

Karen McClure

Washington County

Not-for-profit organizations like our TMN GLC 501c3 organization often receive, and even depend on, in-kind donations to keep programs running and budgets in check. In-kind donations are gifts to the organization other than monetary donations. Examples: mulch for a pollinator garden you purchased for a workday, water testing supplies such as gloves or a waste bottle, safety equipment for in-water trash pickup, or use of your property for a workshop. Every in-kind contribution represents real economic value, just like "cash" donations.

Sometimes software that you own for a personal business, but use for TMN GLC business, can be considered in-kind usage. For example, if you use Quickbooks for your home business and become Treasurer for TMN GLC, you may use that software for the organization. Because that software or similar is required for you to do a job for TMN GLC, the usage is an in-kind donation that should be reported. It should be pro-rated, for example, if you have a total of 3 sets of books in Quickbooks for two businesses and TMN GLC, then one third of the software cost will be an in-kind donation. *NOTE: It is recommended if software is common like Microsoft Office programs rather than a specialty program like for financials, that you not consider it an in-kind donation as most people have that common software so there would not be a future anticipated chapter expense.*



Long Term Member Spotlight

As part of the ongoing celebration of the chapter's 20th anniversary, our President Jeff Post interviewed long-time member Dottie Schoeneberg.



Dottie Schoeneberg – Class of 2008

Dottie Schoeneberg has lived most of her life in the area encompassed by the Gideon Lincecum Chapter's five counties. Dottie grew up near Weimar (Colorado County) but spent a few years in St. Louis, MO, and Houston. With a young family in tow, they moved to Burton (Washington County), where they lived for 36 years. In 2017 she and her husband retired and moved back to the Schoeneberg homestead. They love being stewards of land that has been in the family since 1954.

While living in Burton, Dottie was a teacher at Brenham and Round Top. Her husband was the pastor at St. John's Church, and it was a friend at church that introduced her to TMN. Carol Montgomery was one of the earliest members of GLC and told Dottie lots of great things about the program. Joining TMN seemed like destiny for Dottie since the training classes in 2008 were held across the street from her house in her husband's church. She and a science teacher friend signed up for the training.

Dottie has remained active in the chapter since becoming a certified Texas Master Naturalist over 15 years ago. Her volunteer activities during that time have been extensive. She is one of the longtime volunteers at Indian Creek Park in Burton where she takes part in efforts to eradicate invasive ligustrum. She helped start and helps to maintain the pollinator garden, which includes a bench dedicated to Carol Montgomery. Even though Dottie lives in Weimar, she regularly makes the hour-long drive back to Burton to support the Indian Creek Project.

Dottie has been involved in many of the Chapter's youth education programs. She participates in annual bird counts and is currently trying to grow more native grasses at her property. She appreciates that the Chapter is starting to have more meetings and activities in the southern counties where she has been involved with the Columbus Adopt-a-Highway Project. She says the key to long-term involvement with TMN is identifying activities that you are passionate about, while learning to pace yourself.



Dottie is just the type of member that makes GLC such a successful Chapter. She has a love of nature and our local communities, and the spirit and dedication to work to make them better places. She also wants to pass the passion of land stewardship and all things native on to the next generation. One of her favorite quotes is by Edward Abbey: "Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread."

New Member Introductions



Laura Smith – Class of 2024

My hometowns were Houston, Galveston, and Somerville, so I was always outdoors, in nature and near water. Growing up in the *Silent Spring* era awakened my interest in protecting the environment, and reading Leopold in college taught me to listen to and love Mother Earth. Becoming a park ranger/interpreter was my dream when I went to Texas A&M, so I took classes in communications, natural sciences, wildlife and fisheries, parks and recreation. In 1981, the parks weren't hiring, so I got married, raised two sons, and taught high school and community college classes for many years. In 2021, we retired to Washington County.

Becoming a Texas Master Naturalist was a Christmas Gift from my husband Jeff, and the training was AWESOME! I have really enjoyed participating in Brenham and Giddings education days as well as working in the pollinator garden at Winedale. Volunteering to help proofread the chapter newsletter led to becoming its editor for 2026.

I make cloth dolls using fiber and fabric, I recently learned to square dance, and I am discovering which native plants the deer won't eat in my front yard and which vegetables will grow in my backyard. I love camping and hiking, so I drag friends and family to national parks whenever I can. After striking out at Yellowstone and Yosemite, I finally spotted a bear in the wild at Big Bend! I attend TMN-GLC meetings, and local seminars on native plants as often as possible. My next challenge will be helping dissect quail with Brenham Junior High students. I knew those biology classes would come in handy one day!

Naturalist Notes



Attwater Action

From our Facebook Page

A new microphone has been installed on the live camera at the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge! It's already recording the ruckus! Thanks to TMNCoastal Prairie Chapter members Erik Wolf and Deb McMullen for their Volunteer Service, also on the board for the Friends of Attwater; in addition to Sneed Adams (Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge) and Refuge Manager Brooke Burrows installing the mic for all to hear and see! Check out the live cam at www.attwater.org.



John and Krys representing TMN-GLC @ Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge January workday... John leaving blood trails in the Macartney Rose scrub hedges and Krys having tread blowouts on both feet.

Jacquie Pritchard – John and Krys representing TMN-GLC @ Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge January workday... John leaving blood trails in the Macartney Rose scrub hedges and Krys having tread blowouts on both feet.



Resurrection!

By: Lori Buffum – Austin County

Resurrection Fern unfurls in bright green on an oak limb at the back of our property on a cold winter's day in January 2026 near Bellville Texas.

Pleopeltis michauxiana— known as the Resurrection Fern—is a widespread native epiphyte primarily found in the moist eastern and central parts of the state. The "Resurrection" Habit: This fern is renowned for its extreme drought tolerance. During dry spells, its fronds curl inward and turn a grayish-brown, appearing dead. After a rainfall, it absorbs water rapidly and "resurrects" into a vibrant green within hours. It can survive losing up to 97% of its water content. It is an epiphyte (air plant), meaning it grows on other plants—commonly the rough bark of Live Oaks, Pecans, and Bald Cypresses—without being parasitic. It can also be found on rocks (epipetric) or fallen logs. Look for small, leathery fronds (4–8 inches long) with dense, grayish scales on the undersides. It spreads via creeping rhizomes that anchor it to tree limbs.



A Hummingbird Rescue Story

By: Lori Buffum – Austin County

Outside of Bellville, on Sunday, January 25, it's 25 degrees and everything is coated in ice. Here is a quick snapshot of our winter resident Rufus Hummingbird at the feeder I just thawed and refilled. He is safe after a dramatic rescue, when I found him hanging upside down frozen to one of the ice covered feeder petals.

The scrappy little guy (not much bigger than my thumb) was frantically flapping his wings and "cheeping." I quickly bundled up and went out to bring the feeder (with bird attached) inside and held him in my warm hand until he was free. He was still and stunned at that point, so I laid him in a box to let him recover. I carried the box into a bedroom and put it by a window for light and quiet but before I could leave the room, he flew up and latched on to the window screen. I carefully detached him and carried him outside, thinking he might be better off there. I planned to put the box with him in it in the pot of pansies on the porch. He was having none of that and swiftly flew off into his natural habitat. After that, I got busy swapping out the frozen feeders for ones filled with fresh sugar water. And almost immediately, there he was. Later that morning, we spotted the second hummer who is over wintering with us. We are busy swapping out the feeders every couple of hours to make sure our winter hummers have access to their life saving "nectar". They are amazing!





From Father to Daughters: A Legacy of Nature

By: Jon Watkins -- Washington County

Foreward

On the occasion of reaching my thousandth hour of volunteer service with the Texas Master Naturalist, Gideon Lincecum Chapter, I mark this moment by honoring my daughters, as together we continue a legacy rooted in nature and stewardship.



The beginnings on the land that was to become our family retreat were rooted in the patterns of a traditional cow-calf operation as the previous owner of the place had leased the pastures to the adjacent rancher. At first, the land was simply a place for feeding cattle and it was greatly overgrazed. Yet even in those early years, I could feel the quiet pull of the surrounding wild places: the flash of a herd of deer, a bobcat bounding from a tall tree in the nearby woodland, the call of various songbirds, the sense that the land was speaking in ways that conventional agriculture did not always hear.

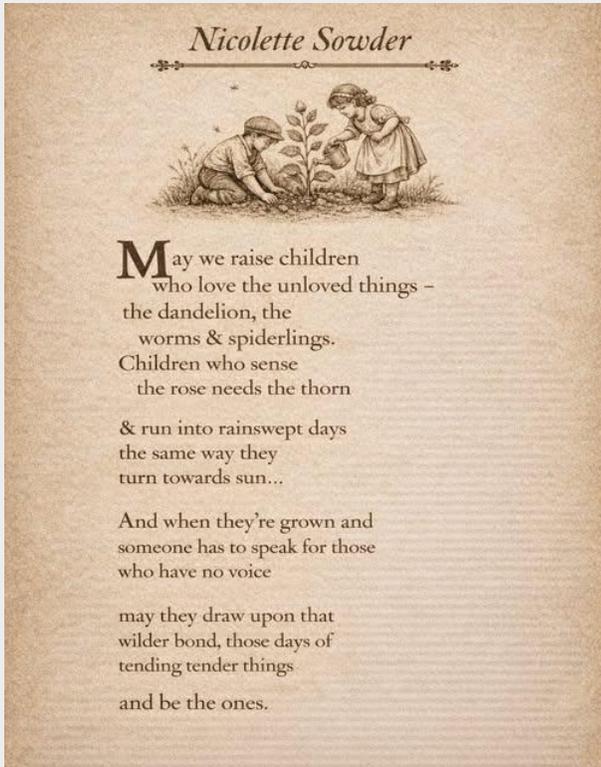
That quiet pull eventually led to an association with the Washington County Wildlife Society. I became a member partly out of curiosity, but also out of a growing desire to understand the natural life that existed everywhere. What I discovered in that community was a new vocabulary for the things that I was sensing -- habitat, carrying capacity, succession, stewardship. There, among landowners, biologists, and conservation-minded neighbors, our family retreat was beginning to be seen not as an overgrazed cattle enterprise but as a living system capable of becoming something more.

It was during this time that I encountered the writings of Aldo Leopold. His writing eloquence and the practicality of his propositions were greatly inspiring. His concept of a “land ethic” is that land is not simply a resource but a relationship. As understanding deepened, the transition from agricultural valuation to wildlife management unfolded with surprising ease. I began the careful work of converting the property -- restoring native grasses, managing brush, and rethinking the land in terms of habitat.

While participating in the county wildlife society, a like-minded friend noticed my passion for conservation and recommended that I join the Texas Master Naturalist program. After approximately 42 class hours with the Gideon Lincecum Chapter, I graduated in 2018. As a Texas Master Naturalist, I learned that conservation begins with understanding local ecosystems and the relationships within them. Through hands-on training and service, I gained a deeper appreciation for Texas’ diverse landscapes—from prairies and forests to wetlands and rivers—and the native plants and wildlife that depend on them.

I spent years sharing my love of the outdoors with my family—teaching them to identify birds by their calls, to read the subtle signs of wildlife along a trail, and to appreciate the complexity of every ecosystem we explored together. This passion quietly took root in both of my daughters, who began seeing the natural world not just as scenery, but as something alive, interconnected, and worth protecting. In their own words...

Liz: “I first stepped into Texas Master Naturalist, Coastal Prairie Chapter as a gift—meant to surprise my dad, meant to buy us time together outdoors, our hands busy with work that quietly gave back to the land. I later transferred to the Gideon Linsecum chapter so I could walk the same paths as my father and my sister, learning side by side, rooted in the same place. Through TMN, conservation



stopped being an abstract idea and became something lived and felt. I began to see how fragile our ecosystems are, and how deeply they need care and protection. That realization guided me to study Wildlife Biology at Texas State University, where I am still learning—still becoming. With two years left, I look ahead to upper-level courses in biology, zoology, and ecology, eager for the deeper knowledge they promise.

I hope to carry all of this forward into a life of wildlife conservation and rehabilitation, working to protect the living world that first taught me how much it matters.”

Amanda: “In January 2024, I embarked on a journey with the Texas Master Naturalist program. My original hope was to join the Hays County chapter, yet fate had other plans as it was already at capacity. In hindsight, this proved to be a fortunate twist, for it led me to the Gideon Linsecum chapter in

Washington County—my father’s and sister’s chapter, as if the threads of destiny had woven us together. It was my father who first ignited the spark of my desire to become a Master Naturalist, back in September of 2023. We spent many hours in conversation, recounting the work he had done on our family farm in Brenham. There, he’d restored native grasses, crafted nest boxes for birds in need, and carried out prescribed burns—all in the name of conservation. Through his efforts, I’ve come to embrace a deep passion for tending the land, managing it with a reverence for Texas wildlife. It is a labor of love, and I am eager to continue this work, ensuring that the beauty and vitality of our land endures for generations yet to come.”

Each daughter is finding her own path into the field she loves. One is pursuing her curiosity academically, eventually earning a degree in wildlife biology. The other is a member of the Products and Services Team with a company that designs wildlife management and habitat restoration plans—work that allows her to be involved in shaping real landscapes and safeguarding wildlife populations. Though their journeys differ, both daughters carry forward the legacy that was instilled in them: a commitment to understanding, conserving, and celebrating the natural world. In their own ways, each continues the work that began, turning a family passion into a shared purpose.



Follow GLC on Facebook

By: Cheryl Noland – Washington County

Our Facebook page is full of things we Master Naturalists love – pictures of us playing in the dirt, wildlife trivia, lichens, birding, land ethics, spider webs (one of my favorite things to take pictures of). Information about invasive plants, Adopt-A-Highway, waterway information and cleanup, work in the prairies around us and so much more. Join our Facebook group and make it even better. If you already belong to our Facebook group, please make a post on something Master Naturalist related. There is something for everyone! You're sure to find something you're interested in. If you don't find something you're interested in, please introduce us to what you're passionate about! Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TMNGideonLincecumChapter>

All new members of our group must be approved before commenting or posting so please click on Join and answer the questions.



Community Partnerships



GLC Waters Group

By: Wanda Anglin – Colorado County

Texas Waters Specialist Certifications

Our chapter members continue to acquire certification in the Texas Waters Specialist program. The TPWD award year is September through August so some participants may think they completed TWS certification in 2025, but your certification will be validated and recognized at a later date.

2025 Certifications

These members completed at least 8 hours of Advanced Training (AT) utilizing the Texas Waters curriculum between September 2024 and August 2025: Maria Dahlberg, Chuck Babb, Phil Pappano, John Pritchard, and Tom Shaughnessy.

2024 Re-Certifications

These members completed at least 10 hours of volunteer service in water, aquatic habitats, or watersheds. Wanda Anglin - 53.5 hours, Sheril Smith - 53.5 hours, Annette Holdeman - 42.5 hours, Matt Holdeman - 42.5 hours, Sheri Wilcox - 39.75 hours, Maria Dahlberg - 31.25 hours, Denise Turner - 23.25 hours, Charles Babb - 20.5 hours, Georgia Canfield - 18.5 hours, Marcia Braun - 11.75 hours.





Columbus Clean-up

By: Wanda Anglin - Colorado County

The end of January was brutally cold and full of contagious stuff. Despite losing three trash pick-up team members to bad colds and another couple to the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge pen moving project, we got a lot done! On Wednesday, January 28, 2026, Chapter President Jeff Post joined Adopt-A-Highway Columbus project leader Wanda Anglin, to tidy up under the North Bridge that crosses the Colorado River. Keep Columbus Beautiful leader Marian Schonenberg met us at the river bringing onion sacks, small plastic bags, gloves, a spare grabber, and sanitizer...things TX DOT does not provide for Adopt-a-Highway. Though we had a small turnout, we were able to fill three trash bags and retrieve a big piece of marine grade plywood. We reported a broken ice chest to TX DOT to come and get due to its location in a ravine. An onion bag full of aluminum cans was recycled. GLC works with the Columbus Garden Club, so they offer support for our AAH events and report our hours as part of the Keep Columbus Beautiful project. The Garden Club annually applies for a grant awarded by TX DOT and the governor. If they finally win this year, we will be a small part of helping them get \$110,000 to construct a garden landscape project at the entrance to Columbus. The garden club loves pollinators and appreciates native plants, so fingers crossed for them and many thanks for their support of our AAH project.



Our next Adopt-a-Highway Columbus cleanup is Saturday, April 11, 2026, 9:00 am at the Columbus Loop at the Colorado River Boat Launch off US-Bus 71, Columbus, TX. Mark your calendars!



New NPSOT Chapter Forming

By: Wanda Anglin – Colorado County



A new Native Plant Society of TX (NPSOT) chapter for Colorado, Fayette, & Lavaca Counties has formed. There is an organizational/Informational Meeting: Sat, February 21, 2026, 9 am, outside B Haus Nursery, 382 FM 2672, Schulenburg, OR weather may send us to Freyburg Hall, 5701 Freyburg Hall Rd, Schulenburg.

Interested? Email morgan@bubelatreefarms.com to get on the list for updates for any changes to this meeting location and future announcements. For Texas Master Naturalists, this meeting will NOT qualify for Advanced Training (AT) as there is no program. But future meetings with TMN-appropriate topics on native plants will count as AT! Come to the meeting to get more information or join this new chapter now. If you are already a NPSOT member perhaps with La Bahia Chapter, you can transfer if you like or join as a second chapter for a small fee

Calendar - Save The Dates



The **Event Calendar** on our chapter website is more robust than ever thanks to the efforts of our new Website Editor, Krystyna Westfield. Check the site often for opportunities to earn those AT hours, for volunteer service days at our myriad projects, for upcoming chapter and board meetings and special events. We need all of you to help us keep the calendar up to date and accurate. If you are an event organizer or project leader, let us know if we need to make any corrections to the calendar. Contact Communications Director Lori Buffum or Website Editor Krystyna Westfield.

Calendar link:
<https://txmn.org/glc/events/>

February 27 - GLC Board Meeting (chapter members welcome)
March 21 - Chapter Meeting and Educational Program

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State Information

Earn AT credit for 2026:
2026 #TMNTuesdays

The Texas Master Naturalist Program offers webinars at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Earn AT credit for watching live OR for watching the recorded presentation anytime.

Online Webinar Speaker Series
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Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00pm CT!*
*Some TMNTuesday dates and times are subject to change. Join our Email Listserve to stay updated.

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Sponsor Contact

Each county has its own TPWD Biologist and Texas AgriLife Extension agent & sponsors. Our main county contacts working with our chapter may be accessed via these links:
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Volunteer Management System; log your hours

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-vms-users>

Texas Master Naturalist Program Website

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/>

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(For notices about activities across the state)

