

Guadalupe Chapter

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***Misión.** To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.*

CHAPTER MEETING

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: **Monday, February 24, 2020**

Time: **6:30 - Social Time:** Bring your favorite treat to share. Drinks will be provided.

Earn *volunteer time* by assisting in the pre-meeting room set-up and/or helping with the after meeting clean-up! Mary Styblo is organizer.

7:00 – Program - Guest Rebekah Rylander will speak on the topic “Discovering the Secret Social Lives of the Black-Crested Titmouse.” Rebekah is currently pursuing a PhD at Texas State University focusing on family flocking dynamics of the Black-crested Titmouse, a project that stemmed from her Master’s work with the same species. After seven years of research, Rylander and her team have documented some uncommon behaviors in one of the most common bird species in central Texas. Though drab in appearance, the black-crested titmouse makes up for it in character!



Location: AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NATURE EDUCATION

Discover What’s Flying

Description: During this 1-hour program children will receive free "fun-noculars" to study shapes, sizes and colors of birds.

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Location Crescent Bend Nature Park, 12805 Schaefer Rd., Schertz

Master Naturalists: Leader Mark deKiewiet with Kay Robbins, Seth Faught, Kim Lewis, Pam Turner, Gayle Temple and Janet Magee

Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Time: 2:00 Home School children
4:00 After School children



Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte, Seguin

Master Naturalists: Leader Liz Romero with Kate Schnautz, Pam Turner, Larry White and Janet Magee.

Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Dates / Times Vary with school schedules.
Schedule attached to newsletter email!

Description: Share your love of nature with school-aged children from surrounding districts and private schools. You will be provided with the developed lesson plans.

Contact: Michelle Darnell at mdarnelltex@gmail.com or 210-601-8957 for schedule of opportunities

Insect Expo

Dates/Times: Training - February 19, 6 – 7:30 PM
February 20, 10 – 11:30 AM
EXPO – February 25, 26, 27, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Description: Please consider volunteering for this amazing youth EXPO event! Hosted by the Comal County Master Gardeners and Molly Keck in Bexar County, all volunteers from all counties are welcome! Help is needed to run twenty educational activity/experiment/craft booths all related to insects. 4th graders will be coming through the stations in small(ish) groups and stopping to participate in the activities. Various activities, you can pick which one sounds the most fun to you!



- To sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAAA92DA3FF2-insect1>
 - A training to help you understand the booth you want to assist will be offered. This will also be recorded, so be sure to sign up to volunteer so we can send you the training video!
- To sign up for the training: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAAA92DA3FF2-insect>

Visit the website at <https://comalmg.org/> to sign up!!

Walk with a Naturalist – Park West Loop

Dates: Every Tuesday for 9 weeks

March 3	March 24	April 14
March 10	March 31	April 21
March 17	April 7	April 28



Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West, 601 N. Vaughn, Seguin; meet at Splash Pad

Description: During this adult-focused activity, you will share your love of nature found in Park West. This program is intended to introduce adults to our Master Naturalist program and hopefully recruit students for our 2020 Training Class.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Pollinator Garden

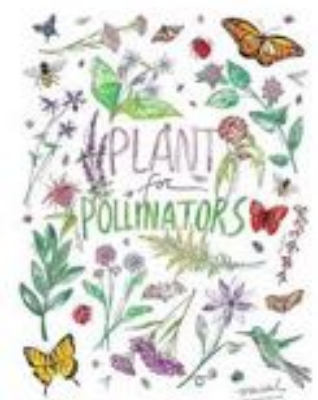
Date: Wednesdays

Time: 8:30 -11 AM

Location: Park West

Description: On-going maintenance of garden. Wear long pants, long sleeves, boots. Bring water and tools.

Contact: Clara Mae Marcotte, rcm.marcotte@gmail.com, Liz Romero, fleurromero@gmail.com. Pam Turner, John Edson.



Bird Viewing Station Workday

Dates/Times: Friday, February 7, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sunday, February 9, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E. Kingsbury, Seguin

Description: The Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center is renovating its bird viewing station with input from Master Naturalists Nancy Masterson, Kay Robbins and Elaine Cowley. The structure is being modified and a water line installed for a bird drip. ,

We need carpenters, wheelbarrow cement-mixer, feeder scrubbers and anyone who wants to hang feeders. Cordless tools will also be needed!

Contact: Nancy Masterson at nsethermasterson@gmail.com to RSVP



FOREST HEALTH

Forest Health Volunteer Days

Date: Every Wednesday morning

Time: 8:30 -11 AM

Location: Park West, 601 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description: Various projects. The committee has determined there are many work projects that need to be done. You are invited to join the group and help with restoring the Park West vegetation. Wear long pants, long sleeves, boots. Bring water and tools.

Contact: Chris Dyess at ced16123@gmail.com

Chapter Committee Meetings



2020 Training Class Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Description: Planning meeting for the fall training class. If you want to help develop the next group of Master Naturalists to join our Chapter, please attend this meeting. Various responsibilities, class promotion, dates, time, location and class schedule will be discussed.

Location: AgriLife Extension Building

Contact: Marilyn at MarilynA@access4less.net or 830-379-5755

Communication Committee

Date: Monday, February 10

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Description: The purpose of this committee is to distribute Chapter information both within the Chapter and to our local community. To coordinate the various functions, the sub-committees will define their individual roles and responsibilities. A chairperson will be selected to oversee the various sub-committees.

Location: Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E. Kingsbury St.

Contact: Michelle Darnell, eesc.solc@gmail.com 210-601-8957

Citizen Science Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM

Description: Planning of various committee projects. All interested in participating in Citizen Science activities are invited to attend.

Location: AgriLife Extension Building, 210 E. Walnut, Seguin

Contact: Tom Hardaway at tehardaway@yahoo.com

ADVANCED TRAINING

What, How and Why of Forest Restoration at Park West!

Dates: Sunday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 4

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Location: Park West, 601 N. Vaughn, Seguin; Meet at the Splash Pad.

Description: Forest Health Initiative Training Learn about the Master Naturalist's partnership with the City of Seguin, the effect on forest health by selectively removing invasive plants and how to identify them. Program will be repeated twice so sign-up for either one.

Contact: To sign-up, email Chris Dyess at ced16123@gmail.com. Put GMN-PW in subject line.

First Friday Bird Walk – Palmetto State Park

Date: Friday, February 7, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM

Description: Join Park Ranger Jason True and Guadalupe Master Naturalist Pledge Elaine Cowley as they lead you exploring the bird populations found in Palmetto State Park. On the first Friday of every month, join park staff and see what you can see. From first time fledglings to seasoned eagle eyes, all are welcome.

Bring your binoculars, your bird book, comfortable shoes, dress for the weather and be prepared to be outside for about 3 hours. This is an open invitation for birders of all skills to come out and see what you can see.

Check-in at the Park HQ for the birding location.

Location: Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Road 11 South, Gonzales, TX

Contact: Jason True (830) 672-3266 jason.true@tpwd.texas.gov

Geocaching the Riparian Zone

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Description: If you have ever thought you might want to teach a Geocaching class at ILSOLC or just want to know know more about Geocaching and the Riparian zone, please come join us. Location: Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E. Kingsbury St.



Contact: Michelle Darnell, eesc.solc@gmail.com 210-601-8957

Wildscaping: Landscaping for Wildlife **Guadalupe Chapter – Native Plant Society**

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM social/refreshments; 7:00 PM Programs

Location: St John Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion, TX

Description: Presented by Judit Green, you will learn how to turn just a part of your property into a garden and still encourage a variety of wildlife to visit—especially birds, butterflies and pollinators! By adding drought-hardy native plants that provide food and refuge to your flying visitors, you will also help our Monarch populations during their migration. You will enjoy singing birds and fluttering butterflies while using less water and no chemicals. Judit is a Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and teaches lessons for our Training Classes.



Drought Proof Texas **Lindheimer Chapter – Texas Master Naturalist**

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020

Time: 5:45 PM – Social and Refreshments; 6:15 PM – Program

Location: Tye Preston Memorial Library, 16311 S. Access Rd., Canyon Lake.

Website: <https://txmn.org/lindheimer/>

Description: Pete Van Dyck will speak on how we can “Drought Proof Texas.” Pete is owner of Van Dyck Earthworks & Design LLC; learn more about his work at <https://droughtprooftx.com/>

National Association for Interpreters Webinars

Date/Times: vary

Description: A professional association for those involved in the interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources in settings such as parks, zoos, museums, nature centers, aquaria, botanical gardens, and historical sites. The mission of the Association is to train individuals in the skill of interpretation.

Cost: \$10.00 – 40.00

https://www.interpnet.com/NAI/interp/Certification/Other_Training/Webinars/nai/_certification/Webinars.aspx?hkey=7c32c73e-3c21-4540-998e-45c82a050a96

Cornell Lab of Ornithology Bird Academy

These are on-line courses that you complete at your own pace. Topics and costs vary. Go to <https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/> for information and list of courses. The current featured course is "Nature Journaling and Field Sketching."

A free course, "eBird Essentials" is available. The course instructors describes the class this way: "Discover how eBird can support your passion for birds and how your participation can help us better understand them. Birder, bird watcher, or bird lover, it doesn't matter—this course is for you. Whether you watch birds at your feeder or on the way to work, or travel miles for that one bird you can't wait to see, eBird can help. This free course guides you through how to get the most out of your eBirding experiences and invites you to become a part of this worldwide project."

—Lindsay Glasner, Course Instructor

CHAPTER NEWS



The **Hospitality Committee** is responsible for setting up the tables to receive refreshments brought by members to Chapter meetings. They also provide the drinks for the meeting and clean up the refreshment area after the meeting. Mary Styblo graciously agreed to lead this committee. We need a few good people to assist Mary, helping with the responsibilities of Hospitality. This is not a demanding commitment as it requires a small amount of time on Chapter meeting nights.

Newly Certified Master Naturalists



Kathy Pearson was the first member of Class 5 to complete the requirements for initial certification. Congratulations to Kathy for a job well done. She has been a willing worker with our Nature Education programs, helped organize the Christmas party and has volunteered to work on several committees. Presenting her certificate, official name tag and dragonfly pin is Marilyn Anderson, Training Class Co-chairman.



Three members of Class 5 received their certification certificates, official name tags and their first dragonfly pins at the January Chapter meeting. On left, President Tom Hardaway congratulates Kay Robbins, Bobby Cowley and Elaine Cowley as Marilyn Anderson looks on. All three have actively volunteered with our Nature Education Discovery programs and the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. Kay and Elaine are avid birders. Bobby is participating in CoCoRaHS rain collection as a citizen scientist.



Would you like to propagate some Inland Sea Oats seeds? Monta Zengerle has a large supply of seeds in his yard and he invites anyone who would like some to come help yourself. Inland Sea Oats is a wonderful native plant for shade areas.

Contact Monta at zengerlem@yahoo.com or 830-305-9666

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net.

Deadline for next issue – Friday, February 28 for the March 2020 edition.

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