

# Biweekly Newsletter



December 03, 2018



*Guadalupe Master Naturalist  
Christmas Social  
Annual Meeting*

Monday, December 10, 2018  
6:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall, FM 465  
[600 S. Center St,] Marion TX

Potluck Dinner



Turkey will be provided.  
Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert  
or special holiday dish to share.

Drinks will be provided.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted within the Church Fellowship Hall.

**Donations for the Christian Cupboard will be collected**

**RSVP** to Tonya Harker by Thursday, December 6 at  
210-860-8608 or [tonyaharker@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaharker@gmail.com)



# Adopt-a-Table

A fun and simple way to decorate for our Holiday social!

**Needed: Seven "decorators" to Adopt-a-Table.**



Get creative and use some of your holiday decorations to create a festive centerpiece on a dining table.



Join in the fun and volunteer to Adopt-a-Table

Contact Marilyn at [MarilynA@access4less.net](mailto:MarilynA@access4less.net) or 830-379-5755 [h]

**Please, leave message on answering machine if I'm not home.**



## Food Presentation Table

Volunteers are needed to manage the food table as all the delicious dishes arrive. The best part of this - you get to sneak a peek at all the goodies first!

Contact Tonya at 210-860-8608 or [tonyaharker@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaharker@gmail.com)



## Set-up / Take-down

For any entertaining event, it takes a crew to manage the organization of tables, chairs and accessory needs to transform an empty room into a party. We need helpers before everyone arrives to help set the room up and after its over to help with clean-up. Yes, someone always has to do the dirty work. Please, please say "YES" with a smile on your face to help with either [or both] of these tasks.

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Park West Work Day- Pollinator Garden**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 AM – Pollinator Garden

Location: Park West, Vaughn St.

Description: Volunteers will count butterflies and do a bit of maintenance of the garden

Contact: Nancy Masterson. [nsethermasterson@gmail.com](mailto:nsethermasterson@gmail.com)

### **Park West Work Day- Forest Health**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Location: Park West Outdoor Classroom, across soccer field

Description: Participants will remove invasive plants, tag natives to be preserved and build trails.

Wear long sleeves and pants, hat, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.

Tools to bring – lopping shears, small saws, rakes.

Bring drinking water.

Contact: Chris Dyess, [ced16123@gmail.com](mailto:ced16123@gmail.com)

### **Walk With a Naturalist**

Date: every Tuesday, February – April

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Park West Splash Pad

Description: A recruitment event to encourage area adults to explore the activities of naturalists and consider joining our Master Naturalist class.

Volunteers are needed to lead the walks.

Contact: Nancy Masterson. [nsethermasterson@gmail.com](mailto:nsethermasterson@gmail.com)



## **Nature Education Training Session #1**

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: AgriLife building

Description: Improve your delivery skills of the first four Discovery programs: the Forest, What's Flying, Rocks: Senses and Sediments, What's Buzzing and Blooming.

The first program of 2019 [Discover the Forest] will be held on Saturday, January 12 at Crescent Bend and on Monday, January 14, at Seguin Public Library.

Contact: Nancy Masterson. [nsethermasterson@gmail.com](mailto:nsethermasterson@gmail.com)

### ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Date: Now through March 17, 2019

Time: Monday & Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 – 5:00; Tuesday – 10:00 – 8:00; Sunday noon – 5:00

Location: Witte Museum, Russell Hill Rogers Texas Art Gallery and the Laura and Sam Dawson Gallery, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio

Description: *The Birds and the Bees* explores the importance of pollinators through the Witte Museum's diverse collection, featuring stunning landscapes showcased in Texas art, a wide array of flowering plants and insect specimens, fossils dating back to the Cretaceous Period, Fiesta® gowns and artifacts representing the cultural significance of pollinators. This exhibition will be on display from through March 17, 2019. In this exhibition, visitors will discover the many different types of pollinators, the role of a flowering plant's beauty for survival and an appreciation of their beauty that has attracted people and artists for thousands of years. Visitors can enhance their experience with an interactive component that explores how pollinators influence all aspects of Texas Deep Time across the Witte Museum campus and throughout Texas. In this exhibition, visitors will discover the many different types of pollinators, the role of a flowering plant's beauty for survival and an appreciation of their beauty that has attracted people and artists for thousands of years. Visitors can enhance their experience with an interactive component that explores how pollinators influence all aspects of Texas Deep Time across the Witte Museum campus and throughout Texas.

Fee: Museum admission – Adult \$12.00 / Senior [65+] \$11.00

## **Native Plant Walk**

Date: Friday, January 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Location: San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX

Description: Explore the 11-acre Texas Native Trail with Master Naturalists Nancy & Gary Rogers. This area has its own distinctive and diverse ecological region of Texas, varying in soil, plant life, topography, and weather. There are more than 250 plant species in collections that represent three ecosystems. In the **East Texas Pineywoods**, visitors find Pines, Sweetgum, Sassafras, and other acidic soil-loving woodland species. The **Hill Country** area features Live Oaks, Juniper, Texas Mountain Laurel, Eve's necklace, Blanco Crabapple, Possum Haw, Hop-tree, Uvalde Maples, and other limestone tolerant plants. In the **South Texas** region, Dryland trees and thorny brush such as Torchwood, Mexican Olive, mesquite, Texas Ebony, and Huisache thrive. On this Walk you'll learn about the medicinal uses of native plants as well as their historical and cultural uses, and which are favored by birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Contact: **Meet at the Greenwood Breezeway of the Halsell Welcome Breezeway. Tour leaves at 10 am.** Thanks to a generous donation from our friends at **San Antonio Water System**, walk is free to members or with paid admission, but registration is required.

To register, paste this link to your browser: <http://www.sabot.org/walks/>

## **Chapter News**



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**\$25.00**

Due to Treasurer Larry White  
by the end of the year.

Pay at Christmas party or  
mail to Larry at:

134 Indian Trail, Seguin, TX 78155

## Rocks: Senses and Sediments



A large group of children are listening intently as Jim Dyess teaches about rocks. Betty Hughes and Nancy Masterson were on hand to lend a helping hand.

Kate Schnautz is surrounded by youngsters as they explore concepts about rocks by using their senses.



VMS/TIME TRACKING NEWS

Remember to submit your AT and Volunteer hours!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, [MarilynA@access4less.net](mailto:MarilynA@access4less.net).

Next deadline is Friday, December 14 for the December 16, 2018 newsletter.



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