

Biweekly Newsletter



January 06, 2019

***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.*

MEETINGS

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: Monday, January 28, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM – Board of Directors meeting

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!

Please contact [Tonya Harker](mailto:tonyaharker@gmail.com) and volunteer to help with the refreshments. Contact her at tonyaharker@gmail.com or 210-860-8608.

7:00 - Program - Based out of Texas State University's Rivers Center, Steven Magnelia serves as River Studies Program Director for Texas Parks and Wildlife. In this position, he supervises a multidisciplinary team of eight aquatic biologists/ecologists and three support staff that develop and implement science based conservation initiatives that restore and preserve natural river processes and maintain healthy aquatic habitats and ecosystems. His program will highlight the restoration efforts of the **Guadalupe Bass** in the Blanco River.



Nature Education Training

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: AgriLife, upstairs classroom

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. Kate Schnautz will present a lesson on classroom management. Nancy Masterson will lead a discussion on the 2019 budget for Nature Education.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, nsethermasterson@gmail.com or 830-305-9104

Citizen Science Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: AgriLife Building



Description: This meeting is for anyone interested in working with Citizen Science projects, such as monitoring Monarch Butterfly Populations and working on invasive plant removal in Park West. Tom has compiled a list of projects which we have worked on plus some we have talked about doing, such as conducting a Bio Blitz in Crescent Bend and Park West. He will bring the list to the meeting. If you have any, please be prepared to share your ideas for projects we can implement. A meeting goal is to generate a master list of projects we want to address this year and designate a contact person for each project. Having a contact person available for a project really makes things so much simpler and easier!

Contact: Tom Hardaway, tehardaway@yahoo.com or 830-491-7897

[If you have something you want to work on, but are unable to attend the meeting, just shoot me an email or phone call.]

Organizational Meeting for 2019 Training Class Committee

Date: Monday, January 28, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: AgriLife, upstairs classroom

New Class Starting
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Description: Join in the excitement that comes from training NEW Master Gardeners. You make wonderful new friends who share your love of the natural world while learning from our knowledgeable presenters. Developing new members is critical to the success of our Chapter; be a part of this necessary and valuable effort.

At the meeting we will develop a timeline of necessary tasks that need to be completed in preparation for the new class.

We Need You to Help Our Chapter Grow

NATURE EDUCATION Volunteer Opportunities

Pollinator Garden

Date: Every Wednesday morning
Time: 8:30 – 9:30
Location: Park West, Vaughn, St.



Description: On-going maintenance of the Pollinator Garden. Bring your tools and wear clothing appropriate for the weather.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, nsethermasterson@gmail.com or 830-305-9104

Forest Health Work Day

Date: Wednesdays, January 9 and 23 [2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month]
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 am
Location: Park West, Vaughn St.

Description: Participants will remove invasive plants, tag natives to be preserved and build trails. Bring tools to cut, saw, lop, dig, and haul away those plants we need to eradicate in order to return Park West to its natural native vegetative state.

Wear sleeves and pants, hat, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.
Bring drinking water.

Contact/Leader: Chris Dyess, ced16123@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Discover the Forest

Dates: Saturday, January 12 and Monday, January 14, 2019
Times/Locations: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz - 10:00 AM
Seguin Public Library, Seguin - two sessions 2:00 and 4:00 PM

Description: Children learn about how a forest functions by identifying how each living organism plays a role in the use of the natural resources in a forest. Children will compare their city life to that of the forest city.

Contact/Leader: Nancy Masterson, nsethermasterson@gmail.com or 830-305-9104

Discover What's Flying

Dates: Saturday, February 9 and Monday, February 11

Times/Locations: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz - 10:00 AM

Seguin Public Library, Seguin - two sessions 2:00 and 4:00 PM

Description: Interpreters teach how to use viewing instruments (Fun'oculars) and introduce six clues for looking at birds: shape, shade, size, sound, surroundings and speed.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, nsethermasterson@gmail.com or 830-305-9104 to sign up

Walk with a Naturalist

Dates: Every Tuesday starting February 5

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Park West Splash Pad

Description: While leading adults through the trails of Park West, you will introduce the Master Naturalist program to participants. Share with them the activities we perform at Park West and what we do as naturalists. Encourage them to attend our meeting and consider joining our new class. This is a promotional effort to share the Master Naturalist mission with adults and spark their interest in our program.

Contact: Nancy Masterson. nsethermasterson@gmail.com



Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center - 4th Grade Field Trip -

Date: Thursday, February 7

Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm

Location: Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, Seguin

Description: Stream tables (Water Quality), Fishing and Bird Beaks (Adaptions) Michelle Darnell is looking for help running the Fishing and Bird Beaks station The kids would rotate through all the stations. Class size of 16 students each.

Schedule:

9:00 Arrive and Meet at the Environmental Science Center

9:15- 10: 00 Fishing - Small fishing pier- Instructor?

10:05 - 10:50 Bird Beaks - Environmental Science Center - Instructor?

10:55 - 11:25 Lunch in Camping area

11:30 - 12:15 Stream Tables - Pond - Michelle Darnell

12:15 Load Bus to go back to School

Contact: Michelle Darnell at the Outdoor Education Center in Seguin at eesc.solc@gmail.com

Seguin Outdoor Learning Center 2nd Grade Field Trip

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 8am – 1pm

Location: Outdoor Education Center, Seguin ([map](#))

Description: Looking for help running the Fishing and Bird Beaks station. The students will rotate through all the stations. Class size of 16 students each.

Schedule:

9:00 Arrive and Meet at the Environmental Science Center

9:15- 10:00 Fishing

10:05 - 10:50 Bird Beaks

10:55 - 11:25 Lunch in Camping area

11:30 - 12:15 Incredible Journey -

12:15 Load Bus to go back to School

Contact: Michelle Darnell at eesc.solc@gmail.com to help

Insect Expo (and set-up)

Dates/Times: Monday, February 25 [set-up], Tuesday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 27

Location: McKenna, 801 W San Antonio St, New Braunfels

Description: Schedule:

Feb. 25 - 2-5pm - Set up,

Feb. 26 - 8:30am to 1:30pm - student sessions

Feb 27 - 8:30am to 1:30pm - student sessions



Contact: Molly Keck, TPWD Entomologist, mekeck@ag.tamu.edu

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Guadalupe Co. Chapter - Native Plant Society of Texas

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time: Refreshments – 6:30 PM

Program – 7:00 PM

Location: St John's Lutheran Church, Marion

Description: Dr. Mark Gustafson, Professor of Environmental Studies at Texas Lutheran University and author of "A Naturalist's Guide to the Texas Hill Country" presents "**Plants of the Hill Country.**" Gustafson manages the Weston Ranch Project near Marion, has trapped doves as a volunteer for Texas Parks and Wildlife, and has led eight study abroad trips to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Belize, Ecuador and Mexico. He has a BA in Biology and Mathematics, and a PhD in Zoology from Duke University.

Information: visit <http://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>.

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/>

Bats of the World-Most Misunderstood Mammal ★

Date: Saturday January 19

Time: 10am – 11am

Location: Wild Birds Unlimited, 1659 TX-46 #140, New Braunfels

Description: Presented by Don and Edith Berquist Master Naturalist and regular workers at Bracken Caves. Due to limited space, please call (830) 609-9510 or sign up in store to reserve your spot.

Archaeological Preservation and Preserving our Texas Heritage ★

Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Time: 9am – 11am

Location: Forke Store, Conservation Plaza 1300 Churchill Drive, New Braunfels

Description Speaker: Tiffany Osborn, Regional Archaeologist/Project Reviewer Archaeology Division, Texas Historical Commission There is no cost, brunch is provided and seating is limited. This event is open to the public RSVP to Karen Boyd 830-625-1619 or bboyd3@satx.rr.com.

Know Your Web footed Friends ★

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time: 10am – 11am

Location: Wild Birds Unlimited, 1659 TX-46 Suite 140, New Braunfels

Description: Presented by Tom & Patsy Inglet, Master Naturalists (Alamo Chapter) and Docents at San Antonio Zoo. Tom & Patsy will talk about how to identify local water fowl, their habitats and behavior. Due to limited space, please call (830) 609-9510 or sign up in store to reserve your spot.

Create a Hummingbird Hotspot ★

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019

Time: 10am – 11am

Location: Wild Birds Unlimited, 1659 TX-46 Suite 140, New Braunfels

Description: Presented by Kathleen Scott, Master Gardener. Kathleen has been a Master Gardener for 11 years. She will talk about how to grow the correct plants to create a habitat for birds, bees and especially hummingbirds. Due to limited space, please call (830) 609-9510 or sign up in store to reserve your spot.

★ The five opportunities given above with the red star have NOT been submitted to the Advanced Training Committee for approval. If you would like to attend, submit the approval form to Cinde Thomas-Jimenez, cinde@satx.rr.com , **prior** to attending the session. A copy of the form is attached with this newsletter.

Chapter News



It is with deep sadness I report the death of one of our own, Joel Tanner. Joel, a member of our last Training Class, was a tireless supporter of and worker at Crescent Bend Nature Park in Schertz. We last saw him at our Christmas party. The funeral was held today [Sunday] at 2:00 PM.

Cards may be mailed to his wife, Beth, at 11830 Lost Meadows Drive, Schertz, TX 78108.

If you haven't paid your dues, please mail:

\$25.00

Treasurer Larry White
134 Indian Trail, Seguin, TX 78155

Holiday at Hogwarts

These two adorable witches represented Guadalupe Master Naturalists at the Seguin Public Library in December. Assisted by Pam Turner, they visited with approximately 175 people, sharing information on various herbs, books on Harry Potter and homemade Mandrakes to fit the theme.



VMS/TIME TRACKING NEWS

It's a NEW YEAR and our hours start fresh. 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.

Deadline for next issue – Friday, February 1 for the February 3 edition.

Starting in 2019, the newsletter will be sent only ONCE per month, on the first Sunday. If, during the month, you have news that needs to be distributed to our Chapter members, please send to me. I will be happy to distribute your announcements.



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