

# Guadalupe Chapter Texas Master Naturalist

Vol. 6, Issue 3



March 2019

***Mission.** 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, March 25, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 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](mailto:tonyaharker@gmail.com) or 210-860-8608.

7:00 Program: Michele Reynolds will speak on Aquatic Macrophytes and the Native American Culture.

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

### **Nature Education – Discover Refresher Training**

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Schertz Public Library, 798 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX

Description: Volunteer training covering four Discover programs: What's Swimming; A Bug's World; Early Texans; Clues and Traces.

Contact: Nancy Masterson, [nsethermasterson@gmail.com](mailto:nsethermasterson@gmail.com) or 830-305-9104

## NATURE EDUCATION

### Walk With a Naturalist

Date: Every Tuesday in March 2019

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Location: Park West Splash Pad



Description: While leading adults along the trail 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.

March Leaders: Nancy Masterson - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Hardaway - 19<sup>th</sup>

Chris Dyess - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Sharon Frels - 26<sup>th</sup>

### Discover Rocks: Senses and Sediments

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 AM, Crescent Bend Nature Park

Monday, March 11, 2:00 and 4:00 PM, Seguin Public Library

Description: Using their five senses, children will explore the building blocks of Earth

Leaders: The leader at **Crescent Bend** will be Nancy Masterson and Naturalists are Michelle Darnell, Gayle Temple, Mark deKweit, Larry White and Chris Dyess. Naturalists at **Seguin Library** are Leader Kate Schnautz with Pam Turner, Liz Romero, Janet Magee, Betty Hughes and Chris Dyess.

### Forest Health

Date: Wednesdays, March 13 and 27, 2019

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Location: Park West Outdoor Classroom, across from soccer field

Description: Help improve the native biodiversity of Park West by removing invasive plants that alter the natural ecosystem. Wear long sleeves and pants, hat, closed-toe shoes and work gloves. Bring drinking water and tools [lopping shears, small saws, rakes]

Contact: Chris Dyess



## Projects/Contacts

1. Park West:
  - A. Nature Trail – *Chris Dyess*
  - B. Invasive Plant Removal – *Chris Dyess*
2. Frog Watch – *Tom Hardaway*
3. Butterflies:
  - A. Monarch Monitoring – *Liz Romero*
  - B. Pollinator Garden – *Pam Turner*
4. Stream Team / Water Quality Monitoring -
5. BioBlitz:
  - A. Crescent Bend
  - B. Park West
  - C. SOLC
  - D. Walnut Creek Park
6. Stream Biological Surveys – *Tom Hardaway*
  - A. Walnut Creek
  - B. Cibolo Creek
  - C. Geronimo Creek
7. Maintenance Assistance
  - A. Neasloney WMA – *Craig Wagner*
  - B. Palmetto SP – *Craig Sagebiel*
8. Bird Blinds
  - A. Crescent Bend
  - B. Warbler Woods
9. Bluebird Trail

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

The Seguin Outdoor Learning Center is again under a phase of transition. If you want to help with the ongoing educational learning at the Center, please sign up to teach one of the available station lessons below.

Dates/Times/Schools:

**1. Monday, 3/4/19: Poteet Intermediate 5<sup>th</sup> (PISD) (126 Students)**

**Arrive: 10:00 am/Depart: 12:30 pm**

**(2-Track Schedule)**

**Rotation A**

Fossils: Kate S.

Drawn to Nature:

Geocaching (Riparian Course):

**Rotation B**

Fossils:

Drawn to Nature:

Geocaching: Beth T.

**2. Tuesday, 3/5/19: John Glenn 5<sup>th</sup> (ECISD) (130 Students)**

**Arrive: 9:00 am/Depart: 1:30 pm**

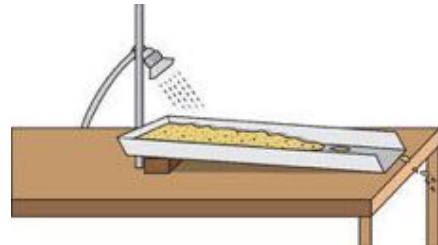
Fishing: Beth T.

Fossils: Jennifer E.

Stream Tables:

Beginning Compass:

Home Sweet Home:



**3. Thursday, 3/7/19 Watts 3<sup>rd</sup> (SCUCISD) (120 Students)**

**Arrive: 9:30 am/Depart: 1:30 pm**

Fishing: Beth T.

Home Sweet Home:

Discovering Animals:

Drawn to Nature:

**4. Thursday, 3/14/19 Crockett 2<sup>nd</sup> (SMCISD) (100 students)**

**Arrive: 9:00 am/Depart 1:00 pm**

Fishing:

Fish Prints:

Bird Beaks:

Discovering Animals: Beth T.

Insects: Jennifer E.

**5. Monday, 3/18/19 Canyon Lake High School (Various grades) (25 Students)**

**Arrive: 11:00 am/Depart 1:30 pm**

Water Quality Studies:

Fishing: Beth T.

**6. Tuesday, 3/19/19 Our Lady of Perpetual Help 5<sup>th</sup> (Private) (38 Students)**

**Arrive: 9:00 am/Depart 2:45 pm**

Archery:

Geocaching:

Fishing: Beth T.

Giant Swing:

Bug Picking:

**7. Thursday, 3/21/19: Garden Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> (CISD) (148 Students)**

**Arrive: 9:45 am/Depart: 1:00 pm**

**2-Track Schedule**

**Rotation A**

Fishing: Beth T.

Water Cycle:

Insects:

Discovering Animals:

**Rotation B**

Fishing:

Water Cycle:

Insects:

Discovering Animals:



**8. Wednesday, 3/27/19: Wilder Intermediate 5<sup>th</sup> (SCUCISD) (400 Students)**

**Arrive 9:45 am/Depart 1:30 pm**

**(4-Track Schedule)**

**Rotation A**

Fishing: Beth T.

Hike:

Discovering Animals:

Drawn to Nature:

**Rotation B**

Fishing:

Hike:

Discovering Animals:

Drawn to Nature:

**Rotation C**

Fishing:

Hike:

Discovering Animals:

Drawn to Nature:

**Rotation D**

Fishing:

Hike:

Discovering Animals:

Drawn to Nature:

**9. Thursday, 3/28/19 Joe Barnhart Academy 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (Beeville ISD) (115 Students)**

**Arrive: 10:00 am/Depart: 1:30 pm**

(2-Track Schedule)

**Rotation A**

Bug Picking:

Launches:

Fishing: Beth T.

**Rotation B**

Bug Picking:

Launches:

Fishing:

**10. Friday, 3/29/19: Cornerstone Christian 5<sup>th</sup> (Private) (93 Students)**

**Arrive: 9:15 am/Depart 1:15 pm**

Fishing: Beth T.

Archery:

Beginning Compass:

Discovering Animals:

Contact: Michelle Darnell at [eesc.solc@gmail.com](mailto:eesc.solc@gmail.com) or text 210.601.8957

**Palmetto State Park / Dates and Times Vary**

Liz Palfini has provided an assortment of activities Master Naturalists can perform at the park:

1. **Nature walk/bird walk** once a month. Second Saturday of each month either morning or afternoon.
2. **Full moon and New Moon night hike** each month that moon falls on or close to Friday-Sun  
Current dates are April 19 Full Moon, May 4 New Moon, May 18 Full Moon, August 16 Full Moon, August 30 New Moon, September 13 Full Moon, September 28 New Moon, October 12 Full Moon,
3. Palmetto offers **field trip opportunities for schools** Tuesday – Thursday year round. Most schools book between the months of March to May.
4. **Summer Camp** help the first 2 weeks of June – specific activities at specific times that would require just one to two people. An example would be one hour programs like a skins and skulls program, an abiotic vs biotic hike, Tree hike, bird hike and binocular 101

We can also propose our own ideas for learning activities. Our Discovery modules would work well at Palmetto. If you have a desire to share outdoor activities with campers and extend their nature experience, contact Liz Palfini at 830-672-3266 xt 223 (office) 830-203-7734 (cell)

[liz.palfini@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:liz.palfini@tpwd.texas.gov)

## **ADVANCED TRAINING**

### **Guadalupe Co. Native Plant Society – Chapter Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Time: 6:30 – Refreshments

7:00 – Program:

Description: Restoring Our Woodlands - Justin Krobot is a certified arborist and current Mission Reach Superintendent for the San Antonio River Authority. He will describe and illustrate the problems of invasives in native landscapes, and the sometimes radical – and wildly entertaining – processes required to defeat them and restore Texas to what it should be.

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion, TX

### **Lindheimer Chapter NPSOT Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2019

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: GVTC Auditorium, 36101 FM3159, New Braunfels

Description: History of South Texas Growers and Explanation of how a nursery works by Joanne Hall .

### **Lindheimer Chapter Master Naturalist Meeting – Bird Songs**

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019

Time: 5:45 – 7:45 PM

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

Description: 5:45-6:15pm - Refreshments & Social

6:15-7:15pm - Speaker - Patsy Inglet on "Bird Songs-Nature's Sweet Tweets."



# Explore Texas Wildflowers!

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

**9 AM - Noon**

**Schertz Civic Center 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX**

**Journey beyond bluebonnets to learn about the common and rare wildflowers of Texas!**

*Common*



*Gaillardia pulchella*  
*Indian Blanket*

*Less Common*

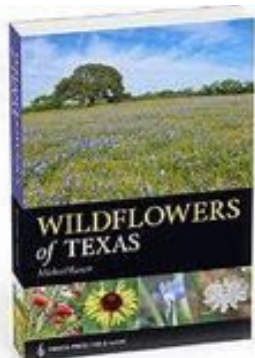


*Corydalis curvisiliqua*  
*Curvepod*

*Uncommon*



*Galactia canescens*  
*Hoary milkpea*



Hear Michael Eason, author of *Wildflowers of Texas*, a Timber Press field guide. Mr. Eason heads the rare plant conservation department at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Previously he worked for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, where he managed the Millennium Seed Bank Project.

**Admission \$25 at the door**

**Purchase online at [www.npsot.org/wp/guadalupe](http://www.npsot.org/wp/guadalupe)**

Or mail a check to: NPSOT

8908 Bent Brook Dr., Garden Ridge, TX 78266.

Information: 210-289-9997



**A Project of the Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas**

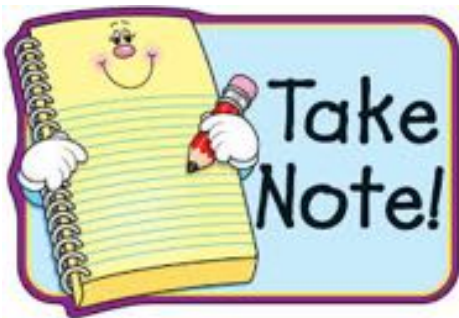


## Fall Training Class

The Training Class Committee met on January 28 and completed some of the necessary plans for the class which starts August 13. Student applications are ready for distribution as well as an advertising flier. **Both documents are attached to this newsletter email message.**

**Every Chapter member is part of the recruiting team!** Please join with the committee by spreading the word. Please print copies of the application and flier to distribute. Without the infusion of new members, our Chapter programs will not prosper.

# We Need You to Help Our Chapter Grow



### **NEW - Volunteer Opportunities Calendar on Chapter Website**

Our Chapter website has a new feature - a calendar where you can access information about various volunteer and Advanced Training opportunities! Please investigate the calendar to see how simple it will be to get the information you need.

Go to this link <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar/> to locate the new calendar!

Your Calendar Coordinators,

Sharon Frels - Chapter additions/opportunities [meetings, education, training events, etc..]

Michelle Darnell - Opportunities from outside our chapter

# Insect Expo

Several Guadalupe Master Naturalists participated in the Insect Expo on February 26-27. Mark de Kiewiet was buzzing around teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> graders all about bees while Pam Turner, Kate Schnautz, Marilyn Anderson and Michelle Darnell taught at other stations.



Marilyn had fun teaching bee anatomy as children made paper bees from cutouts of bee body parts.



Pam made some antenna to wear while teaching at Insect Expo.



No, not a space alien! It's Pam Turner dressed in bee keeper garb and holding a smoker to keep bees calm.



\$25.00

Treasurer Larry White  
134 Indian Trail, Seguin, TX 78155

**Chapter Dues are now past due**

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

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

**Deadline for next issue** – Friday, April 5 for the April 7 edition.

### VMS TIME TRACKING

Remember to submit your AT and Volunteer hours!



The Texas Master Naturalist program is sponsored by the  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and  
Texas Parks and Wildlife



T E X A S



Guadalupe Chapter