



***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.*

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM Program

8:00 PM Chapter Meeting

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin and on Webex

Description: .Samantha Gonzalez will bring a study of the San Antonio River to us. Samantha is quite familiar with the river as it was one of her projects during her university studies. As the new nature interpreter at Palmetto State Park Samantha leads many of the activities that interface with the public at the park. She would be happy to welcome Master Naturalist volunteers and input at the park.

Please note: Guadalupe Master Naturalists take a break from programs/meetings in June and July. The next program and meeting will be August 22.

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Board Planning Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Location: Jim & Chris Dyess', 2205 Lakewood Drive, Seguin

Time: 9:00am -12:30pm

Description: Last year your board started an annual planning meeting. The board looks at what has been going well with chapter activities and what could be improved, discusses policies, and sets goals for the year. We will meet on a covered patio so please dress for the weather. Bring your own drink/snack and if possible, a chair.



As with all board meetings, members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact Chris—email: ced16123@gmail.com or text: 713-816-9499

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FOREST HEALTH

Date: Thursday, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

Time: 8:30 – 11:00 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn St., Seguin

Come on out and get a taste of our weekly work! Wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves and pants, a hat and bring gloves and water.

Meet in the Park West Parking lot and join the forest crew!

Contacts: John Barrington - freedom516@yahoo.com

Nancy Masterson – nsethermasterson@gmail.com



Tree-hugging Guadalupe Master Naturalists celebrate a grand old live oak tree in the Park West forest on Thursday. The volunteers have removed invasive ligustrum plants away from the native trees, allowing them more sunlight, water and nutrients

NATURE EDUCATION

Discover What's Buzzing and Blooming

Date: Monday, May 9, 2022

Time: staggered start times 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte

Leader: **NEED A LEADER!**

Volunteers: Kate Schnuatz, John Barrington, and Jennifer Ehlers

Please arrive at 2:30 P.M.

Contact: Jennifer Ehlers ehlers@gvec.net to volunteer



Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022

Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Leader: Rebeca Leininger

Volunteers: Vivian Maguire, Gayle Temple, and Justice Brown

Please arrive at 8:30 A.M.

Contact: Rebeca Leininger rsleininger@gmail.com to volunteer

Description: Help children and their adult sponsors learn the world needs pollinators! Participants will discover the connections and interdependence in nature by exploring pollinators and the plants they interact with. With oversize flower shapes and insect “mouths,” interpreters show shapes of flowers, introduce model bees and butterflies, discussing terms pollen, nectar, pollinator, proboscis and host.

→ You may sign up here: [Signup Genius for Discover](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084ca5ae2fa6f49-discover2)
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Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084ca5ae2fa6f49-discover2>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Walk with a Naturalist at Park West

Dates/Times/Guide: Tuesday, May 3 at 9:00 AM – Led by John Barrington
Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00 AM – Led by Sharon Frels
Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM – Led by John Barrington
Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 AM – Led by Tom Hardaway
Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00 AM – Led by Jennifer Ehlers

Location: Splash pad area at Park West

Description: Walks with a Naturalist are one-hour strolls providing an opportunity for the guide to introduce the participants to the Master Naturalist Program, the park, and to share a few of the natural highlights within the park.

Contact: Jim Dyess, jnd16123@gmail.com or 713-206-6218

Unsure if you have the knowledge to lead a Walk? Join as a Tag-a-Long and learn from one of the experienced guides.

Walk With a Naturalist at Crescent Bend

Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022

Time: 3:30 PM

Description: Master Naturalists will lead a one-mile hike through Crescent Bend, sharing information about the park and it's natural environment.

Contact: Carolyn Wolfer, Crescent Bend coordinator, wolfercdat@mac.com

M. O. Neasloney Wildlife Management Area

Dates: Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 20700 SH 80 North, Gonzales, TX 78629 [between Belmont and Luling]

Description: Craig Wagner and Nick Franzen invite Chapter members to join them at Neasloney WMA every Thursday. There are many, many jobs to be done to help our TPWD biologist Trent Teinert. If you are interested, **please contact Craig** at craigwagner31@aol.com or call Craig at 847-226-4375 for information. If not familiar with Neasloney, it is 100 acres located in Gonzales County, south of Luling, midway between Luling and Gonzales. The WMA is used primarily for wildlife ecology field tours by public school groups. Outdoor recreational opportunities include wildlife viewing, hiking and an interpretive nature trail.

Contact: Craig Wagner, craigwagner31@aol.com or 847-226-4375

Trent Teinert, trent.teinert@tpwd.texas.gov or (830) 424-3407

See photos in the NEW Picture edition!

Pollinator Garden at Park West

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description: Devote some volunteer time in the garden and help make it attractive to our necessary pollinators.

Come join the fun.

Leaders: Clara Mae Marcotte, Liz Romero



Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary



Dates/Times: Vary

Description: Assist with filling feeders, clearing brush, building owl boxes, general maintenance, golf cart repairs/maintenance

Location: Warbler Woods, 19349 Old Wiederstein Rd, Cibolo, TX

Contact: Sandi Wheeler at wheels5683@gmail.com

Virtual Volunteer Fair

Dates: May 5, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Online; register at: <https://tpwdevents3000.webex.com/tpwdevents3000/j.php?RGID=r1fa5fb14daa7214131db189aff7f5e4f> You can attend any or all project proposal presentations – come and go as you please!

Description: The **Virtual Volunteer Fair** will be an opportunity for our partner conservation organizations to present volunteer service projects that need volunteers from a distance or virtually! Join us on **May 5th 2022**, for this series of project presentations showcasing opportunities from across the state and across the spectrum of natural resource topics.

TMN volunteers will earn Volunteer Service hours for attending all project proposal sessions – please use the “TMN Virtual Volunteer Service Fair” Statewide Project Opportunity for logging service hours.

Information link: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-2022/#join>

Note: It appears the Volunteer Fair will be only one day, May 5.

Virtual Volunteer Fair Agenda

The following projects are described in the “Catalog of Projects” in the order presented below.

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Introduction**

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM **Edith L Moore Sanctuary Stewards** (*Gulf Prairies Ecoregion Project*) - Gabriel Durham, Houston Audubon

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM **Phenology Observation & Documentation Project** (*Gulf Prairies Ecoregion Project*) – Dany Millikin, Houston Botanic Garden

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM **Urban Bird Collision Monitoring-Downtown Houston** (*Gulf Prairies Ecoregion Project*) – Gabriel Durham, Houston Audubon

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Texas Stream Team Statewide Citizen Science Program** – Ally Schlandt, The Meadows Center for Water & the Environment

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Time to Restore: Connecting People, Plants, and Pollinators** – Erin Posthumus, USA National Phenology Network

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM **Trash Free Texas Adopt-a-Spot Litter Clean-ups** – Elena Berg, North Central Texas Council of Governments

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Ambassadors for the Trash Free Texas Website** – Elena Berg, North Central Texas Council of Governments

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM **Armchair Botanist: Community Scientists Transcribing Specimen Labels** – Tiana Rehman, Botanical Research Institute of Texas

11:30 AM – 11:45AM **Conclusion & Wrap Up**

For information, go to <https://txmn.tamu.edu/virtual-volunteer-fair-2022/#attendee>



Birding Big Sit for the Park

Date: Wednesday, May 04, 2022

Time: Sunrise to Sunset

Location: Palmetto State Park – Group Campsite on Oxbow Lake side of Park

Description: Jason True, Assistant Superintendent at Palmetto State Park, has scheduled a Birding Big Sit for the Park. This is part of the TPWD Great Texas Birding Classic Event from April 15 - May 15. Volunteers are welcome for this event. The location is the Group Campsite on the Oxbow lake side of the park. People can get a day permit in advance or at the office after 8:15 am. Parking is available at the Group Campsite - just follow the road to where it dead ends. Participants can spend as little time as they want or spend the day. Bring a chair, sunscreen, water and binoculars.

Contacts: Jason True at Jason.True@tpwd.texas.gov
Elaine Cowley at ecowley@gvtc.com or 432-559-5101

Website Information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic>

ADVANCED TRAINING

Fireflies of Texas

Guadalupe County Native Plant Society



Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM – Social and Snack Time
7:00 PM - Program

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

Directions to St John Lutheran Church: From FM 78 turn south on FM 465. The church is just past Marion Middle School on the right. From IH 10 go north on FM 465 toward Marion; the church is on the left.



Description: Fireflies, glowworms, lightening bugs - those little flashes of light on warm summer evenings as they communicate with one another. These beneficial insects don't bite, they aren't poisonous, and they carry no diseases. Ben Pfeiffer will take us on an illuminating journey across Texas and tell us about the different types of fireflies found here.

Crossing the Finish Line: Recovering America's Wildlife Act Texas Master Naturalist Tuesday

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Description: A bill winding through Congress is about to cross the finish line, and we need to mobilize the entire conservation community. Every TXMN has a role to play here, as Recovering America's Wildlife Act would bring \$55 million each year to Texas, and \$1.3 billion nationwide for fish, wildlife, and nature education. This is huge, transformational funding that could reverse species and habitat declines, and finally address nature deficit disorder by investing in nature education and getting more people outside. We need your help to cross the finish line this month, and help us secure the future of 12,000 species of concern! **Richard Heilbrun**, from the TMN State Program, will discuss what is needed in this final push, and how it will benefit rare species and TMN chapters specifically. **This bill won't get passed unless we all get involved!**

Lliana Pena of Texas Wildlife Association Lindheimer Chapter Texas Master Naturalists

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022

Time: 5:45-6:15 pm - Logon

6:15-7:15 pm - Speaker Lliana Pena

7:15 - Announcements, etc.

Location: In person or online via Webex. Go to the members area on website, log in with the chapter password, and click on the link to go to the meeting. If you need the password, email LindheimerMNContact@gmail.com .

Description: Texas Wildlife Association

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

"Riparian Management, Why Creeks Act the Way they Do" Williamson Co. Native Plant Society

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: In person and Virtual ZOOM; register at: <https://npsot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdOmsrDgtHdBKqQsUUYH4cdjo-5fKLuwW>

Description: This presentation goes into the relationships of riparian areas to the uplands that provide water to the riparian areas and the importance of good land stewardship for the maintenance of healthy creeks and rivers. Presenter Ricky Linex will show several native riparian plants and discuss a strength rating of each plant as well as its wetland indicator rating which shows how much wetness a plant can tolerate. He will discuss what goes wrong when vegetation and landform cannot support the excessive amounts of water provided to the creeks, say from overgrazing or urban growth, and how erosion results. He will show how creeks can be restored by removing the hindrances that created the problem.

Website: <https://npsot.org/wp/wilco/>

Texas Stream Team Training Standard Core Water Quality Citizen Scientist

Date/Time: Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Either a City of San Marcos public park or River Foundation property within the city of San Marcos.

Description: Standard Core monitoring involves performing tests for parameters such as conductivity, dissolved oxygen, pH, total depth, water and air temperature, and water transparency using a chemical Standard Core kit. In addition to these parameters, Standard Core citizen scientists also conduct various field observations.

Contact: Adam Berglund (San Marcos River Rangers volunteer citizen scientist coordinator) at riverrangers@sanmarcosriver.org to find out more information or reserve a spot.

Website for information: <https://teamup.com/ksos37y3n9acgt5pk5>



2022 Annual Meeting

October 20 – 23, 2022

Omni Hotel, Houston

Format coming

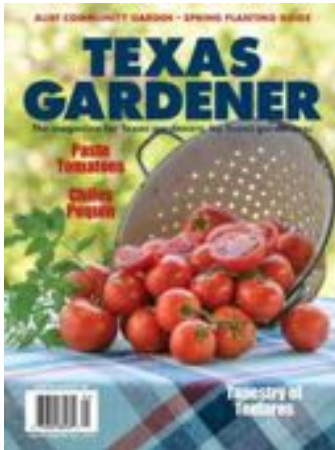
CHAPTER NEWS

Fall Training Class News

You are a main source of information about our organization and program. Please spread the news about our Fall class to those you believe would be interested in joining our group. Direct people to our website at <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/> and the drop-down menu "Certification Training." The class application and cover sheet with information can be found there.

FYI - The Lawn & Garden Water Smart Tax Holiday

The Lawn & Garden Water Smart Tax Holiday was created by the Texas Legislature in 2016 to encourage responsible water use in the Lone Star State! Over **Memorial Day Weekend**, retailers can sell select water-saving products without charging sales tax. 'If you're planning a backyard refresh, you can purchase any plant, any product with a **WaterSense** logo and a number of other items without paying sales tax! Shop water smart this Memorial Day Weekend and save!



Come hear Jay White, the owner/editor of Texas Gardener Magazine, discuss the top 5 things he believes separates the great gardeners from the good gardeners.

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Seguin Public Library
[Community Meeting Room]

Brought to you by Nogales Garden Club in partnership with the Seguin Public Library.

About the Speaker: Jay White is the owner and publisher of Texas Gardener magazine. He is an avid gardener who grows vegetables, herbs, native and improved flowers, flowering shrubs, fruit trees and native hardwoods on his two acre Brenham property. He is a huge supporter of local farmers who are growing ecologically responsible flowers for the cut flower market and the favorite things in his gardens are the heirloom and pass along plants that have been shared with him by the incredible gardeners he has been blessed to know.

Jay loves sharing the stories of the plants and the people that make Texans the greatest group of garden enthusiasts on the planet. While Jay is a hobby gardener, he has a B.S. and M.S. in Agriculture. His time in graduate school at Texas A&M helped him develop a passion for the science of horticulture which he loves sharing in his fast paced and entertaining lectures. Whether you love growing fresh sprouts that only take a few days or mighty trees that take a lifetime, Jay's talks will give you the encouragement and knowledge you need to be highly successful in your Texas garden.

- This program does not qualify for Advanced Training credit.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

by David Benbow

Among the other joys of spring, besides heat, humidity, allergies, and bugs, we enjoy strong winds about 2 out of every 3 days. As I sit here at my word processor, with 35 mph gusts rattling my windows, I wondered, why is it so windy in the Spring? This wonderment led me to re-discover the website of the National Weather Service; www.weather.gov.

Even though we members of the Texas Master Naturalists most often seem to concentrate our thoughts on birds, bees, trees, and insects, et al, the weather looms over all other subjects as a concern of naturalists.

WHY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE?

There is no way to cover even a small part of the National Weather Service's vast website in a short article. I am writing this mostly as a reminder to anyone who reads this that spending some occasional time on weather.gov can be entertaining to any Texas Master Naturalist.

WHAT'S ON IT?

As you might think, the website has the very latest weather information for every location in the United States. Forecasts, historical data, storm and violent weather warnings and how to prepare. For those who like to volunteer and participate, there is an EDUCATION tab which lists all sorts of volunteer opportunities. Other than Cocorahs, I have no idea which of these activities, if any, are approved for Volunteer hours for our chapter.

Some of the more interesting ones that I saw are; (and I copied and pasted these from their website).

1. Cooperative Observers – “The NWS Cooperative Observer Program is truly the Nations’s weather observing network, of by and for the people. More than 8700 volunteer take observations where they live, work, and play. The NWS depends on thousands of volunteer observers committed to taking observations at the same location for 10 or more years who report weather and climate information on a daily basis using the phone or internet. NWS provides the training, equipment, and maintenance, you provide daily data! Data from the program supports warnings. Forecasts, and helps build a long term weather history for an area.”
2. NOAA’s Weather Ready Nation program “is about building community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather and water events. As part of the Weather-Ready Nation initiative, NOAA, along with partners such as FEMA, wants to motivate individuals and communities to take actions that will prepare them in the event of a weather disaster and to share their preparedness steps with others. These actions can save live lives anywhere ...before extreme types of weather strikes. However, NOAA can’t do it alone. A key member of the team is the public. We ask everyone to “*Be a force of Nature.*”
3. SKYWARN PROGRAM – “NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes, etc. If you want to learn more, find a class in your area. Training is free and typically lasts about two hours. You’ll learn
 - Basics of thunderstorm development
 - Fundamentals of storm structure
 - Identifying potential severe weather features

- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety”

There are a lot more. Just go to the website for more information.

OH, SO WHY IS IT SO WINDY?

Varying air pressure. High pressure blows toward low pressure. The sun warms the ground and the surface air in the spring. Heated air rises, creates a low pressure and cooler, denser air rushes into the low pressure area, and wind is the result.

CONGRATULATIONS



Re-certified for 2022 and receiving the Lightning Welk pin

Chris Dyess
John Barrington
Craig Wagner
Jennifer Ehlers

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net. by Friday, May 27 for the June 2022 issue

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