

Guadalupe Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist

<https://txmn.org/guadalupe/>



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***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, April 24, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM - Social/Visiting

7:00 - PM Program;

8:00 PM - Business Meeting

Location: Schertz Area Senior Center, 608 Schertz Parkway, Schertz

Program: Angela Torres will be speaking on Mushrooms 101. She is from the Central Texas Mycological Society and is a new Texas Master Naturalist with the Alamo Chapter.



Our social time is being reinstated prior to Chapter programs. This is time to greet guests, meet new members and Training Class students and visit with each other. Kenneth Harvey and Deb Detrick will serve as coordinators at the Schertz meetings and Marilyn Anderson will coordinate in Seguin.

Members who are able are asked to bring something to contribute to the refreshment table. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or even homemade! Whatever you place on the table will be appreciated. The Chapter will provide drinks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NATURE EDUCATION

We are coming off of a very successful March Discovery Program; 43 participants at Crescent Bend and 60 at the Seguin Public Library.

Discover What's Flying

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023

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

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Leader:

Volunteers:

Please arrive at 8:30 A.M.



Date: Monday, April 10, 2023
Time: staggered start times 3:30 – 4:00 PM
Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte
Leader:
Volunteers:
Please arrive at 2:30 P.M.

Description: This program focuses on children being introduced to clues for looking at birds and then putting those clues to use.

→ **Contact:** Sign-up Genius sign-up opportunities will be sent out to those on the Nature Education Committee. You can use that or contact Jennifer Ehlers directly at ehlers@gvec.net or text her at 830-305-1352.

Earth Day 2023

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023
Time: 8:30 10:00 AM – setup
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – booth open
3:00 – 4:00 PM – take down

Description:



HELP NEEDED!!!

Earth Day in Seguin

We will once again have a major presence at Earth Day in downtown Seguin. We set up three tents under which we provide information for the adults to gather and visit with us about the Master Naturalist program. *(A great way to push membership in the next class.)* We wearing volunteer hours!

ill also have a number of hands-on activities for the youth to enjoy.

To make this whole experience happen, we need **VOLUNTEERS** for four shifts:

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Have fun while earning volunteer hours!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting.

Contact: Jennifer Ehlers if you can help. ehlers@gvec.net or text 830-305-1352 with questions and/or to volunteer.

Forest Health at Park West

Date: Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: Meet at the Park West Parking Lot/Splash Pad, 601 N. Vaughan Ave. Seguin

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

Bring: Drinking water; BYO Tools - lopping shears, small saws, pruners.

Description: Master Naturalists have resumed volunteer workdays in Park West every Thursday. Meet in the parking lot by the Splash Pad, sign-in, and review safety protocols. Once in the forest you will cut, herbicide and carry invasive plants to designated pick-up areas. Bring tools, water and dress for outdoor work.

Join the Park West Citizen Science team!

Contact: John Barrington (830-237-3544 or freedom516@yahoo.com) for further information

Park West Brush Busters



Left To right: Alejandro Montoya, Jennifer Ehlers, Annette Kowalchik, Chris Dyess, John Barrington and photographer Nancy Masterson



Left to R: Alejandro Montoya Chris Dyess Janet Magee Susan Hanks John Barrington Mary Habib Nancy Masterson, photographer

You, too, can join this happy, hard-working team.

Pollinator Garden at Park West

Date: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Park West, 623 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Description: The PW Pollinator Garden was planted for the first time on March 4, 2017. It is a Citizen Science Monarch Observation site for Master Naturalists, adopted by the Gadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and an approved volunteer garden site for Master Gardeners.



Liz Romero and I heard from several of you that Monday was a better day than Wednesday. Come dressed for gardening, bring water and your favorite weeding tools. We'll weed, see what's coming up, and make plans for any additions we might need this year.

See you Monday!

Nancy Masterson

830-305-9104

M. O. Neasloney Wildlife Management Area

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 20700 SH 80 North, Gonzales, TX 78629 [halfway between Seguin and Gonzales]

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. Page 3

Contact: Nick Franzen, nhfranz204@gmail.com

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

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

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 for current opportunities

Kirchoff Prairie Restoration Workday

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Kirchoff Family Farm, 1444 County Road 210, Floresville, TX

Description: Work and learn at the ongoing prairie restoration project at the Kirchoff Family Farm. Come when you can, leave when you're ready. Tools and LUNCH are provided by the Kirchoffs.

Contact: Don Kirchoff, 713-562-7681 donkirchoff@earthlink.com

Organizer: San Antonio Chapter of Native Prairies Association of Texas

Poteet Strawberry Festival

Dates: Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16

Times: Various shifts available

Location: 9199 N State Hwy 16, TX 78065 Poteet, TX

Description: TPWD is excited to get back to the festival and those delicious strawberries in 2023! Check out the new shifts created for the 2023 festival on the calendar tab. We hope you can make it out to join us again, and we'd love for you to have a friend sign up too!

You'll be provided free parking, entrance, TPWD t-shirt, and a great community of folks to enjoy the weekend with. Please follow the link below to express your interest in assisting in Poteet. **Don't miss the "see more" button while you're there to show Sunday's shifts too!**

[Poteet Strawberry Festival Opportunity and Shifts](#)



Contact: Robert Owen, Outreach and Education Director

512-389-4362 – office

512-925-4921 - cell

May 2 & 3, 2023



Details for the next Volunteer Fair will be coming soon!

The TMN Virtual Volunteer Fair (VVF) is an opportunity for our partner conservation organizations to present service projects that needed volunteers from a distance or virtually!

ADVANCED TRAINING

Our Advanced Training Chair, Jim Dyess, has been very busy planning experiences for our Chapter members. All of the events will be eligible for Advanced Training hours and several are being led by Chapter members!



Restoring Blackland Prairie

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: TBD

Location: Kirchoff Prairie (Floresville area)

Led by: Don Kirchoff

Description: Details to follow. 1 hour AT plus opportunity to volunteer at the Kirchoff Prairie project.

Tree ID 101

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Park West

Description: Coming in future newsletter

Presenter: John Barrington, Guadalupe Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists

Herpetology

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Location: Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Description: Coming in future newsletter

Presenter: Tom Hardaway, Master Naturalist, Guadalupe Chapter

Gault School of Archeological Research

Date: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: The Gault School for Archeological Research, 3451 FM 2843, Florence, TX

Description: Some facts about Gault:

- Intact Archaic deposits dating from ~5,000 to 9,000 years ago
- Paleoindian deposits from 13,000 to 10,000 years ago
- Incised stones that are among the oldest provenienced art in the Americas
- More than 600,000 artifacts of Clovis age (13,400-12,700 years ago)
- Oldest component in Area 15 of the Gault site is >15,000 years old

It is a three hour tour/lecture which covers the following topics:

- hypotheses regarding the peopling of the Americas
- the geology and history of this area of Central Texas
- cultural history of central Texas
- primitive technologies
- important finds from the Gault site
- archaeological excavation

Find more info at <https://www.gaultschool.org/>

GAULT SIGN UP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4da8a723a02-gault>

Please contact Jim Dyess jnd16123@gmail.com if you need help signing up.

Want to be a Better Birder??



Birding Field Trip (Beginners welcome!)

Date: Thursday, April 20

Time: 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary

All participants must RSVP to Sandi Wheeler (wheels5683@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Trip is limited to ages 10 and older

Birding the Park (Beginners welcome!)

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 8 - 11:00 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, 12780 W Schaefer Rd, Cibolo, TX

Meet Sandi Wheeler (wheels5683@gmail.com) in the first parking lot of the park. Bring water. Restrooms available onsite. Trip is limited to ages 10 and older

Birding Field Trip (Beginners welcome!)

Date: Thursday, May 11

Time: 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary

All participants must RSVP to Sandi Wheeler (wheels5683@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Trip is limited to ages 10 and older.

TMN Tuesdays – *topic not available yet*

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Description: Topic will be available on the Texas Master Naturalist website. See below for link.

Website for information: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

Lindheimer Chapter, Master Naturalists



**Lindheimer Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program**

Monthly Chapter Meeting
When: Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:45pm
What: "Fireflies of Texas: Glowing, Glowing, Gone"
Who: Ben Pfeiffer www.firefly.org
Where: In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library
Online: www.tamut.edu/lindheimer/chapter-info/best-meeting/

Join us! Prepare for an illuminating virtual journey through Texas. Discover the bioluminescent creatures that on most nights light up the evenings at the beginning of dusk from spring to fall. This highly educational and fun talk will discuss the types of fireflies (Lampyridae) found in Texas.



Ben will present his research on Texas firefly taxa with an emphasis on fireflies that occur in the Texas Hill Country. He will also talk about the Certified Firefly Habitat sign and certification program. Attendees will learn why fireflies flash and how they use light to communicate to potential mates. He will show attendees how to identify Texas firefly species and discuss specific threats to why fireflies are disappearing in many areas of Texas. Ben will also talk on how to create a good habitat for fireflies, plants that help them, and ways you can help save many of the special species unique only to Texas from possible extinction.



Firefly Conservation & Research is a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 by Ben Pfeiffer, a recognized firefly researcher and Texas-certified master naturalist. Ben is uniquely suited to tackle this problem. He is a 6th generation Texan who grew up exploring the hills of the Texas Hill Country and local country of South Texas where he developed a deep understanding of the state's unique ecology. Ben is also a biologist and certified ecologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife. Ben attended Texas State University in San Marcos for a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He combined that with a background in marketing, web development, and SEO to build a website and foundation that would help him and others take action. www.firefly.org Firefly.org is a website with two missions: to support firefly research and conservation, and to spread the message that fireflies need our help.

M.O. Neasloney WMA - 18th Annual Prescribed Burn Field Day

Date: Friday, April 21

Time: 8:30 to approximately 4:00 [if we can burn.]

Location: Neasloney WMA, 20700 St. Hwy 80 North – approximately 2 miles north of Belmont, between Luling and Belmont.

Description: This workshop is designed to give landowners and managers a basic understanding of the use and application of prescribed burning to manage for quail, white-tailed deer, other wildlife species, and livestock management.

Bring your lunch/drinks, leather gloves, leather boots, cotton outerwear.

—•Program is free but RSVP is needed to: Trent Teinert at 830-203-0896 or trent.teinert@tpwd.texas.gov by 5:00 PM on April 19.

Milkweeds of North and Central Texas – How to Propagate from Seeds **Lindheimer Chapter, Native Plant Society**



Date: Tuesday, May 16

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: Ty Preston Memorial Library, Canyon Lake, TX or ZOOM

Description: Carol Clark will be the presenter. Most people have heard about the connection between Milkweeds and Monarchs, and many have resolved to plant Milkweeds for Monarchs. The problem comes when they seek out native milkweeds to plant and realize they are difficult to find at their local nursery. This program takes a quick look at 13 of the most commonly found milkweeds and their relatives in the region, with notes on their preferences and growth habits. Then, it introduces a proven method for germinating milkweed seeds and starting your own healthy milkweed transplants.

Link for ZOOM: <https://npsot.org/wp/lindheimer/zoom-information-for-lindheimer-meetings/>

April Opportunities

AT=Advanced Training, VT=Volunteer Time, FLEX=Flexible Schedule VT

Visit our chapter calendar to register or learn more about each opportunity.

txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar

Check back often—new opportunities are added as we hear about them!!

VT-Volunteer Time

Saturday, April 1
All day VT Great Texas Birding Registration Closes
All day VT Palmetto State Park Centennial

Thursday, April 6
All day VT School Aged Field Trip
8am – 12:30pm VT Vogel 2nd, SOLC

Saturday, April 8
8:30 – 11:30am VT Discovery Series

Monday, April 10
2:30 – 5:30pm VT Discovery Series

Wednesday, April 12
8am – 12:30pm VT Rodrigues 2nd, SOLC

Thursday, April 13
8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation Project

Friday, April 14
All day VT School Aged Field Trip

Saturday, April 15
9am – 4pm AT/VT Kirchoff Prairie Restoration
Workday (In person)

Thursday, April 20
8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation Project

Sunday, April 23
3:30 – 4:30pm AT/VT Walk With a Naturalist

Monday, April 24
7 – 8:30pm CB Chapter Meeting (Schertz)

Thursday, April 27
8:30 – 11:30am VT Park West Reforestation Project

Saturday, April 29
8:30am – 4pm VT Earth Day

AT-Advanced Training

Saturday, April 1
8:30am – 3pm AT 2023 Restoration Roundup (In person)

Sunday, April 2
8am – 12pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding Tours (In person)

Tuesday, April 4
6 – 9pm AT Wildlife Tax Valuation Workshop (Virtual)

Sunday, April 9
8am – 12pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding Tours

Tuesday, April 11
12 – 1pm AT TMN Tuesday (Webinar)
7 – 9pm AT NPSOT Guadalupe Chapter
Meeting (In person)

April Opportunities

AT=Advanced Training, VT=Volunteer Time, FLEX=Flexible Schedule VT

Saturday, April 15

9am – 4pm AT/VT Kirchoff Prairie Restoration
Workday (In person)

9:15 – 11am AT Texas Bird Watching Guided
Tour (In person)

Sunday, April 16

8am – 12pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding Tours (In person)

Tuesday, April 18

10 – 11:30am AT Ethnobotany Tour (In person)
6 – 7:30pm AT Pond Stocking (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 – 8pm AT Aquaponics (Virtual) Saturday, April 15

Thursday, April 20

8 – 11am AT Birding Field Trip (In person)
10 – 11:30am AT Texas WaterSaver Gardening Tour (In person)
6 – 7:30pm AT LMN Chapter Meeting (In person or virtual)
6:30 – 7:30pm AT Mountain Cedars (Virtual)

Saturday, April 22

8 – 10am AT Beginner Bird Walk (In person)

Sunday, April 23

8am – 12pm AT Mitchell Lake Birding Tours
3:30 – 4:30pm AT/VT Walk With a Naturalist

Monday, April 24

7 – 8:30pm CB Chapter Meeting (Schertz)

Thursday, April 27

8 – 11am AT Birding in the Park (In person)
6 – 8pm AT Ask Me About..Gardening 101

FLEX-Flexible Schedule VT

All month – these opportunities need volunteers for projects throughout the month. Contact the point of contact to arrange a day that fits your schedule.

FLEX Neasloney Wildlife Management Area
FLEX Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary

Need to add an event or report a change? Please send information to gmncal@guadmn.org.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Congratulations!

Our members have been working like busy bee's.

These members have completed their 40 hours of volunteer work and at least 8 hours of Advanced Training, which means they have recertified for 2023



Recertifications for March 2023

John Barington
Bruce Bebow
Michelle Darnell
Mark de Kiewiet
Craig Wagner

If you have not collected your pins, awards, or certificates for past accomplishments, you will be able to pick them up at the meeting.

Discover Rocks was a big success. Children and parents alike enjoyed learning how rocks make up an important part of our natural world.



City of Seguin Squirrel Trail

Texas Master Naturalists and the Guadalupe Master Naturalist program has been honored by Jim and Chris Dyess with a squirrel at the Seguin Public Library. Named Curiosity, the squirrel was painted by Master Naturalist Liz Romero. A large group gathered at the Library on March 24 for the unveiling.

Thank you Jim and Chris for this gift to the community and the curious Master Naturalists. Another big “Thanks” goes to Liz for the beautiful scene and painting of our squirrel.



Artist and Master Naturalist Lix Romero looks at Curiosity as Chris and Jim Dyess admire her work .

100 Years, 100 Species at Palmetto State Park



Several of our Chapter members participated at Palmetto State Park's Centennial event on April 1. Park visitors and campers were able to visit the various exhibit tables distributed throughout the park. In the picture, Craig and Pam Sagebiel visit with Tom Hardaway and Marilyn Anderson at the Herpetology exhibit. Other Guadalupe Master Naturalists participating were Chris Dyess, John Barrington and Bobby Cowley.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net. by Friday, April 28 for the May 2023 issue

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