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Texas Master Naturalist
Hill Country Chapter

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Bluebird Habitat

This property provides nestboxes
in somewhat open space with short
grass, high perches, and insects.
All native birds are welcome.



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FEBRUARY 22 MEETING: MANAGING FOR BLUEBIRDS

Pauline Tom, President of the Texas Bluebird Society, will speak on bluebird habitat, nest site selection, and nest box installation. She also will explain monitoring and reporting through Cornell's NestWatch program.

The monthly meetings of the Texas Master Naturalist Hill Country Chapter are free and open to the public. The meetings are held at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's lecture hall, 125 North Lehmann Drive in Kerrville. Socializing begins at 6:30; the program starts at 7:00.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . Brenda Fest

Hello fellow Master Naturalists!

I hope everyone has been enjoying our spring-like weather. It almost seems like we skipped the winter. Hopefully, we'll get some more rain shortly to help bring up our lovely spring wildflowers.

We have successfully completed our first month of reporting our service hours in the online Volunteer Management System (VMS). For the 232 Hill Country Master Naturalist members listed in our system, 133 members reported their hours in VMS for the month of January. They completed 3,054 volunteer service hours in 69 opportunities and 463 advanced training hours. Way to go! Keep up the great work!

With spring approaching we are beginning to see more volunteer opportunities available for participation. Remember to check the Hill Country Master Naturalist Calendar on our website for newly posted volunteer and advanced training opportunities. There are bird, plant, and butterfly entries as well as a geology survey--just to name a few volunteer projects. We have children to teach, native plants to plant, pollinators to protect, streams to monitor, trails to maintain, and many other worthwhile activities.

Now is probably a good time to remind ourselves of our very important 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."

I take this mission statement very seriously and am proud to be a part of this great organization. Now go out and have some fun!

Join us this month at our chapter meeting to hear Pauline Tom tell us how to attract the beautiful bluebirds.

Brenda Fest
President

This Month We Honor

Initial Certification

Diana Armbrust, Jill Bowen, Anthony Ciezkiwicz, Barbara Jansen



Special Recertification (Class of 2015)

Heather Barnes, Anthony Ciezkiwicz, Pam Lienhard

Recertification

Rheda Boardman, Brenda Fest, Sarah Hilburn, Tara Randle, Tom Riordan

Milestones

Chris Anderson - Brushed Silver Dragonfly, 500 hours

Kathy Ward - Polished Silver Dragonfly, 2500 hours

Congratulations to members who received awards at the January meeting:



Members who earned awards in November, from left to right: John Sloan, Gary Fest, Susan Mclinley, Paula Smith, David Hopf, Pat Hopf, Larry Eskridge, Jimma Byrd, Craig Shields, Ruth McArthur, Barbara Marquer, Jay Munson, Robin May.

Members who earned awards in December, from left to right:
Dale Bransford, Roger McRoberts,
Mary Lee Stewart, Steve Dodge,
Bridget Langdale, Debbie
Windham, Paul Person.



From the VMS Team:

Kristie Denbow, Brenda Fest, Lisa Flanagan, Sandy Leyendecker, Claire Mitchell, and Liz Ross.

Volunteer Management Helps

Please review these tips to make your VMS reporting process quick and easy!

Let's start with projects:

- 1) Be sure the **Calendar Date** of your hours is correct. The *default date* is the day you enter your data.
- 2) Be sure to **Change the Project Code** when you *change the project* you are reporting on.
- 3) Type a **Good, Simple Description** of exactly what you did each time on a particular project, even if it seems *redundant*.
 - Bird Counts - type in "Bird Count" or "Observed and recorded birds."
 - Trail Work - type in "Maintained Trail" or "Built 100-yards of trail."
 - Worked an Event - type in "Talked to visitors about our chapter." or "Taught school children about butterflies."
 - See, it's easy!

Let's take a look at AT:

- 1) Accidentally **Entered the Wrong** AT category or project code? You must *delete the entry and re-enter* under the correct code.
- 2) When entering AT, the Category Code needs to be for the **Sponsoring Organization**, *not the location* of the event.
 - NPSOT program at RNC, enter the AT category for NPSOT
 - RNC program at RNC, enter the AT category for RNC
 - Now, you get it!
- 3) AT code numbers and the particular AT Category will appear on the **Chapter Calendar** and be included in **E-mail Announcements** from the AT Director, Liz Ross as well as in the list in each monthly newsletter.
- 4) List the **AT Number and Program Title** under "Describe your service." Always list the *number first*.

Thank you for embracing VMS right off the bat. Many members jumped right in reporting hours weekly or even daily, but reporting at the end of the month, as we always have done, also works great. Your VMS team thanks you!

And, please remember:

On your VMS Dashboard, hours in the upper right-hand corner are TPWD hours, not your chapter hours. Since you are reporting Master Naturalist hours, the TPWD number will stay at 0. We have only a 45-day window to report our hours.

Attracting Birds

Learn the techniques that have resulted in over 190 species of birds recorded at a single home.

Dick Park, local birder and landowner, will show us how he attracts nesting, migrant and wintering birds to his land.



Saturday, February 20, 2015 9 am - 12 pm
Members \$20 / Non Members \$25



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Recent Hill Country Naturalist Columns by Jim Stanley:

- 1/2/2016 Life in Early Texas. Books to Read About Early Texans
- 1/9/2016 Grass and Trees and God
- 1/16/2016 Two Hill Country Residents that are as Smart as Foxes
- 1/23/2016 A Visit with Rufus Stephens of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- 1/30/2016 We Should Listen to Teddy Roosevelt

These and all other previous Kerrville Daily Times columns
can be found at www.hillcountrynaturalist.org

Landscape For Life

Presented by

Riverside Nature Center &
Hill Country Master Gardeners



Sustainable landscapes can have a positive impact on human well-being as well as environmental health of an entire region.

Landscape for Life™, a national program, focuses on *sustainable* landscapes, working with nature to provide clean air, clean water, and fertile soils.

The 3-class series will explore:

- 🌸 soil and water: their role & sustainable practices
- 🌸 plants: benefits and selection
- 🌸 materials and sustainable landscape design

This course uses a combination of

- 🌸 presentations and classroom discussions, and
- 🌸 exercises to illustrate sustainable landscape design methods that will enable participants to develop their landscape plan.

Sat. Feb. 27, Mar. 5 & 12
9AM-2:30PM

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\$90 per RNC member
\$110 per non-member
(BYO Lunch)

Register by Feb. 20
830.257.4837

RNC.kerrville@gmail.com



sponsored by The Plant Haus 2 & Office Depot

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www.riversidenaturecenter.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 29, 30, & May 1

Ladybird Johnson Municipal Park, Fredericksburg,

Volunteer opportunities include: Registration, Garden/plant Stations (fielding questions), Computer help, Clean up on May 2, and things we haven't even thought of...

To volunteer contact Gracie Waggener (gwaggener@flow-apps.com) or see Jane Crone at the Chapter Meeting to sign up.



Great Texas Birding Classic



Join Us for the 20th Annual Birding Classic

The world's biggest, longest and wildest birdwatching tournament is statewide!

Registration deadline: April 1, 2016

Tournament dates: April 15 – May 15, 2016

What is the Birding Classic? Who can join the fun?

- All levels and ages of birders are welcome to join this Texas birdwatching event during the amazing spring migration.
- Registration fees raise money for Texas bird and birding conservation project grants.
- There's a tournament category for everyone - from the beginning backyard birder to the competitive lister.
- Gather your team, register, and go birding - it's truly that simple.

For more information, go to . <http://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic> .

Stay informed on Birding Classic registration deadlines, conservation grant proposal due dates, tips leading up to the big event, and more.

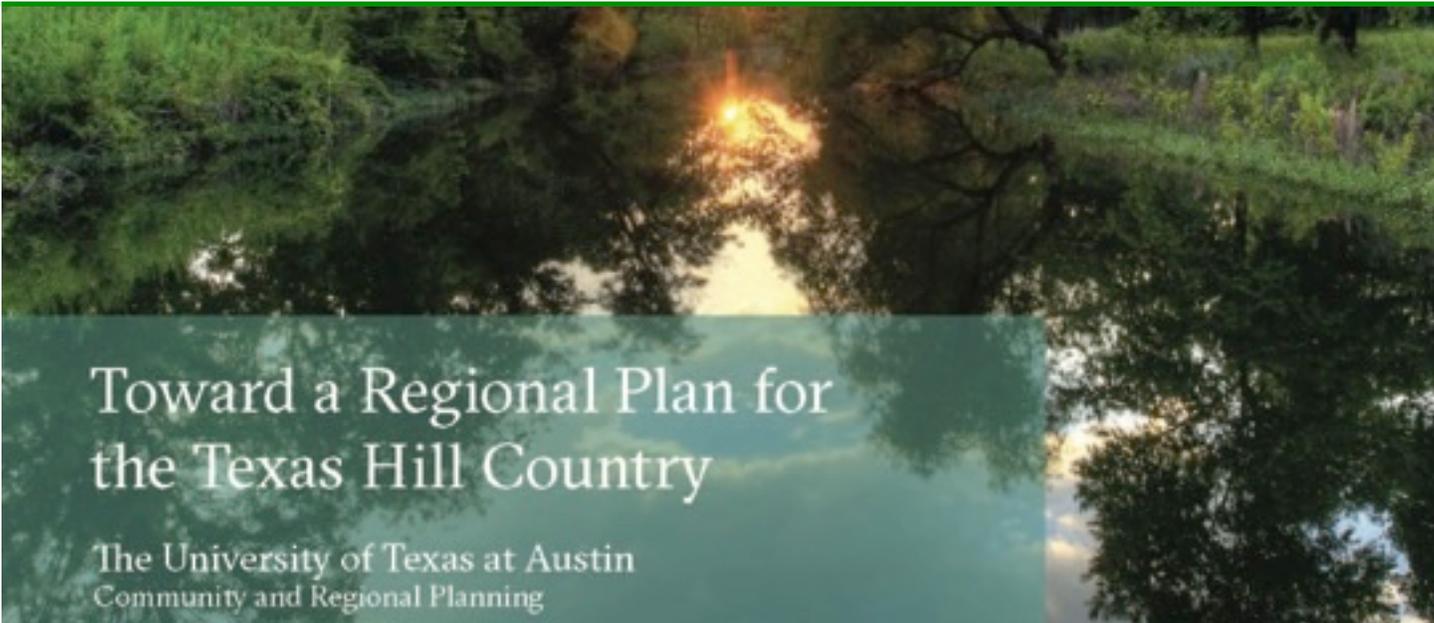
Mission Statement

To increase appreciation, understanding, and conservation of birds through education, recreation, nature tourism, and conservation fundraising.



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Toward a Regional Plan for the Texas Hill Country

The University of Texas at Austin
Community and Regional Planning

This study, prepared by a team of 12 masters students and three instructors in the Community and Regional Planning Department at the University of Texas, describes the importance of the Hill Country's unique character and natural resources to the continued prosperity of the region. It identifies threats to these resources, including land fragmentation, under-funded groundwater conservation districts, and crippling traffic that drives residents from our cities. It closes with a suite of recommendations for new policies, investments, and in a few cases, institutions necessary to protect the region's resources and support stewardship.

The findings in this report were informed by the participation of experts and community members from across the Hill Country. As the team crafted its recommendations, it consulted with a group of experienced regional planners and conservation professionals from this region and others throughout the U.S. that have successfully mobilized to protect their landscapes' unique features.

The Hill Country Alliance looks forward to working with a broad network of partners throughout the region to pursue these and other important initiatives in the coming years.

To access the full report, go to <http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Toward-a-Regional-Plan-for-the-Texas-Hill-Country.pdf> .

To access the summary of the report, go to <http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Hill-Country-Regional-Plan-Executive-Summary.pdf> .



Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend and contribute to our Board of Directors meetings. The Board meets at the Riverside Nature Center at 1:30 on the Monday of the chapter's monthly meeting.

From Virginia Sawin

Praying Mantis Egg Case



Have you seen something like this on one of your plants lately? Don't squash it! Or remove it! This is the egg case for a praying mantis. One warmish day in the spring the "babies" will start to emerge. If you are lucky enough to catch that moment, you will see about a hundred tiny praying mantises.

They will rapidly disperse as they are very hungry and will consume the next baby that emerges. But if they are in your garden or around your house over the summer they will attack and eat many of the other insects that harm your plants. So protect them!

I found this one in January of this year. It is on the branch of a Blanco crab tree. They seem to prefer bare twigs for depositing the egg cases. You may find empty ones later in the summer. Then you can see the exit openings from which the young had emerged.

Note: it is also not a good idea to remove the branch and put it in a closed container. You will end up with just a couple of mantises as they rapidly devour each other. They are equal opportunity consumers!

From Daneshu Clarke

Muleshoe Farm and Ranch Trust

Mondays are workdays at Muleshoe. The Pioneer Kitchen Garden is starting to take shape; Jim Clarke has been working the soil. The Healing Garden is ready to be planted when the weather is right. Ann Dietert is trimming established butterfly gardens and Dan Carabin is getting the yard in shape. Rheda Boardman, Sarah Hilburn, and Junior Hilburn are setting up stations for five more bluebird houses that we will monitor; we now have 21, and Jim is building more. We are showing results of seeding in our hothouse/greenhouse. John Karger built a wonderful bird blind. It is down by the creek in a grove of trees. This is an incredible place for Master Naturalists or anyone who loves nature and old times and places to volunteer. Join us some Monday morning. For information and directions, contact me at jdclarke@gvtc.com.



From Claire Mitchell

New Monarch Monitoring Project

The first meeting to plan the new Monarch monitoring project at Kerr Wildlife Management Area will be held at the Bass Center building on Wednesday, February 24, at 9 am. New volunteers will be oriented to the property and locations for monitoring stations will be discussed.

For Monarch lovers who haven't had the Monarch Larval Monitoring Project (MLMP) training yet, or those who need a refresher, there is a MLMP training on March 16. (This training will be limited to volunteers participating this KWMA project) For more information, contact Gracie Waggener at gwaggener@flow-apps.com.

From Jill Bowen

Birds and Beaks Program at the Kroc

Twenty first and second graders at the Kroc Center after school program on Thursday, Jan 21, made pine cone bird feeders and learned about the local birds they might see at their feeders. While they were making their feeders, the children were able to view a live bird cam that showed birds at a feeder, which many of the students found very entertaining.



The presentation included an educational video by Happy Learning titled Birds, Power Point presentations, and a story on Beaks by Sneed B. Collard III. Each of these activities provided information on birds, the usage and shape of their beaks, and their sounds (songs).

A big thank you to Bill Lindemann, Mary Frances Watson, and Wild Birds Unlimited for providing the resources. Deanne Bevins and her staff at the Kroc after school program are always encouraging and supportive of our time at the Kroc.

Texas Master Naturalists Jill Bowen, Pam and Chris Lienhard, Gabriella McCrae, Martha Miesch, and John Sloan assisted in the presentations and interactions with this energetic and inquisitive group of students.



From Stephanie Stone Perry

Llano Earth Art Fest, March 11-13

We all know that Llano is a charming little Hill Country town, situated in the Llano uplift, overflowing with history and split by the pristine waters of the Llano River. Less known is the fact that Llano is now home to the Llano Earth Art Fest (LEAF)/ World Rockstacking Championship!

This free, family-friendly festival is the perfect way to welcome Spring. The festival dates mark the first weekend of spring break for most school children. Whether you are young or young at heart, this festival has something for you: live music, artists, world-renowned rock stackers performing gravity-defying feats of balance, educational workshops and demonstrations, local food and craft vendors, and so much more. Camping is available at low cost, so you could come out for the day, or you could make a whole weekend of it. You can lend your skills and be part of the volunteer family, or simply come take it all in while relaxing on the banks of the Llano River. The LEAF festival is developing under the care of a conscientious board who are working creatively to make this a “green,” low-impact, purposeful event.



Master Naturalists are people of action; here are ways you can get involved:

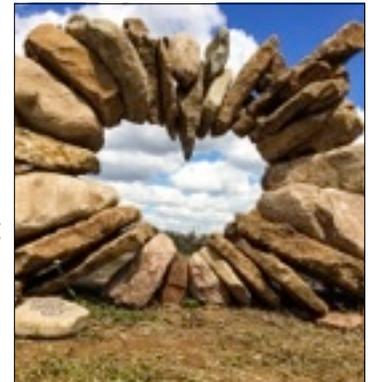
- Offer an educational workshop or set up an interactive table: LEAF aims to enrich its offerings by providing opportunities for environmentally themed educational outreach. Share your knowledge and passions about anything related to nature, water resources, geology/rocks, plants, animals, conservation, art, culture, history, archaeology. Contact Binky Morgan, binkymorgan@me.com or 512-507-4486. for information.

- Volunteer photography or videography services. LEAF is visually dynamic; hundreds of participants will be playing and creating in the beautiful natural setting on the granite hills alongside the Llano River. Photos shared with the festival board will be useful in future promotions, and photos

shared online help to build interest in the community.

- Volunteer in other festival-support capacities. This festival is entirely run by volunteers, so there are many ways you can be supportive. Just go to the website to apply.

- Set up as a non-profit vendor to promote your organization. The festival offers a discount for non-profit vendor tables. Non-profit vendor registration is available on the website.



For more information, go to <http://www.llanoearthartfest.org/>



The View From Rusty Bend



Still life on the Guadalupe

*All the complicated details
of the attiring and
the disattiring are completed!
A liquid moon
moves gently among
the long branches.
Thus having prepared their buds
against a sure winter
the wise trees
stand sleeping in the cold.*

--William Carlos Williams

At Rusty Bend, against an impressionist's landscape of stillness, movement grabs the eye: the tender trot of the fox across the yard, the swooping of the woodpeckers, as if they are skiing moguls in the sky. Each morning around 7:15, Snowcap, the punctual skunk, canters the cliff like a tiny black and white pony. A very purposeful gait, south to north.

Then there is the flare of the Merlin as he nabs a dove, a lightning strike of fierceness in the winter sun. The evidence of his feast: an armload of gray and white feathers in the grass. On cold mornings, Contraria, the Canyon Wren, launches her daily porch visit. She is so puffed up; she looks like a child's drawing of a bird, bouncing like popcorn, pouncing on bugs. But you can't beat the male turkey for puffing. There are three we call the "Caballeros," proudly waving their finery for the girls. They perform flamenco steps, fanning to the right and fanning to the left. Stomp, stomp. Ole.

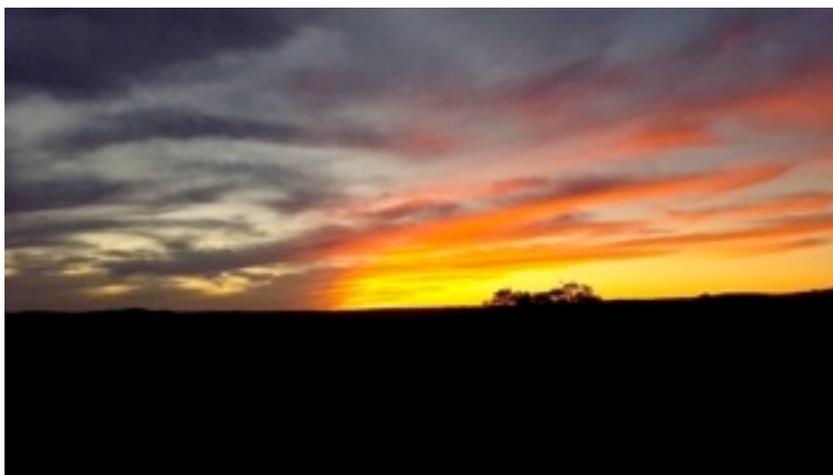
Cedar Waxwings, those champion berry eaters, fly madly in large groups. Their wild antics are such a contrast to their fragile porcelain feathers. The other busy feeder is the Carolina Chickadee. It is said that chickadees hate wind, but our suet is irresistible to them. They hold tenaciously to the feeder, swinging wildly in the wind, seizing some peanut-buttery suet. They go straight to the other feeder to get a seed and then cache their picnic in some corner of the live oak.

Beyond the movement of birds, the movement of light also takes hold of my attention. After each winter storm, the sky clears slowly from the west, tossing a coverlet of light back over us as if the sun has decided to rise on the other side of the world. That light means sunshine, and sunshine means a welcome bit of warmth.

As for me, I am content, these cold days, to sit and watch. I shall have a fire and a cup of tea, and ponder the splendor of stillness and movement.

Lucy Griffith, PhD co-manages the Rusty Bend Ranch with her husband, Andy Robinson. When she is not on a tractor named Ruby, she practices Clinical Psychology. When the tractor isn't running, Andy is fixing it or building something straight and true. Both Lucy and Andy are certified Master Naturalists from the Class of 2013. Comments welcome at doctorluz@hctc.net

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Sriracha Sunset

Advanced Training

SATURDAY, FEB. 20 9:30-10:30AM CIBOLO NATURE CENTER (CNC), BOERNE

AT16-027 ATTRACTING BIRDS: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Dick Park, local birder and landowner, will show how he attracts nesting, migrating, and over-wintering birds to his land. Using these applications, he has attracted over 200 species of birds. Tuition: CNC Members \$20/person; non-members \$25/person. Register now; go to ben@cibolo.org or call 830-249-4616.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21 9AM-4:30PM CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE

AT16-046 FARM CLASSROOM GUIDE TRAINING

Cibolo Nature Center & Farm offers hands-on programming in the Agricultural Sciences to area school children. Farm Classroom guides lead students through experiential centers and teach about important concepts such as soil science. This training is for potential volunteer guides and includes lunch and snacks. Stephanie Colvard, Director of Children's Education, is the presenter.

MONDAY, FEB. 22 7PM UPPER GUADALUPE RIVER AUTHORITY AUDITORIUM, KERRVILLE

AT16-040 MANAGING FOR BLUEBIRDS

Learn how to locate, create, and enhance bluebird habitat (for instance, with particular native plants) in the Hill Country; select sites and install bluebird nestboxes in a manner that will attract various native species; monitor and report through Cornell's "NestWatch" program; recognize nests and eggs; manage predators and problems. Pauline Tom, President of the Texas Bluebird Society, is the speaker.

MONDAY, FEB. 22 10-NOON CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE

AT16-042 BIRD BOX MONITOR TRAINING

This workshop will identify common birds that use nest boxes and teach monitors how to determine which species are using their nest boxes, based on nest structure and materials. Monitors will also learn how to count and scientifically document egg and hatchling numbers and predict hatch dates and fledge dates. COST: \$7 for members; \$10 non-members; free for returning nest box monitors. The presenter is Dick Park. To register, contact Donna Taylor at nature@cibolo.org.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23 7PM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, FREDERICKSBURG

AT16-036 YEARLY CHECKLIST FOR PLANT MAINTENANCE

Ginger Hudson, author and garden landscaper, will speak at the Fredericksburg Chapter of NPSOT meeting on planting and transplanting times, who-what-how-and-when to prune, and insect and disease awareness.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25 2-3PM WEBINAR

AT16-047 FORB AND WOODY SPECIES RESTORATION IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

David Mahler, an ecologist for Environmental Survey Consulting, is the presenter. To receive an e-mail notification of when webinar registration opens, send your e-mail address to jennifer_ryan@fws.gov.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25 12-1PM WEBINAR

AT16-025 EVOLVING OUTDOOR SAFETY THROUGH PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS

The most common and deadly weather hazard that impacts outdoor activities is lightning. The National Weather Service (NWS) has developed a lightning safety toolkit and recognition program that brings meteorologists and venue officials together to encourage and establish sound and proactive action plans when thunderstorms threaten. Go to <http://cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=wxtalk>.

Friday, Feb. 26 3-5pm Edwards County Courthouse

AT16-045 New Landowners in Edwards County

Information on how the NRCS can help you, what the AgriLife Extension Service can do for you, what a TPWD Biologist can do for you, and introduction to Agricultural and Wildlife Valuations. Free, but registration is required; call James Crockett, 830-683-4310 or go to James.Crockett@ag.tamu.edu.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27 9AM-2:30PM RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER (RNC), KERRVILLE**AT16-005A LANDSCAPE FOR LIFE**

Sustainable landscapes can have a positive impact on human well-being as well as the environmental health of an entire region. Landscape for Life™, a national program, focuses on sustainable landscapes, working with nature to provide clean air, clean water, and fertile soils. This-series of three classes will explore materials for sustainable landscape design. Part B, March 5; Part C: March 12. To register by Feb. 20 go to RNC.kerrville@gmail.com or call 830-257-4837.

MONDAY, FEB. 29 9AM-2PM CIBOLO NATURE CENTER, BOERNE**AT16-026 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM GUIDE TRAINING**

Outdoor Classroom is our hands-on environmental science program for visiting school children. Outdoor Classroom Guides connect children with the wonders of nature in a way that gives them the opportunity to explore and discover the world around them. Lunch is provided; no fee. For information and reservation, contact Stephanie Colvard at stephanie@cibolo.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 12-1PM WEBINAR**AT16-044 PLANT IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

To register, go to <http://naturalresourcewebinars.tamu.edu/upcoming/>.

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 4-5 9AM-5PM HILTON AIRPORT HOTEL, AUSTIN**AT16-029 20TH ANNUAL TEXAS LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE**

To register, go to <http://www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org/index.php/what-we-do/texas-land-conservation-conference>.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 8:30-9:30AM RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER, KERRVILLE**AT16-005B LANDSCAPE FOR LIFE**

This is the second of three classes. See Saturday, Feb. 27, for complete information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 8:45AM-4:45PM LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER, AUSTIN**AT16-043 NPSOT SPRING SYMPOSIUM**

Cost: \$55/person; \$50, NPSOT and LBJWC members; \$65 after March 4 and at the door. To register, go to <http://www.npsot.org/springsymposium2016>.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 8:30-9:30AM RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER, KERRVILLE**AT16-005C LANDSCAPE FOR LIFE**

This is the second of three classes. See Saturday, Feb. 27, for complete information.

MONDAY, MARCH 21 8:30-10:30AM HILL COUNTRY STATE NATURAL AREA, BANDERA**AT16-229 BIRDS OF A FEATHER**

This guided birding walk will be with Ranger Leanne Beauxbeannes and Texas Master Naturalist Scott Magee. Beginners and experienced birders are welcome. Come to learn or teach. Bring binoculars, birding guides, comfy/sturdy shoes, hats, layered clothing, and water. Plan on a two-hour guided walk and then bring a picnic and stay for as long as you like to enjoy our 5000-acre natural area for the day, on your own. Come early to register. Regular day-use fees apply: Texas State Park pass--no charge for everyone in vehicle. Seniors 65+, \$3 with Bluebonnet Pass. Adults, \$6; kids 12 and under always free. Your RSVP is appreciated; call 830-796-4413.

The newsletter's publication schedule does not allow listing of all AT events in each issue. Check the chapter calendar on our website for additional AT information



We meet on the fourth Monday of most months at 7:00 PM in the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Lecture Hall at 125 North Lehmann Drive in Kerrville.

Join us at 6:30 for our social half-hour.

Everyone is welcome.

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