

The Lindheimer Quarterly Newsletter

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"Hood Ornament" by Mike & Nancy Hammack

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The Big Give September 23, 2021

From Steve Jones, Treasurer:
There were 26 donors who
contributed \$2,114 for our projects.

Many, many thanks
to all who contributed!

IN MEMORIAM



52 YEARS OF LOVE, ADVENTURE & PARTNERSHIP



Daniel Robert Madden, 75, and his beloved wife and life partner of 52 years, Jensie Simms Madden, 74, died on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Dan was preceded in death by his sister, Jacque Lynn Madden-Westendorf, nephew, Philip Reid, and both his parents, John Francis Madden and Marilyn Kinne Madden.

Jensie was preceded in death by her brother, Jason David Simms, and both her parents, Jack Finley Simms, Jr. and Jenella Kirkland Simms.

Jensie was graduated from Austin College, in Sherman, Texas, earning a B.A in Spanish and a M.A.T. in Elementary Education in 1969—she then worked for 30 years in early childhood education, mainly in San Antonio. She was a passionate educator of young children, parents and future early childhood education professionals.

Dan was a Vietnam Veteran and received a Purple Heart for his service as a ground surveillance radar repairman. For 30 years, Dan worked for AT&T as an electronics technician, maintaining long-distance switching machines in San Antonio.

In 2001, both retired to Comal County in Fischer, Texas, after Dan designed their dream energy and water-conserving home—they built their straw bale stucco home alongside family, and friends from their Hill Country community of

environmental conservationists. Both were proud Master Naturalists and Dan devoted his retirement with the Texas Master Naturalists, maintaining natural areas, protecting native plants, and preserving habitats for wildlife. Jensie was also on the boards of several action groups, including the League of Women Voters & the Comal County Conservation Alliance.

Jensie and Dan were dedicated to the tenets of the Unitarian Universalist (UU) church and were most recently members of UU-New Braunfels. They are survived by their only child and son, Sean Madden, daughter-in-law, Marina Madden and granddaughter, Averi Madden. Jensie is also survived by her siblings, Jon Simms and wife, Geri, Jim Simms and wife, Mary, and Jill McLaughlin and husband, Rob. Dan is also survived by his brother, Andrew Madden and wife, Anne, Dennis Madden and husband, Ross Powell, and sister, Claire Ann Madden Reid. Both were loved by many more extended families of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, as well as life-long friends, and recent neighbors. There will be a small graveside service to be scheduled at a later date—both will be interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

- Herald-Zeitung

The Lindheimer Chapter will miss them very much.

Lindheimer Chapter Chapter Information Page



2021 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Rich Nielson
VICE PRESIDENT	Michael Buley
SECRETARY	Rob Kyrouac
TREASURER	Stephen Jones

COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Education - Joe Finneran, Rick Corbell, Erin Harrison, Jack Sullivan

Membership & Records – Cheryl Trock

Outreach – Debbie Kyrouac, Jane Schnell

Projects & Opportunities - Jeanie Springer

Subcommittees

Trunks – Deb Kyrouac, Jane Schnell

Program to Assist Landowners – Art Williams

Community Recognition (VP) – Michael Buley

Hospitality – N/A (COVID-19)

New Class – President, Lynn Jones

Photographer, Cal Jordan

Ad Hoc Committees

Big Give SA – MJ McFarland, Jane Schnell

COMMUNICATIONS

Director – MJ McFarland

Out & About – Sara Riggs

CHAPTER ADVISORS

Craig Hensley, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Wildlife Tracker

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2021 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 21

Rangelands Trends with Dr. Barron Rector

February 18

Cancelled due to the Great Freeze

March 18

“Central Texas Cave Life” with Colin Strickland

April 15

“Biology & Ecological Concepts” with John Hannon

May 20

“Toxic Plants” with Dr. Barron Rector

June 17

“Anatomy of a Butterfly Survey with Craig Hensley

July 15

“Rock Art” with Jim Sievers

August 19

“Wild Texas Cats” with Monica Morrison

September 16

“Great Monarch Migration” with Craig Hensley

October 21

“Snakes of Texas” with Brett Parker

November 18

TBA

December 16

Elections & Graduation



2021 Board of Directors Meetings

Every 4th Monday at 5:00 PM

Meetings are via WEBEX

All members are invited to attend.

AgriLife Building

325 Resource Dr.

New Braunfels, Texas

- January 25 ● February 22 ● March 22 ● April 26
- May 24 ● June 28 ● July 26 ● August 23
- September 27 ● October 25 ● November 22
- December 27



Board Minutes available at:

<https://txmn.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/lmn-board-members/lmn-board-minutes-archive/>

Contributing to Community Science: iNaturalist.org



"Community Science" (formerly "Citizen" Science) is the participation of non-scientists in scientific research. As naturalists, many of us already participate in community science projects that contribute to the body of scientific knowledge about plants, animals & insects: butterfly surveys, bird counts, plant identification. And we take pictures – LOTS of pictures! Each picture is an observation and represents an opportunity to increase the scientific knowledge of what, where & when. One of the largest community science

projects is iNaturalist, a world-wide, on-line database of observations provided by community scientists like Master Naturalists.

"If enough people recorded their observations, it would be like a living record of life on Earth that scientists and land managers could use to monitor changes in biodiversity, and that anyone could use to learn more about nature." How to get started? Go to www.inaturalist.org and sign up! Here are the numbers as of 10/21/2021. Take a look at Comal County!!!

Location	Observations	Species	Observers
World	83,459,359	345,828	1,939,614
Texas	5,369,957	24,174	106,913
Comal County	71,136	4,139	3,496



Electronic Lindheimer

Website: www://txmn.org/lindheimer/

Here's what's available on our website!



Welcome! ▾ Chapter Info ▾ Out & About Calendar Newsletters Members ▾ Texas Waters 2021 Class – Free-tailed Bats 🔍

Chapter Project – The BBW at AgriLife Projects & Opportunities Program to Assist Landowners Donate Chapter Meetings

Social Media – Facebook: www://facebook.com/txmn.lindheimer

Amazon Smile: Painless donation!



Shop Amazon Smile & designate "Lindheimer Chapter" – we'll get money!

www://smile.amazon.com/ – Designate Lindheimer Chapter

2021 Recertifications and Milestone Awards

2021 Recertification Pin – Sideoats Grama



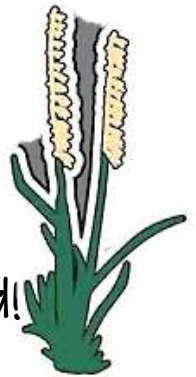
Month	Recertifications - 2021 Sideoats Grama Pin	Milestones
Jan-21	Susan Bogle, Brian Trock, Marilyn McFarland, Darlene Varga, Edith Bergquist, Don Berquist, Lois Ricci, Sara Riggs	500 Hours Pat Fletcher
Feb-21	Jane Miller, Jeanie Springer, Cheryl Trock 	250 Hours Rob Kyrouac, Christy Martinez 2,500 Hours James Jameson
Mar-21	Joe Finneran, Jim Jameson, Steve Jones, Deb Kyrouac, Cathy Oberkamp, Teresa Turko	 250 Hours: Kathy Ofsdahl 4,000 Hours: Darlene Varga
Apr-21	Mary Barr-Gilbert, Rich Bradley, John Davis, Craig Dillion, Jane Finneran, Erin Harrison, Sue Huntsman, Laird Ingham, Rob Kyrouac, Valerie Lefebvre, Rhonda Neel, Rich Nielson, Susan Sommer	500 Hours: Jane Finneran 5,000 Hours Brian Trock
May-21	Ron Butts, Heidi Case, Pat Fletcher, Gail Groves, Carol Ingham, Lori Largen, Merrill Mabon, Dan Madden, Jensi Madden, Christy Martinez, Patricia Porterfield, Stephen Verschoyle, Mary Williams	250 HOURS Merril Mabon, Susan Sommer, Erin Harrison, Teresa Tyler 500 HOURS Craig Dillion
June 21	Ellen Anderson, Don Blake, John Corkill, Jim Doyle, Harry Ferrell, Heidi Forgione, Henry Hahn	250 HOURS: Heidi Forgione 1,000 HOURS: Carol Ingham
July 21	Julie Crouch, Don Fletcher, Jack Sullivan	250 HOURS: Nancy Hammack
Aug 21	Pat Carnes, Sandra Carson, Ricky Corbell, Gretchen Ferrell, Aleta Meyer, Jack Olivier, Margaret Olivier, Miguelita Scanio, Debbie Subke, Toni Wayne, Art Williams	
Sept 21	Lynn Boyd, Haley Faver, Bob Gray, Janet Hahn, Beth Jameson, Evelyn Nielson, Mike Roberts, Teresa St. John	500 HOURS: Holly Emrie, Don Fletcher 4,000 HOURS: Sara Riggs

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Thank you for all your hard work and volunteerism!
You make a difference.

Sideoats Grama - 2021 Pin
Texas Master Naturalist Program™
Official State Grass of Texas

Sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) is a native species of prairie grass found on rocky hillsides and dry, open grassland. "Side-oats" refers to the small oat-like seeds that hang down uniformly on one side of the seed stem. Sideoats grama prairie grass is a nutritious food for foraging wildlife and livestock. The bright purple and orange flowers of sideoats grama give it a special grace and beauty. [Texas State Grass | Sideoats Grama \(statesymbolsusa.org\)](http://statesymbolsusa.org)



Progress at the BBW - Lookin' Good!



If you would like to volunteer at the BBW, contact Rich at 512-653-3356. See more info at [Chapter Project - The BBW \(txmn.org\)](http://Chapter Project - The BBW (txmn.org))



Members are hard at work at the Bird Blind, Butterfly Garden & Wildscape (BBW). Photos by LMN member Brian Trock.



2021 Chapter Meetings

July 15, 2021

Lindheimer Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program™

Monthly Chapter Meeting
July 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm

*"The First Texas Artists:
Art & Archaeology in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands"*
with Jim Sievers

In person: Tye Preston Memorial Library

For purposes of planning, please sign up to attend the meeting in person via Sign Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10N06A1A7W42D0B1E3D-meeting>

There will be no snacks at the meeting.

WEBEX: Members login to our Members Area for the WebEx Link.
Non-members Email LindheimerMNCContact@gmail.com

Jim Sievers has been a student of ancient cultures for more than 50 years. During those years he has participated in both dirt and research archaeology. He has spent many years in mesoamerica with most of that time attached to the ancient Maya culture. His dirt archaeological efforts have been centered in central, southern and southwest Texas along with southwest Colorado. Jim has guided groups of people to the rock shelters in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands for twenty-three years, discussing the world class rock art and the ancient archaeological evidence left behind by the Lower Pecos People.



Photo of Fats Bell, Shaker photography by N. McFarland

August 19, 2021

Lindheimer Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program™

Monthly Chapter Meeting
August 19, 2021 at 5:45 pm

"Wild Texas Cats: Past & Present"
with Monica Morrison, Founder, Texas Native Cats



Virtual Attendance via WebEx:
Members: Login to our Members Area for the WebEx Link
Non-members: Contact LindheimerMNCContact@gmail.com

Our speaker, Monica Morrison, is the founder of Texas Native Cats, an organization that educates about Texas native cats. Monica says: "As the founder and president of Texas Native Cats (see <http://TexasNativeCats.org>), I launched the organization in 2017 after realizing our wild Texas cats need recognition and help. Prior to that, I volunteered for 20+ years with various organizations, including the Dallas Zoo, In-Sync Exotics, and organizations in South America that work to conserve wild cats. I am a member of North Texas Master Naturalists, The Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Texas Wildlife Association, and the Wild Feline Management and Research Organization."



About her presentation, she says: "Many people are unaware of the great diversity of our felines, their habitat, physical characteristics, threats currently facing them, and the importance they play in maintaining Nature's health and diversity. This presentation provides an overview of the five species of native cats, with a special emphasis on the mountain lion."

Join us to learn about these iconic Texas animals!

September 17, 2020

Lindheimer Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program™

Monthly Chapter Meeting

When: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Who: Craig Hensley, Texas Nature Trackers Biologist
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
What: "The Great Monarch Migration"
Where: Online via WEBEX

Members: Login to our Members Area for the Link (you'll need the chapter password)
Non-members: Email LindheimerMNCContact@gmail.com

Join Texas Nature Trackers Biologist Craig Hensley to learn about the amazing journey that monarch butterflies undertake to reach overwintering locations!






Photo by UNCC member Brad Tison

October 21, 2021

Lindheimer Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program™

Monthly Chapter Meeting

Where: Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Who: Brett M. Parker – Hill Country Snake Removal
www.facebook.com/bparker/snakeremoval
What: Texas Snake Identification and Safety
"Kill the fear, not the snake!"
Where: You can attend in person:
Headwaters at the Comal
333 E. Klingemann St., New Braunfels, TX
OR
You can attend online via WEBEX
Members: Login to our Members Area for the Link
Non-members: Email LindheimerMNCContact@gmail.com

About the Presentation

- Facts over folklore
- Importance of snakes in our ecosystem
- What species of both non-venomous and venomous snakes live in their area of Texas and how to determine their unique differences from a safe distance.
- What to do and what NOT to do if they or someone else is bitten by a snake and much more!
- Bring native snakes and a few non-native snakes to safely allow a "close encounter" if desired!




About Brett Parker: Brett owns Hill Country Snake Removal, and is a Firefighter/Paramedic with Canyon Lake FireEMS. He has given numerous presentations on Texas Snakes, as well as safe handling procedures, to schools, groups and communities. Brett promotes the humane removal & relocation of snakes.

Photos from Our Members



Bordered Patch: Brian Trock
Texas Coral Snake: Michael Buley
Lizard: Joel Dunnington
Fox: Sara Riggs