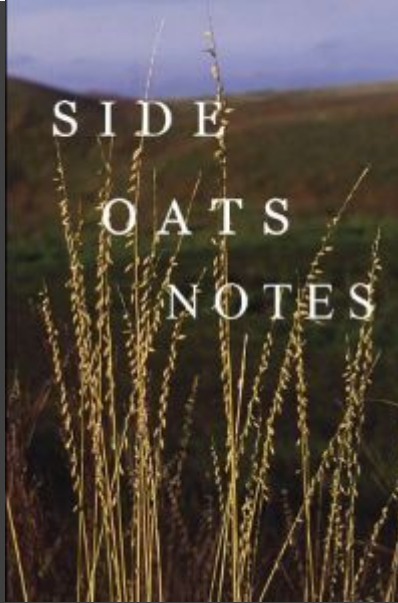


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A newsletter by the Prairie Oaks Chapter  
of the Texas Master Naturalist program

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#### OUR MISSION

The **Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission** is 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.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

- For possible activities at the Bosque River Nature Center, does anyone lead programs about watercolor painting or photography? Contact [Peggy Tolboom](mailto:equest@dairysolutionsinc.com) at [equest@dairysolutionsinc.com](mailto:equest@dairysolutionsinc.com) if interested.
- This year is our chapter's 5 year anniversary so we will be planning some sort of chapter field trip and celebration. Be on the lookout for more information! 🎉

### [Notes from the President: June 2022](#)

This month I had the privilege of watching the documentary, “Deep in the Heart,” written and directed by Ben Masters. It showcased the beauty of Texas and highlighted a variety... [Read More →](#)

### [Kudos!](#)

Congrats to our new and existing members on their milestones. We had several members reach 500+ hour milestones and 2 initial certifications. Our chapter had 13 training class graduates. See... [Read More →](#)

### [Member Spotlight: Jason Moden](#)

Hello! My name is Jason Moden! I was born in Denver, CO in 1989 where I was raised for about 7 years before I moved down to Southern Colorado near... [Read More →](#)

### [Congrats to the 2022 training class graduates!](#)

Congratulations to the training class graduates for completing their initial training! Our chapter had 13 graduates from the Spring 2022 training class. We look forward to working with our new... [Read More →](#)

### [Help the Monarch butterfly by Collecting Milkweed Seeds](#)

The University of Kansas grows seedlings to be distributed for planting next spring. Mowers are due in Erath County on June 16. Milkweed pods are ripening along road shoulders and... [Read More →](#)

## [Learning in Nature: Chapter Nature Walks](#)

Our chapter participated in several nature walks this spring. Kyle Watters led a Nature Hike at Proctor Lake. Meghan Peoples led a nature walk with chapter members.

## [Feather Fest at Action Nature Center](#)

The Prairie Oaks Chapter participated in Feather Fest at Action Nature Center on March 26. We made bird nest ornaments, learned how birds eat, and worked the Lights Out Texas... [Read More →](#)

## [Summer 2022 Chapter Meetings and Speakers](#)

Monthly chapter meetings are at 6 pm. Speakers start at 7 pm. June 16 at 7 pm: Showcase of 45 native Texas forbs, shrubs, and trees that were used medicinally... [Read More →](#)



### **A Thought for Today**

"Nature is an open book for those who care to read. Each grass-covered hillside is a page on which is written the history of the past, conditions of the present, and the predictions of the future."

J. E. Weaver, American botanist and prairie ecologist



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