



Chapter News—in brief

UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING

The August 10 meeting will be a hybrid. You can attend in person or virtually at **Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX**, or via email invite.

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Social Time and Refreshments (in person)
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome, Awards
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Advanced Training Speakers: Megan Mainer , Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Angleton, and Harbria Gardner , Recreation Specialist of Environmental & Outdoor Education Topic: “City of Angleton Parks & Recreation—An Overview of Completed and Upcoming Projects” <i>[Hours for Advanced Training (AT) TBD at close of meeting]</i>
10:15 – 11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting <i>[Hours for Volunteer Time (VT) TBD at close of meeting]</i>



Megan Mainer

Megan Mainer’s career in the parks and recreation industry expands beyond 15 years and includes four years’ experience in management of the Keep Angleton Beautiful Commission in Angleton, Texas. As an alumnus of University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, where she received a Masters Degree in Science in Recreation, Sport, and Tourism, and Sam Houston State University where she received a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, her primary focus is to cultivate strong collaborative work environments at the municipal level that address community resiliency through innovation, strategic planning, and relationship building.



Harbria Gardner

Harbria Gardner has worked as an outdoor education specialist for two years. She started her career in Midway, Florida, working with Florida Fish and Wildlife for two years and she now serves as the Recreation Specialist for Outdoor and Environmental Programs for the City of Angleton. Harbria is an alumnus of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. She has a passion for educating underrepresented groups on the wonders of being outside and its importance with the hopes of inspiring the next generation of conservationists and outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen.

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Masthead image by Charles Jesse Miller, Jr. at BNWR.



MEMBERSHIP DATA REPORT by Dave Brandes, Data Manager

2022 Recertifications since July 31

Cindy Goodrum	Jimmy Salinas
Cynthia Grandjean	Luann Salinas
Herb Myers	Sherry Summers
John O'Connell	Roxanne Walkowiak

Hours Totals YTD—31 July 2022

7,623 Hours VT 1,104 Hours AT

* July only: 789 VT; 79 AT

Impact Data YTD—31 July 2022

5,670 Adults 19,771 Youth 25,441 Total

Presented at the July 13 General Membership Meeting: (clockwise from right) Kathy Pittman (far left) and John Boettiger (far right) are pictured with four of the ten members who recertified in July. They are Jo Myers, Sheree Muzny, Rose Wagner, and Pam Peltier. Kathy Pittman and Mary Schwartz presented Roxanne Walkowiak (center) with her initial certification pin and document. Kathy Pittman and John Boettiger recognized Janet Townsend (center) for achieving the 250-hours milestone. Photos by Angela Griffin.



TMN ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

- COT is jointly hosting (with the Trinity Basin Chapter) the meeting's registration and information desks. Volunteers are needed!
- **Important dates...**
 - August 3 – registration opens (closes September 28)
 - September 1-30 – entries accepted, all contests (Photo/Art/Media, Video, Chapter advisor, Newsletter, Project)
 - October 11 – TMN Tuesday – Chapter Project Fair presentations
- **Meeting "Short Agenda"...**
 - Thursday, October 20 - Presidents/Advisors Luncheon & Attendee Welcome Dinner
 - Friday, October 21 - Keynote Luncheon, Social Dinner
 - Saturday, October 22 - Conservation Science Fair Luncheon, Award Ceremony Dinner
 - Sunday, October 23 - Contest Awards and Pin Announcement Breakfast





SOME UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SEE THE COT CALENDAR FOR ALL OPPORTUNITIES AND DETAILS

- **GCBO Plant Watering Crew**— 8/15 through 9/30,— contact Celeste Silling csilling@gcbo.org
- **Beach Sweep** — 9/8*, 8 AM at Quintana Fishing Pier – contacts Jimmy/Luanne Salinas
* NOTE CHANGE IN DATE
- **BCPD Trail Work Day at Hanson Park** – 8/18, 8 AM to 12 PM – contact Mike Mullenweg mikem@brazoria-county.com
- **Apple Snail Harvesting at Hudson Woods** – dates/times TBA; contact David Heinicke heinicke07@gmail.com

PUBLIC OUTREACH—Contact Ruby Lewis rubylewis77515@ymail.com

- **Kids Day at Brazos Mall**— 8/13, 11 AM to 3 PM
- **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**— 9/17 and 9/24, 8 AM to 12 PM;; contact Ruby Lewis (COT table) or Celeste Silling csilling@gcbo.org
- **Easter Seals Fishing Event for Disabled Veterans at Cannan Bend Recreation Area** (hosted by FOBWR and Mid-coast Refuge Complex)—10/22, ~11 AM to 2 PM; contact Lisa Myers lisalmyers@gmail.com

The **August Beach Sweep** crew met at Quintana Beach County Park on August 1. It was not as hot (there was a good southwest breeze) and though the beach looked relatively clean, there was a significant amount of trash, some embedded in the sand. It seems the beach is graded by heavy equipment and the sand is deposited in the dune areas. The sweepers made only a dent in the trash. Some unusual items collected by Angela Griffin and Luanne Salinas included a freon tank, an offshore "mile marker" and a metal device of some kind.



From left, Jimmy Salinas, Mickey Dufilho, Angela Griffin, Pat Jeffries, and Luann Salinas; Shay, a guest beach sweeper, pictured with his grandmother, Mickey Dufilho. Photos by Jimmy Salinas.

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