**Agenda Texas Master Naturalists  
Cradle of Texas Chapter**

**General Meeting**

**Wednesday February 8th, 2023, 9:00 AM**

**Agenda**

* Welcome and recognize visitors Kathy Pittman
* Approval – January Meeting Minutes Kathy Pittman
* Volunteer hours, Certifications, Milestones John Boettiger
* AT Presentation – Mary Schwartz – Jimmy Salinas
  + “Bald Eagles: From Bobbleheads to Beauties”
* Break
* Announcements
* Outreach Opportunities Ruby Lewis
* Financial Report Don Sabathier
* Volunteer Opportunities Oron Atkins
* Spring Intern Class Update Melanie Hollenshead
* Annual AT Event Kristine Rivers
* Final Items Kathy Pittman
* Meeting AT and VT hours Kristine Rivers
* Adjourn

**Approval of the January General Meeting Minutes**

* + Motion to approve Brenda Stitt, 2nd by Herb Meyers. Motion passed unanimously without corrections.

**Volunteer hours, certifications, milestones – John Boettiger**

* Recertifications - Amanda Gabehart
* Milestones
  + Malcolm Mosis 250 Hours
  + Barbara Yoder 500 Hours
  + Kathy Pittman 1,000 Hours
  + Kim Richardson 2,500 Hours

*CONGRATULATIONS !!!*

* Impact Data – Through January 2022\*

Hours YTD

VT - 13,655

AT - 1,937

* Impact Data

Adults 11,360

Youth 24,816

Total 36,173

\**data not considered Final until mid-February*

* Impact Data – January 2023

Hours Month

VT - 1,043

AT - 58

* Impact Data

Adults 129

Youth 104

Total 233

\**data not considered Final until mid-March*

**Featured Speaker – Mary Schwartz, *“Bald Eagles: Bobbleheads to Beauties”***

* 2017 - Retired from Dow
* 2018 - Joined COT
* 2019 -2022 – Intern Training Director
* Wildlife rescue, DEEP, birding,
* Board member - Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges



**BREAK – 10 Minutes**

*Thank you to these members who brought refreshments this morning!*  
Linda & Ken Sluis  
Larry Peterson  
Mel McKey  
Pam West

**Outreach Opportunities – Ruby Lewis**

* **Family** **Fishing Day** – 2/25, 8AM to 2 PM – Lakeside Park,

1234 Enchanted Oaks Dr, Angleton, TX, 77515. Needs 4-5

volunteers - Contact Harbria Gardner [hgardner@angleton.tx.usa](mailto:hgardner@angleton.tx.usa)

* Other Angleton Recreation Activities
  + Rough N”T camp – 6/26 – 6/29 and 7/31- 8/3
  + Fishing Derby 6/17
  + Little Explores Nature Club 5 – 7 year olds
    - 6/6 – 9 and 7/10 – 13
* **Water Fair – Danbury Elementary March 6 & 7 8:30am to 12 pm - John O’Connell**
* **Brazoria Heritage Day – 3/4 Brazoria Heritage Museum,**

10 am to 3 pm

* **Sea Center Nature Day** – 3/25
* **BNWR Spring Open House** 3/11 thru 3/19, 11 am to 4 pm

979-583-7903 rubylewis77515@ymail.com

* **DEEP Sessions @ BNWR**– Contact Ed Barrios at ed77566@Comcast.net

February 28th March 21st

March 2nd March 23rd

March 7th March 28th

March 8th March 30th

March 9th April 4th

* **Migration Celebration Events**

Mall Outreach April 14

Dinner (fundraiser) April 22

Migration Celebration April 29-30 @ San Bernard Refuge 11 am to 4 pm

Contact Lisa Myers lisalmyers@gmail.com

* **GCBO Spring Fling** - April 8 to May 7, 9 am – 4 pm Contact Celeste Silling csilling@gcbo.org
* **Camp Mohawk** –June 5-8 Contact Mike Mullenweg mikem@Brazoria-county.com

**Financial Report – Don Sabathier**

January 2023

Beginning Balance $ 8,205.77

Revenue Summary 1,596.19

Expense Summary 35.99

Ending Balance $ 9,765.97

*Annual Dues of $25 are now payable*

**Volunteer Opportunities – Oron Atkins**

All VT and AT opportunities can be found on the website Calendar!!!!

* **Exploration Green Work Da**y – every Wed, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM – contact Christie Taylor
* **Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project** – self directed
* **Beach Sweep** – 3/6 - 8 AM to 10 AM, Quintana Fishing Pier– contacts Jimmy/Luanne Salinas
* **BCPD Trail Work Day Hanson Park** –TBA - 8 AM to 12 PM – contact Mike Mullenweg
* **Pearland Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Workday** –day and Locations TBA, 8 AM to 11 AM
* **Nurdle Beach Patrol** – Jace Turnell – self-directed
* **Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey** – Melanie Hollenshead - self directed
* **Adopt a Loop for TMN** – contact Debbie Nance - self directed
* **Boardwalk Maintenance & Construction** – TBA – contact Oron Atkins
* **Nest Fest – 3/14 – more details to come**
* **Introduction to Fishing Basics** – Sea Center Texas– 3/4, 9 AM to 3 PM – contact Mason Gilfoil

**Spring Intern Class Update– Melanie Hollenshead**

* Training Class starts February 18th
* Appeal for Training Team Members
* Appeal for Intern Mentors
* Please respond to your emailed survey!

**2023 Advanced Training Day – Kristine Rivers**

* Saturday May 20th, 2023
* Join us via Zoom for our 6th Annual AT Day!
* Our theme this year is “A Look Back at Texas History” covering a variety of related topics.
* Contact Kristine Rivers at Kristine@birdingforfun if you would like to give a presentation or join the planning committee.

Other Advanced Training – Kristine

* Feb. 18 – Field Trip to Freeport Historical Museum 10:00 – 12:00
* Feb. 17 – Refuge Walk to Otto Unit (Near Big Pond)

**Final Items - Kathy Pittman**

* Please return your online Surveys!
* Chapter Operating Handbook review
* Whooping Crane Trip – NEXT WEDNESDAY February 15th Tom Morris - 979-297-4678 or tmorris44@comcast.net
* Questions from the floor
* Send your pictures and news items for our newsletter to Lisa Myers - **news@tmn-cot.org**  Submission deadline is 5:00 PM on Thursday before the General Meeting. Submissions may be edited for clarity and spacing.

**Meeting AT and VT hours – Kristine Rivers**

VT – 1,25 hours

AT – 1.00 hours

**Next Meeting – Wednesday March 8th, 2023 – 7:00 pm 6:30 pm social time**

Bring a Friend!

*Hope to see you here!!!*

Attendance

In person – 56

On line - 20