

**Texas Master Naturalists  
Cradle of Texas Chapter**

**General Meeting**

**Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Called to Order at 7 pm**

**Agenda**

- Welcome and recognize visitors Kathy Pittman
- Approval – February Meeting Minutes Kathy Pittman
- Volunteer hours, Certifications, Milestones John Boettiger
- AT Presentation – Randy Bissell – Jimmy Salinas

*“The 10 Biggest Events in Texas’ Geological History (and a few Little Ones)”*

- Break
- “Pi” Trivia contest
- 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 February General Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes were emailed to the membership for review prior to the meeting.
- There were no additions or corrections.
- Angela Griffin motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Kyle Purvis seconded the motion. Motion passed on voice vote. Minutes were approved. nd will be approved at the meeting.

**HELP WANTED!!!!**

- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor

Lorna Witt is unable to fulfill the position of Secretary. We need a volunteer (or two) to help. Please contact Kathy Pittman or any board member if interested!

**Volunteer hours, certifications, milestones –**

**John Boettiger**

Members were recognized as follows. Award pins will be delivered when they come in.

**Recertifications**

Melanie Hollenshead	Larry Peterson
Lisa Martinez	Kathy Pittman
Lisa Myers	Regina Tippett

**Milestones**

Karen Mosis	250 Hours
Debbie Nance	1,000 Hours

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Impact Data – Through February 2023\***

	February	YTD
Hours		
VT -	942	2,191
AT -	254	323
Impact Data		
Adults	78	229
Youth	85	243
Total	163	474

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

**Featured Speaker – Randy Bissell**

***“The 10 Biggest Events in Texas’ Geological History (and a few Little Ones)”***

Randy Bissell, Texas Professional Geologist & Texas Master Naturalist

- Geoscience Advisor to Headington Energy Partners, LLC in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi (1982)
- Master of Science from Oklahoma State University (1984).

- 40 years' work experience
- taught Earth History as an adjunct professor at TAMUCC
- Texas Master Naturalist initial and advanced training instructor.
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**BREAK – “a quick 10 Minutes!”**

*Thank you to the members who brought refreshments this evening!*

**From John O’Connell – AgriLife Advisor**

**Water Wednesdays** - An educational series – the focus is to educate, inform and increase awareness of all things water. FREE!!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 – 8 pm, register through EventBrite.

We will resend the email with the links to access the registration.

Subjects :

March - CoCoRaHS – Community precipitation reporting

April – Aquaponics

May - Water wells

June – Weather

July – Water Safety

August – Aquatic Invasives

**Pond Owner Series**

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Pond Design and Construction

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Pond Management

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Aquatic Weed Identification and Control

All sessions in person at here at the AgriLife office.

2 pm to 4:30 pm

\$15 per session or \$35 for the series

**Test your Pi knowledge trivia contest– Rose and Mickey** Winners were recognized with a small prize

**Outreach Opportunities –**

**Ruby Lewis**

- BNWR Spring Open House 3/11 thru 3/19, 11 am to 4 pm

979-583-7903 [rubylewis77515@ymail.com](mailto:rubylewis77515@ymail.com)

- Sea Center Nature Day – 3/25 – contact Ruby
- DEEP Sessions @ BNWR– Contact Ed Barrios at [ed77566@Comcast.net](mailto:ed77566@Comcast.net)  
Note that several of the March and all April sessions for Clute Int have been moved to May.

March 9<sup>th</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup>

May 16<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>

- Migration Celebration Events – Volunteers needed!!!!
  - Mall Outreach April 14
  - Lunch fundraiser April 22

Dick Schaffhausen is organizing a “northern county” lunch pickup spot - TBA

- Migration Celebration April 19-30

@ San Bernard Refuge 11 am to 4 pm

Contact Lisa Myers [lisalmyers@gmail.com](mailto:lisalmyers@gmail.com)

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

### Financial Report – Don Sabathier

February 2023

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,766.12
Revenue Summary	1,179.74
Expense Summary	28.75
Ending Balance	\$10,917.11

*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 Day – every Wed, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM – contact Christie Taylor
- Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project – self directed

- Beach Sweep – 4/3, 8 AM to 10 AM, Quintana Jetties– contacts Jimmy/Luanne Salinas
- 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 – Bobcat Trail – contact Oron Atkins
- Nest Fest – 3/14, 8 AM to 1 PM – contact Jo Monday
- Sea Turtle Patrol Training – online, 2 sessions in March –contact Oron

### **Spring Intern Class Update–**

**Melanie Hollenshead**

- Training Class started February 18<sup>th</sup>
- 11 Interns and one transferring TMN member
- Field trips - Creature hunt, trip to Stephen F Austin Park, and session on aquatic systems. Class schedule is posted on the website (under training) and members are invited to attend.

### **2023 Advanced Training Day - Saturday May 20th, 2023 –**

**Kristine Rivers**

Our theme this year is “A Look Back at Texas History” covering a variety of related topics. Meeting will be held in person at the First Presbyterian Church in Angleton.

Tentative speakers -

- David Schmidly – topic TBA
- Tom Bird – El Camino Real de Tejas
- Marlon Nation – one of our interns, topic TBA
- 1 or two more speakers to be scheduled. Registration will open soon.

Contact Kristine Rivers at [Kristine@birdingforfun](mailto:Kristine@birdingforfun) if you would like to give a presentation or join the planning committee.

### **Final Items -**

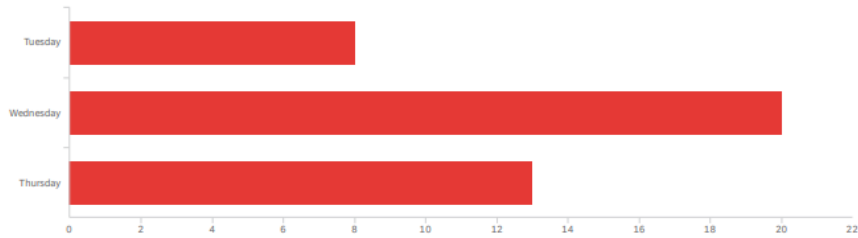
**Kathy Pittman**

Survey Results – Evening meeting times

- Wednesday was still the preferred day
- 6 pm was the preferred start time

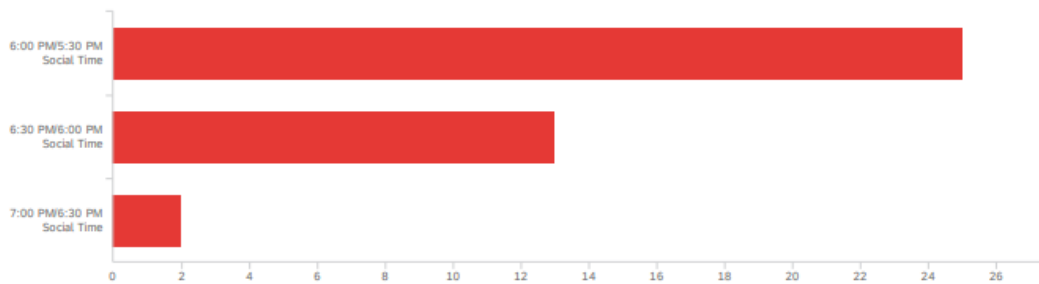
We will begin the new time slot with the MAY general meeting.

Q6 - For evening meetings, which DAY would you prefer to meet on? (Understand that it might not be the second instance of the month, due to other meetings already scheduled.)



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Tuesday	19.51% 8
2	Wednesday	48.78% 20
3	Thursday	31.71% 13
		41

Q7 - For evening meetings, what TIME would you like to start the business portion of the meeting?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	6:00 PM/5:30 PM Social Time	62.50% 25
2	6:30 PM/6:00 PM Social Time	32.50% 13
3	7:00 PM/6:30 PM Social Time	5.00% 2
		40

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- Chapter Operating Handbook review – ongoing
- Questions from the floor
- Send your pictures and news items for our newsletter to Lisa Myers - [news@tmn-cot.org](mailto: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 - \_1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- AT - \_1.0 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Next Meeting – Wednesday April 12th, 2023 – 9 am

8:30 am social time

Bring a Friend!

*Hope to see you here!!!*

**Adjourned at \_\_\_approximately 9 pm\_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Attendance:**

In person - 30

On line - 23, plus 2 guests

Total 55

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Pittman, President