

2020 VIRTUAL Annual Meeting



Awards and Recognition of our TMN Family

2020 VIRTUAL Annual Meeting



Special Recognition

Virtual Annual Meeting by the Numbers:

- We told you....
 - It will be new
 - It will be different
 - It will be fun!

And it

has!!!

- Largest yet! (1,165 registered)
- This year the meeting is more accessible than ever!
- Chance to diversify our audience!
- ALL 48 of our established chapters in attendance!
- 93 Technical Sessions
- Across 5 days



Virtual Field Session Day Chapters

- Gideon Lincecum Chapter
- Heartwood Chapter
- Lower Trinity Basin Chapter
- Cradle of Texas Chapter
- Coastal Prairie Chapter

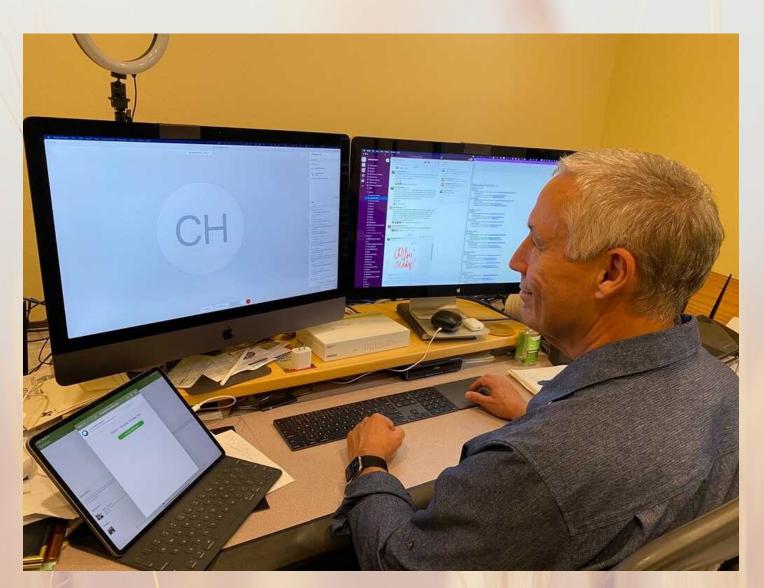


Virtual Annual Meeting Chapters, Staff

- Gulf Coast Chapter –
 Virtual Nature Venture
- Cradle of Texas Chapter –
 Photo, Art & Media Contest
- Coastal Prairie Chapter –
 Content Hosts
- TPWD & TAMU AgriLife Extension Staff Technical Hosts



Special Recognition



Bert Stipelcovich,
Coastal Prairie

And the ENTIRE
Coastal Prairie
Content Host Team!

Special Recognition



Texas Master Naturalist Program
Student Assistant
Addison Regennitter

Thank You!!!



Mary Pearl Meuth,
TMN Asst. State Program Coordinator
and
TMN Annual Meeting Coordinator
Extraordinaire

Virtual Nature Venture



Thank You Gulf Coast Chapter!

Winners of Virtual Nature Venture Challenges

• iNaturalist Challenge Winner: Carol Oeller

• 5K Participation Challenge Winner: Jennifer Smith-Castro

• The social media #TexasNatureVenture Photo Challenge Winner: Jeanne

Erickson

Thank you
EVERYONE
who
participated!!!



Awards and Recognition of our Texas Master Naturalist Family



Lifetime Service Hour Milestone Awards

We are recognizing 194,290+ hours this week















Congratulations! Attendees Receiving their First Year Certification in 2020



126 attendees5,040 hours of serviceRecognized on Day 1

Congratulations! Attendees Receiving the 250 Service Hours Milestone Award

Bronze



79 attendees 19,500 hours of service

Congratulations! Attendees Receiving the 500 Service Hours Milestone Award

Silver



59 attendees 29,500 hours of service

Congratulations! Attendees Receiving the 1,000 Service Hours Milestone Award

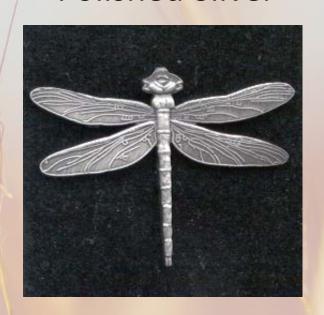
Brushed Gold



40 attendees 40,000 hours of service

Congratulations! Attendees Receiving the 2,500 Service Hours Milestone Award

Polished Silver



19 attendees 47,000 hours of service



4,000 Service Hours Milestone

Polished Gold & Ruby



8 attendees
32,000 hours of service





(and Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Service Award)



Julie d'Ablaing, Gulf Coast

Hilton Dickerson, Elm Fork







(and Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Service Award)



Lisa Marler, Highland Lakes

> Jo Monday, Galveston Bay Area







(and Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Service Award)



Mary Morrow, Elm Fork

Bruce Stewart,
North Texas







(and Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Service Award)



Betty Zajac, Elm Fork

> Mary Ann Melton, Good Water





Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Award



They join **HUNDREDS** others in this category to date!





5,000 Service Hours Milestone

Polished Gold & Diamond



3 attendees 15,000 hours of service





Mary Ann Everett,
Central Texas





Scott Kiester, Elm Fork





Anita Westervelt, Rio Grande Valley



10,000 Service Hours Milestone

Polished Gold & Emerald



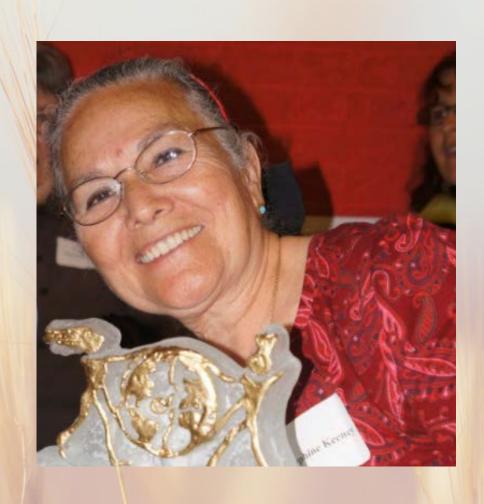
2 attendees 20,000 hours of service





Brad James, **Good Water**





Josephine Keeney, Cross Timbers







Marie Asscherick, Galveston Bay Area



The Chapter Advisor Award recognizes the exceptional work by an advisor or a team of advisors in one or several of the following areas...

- Overall exceptional work of chapter advisors
- Exemplary contributions to the organization's mission and goals
- New initiatives and accomplishments supported by the advisor
- Advisor participation in the chapter
- The advisor's ability to empower members
- Resource management knowledge and activities





Javier De Leon

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Rio Grande Valley

AND

South Texas Boarder Chapters Advisor



John O'Connell

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent,
Brazoria County
Cradle of Texas Chapter Advisor

2020 Exemplary Project Awards



Texas Master Naturalist 21st Annual Meeting Awards

2020 Exemplary Project Awards

https://txmn.tamu.edu/2020-chapter-project-fair-entries/



Exemplary Project Fair Awards: Third Place

From Guinea Pigs

Good Water Chapter

to Contributors —

A Foray into Game Camera

Citizen Science

Mike Farley and Kathy McCormack

Texas Master Naturalist 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting Project Fair

October 2020





Third Place: \$350 Project Grant

Good Water Chapter
Game Camera Citizen Science
Project



Exemplary Project Fair Awards: First Place TIE



TIE for First Place: \$650 Project Grant

Hill Country Chapter

Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program
Project



Exemplary Project Fair Awards: First Place TIE



Texas Master Naturalist North Texas Chapter

White Rock Lake
Blackland Prairie — Unit 2
Restoration Project



TIE for First Place: \$650 Project Grant

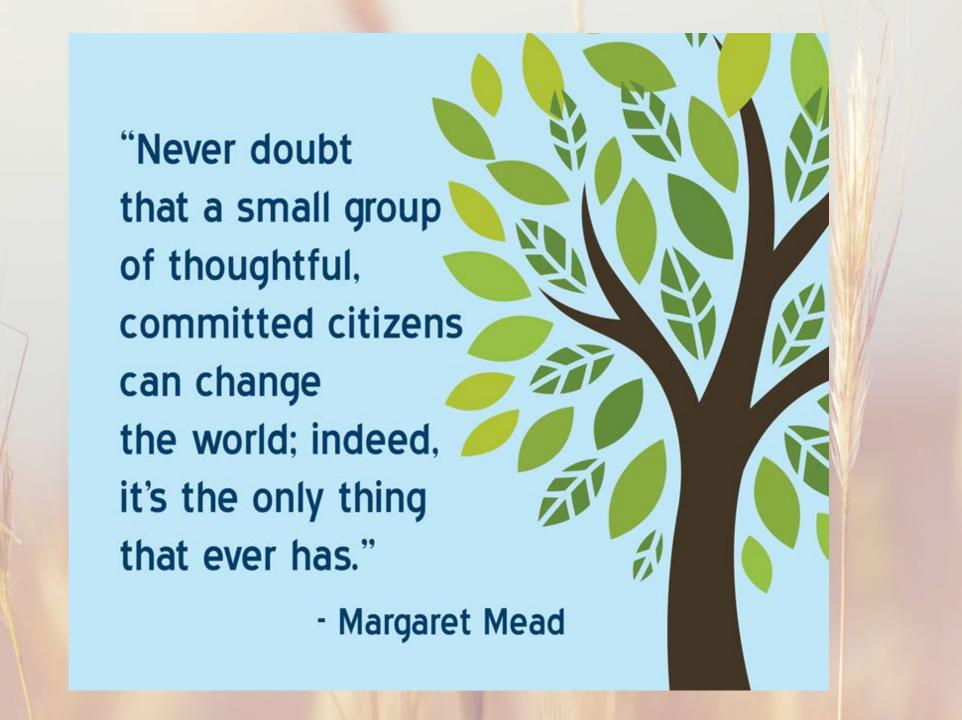
North Texas Chapter
White Rock Lake Blackland
Prairie - Unit 2 Restoration
Project

The Power of the Program











Texas Master Naturalist Program Accomplishments

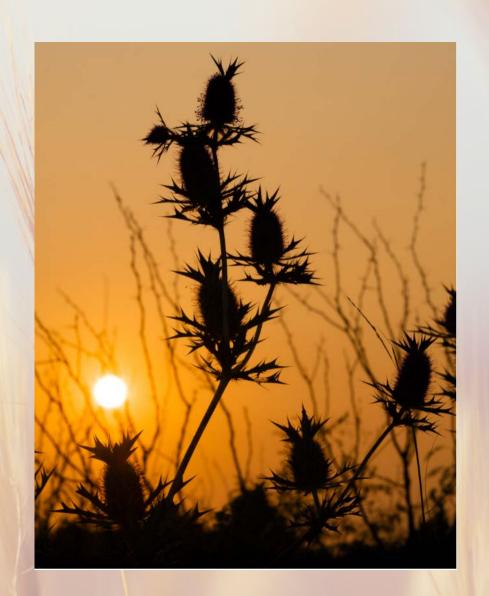
- Over 13,000 People trained
- **6.2 MILLION** Hours of Service
 - valued at \$150+ MILLION to date
- Nearly 6.4 MILLION people reached to date
- 2,230 miles of trail developed and maintained
- 229,000 acres of habitat enhanced

Photo, Art and Media Contests



BIG Thanks to Cradle of Texas Chapter

Photography: Plants



Plants: 3rd Place

Adam Cochran,
North Texas Chapter
"Eryngium Sunset"

Photography: Plants



Plants: 2nd Place

Jerry Hamby,
Gulf Coast Chapter
"Purple Cone Flowers at Buffalo Lake"

Photography: Plants



Plants: 1st Place

Art Arizpe,
Hays County Chapter
"Milk Vine Triplets"

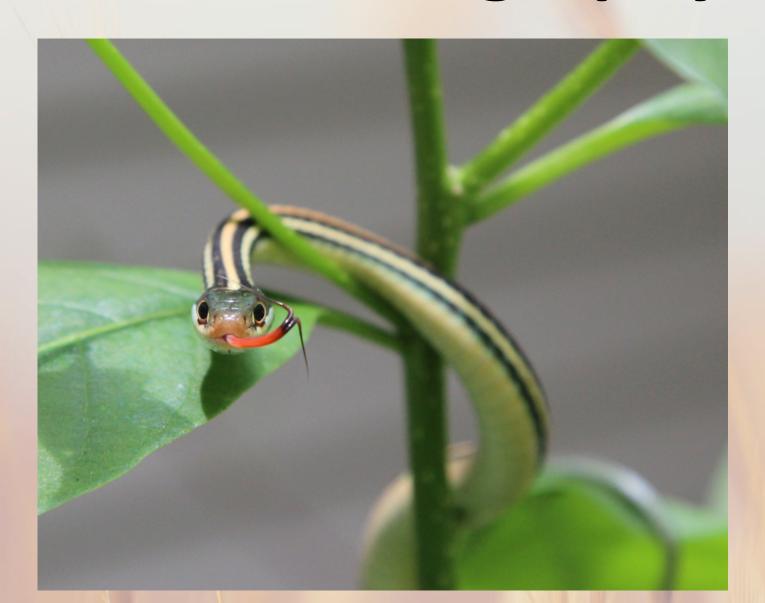
Photography: Wildlife



Wildlife: 3rd Place

Roger Sanderson,
North Texas Chapter
"Alligator and Ribbon Snake"

Photography: Wildlife



Wildlife: 2nd Place

Linda Swickheimer,
Mid-Coast Chapter
"Garter Snake"

Photography: Wildlife



Wildlife: 1st Place

Carol Henrichs,
Brazos Valley Chapter
"Armadillo"

Photography: Birds



Birds: 3rd Place

Deborah Repasz,

Galveston Bay Area Chapter

"Snack Time"

Photography: Birds



Birds: 2nd Place

Jennifer Whaley,
Capital Area Chapter
"Crested Caracara in Profile"

Photography: Birds



Birds:

1st Place

Pauline Zinn,
Coastal Prairie Chapter
"Snowy Egret"

Photography: Scenic



Scenic: 3rd Place

Carol Henrichs,

Brazos Valley Chapter

"Caddo Lake"

Photography: Scenic

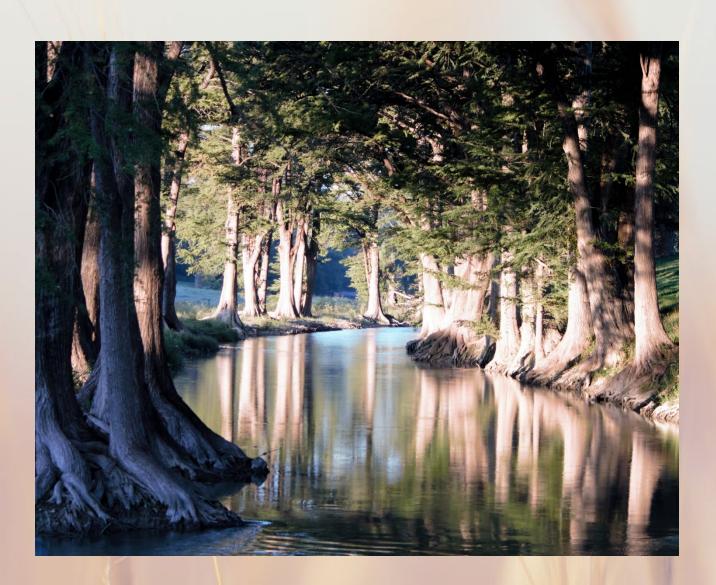


Scenic:

2nd Place

Tom L. Hausler,
Hays County Chapter
"West Cave Grotto"

Photography: Scenic



Scenic: 1st Place

Phillip Woods,
South Texas Chapter
"Cathedral on the River"

Photography: Master Naturalists @ work/play



Historical Photos of Master Naturalists at work or play:

3rd Place

Gene Fisseler,
Galveston Bay Area Chapter
"Squid On"

Photography: Master Naturalists @ work/play



Historical Photos of Master Naturalists at work or play:

2nd Place

Maureen Nolan-Wilde,
Galveston Bay Area Chapter
"Oyster"

Photography: Master Naturalists @ work/play



Historical Photos of Master Naturalists at work or play: 1st Place

Valerie Tabor,
Rio Brazos Chapter
"Daddy Took me Mothing"

Photography: Digitally Enhanced

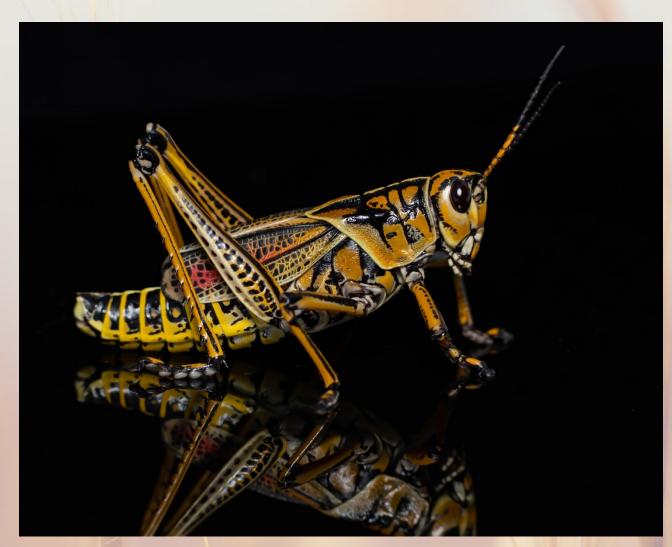


Digitally Enhanced:

3rd Place

Barbara Keir,
Capital Area Chapter
"Katy Did or Didn't"

Photography: Digitally Enhanced



Digitally Enhanced:

2rd Place

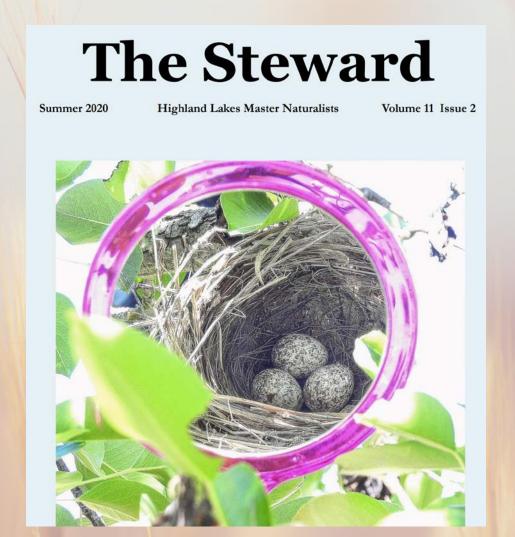
Patty Brinkmeyer,
Cradle of Texas Chapter
"Grasshopper"

Photography: Digitally Enhanced



Digitally Enhanced: 1st Place
Deborah Repasz,
Galveston Bay Area Chapter
"Pretty Boy"

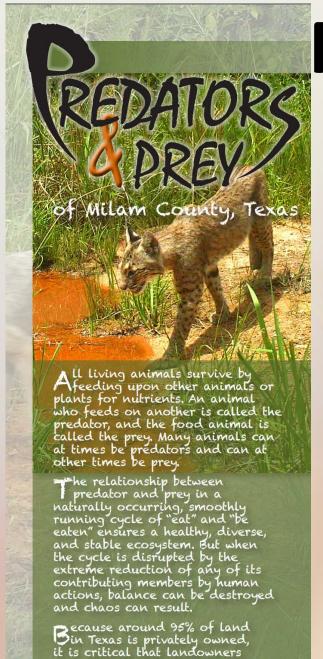
Photo, Art & Media Contest: Chapter Newsletter



Chapter Newsletter Award

Highland Lakes Chapter

"The Steward"



understand the interdependence

of wildlife species.

Photo, Art & Media Contest: Chapter Brochure

Chapter Brochure Award

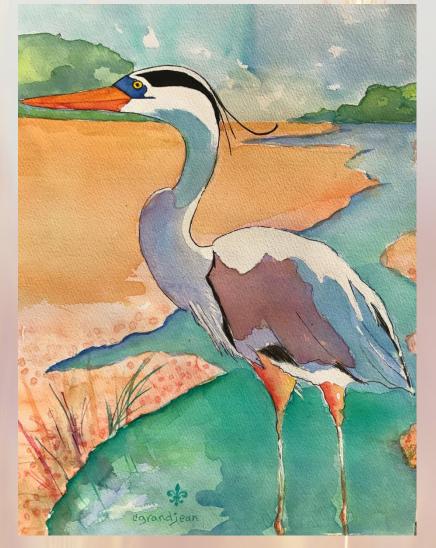
Predators and Prey of Milan County, Texas
El Camino Real Chapter

Photo, Art and Media Contest:

Drawing or Painting

3rd Place Drawing or Painting

Cynthia Grandjean,
Cradle of Texas Chapter
"Heron #2"



Photo, Art and Media Contest:

Drawing or Painting

2nd Place Drawing or Painting
Susan May,
Llano Estacado Chapter
"Sarracenia Spiketail for Greg"

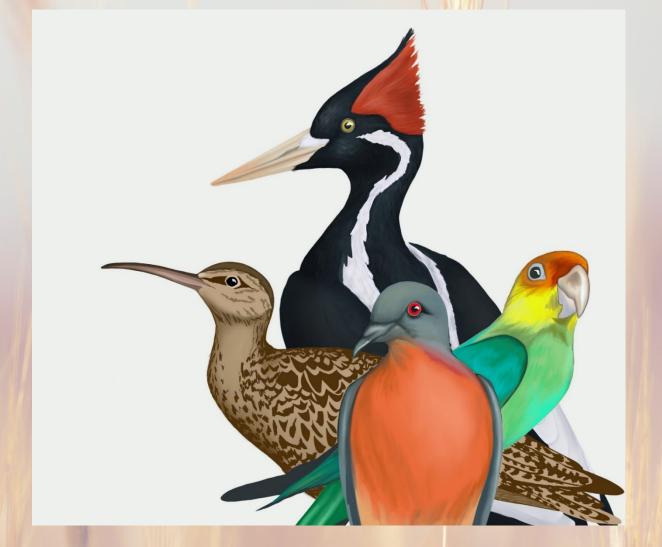


Photo, Art and Media Contest:

Drawing or Painting

1st Place Drawing or Painting
Amber Leung,
Coastal Prairie Chapter

"Gone But Not Forgotten"



Photo, Art and Media Contests





Photo, Art and Media Contest: BEST OF SHOW



Valerie Tabor,
Rio Brazos Chapter
"Daddy Took me Mothing"





Richard Heilbrun and Todd Sink



Richard Heilbrun

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Conservation Outreach Program Leader
TMN Program Leadership



Todd Sink

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Wildlife & Fisheries Extension Program Unit
TMN Program Leadership



This one has been in the making since 2015!

Show what Drives YOU with a Texas Master Naturalist License Plate

- Volunteer spearheaded effort from the very beginning
 - (Thank you Allison Copony)
- Fundraising by 152 TMN Volunteers, Chapters, Supporters and Anonymous Donors



Thank you TMN License Plate Donors

Alamo Area Chapter

Allen and Karen Ginnard

Allen Guisinger

Allison ("Allie") Copony

Allison Copony

Amanda Chau

Anonymous (23)

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Becky Etzler

Ben Clement

Beth Ramey

Betty Andersen

Bill and Carolyn Worsham

Blackland Prairie Chapter

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Carol Oeller

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Cathi Pettersen

Central Texas Chapter

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Cindy Frank

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Cindy Martin

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Donna Rogers

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El Camino Real Chapter

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Emily Hawthorn

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Gary Rogers

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Toni Huff

Tricia Rowland

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William Johnson

Zoe Rascoe

TMN License Plate Artwork

- Call for designs to our TMN membership
- Artwork selected as voted on by our membership
- Winning design is based off TMN member's work
- Digitized by Addison Regennitter



Bridget Langdale,
Hill Country Chapter Member and Artist



Addison Regennitter,
TMN Student Assistant,
Brazos Valley Chapter Member,
and digital artist extraordinaire

Show what Drives YOU with a Texas Master Naturalist License Plate

- Next steps and timeline
 - Winter 2020/21 TxDOT Specialty License Plate Website
 - Purchase \$30 (\$22 of that goes to TMN Program!)
 - We will announce and advertise through TMN Listserv and website

Are you ready to see the design??!!??....







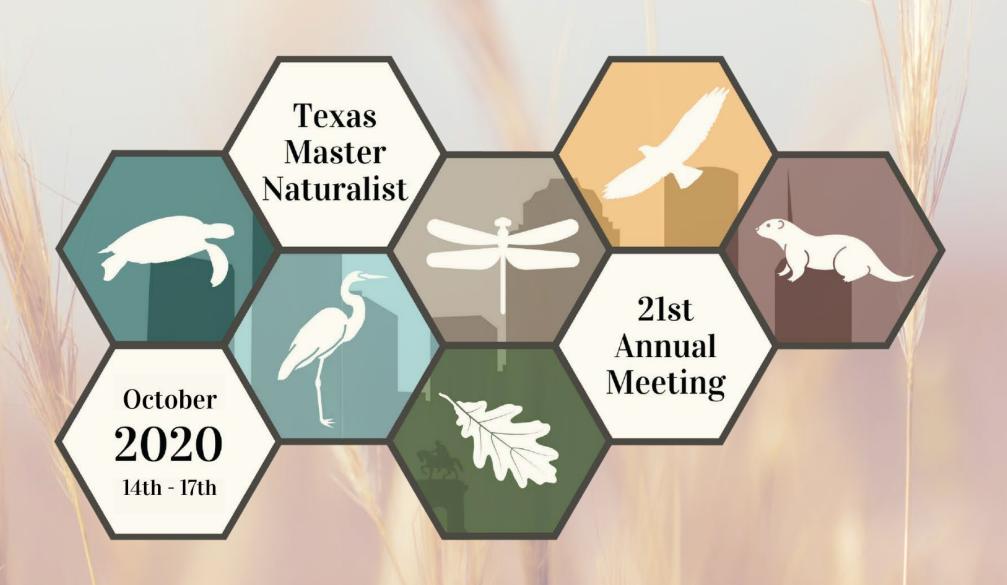
The 2021 TMN Annual Meeting Featured Location

The NEXT Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting Location Announcement

Save the Date for 2021!

October 21-24, 2021





2020 Annual Re-Certification Pin

American Bumble bee Bombus pensylvanicus

At this time last year...



American Bumble Bee Bombus pensylvanicus

- Iconic Texas Bumble Bee
- Hard Working & Adaptable
- Provide Vital Services





An additional recognition for 2020

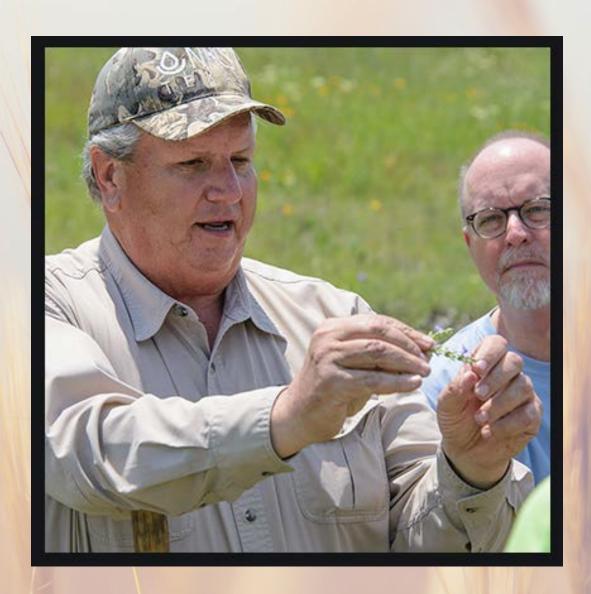


- Every hour matters!
- Every hour is important!
- Every hour is valued!
- Your HUSTLE, PASSION and PRESERVERENCE have not gone unnoticed!
- "YOU are an important cog in the Wheel of Conservation" and Stewardship!
- YOU are Valued and YOU Belong!



Meet the 2021 TMN Annual Re-Certification Pin

The Man with the Honors...



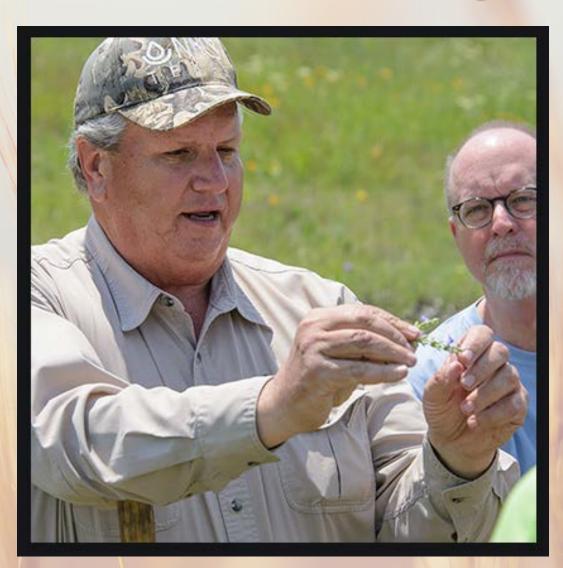
Ricky Linex

USDA Natural Resource Conservation
Service

Ricky is a Wildlife Biologist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service headquartered in Weatherford, Texas. He has worked 38 years with NRCS and a tireless supporter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program!



Thank you, Ricky!



- For your knowledge
- For your continuous support
- For your friendship!

We wish you all the best in your retirement in the new year!

Announcements

Annual Meeting Evaluation
Please help us improve our
meeting and fill out meeting
evaluations online in your
App/Online Event Guide

And... That's a Wrap!



Thank you and we hope to see you again next year!