

Texas Master Naturalists Chapter President's and Advisor's Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:00 noon

Mary Pearl called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

- Through Grit and Determination pins- all pins have been mailed out except to seven chapters who need to submit a shipping address. PO boxes CANNOT be used for shipping!
- VMS system- use “chapters” tab to list information about your chapter. Please add contact person and a current shipping address.
- Recertification pins- there is a new system for ordering recertification pins. Use <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-supplies#pins> to order or go to www.txmn.tamu.edu.org and choose For Chapters, then Supplies, then Pins. Click on Pins and Certificates Ordering and fill out the form. Recertification and milestone pins are sent out monthly by Olivia. Pins for 4000 hours or higher go to Michelle for handling. Pins will NOT be mailed in September; they will be distributed at the Annual Conference. If not picked up there, they will be mailed later in October.
- #TMN Tuesday- These webinars are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon. Viewers can get one hour of Advance Training. On April 12, Sarah Coles of Texas Children in Nature Network will be the speaker. On May 10, Richard Heilbrun, member of the Master Naturalist team, will speak on TPWD Recovering America's Wildlife Act: Crossing the Finish Line.
- Be the Change Workshop- Be the Change Workshop will be held April 6, from 9am- 1pm. Each chapter is encouraged to have 1-2

members participate. The day of the workshop was changed to Wednesday to accommodate the speaker's schedules.

- Act in April- April is National Volunteer Recognition month. Please do something to recognize and celebrate your volunteers.
- Virtual Volunteer Fair- Virtual Volunteer Fair will be held May 4-5. Projects are still needed. Call closes April 1.
- Save the Date-TXMN 23rd Annual Meeting will be held October 20-23, in Houston. Call for proposals will begin April 4th and end May 31st.
- AgriLife Bookstore- the bookstore has just been stocked with new items including t-shirts and aprons.
- TXMN License plates-55 plates have been sold so far. They are available at txmn.tamu.edu/tmn-license-plate.
- President's and Advisor's Meetings- the meetings will be held 4-26, 5-24, 7-12, 8-30, 9-27, 10-20 annual meeting, 11-29 and 12-13 at 12:00 noon.
- WordPress training-
- Build relationships with county commissioners; recognize Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners in Commish Court
- Groups.io-chapter treasurer's report can be posted there, on SLACK or VMS
- Michelle and Mary Pearl are working on a document that will clarify research
- Discussion on how chapters handle meetings and AT, think about having meetings at different times
- Next meeting- April 26 will be the next meeting.