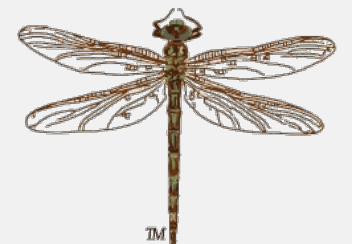


May 30th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Meeting

- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the Chat Room
- Share video (if your bandwidth allows)
- Michelle & Mary Pearl will be monitoring the chat room
- Will be recording the meeting
- Will share slides, chat room and notes

- We'll get started at **12:00pm**
- Volunteer Note Taker – _____

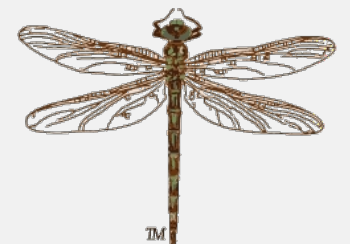


May 30th
Chapter Presidents & Advisors
Monthly Meeting



Agenda

- **2023 Planning**
 - Governing Documents
 - 25th Anniversary Storytelling Project
 - Virtual Volunteer Fair 2023 Recap
 - TMNTuesdays
 - Annual Meeting
 - TMN Program Awards Nominations and Applications
- **Resources**
 - Website
 - WordPress training
 - TMN Merchandise
 - License Plate
 - Endowment
- **Roundtable & Calendar Check**



Governing Docs Update

Bylaws- need updates from those unknowns on the list

COH- If you haven't already, please let us know when your COH adoption status changes

Need Bylaws Adoption Updates from:

Elm Fork

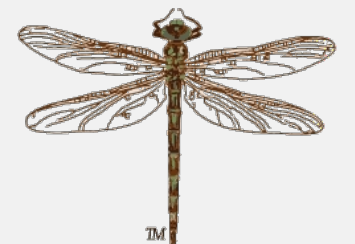
Heart of Texas - in process

Longleaf Ridge - in process

North Texas

Trans Pecos

*as of 4.24.23



Adoption Process for Governing Documents

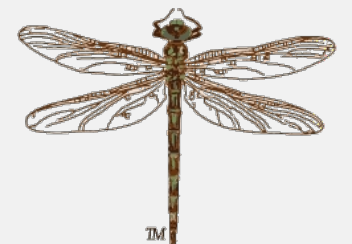
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/governing-documents-adoption-process-2023/>
- The Texas Master Naturalist™ Program governing documents for a chapter are the
 - Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct
 - Bylaws
 - Chapter Management and Operations Protocols (CMOP)
 - Chapter Operating Handbook (COH)
- All Texas Master Naturalist Governing Documents can be found on the Chapter Documents Page: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>



TMN Governing Documents

FUTURE

- Documents to be reviewed on regular 3-year cycle:
- Comments & Feedback collected through website – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/governing-documents-feedback-form/>
- 2023 – Year 1
- 2024 – Year 2
- 2025 – Year 3
- Summer 2025 – Review feedback & edits – Compile
- Fall 2025 – Completed updates made & sent out.
- 2026 – New Documents Year 1



25th Anniversary Storytelling Project



Celebrate twenty-five years of
volunteerism, conservation,
education, and outreach in 2023 by
sharing your favorite TMN stories!

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Scan the QR code to get started!

TMN Program 25th Anniversary!

- To celebrate our 25th Anniversary this year, we started a storytelling project to highlight our wonderful TMN members and their conservation work across the state.
- What made you want to become a TMN member? Have a favorite TMN in-the-field memory? What has been your most meaningful project, community outreach, or conservation event?
- We'd love to hear your stories and share them!
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/25th-anniversary-storytelling-project/>



25th Anniversary Storytelling Project

TMN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Song for the Morning Star

The Earth Mother wakes The People and the creatures. Together they sing a song of greeting to the Morning Star.

In the star time The People were given life by the Before One.

They would be nurtured by The Earth Mother.

They are charged to care for her. She would provide for them.

Now she watches and weeps at what The People, her children have done.

She is withering as The People, move forward with their progress.

Few of The People remember the pledge of caring and providing.

Someday the Morning Star will shine but The People will not be there to see,

And The Earth Mother and the creatures will sing their song of greeting alone.



”
LARRY L DUNCAN, ELM FORK CHAPTER



Storytelling
PROJECT

TMN 25TH ANNIVERSARY



My first year as a TMN member has been full of opportunities: helping the sea turtle rescue, outreach for ocelots, and birding programs, among others, were all great experiences.

My heart has been drawn to monarch butterflies. Exploring more about monarchs and tagging monarchs for monarchwatch.org has been an enlightening and rewarding experience. The season was great for the monarchs, I tagged 93 Monarchs, 64 males and 29 females—eight in Brownsville and 85 on South Padre Island, Texas.

I'm determined, now more than ever, to help make a difference in the survival of the migrating monarch butterfly. Native milkweed awareness, monarch education, outreach to the community for native nectar plants, tagging in the fall again this year.

TMN has introduced me to the details of nature I had never thought about before. I look forward to the future as I continue my TMN journey and make a difference in any way I can.



CHERYL BRUMMETT,
RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER



Storytelling
PROJECT



25th Anniversary Storytelling Project

TMN 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Being A Texas Master Naturalist

Many years ago, my husband and I had a dream to retire early and buy some land to escape the big city. It was a very big dream and would take years of commitment. In 2003, we found 42 acres down a dirt road that honestly fell in our laps. We put a contract on it before the sign even went up. We were land owners – Wow did we really own a piece of gods precious ground? It was amazing.

As it was a little over an hour from our home in the city, we would travel there frequently to groom, clear trash, fix fences, dismantle an old barn, etc. During all these years, it was unknown to me that my mother-in-law was working in this same community as a Texas Master Naturalist. We had known she was very active in her Church and the Naturalist Group but did not know much about it. We had heard about the reason she moved to the old “Rock House” on the corner in Ladonia, Texas, was to be close to her beloved Sulfur River access to go fossil hunting.

In August 2021, we had made the big jump and sold our home in the big city and moved to our land to start a new chapter. Since inception of ownership, we had known it was crucial to keep our Agriculture exemption, so we continued our agreement with a local rancher. Now that we were going to be here full time, we completed the process to transfer our exemption to Wildlife Management. With lots of help from the USDA and Texas Agriculture Department we were approved. We started learning so much about how we could improve our land and bring it back to a natural habitat that both wildlife, plants, insects, and us could all thrive together.

ANGELA DEGROOT,
BOIS D'ARC CHAPTER



Storytelling
PROJECT

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

#TMNTuesdays



#TMNTuesdays for 2023

- What topics would you like to see?
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon cst
- 1 Hour Advanced Training
- Watch Live or Recording
- Speakers & Topics Announced Monthly
- Purposefully done. . .

~~January 10~~

~~February 14~~

~~March 14~~

~~April 11~~

~~May 9~~

June 13

July 11 *Joint Presidents Meeting

August 8

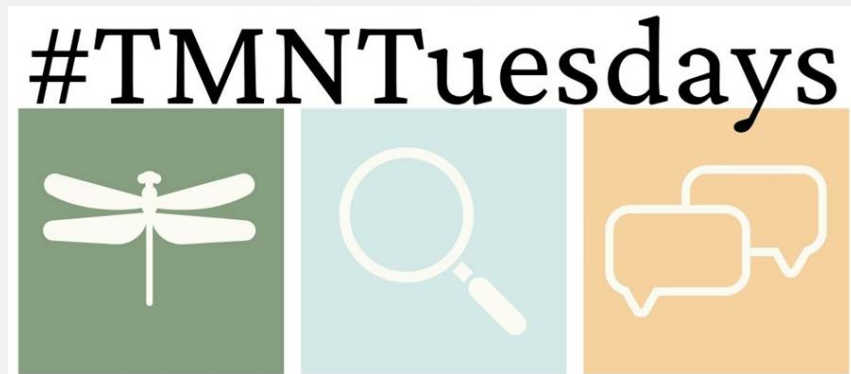
September 12

October 3rd – Project Fair Presentations

***shifted up a week!**

November 14

December 12 *Joint Presidents Meeting





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TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

#TMNTuesdays



12:00pm

Plants 201

Jason Singhurst - TPWD Botanist/Plant Ecologist
Tim Siegmund - TPWD Private Lands Program Leader

Sneak Peek of Upcoming Months:

July - Eclipse



- Also Joint Presidents Meeting

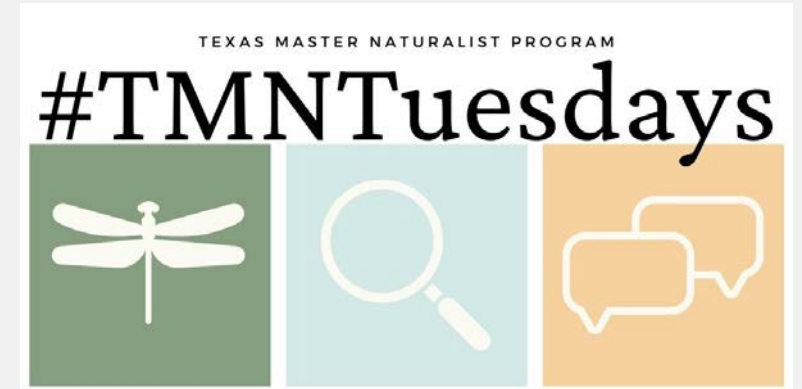
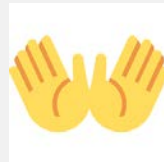
August - Fish



September - Birds



October - Project Fair



2023 Basic Training

Kelley will be sending out a request for updates to training Class information to be posted on our website:

- *Keep in mind Fall training classes coming up and application periods open now*

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2022/11/14/2023-basic-training-classes/>



Texas Master Naturalist 2023 Annual Meeting

October 12-15 | McAllen, Texas

- Timeline
- Call for Presentations
- Website Update
- Lodging
- Skeleton Agenda
- Sponsorship

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/>



Countdown Timeline

- **May 2023** - Call for Proposals Deadline
 - Get your presentation proposal submitted before our **extended** deadline of **June 9th!**
- **July 2023** - Agenda Preview Launches
 - We hope to share the full agenda preview for the 2023 Annual Meeting the first week of July.
- **August 2023** - Registration Opens
 - Registration for the 2023 Annual Meeting will open the first week of August.
- **August 31** – Early Registration ENDS
 - Price increase to ‘Standard Registration’
- **September 15** – Contests Close ***early this year**
 - Advisors Award, Photo, Art & Media, Video Contest and Project Fair
- **September 29, 2023** – In Person Registration Closes
 - Registration for the 2023 Annual Meeting closes!
 - **October 3, 2023** - #TMNTuesday – Chapter Project Fair Presentations
 - Join our monthly TMNTuesday webinar to hear this year’s entries for the Chapter Project Fair.



Final Push on the Call for Presentations



- Seeking presentations on TMN-focused topics
- 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-hour concurrent advanced training sessions
- Submission website open now!
- Classroom Proposals Deadline **extended to June 9th**
- Field Session Proposals Deadline **extended to June 16th**
- **Help us:** Share the call for presentations with speakers you'd like to hear! Or those you've heard before but other TMNs would enjoy hearing from too!

Skeleton Agenda

- Will have a longer day Thursday and Sunday this year.
- Travel Considerations:
 - Come early and explore the region!
 - Plan to stay a few days longer too!

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM SKELETON AGENDA

Thursday
10/12

Pre-Event Field Sessions

Chapter Leadership Luncheon

Afternoon Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

Welcome Dinner

Friday
10/13

Field Sessions

Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

Keynote Address

Saturday
10/14

Annular Solar Eclipse

All Day Off-Site Conference Location

Annual Awards Reception & Dinner

Sunday
10/15

Post-Event Field Sessions

Contest Awards

Morning Concurrent Advanced Training Sessions

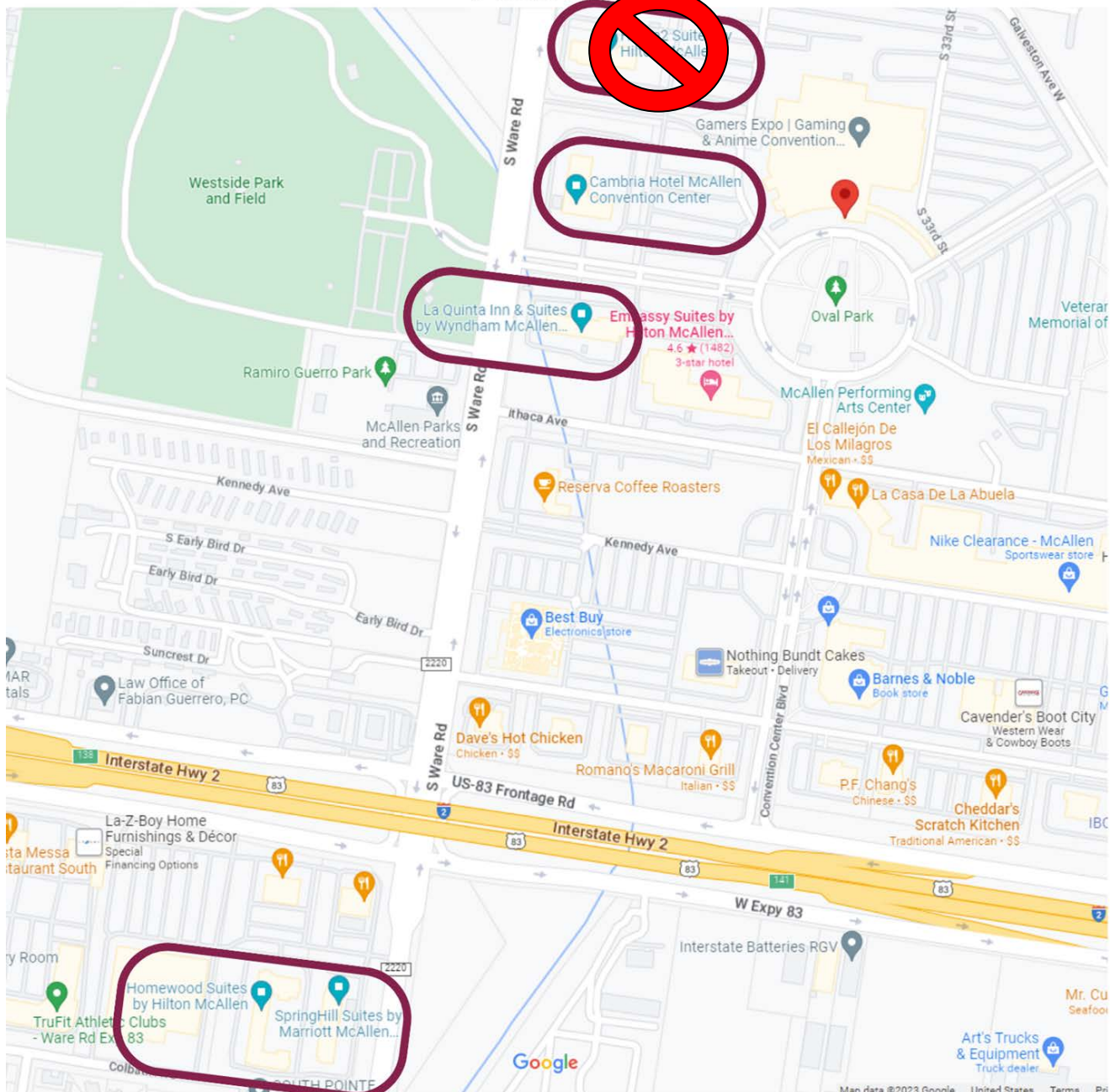
Conference Wrap up by Noon!



LODGING

Lodging

- Five Hotels with Room Blocks for TMNs!
- Rates \$100-139 (all include breakfast!)
- Room Blocks links are Open
 - Make your reservations now
- Some hotels offering same rate 3 days pre & post event – come early and stay late!



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST 2023 ANNUAL MEETING



Contests & Awards - opening soon!

- **Pre-Annual Meeting Entries** – all due by **5pm Friday September 15th**
 - **Chapter Advisor Awards**
 - Nominate your chapter's advisor(s) to be recognized
 - **Chapter Project Fair**
 - Submit your chapter project for our virtual fair!
 - **Video Contest**
 - Videos of 1 minute to 3 minutes
- **Photo, Art & Media Contest**
 - Rio Grande Valley and South Texas Border Chapter hosting!
 - Entries to be submitted online between September 1st-30th
 - Note: Photos & Media must be taken somewhere in Texas and within the current year: 2023



Looking for the TMN t-shirts off your back :-)

We are working toward having another heirloom quilt made of TMN t-shirts from the past 25 years.

- Does your chapter have a past anniversary t-shirt
- Does your chapter have a personalized shirt?

Please send whatever you would like to be considered for the project **by August 5th**

Ship to:

Michelle M. Haggerty
TMN State Program Coordinator
309 Sidney Baker South
Kerrville, TX 78028



Sponsorship

- All sponsorships received special recognition through conference communication, fliers, announcements, and programs.
- Sponsors could make a general contribution to support and sponsor the TMN Annual Meeting at any of the following levels with recognition at each level as given:

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

BE A SPONSOR

All sponsorships will receive special recognition through conference communication, flyers, announcements, and programs as follows:

Friend - \$150

- Posted on Annual Meeting website

Ecologist - \$300

- All Friend level recognition, plus:
- Posted on conference hallway signs

Steward - \$500

- All Ecologist level recognition, plus:
- Posted on Annual Meeting app
- Recognition given during awards ceremony

Conservationist - \$1,000

- All Steward level recognition, plus:
- Complimentary Vendor Booth (optional)

Guardian - \$3,000

- All Conservationist level recognition, plus:
- Reserved table at Annual Meeting awards dinner
- Inclusion of collateral materials in attendee registration bags

Naturalist - \$5,000+

- All Conservationist level recognition as given above, plus:
- Organization highlight page on website



Other Chapter Resources



The Mission

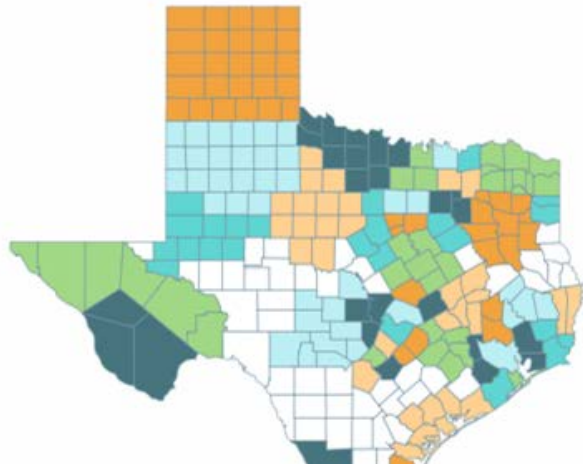
The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.



Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers is often cited as a limiting factor for community-based conservation efforts.

ALL EVENTS >

Find Your Chapter



State Website



NATURALIST NEWS

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/NEWS/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/news/)

State office will be sharing & posting state level offered advanced trainings or upcoming events. All events added are **not automatically approved** for AT, please check with your local chapter first.



EVENTS CALENDAR

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/events/)

Don't forget about our TMN State Email Listserv!

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/contact/>

WordPress Web Accessibility

- Join our AgriLife Extension Team with the Web Accessibility WordPress Training
- June 6th at 12:00pm
- [Via Google Meet](#)
- [Tx.ag/TXMNwordpress](https://tx.ag/TXMNwordpress)



TMN Merchandise

Pop Up Store

- Will host another gear shop this summer with Annual Meeting logo and 25th Anniversary logo items!

For those that ordered this spring - the 25th anniversary shirt misprint is getting fixed and will ship out as soon as ready!

AgriLife Learn

- Restocking Columbia Shirts
- Restocked Lanyards
- <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>



HOW TO



Click Here

ORDER



Thanks for your Support!

TMN License Plate

- Can be ordered on myplates.com
- FAQ on our website

- **\$30** for non-personalized OR **\$70** for personalized
- \$22 of each plate sold goes back to **TMN Program**
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmn-license-plate/>

- Quarterly Reports from DMV



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
ENDOWMENT

*The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment is to further enhance the Texas Master Naturalist Program, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource **education, conservation and stewardship.***

Started in 2016

Currently @ ~\$100,000

- Individual or Chapter Gifts
- Employer Gift Matching
- Estate Planning

<https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>

To give directly, follow the link:

<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>



THANK YOU
to all who
have given!

Calendar Check

June

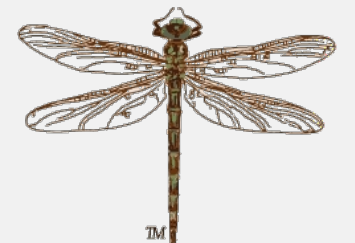
- 6 – WordPress Training
- 13 – TMNTuesday
- 27 – Presidents Meeting

Presidents Meetings

- ~~January 31~~
- ~~February 28~~
- ~~March 28~~
- ~~April 25~~
- May 30
- June 27
- July 11 *Joint TMN Tuesday
- August 29
- September 26
- October *Annual Meeting
- November 28
- December 12 *Joint TMN Tuesday

Presidents Corner

- Don't sign MOA's, MOU's or contracts without review & approval of TMN State Office.
- Let us know about grants & awards you win!
- What questions do you have for the chapter presidents on the call now?
- Any others?



The End

