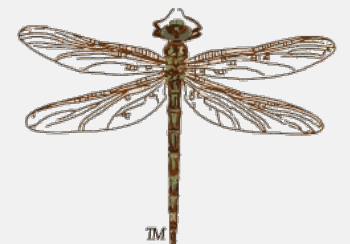


# January 30th Chapter Presidents & Advisors Meeting

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



January 30th  
Chapter Presidents & Advisors  
Monthly Meeting



# Agenda

- **Chapter Presidents Meetings**

- Monthly Meeting Format
- Transitions
- State Office Contacts

- **2024 Planning**

- Governing Documents
- Pins Ordering
- TMNTuesdays
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Spring Training
- April 2024
- Virtual Volunteer Fair
- Annual Meeting

- **Chapter Resources**

- State Website
- Regional WebEx
- WordPress
- Owl Loaners
- TMN Merchandise
- License Plate
- TMN Endowment

- **Roundtable & Calendar Check**



# WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Chapter Liaison  
Chapter-to-Sate Program  
Communications Lead  
Website & Social Media

**HANNAH FERGUSON**  
Program Support Specialist

# Welcome to NEW Chapter Presidents & Advisors



# Chapter Presidents & Advisors

## Monthly Meetings

- Contact Lists pulled from VMS 'TMN Directors' List Toggle
- Normally only **ONE hour** long, may go past in busy months
- Monthly email reminder & WebEx link shared a week to two weeks in advance
- Recording, Notes & Slides will be posted afterwards
- Follow up items will be covered in post-meeting email if needed
- Meeting can count for 1-2 Hour(s) of Volunteer Service
  - Log under "Chapter/Program Administration"

Update Officers List



- January 30
- February 27
- March 26
- April 30
- May 28
- June 25
- July 9 \*Joint TMN Tuesday
- August 27
- September 24
- October - \*in conjunction with TMN Annual Meeting (23-25th)
- November 12 \*Joint TMN Tuesday
- December 10 \*Joint TMN Tuesday

# 2024 Presidents Meetings

- WebEx Meeting.
- Last Tuesdays of the Month at 12:00pm Noon CST
- Recorded and posted to the website by COB of meeting

# Leadership Transition

Has your chapter had its Board Retreat?

What are your top goals for 2024? Or what chapter goals do you have for 2024?

Setting up leadership for the next year . . .





# WHO YOU GONNA' CALL?



## Website

Chapter Policy Question

Elections/Voting Question

Events Registration

Meeting Recordings

TMN Listserv

Annual Meeting information

TMN Curriculum -> **TAMU Press**

TMN Gear -> **AgriLife Learn**

## Michelle & Mary Pearl

Chapter Management Issue

Discipline Action/Incident Report

Advanced Policy Question

## Hannah Ferguson

Chapter Training Resources

TMN Brand and Logo Questions

Chapter – State Office Communication

## VMS Help Desk

Request for New Account & Training

VMS Reports

<https://texasmasternaturalist.freshdesk.com/support/home/>

## AgriLife First Call

Chapter Website Issue



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**<http://txmn.tamu.edu>**

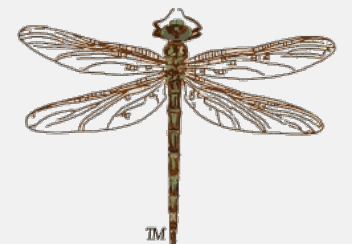


# 2024 Planning

# 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



# Governing Documents Review Timeline

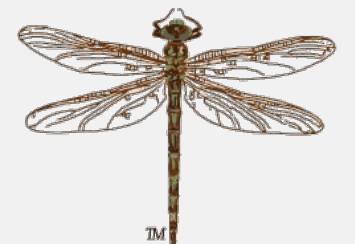
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>

## **Other Documents:**

### **Marketing & Brand ID Guidelines**

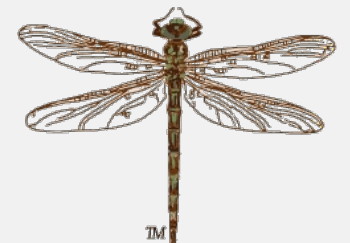
Scheduled for an update in 2023 2024

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-brand-marketing/>



# Pins Ordering

- **NEW Recertification Pins & Milestone Pins Ordering System!**
- Orders for Certification **certificates, 250-hr, 500-hr, 1,000-hr, 2,500-hr, Friends, current year re-certification**, are available through our AgriLife Learn store – <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>
  - To view the pins on the AgriLife Learn store, chapters will create an entitled “Chapter Name” account that will be given permissions to view these specific items. Once logged in, search “master naturalist pins” to order.
- Orders for **4,000-hour, 5,000 hour, and 10,000-hour pins** and any previous year re-certification pins, are filled by Michelle Haggerty ([michelle.haggerty@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:michelle.haggerty@tpwd.texas.gov)).
  - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/4000-above-pins/>



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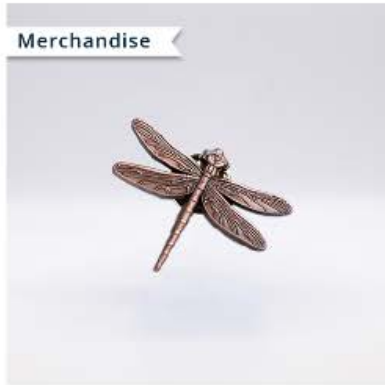
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Texas Master Naturalist Initial Certification  
**\$0.00**

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Merchandise



Texas Master Naturalist Other Pins  
**\$0.00**

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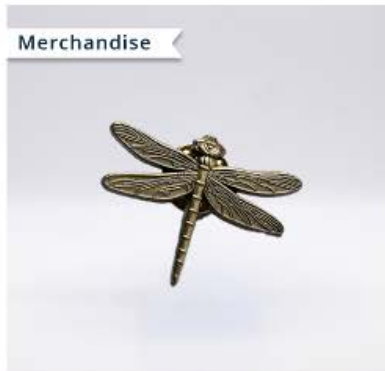
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Texas Master Naturalist Annual Recertification Pins  
**\$0.00**

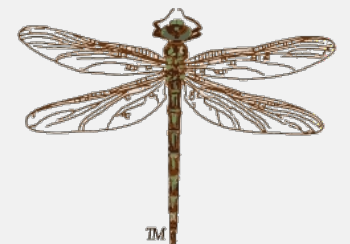
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Merchandise



# Chapters With Pins Entitled Accounts

- Alamo Area Chapter
- Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- Blackland Prairie Chapter
- Bois d'Arc Chapter
- Brazos Valley Chapter
- Brush y Canyons Chapter
- Capital Area Chapter
- Coastal Prairie Chapter
- Cradle of Texas Chapter
- Cross Timbers Chapter
- East Texas Chapter
- El Camino Real Chapter
- Elm Fork Chapter
- Galveston Bay Area Chapter
- Good Water Chapter
- Guadalupe Chapter
- Gulf Coast Chapter
- Heart of Texas Chapter
- Indian Trail Chapter
- Llano Estacado Chapter
- Mid-Coast Chapter
- North Texas Chapter
- Piney Wood Lakes Chapter
- Prairie Oaks Chapter
- Red River Chapter
- Rio Brazos Chapter
- Rio Grande Valley Chapter
- Rolling Plains Chapter
- Sabine-Neches Chapter
- South Plains Chapter
- South Texas Border Chapter

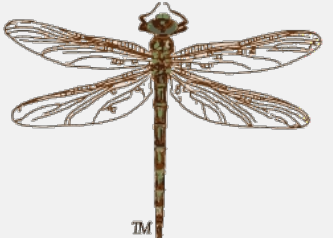
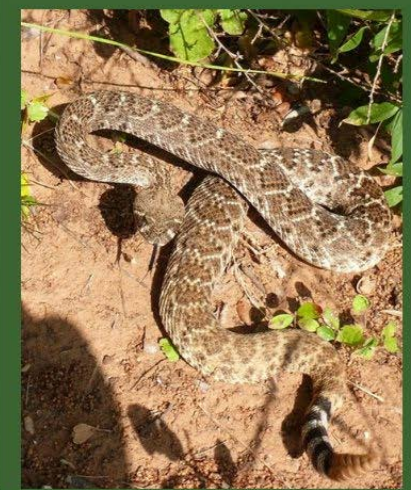




# 2024 TMN Recertification Pin

**2024 TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST ANNUAL  
RE-CERTIFICATION PIN** T E X A S

**Western Diamondback  
Rattlesnake**  
*Crotalus atrox*  
**AKA: Texas Diamondback**



# #TMNTuesday 2024

~~January 9th – State of the Program~~

~~\*January 23rd – TNT Mini Series~~

~~\*February 6th - TNT Mini Series~~

February 13th

March 5th (shifted a week)

April 9th - Virtual Volunteer Fair

May 14th

June 11th

July 9th \*Joint #TMNTuesday/Presidents Mtg

August 13th

September 10th

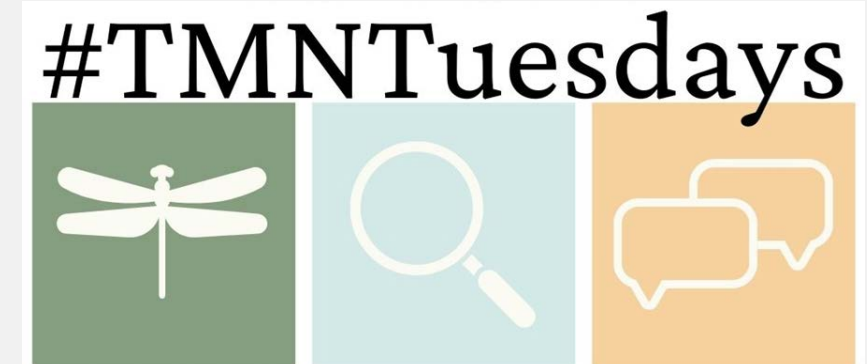
October 8th - TMN Project Fair Competition

November 12th \*Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

December 10th \*Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

- Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon cst
- Up to 1 Hour Advanced Training (sometimes more)
- Watch Live or Recorded
- Speakers & Topics Announced Monthly
- \*Some additional special #TMNTuesdays added in 2024

**What topics would you like to see?**



# 2024 #TMNTuesdays

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**January 9**                      **May 14**  
**February 13**                **June 11**  
**March 5\***                      **July 9**  
\*first week of the month  
**April 9**                        **August 13**

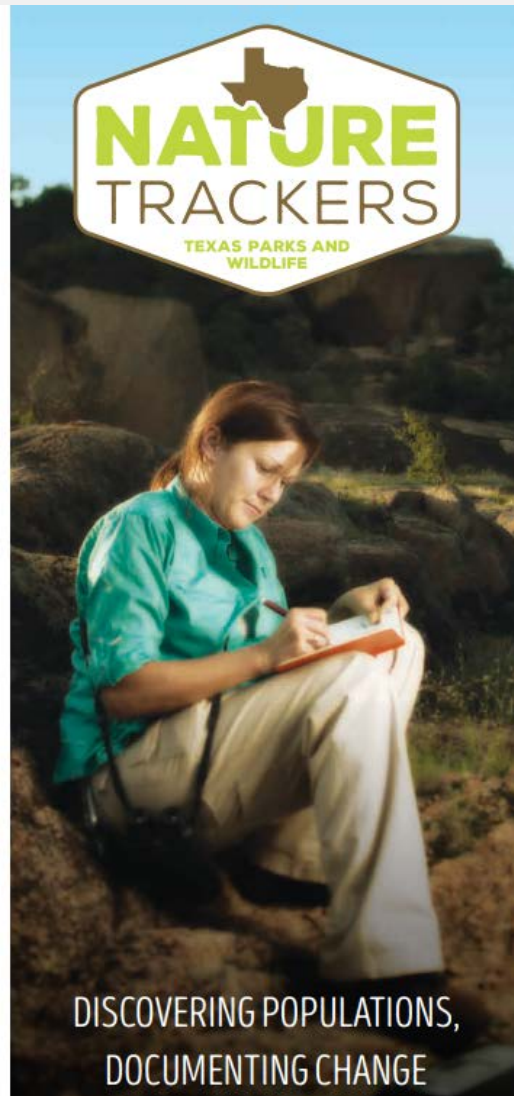
**September 10**  
**October 8**  
**November 12**  
**December 10**



T E X A S



# TMNTUESDAY - TNT MINI-SERIES



Texas Nature Trackers (TNT), part of the Wildlife Diversity Program, tracks the status of wild populations of plants and animals throughout Texas.

Participating in TNT projects is a great way to learn more about the biodiversity of the state and contribute to Texas Parks and Wildlife's research and conservation efforts.



February 6<sup>th</sup> - 11am - 1pm

## **iNaturalist Train the Trainer Workshop**

The Texas Nature Trackers (TNT) program is looking for Master Naturalists interested in becoming TNT certified iNaturalist workshop trainers across Texas. During this workshop we will provide you the training needed to get started as an iNaturalist trainer for your chapter, community and/or region. As a pre-requisite, we are looking for individuals that are already consistent users of iNaturalist, having a good understanding of the platform, and have an interest in teaching others in your community to engage with the platform. We'll provide a quick overview of the app, provide an in-depth overview of the website and how data are used by TPWD, and finally tips and tricks for teaching it to others. We will provide attendees intending to become workshop trainers with a PowerPoint presentation to take home that will get you started. Should you accept this challenge, you will become an advocate not only for its use as an educational tool within your chapter but also for promoting community science and better understanding of the distribution of the state's flora and fauna.

# TMNTuesdays FAQs

- **Are 2023 TMNTuesdays available for 2024 AT hours?**
  - No. Only calendar year TMNTuesdays can be counted for AT. But you can watch them for your own education/entertainment!
- **Do I have to be a Texas Master Naturalist member to attend a #TMNTuesday?**
  - No! These are open to the public – all are welcome to attend. Each person will need to register via the WebEx registration link listed for that month.
- **Will the #TMNTuesday events be recorded?**
  - Yes! These will be recorded each month and shared to this website by the following day of each month.
- **Do I need to register for the #TMNTuesday each month?**
  - Register for the whole year's series with one page - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/> !
- **How long after I watch a #TMNTuesday video can I log my AT hours?**
  - In order to stay within the 45-Day rule for logging AT hours, you will need to log your hours at most 45 days after watching the video. Because you can view the video after the live event, please report the day you view the video, not the original date the video aired.
- **Do the TNT miniseries count for AT hours?**
  - Yes, these may be counted just the same as TMNTuesday webinars – watched live or recorded!

# TMNTuesday Topics



- What do you want to hear?
- What training topics does your membership need more AT provided on?
- Think chapter management and leadership presentation topics too!



ANNIVERSARY

# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE



Will recap all these great accomplishments and pictures on the website soon!



# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/texas-master-naturalist-25th-anniversary/>

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

My journey was made possible in 2014 by my then 12 yr old. He was in National Junior Honor Society and needed volunteer hours. Meanwhile, I personally was searching for a volunteer program that I could give back and really grow as a person. I've always loved nature and Texas, but had not ever connected that passion with volunteering.

I responded to a need for volunteers at Twelve Hills Nature Center in Dallas. I reached out and asked if they would accept a 12 yr old which they did. As we did gardening work, I noticed a few people around me - mostly dressed in a uniform of sorts and talking about prairies, grasses and invasive species. I asked them - literally- who are you people? They responded with we are Texas Master Naturalists. I asked them about the program. As my son and I walked back to our car, I looked at him and said "this is what I'm going to do."

**KRISTEN WELTY,  
BLACKLAND PRAIRIE CHAPTER**

StorytellingPROJECT



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

In August of 2022, I completed my volunteer service and advanced training hours to become certified. As a TMN, you're not expected to be an expert. It's helpful to get comfortable with saying "I don't know" and follow it with "but I aim to find out." Being a TMN is a fun, low-stakes way of staying connected to one's community, and engaging in conservation and preservation that adds up to an elevated purpose and benefit to nature. TMNs-in-training quickly find out it's almost impossible to know everything, and instead, lean into a particular area of interest. For instance, I'm an admirer of insects and mushrooms. Others in my chapter are avid birders. Some know nearly everything about flora. A few have replaced their lawns with lush, gorgeous pocket prairies and butterfly gardens. There are countless ways to make an impact as a TMN.

One of the great things about being a TMN is that the learning never stops. That may sound overwhelming, but once you get started, you'll want to keep drinking from the hose. The opportunities to learn by doing are enhanced by the incredible access to conservation and preservation practitioners and partners who are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge.

**ESMERALDA FISHER,  
COASTAL PRAIRIE CHAPTER**

StorytellingPROJECT



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Do you remember the first time something "natural" caught your attention? Maybe it was a cool-looking bug hanging out in your backyard, or the sweet tweets of a colorful songbird. One of my memories from early childhood is the loud drone of cicadas that seemed to be the soundtrack for hot, humid summer days in southeast Texas.

I remember when I stopped noticing Nature, when the childlike wonder gave way to going to work and paying bills and sitting in gridlock and cooking dinner, on repeat. I wish I could say that the awe-inspiring, curiosity-stoking natural world never left my awareness, but it was too easy to get lost in the churn of daily life. Nature does her thing regardless, patiently waiting for you to return and see.

It's been one year since I completed initial training to become a Texas Master Naturalist (TMN). February 2022 was the start of my "well-informed" immersion in the natural world. One day, grumpy from sitting in an uncomfortable office chair in front of a screen under cold fluorescent lights, I became acutely aware of how much I was missing, how much I had lost. This lamentation inspired me to contact the Coastal Prairie Chapter to ask about their spring training class. I jumped in with enthusiasm. The sight of the thick, comprehensive TMN textbook only strengthened my commitment to honor the environment that sustains us.

**ESMERALDA FISHER,  
COASTAL PRAIRIE CHAPTER**

StorytellingPROJECT



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Since starting on this journey, I've learned common and scientific names of a few flora that I could previously only identify as "that yellow flower with that brown thing in the middle." I've done native plant bump-ups. I've absorbed the significance of the coastal prairie, the environmental heritage of people of southeast Texas. I've looked through binoculars and observed an eaglelet snuggled in a treetop. I've gazed into the eyes of a spider, using a loupe of course. I've served as a mentor for a TMN-in-training and numerous other activities, not the least of which are the in-person presentations and webinars on a variety of topics. After every experience, I leave inspired, with actionable ideas and new things to explore. As a TMN, your appreciation for Nature grows. It sounds like excitement and wonder in your voice when you're speaking with fellow TMNs or members of the public. Through the TMN community of practice, you get to trade knowledge and impart a sense of curiosity and wonder.

To see. To re-acquire that childlike wonder.

Because Nature deserves our undivided attention. When we observe Nature, we slow down and become mindful. Mindfulness, stillness in the act of observing is powerful. Nature beckons and drapes a welcoming arm around your shoulders. "Stay a while," she says. "There is so much to experience here."

**ESMERALDA FISHER,  
COASTAL PRAIRIE CHAPTER**

StorytellingPROJECT



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

As a member of one of the host chapters for this year's annual meeting, I am really looking forward to sharing our diverse local wildlife with members from all over Texas!



**JOSEPH CONNORS,  
SOUTH TEXAS  
BORDER CHAPTER**

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

In September 2013, one of my best friends passed away. A victim of breast cancer, Diane was a close friend to other moms in her daughter's elementary class. Because she could no longer drive, this group of friends, to which I belonged, took turns taking Diane home from work and to her many treatments. These commitments gave us all a meaning to our weekly routines. When Diane passed away, I felt not only sorrow, but also bereft of purpose.

On a Sunday afternoon the following January, as I sensed the hollow space in my coming weekly schedule, I spotted a newspaper notice of Texas Master Naturalist classes. It seemed Diane was saying, "Go, Breathe and listen and see the natural beauty around you." The classes filled me with curiosity and appreciation for my local native habitat. They filled me with awe for that natural beauty.

**BECKY JONES,  
SOUTH TEXAS  
BORDER  
CHAPTER**

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## TMN 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The PowerPoint link is but one of 9 annual reports prepared on behalf of the volunteers at the Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area. The property was donated to Texas Parks and Wildlife in 2011, and volunteers (both TMN and others alike) started showing up in 2013. As development commences, the baseline data collected by volunteers on the Natural and Cultural Resources will help to determine the location of infrastructure and trails.

James Rice, the Superintendent, selected volunteers to head various teams including: Monthly Bird Surveys and Golden Cheeked warbler surveys; Butterfly Counts and Monarch Larva Monitoring; Geology and Fossils; Deer and Hog Surveillance and Removal; Nest Boxes; Plant surveys and Prairie Restoration; Herpetology; Maple Tree surveys; and Streams and Canyons.

The Annual Reports have been prepared by Desi D'Orsogna, ABKNSA Historian and member of AAMN's Class 29. A 10th story is in the works which will cover volunteer activities in 2022.

**DESI D'ORSOGNA,  
ALAMO AREA CHAPTER**

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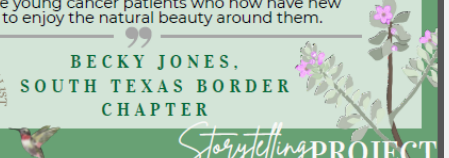
## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Several years later, my chapter, the South Texas Border Chapter, was approached to help restore the atriums of our local children's cancer center. The atriums were bare of vegetation and surfaced in torn black plastic and pebble. It was once again a calling. I volunteered to co-chair the project. With enthusiasm and strong cooperation, the chapter took up the challenge and replanted the atriums in native butterfly and hummingbird plants. It took several years to raise the money and do the physical restoration. We installed fountain features and ADA compliant seating for the staff and families of the patients. We placed and maintained hummingbird feeders outside the infusion room of the center. We enlisted support from the neighboring communities, the City of McAllen, and the local Master Gardener Chapter.

These days, when I enter the gardens to refill the hummingbird feeders, I'm often greeted by the whirring beat of hummingbirds. I like to think it's Diane thanking me for my attempt to pay it forward for the young cancer patients who now have new opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty around them.

**BECKY JONES,  
SOUTH TEXAS BORDER  
CHAPTER**

StorytellingPROJECT



# 2024 CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- Guadalupe Chapter

## **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Sabine Neches Chapter

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Coastal Prairie Chapter

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Cross Timbers Chapter
- Elm Fork Chapter
- Gulf Coast Chapter

What are your plans?  
How will you celebrate?



Joyce Tipton, Coastal Prairie Chapter

# 2024 New Training Class info (spring & fall)

## **Update your Chapter's 2024 info via the Basic Training Class information form**

Updates to training Class information to be posted on our website:

- *(scroll all the way down to the bottom for the form.)*
- *Keep in mind ALL 2024 training classes coming up and application periods open*
- *Potential trainees ALWAYS want to know when your next training class is being planned.. Or how they can get on the list*

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2024-basic-training-classes/>



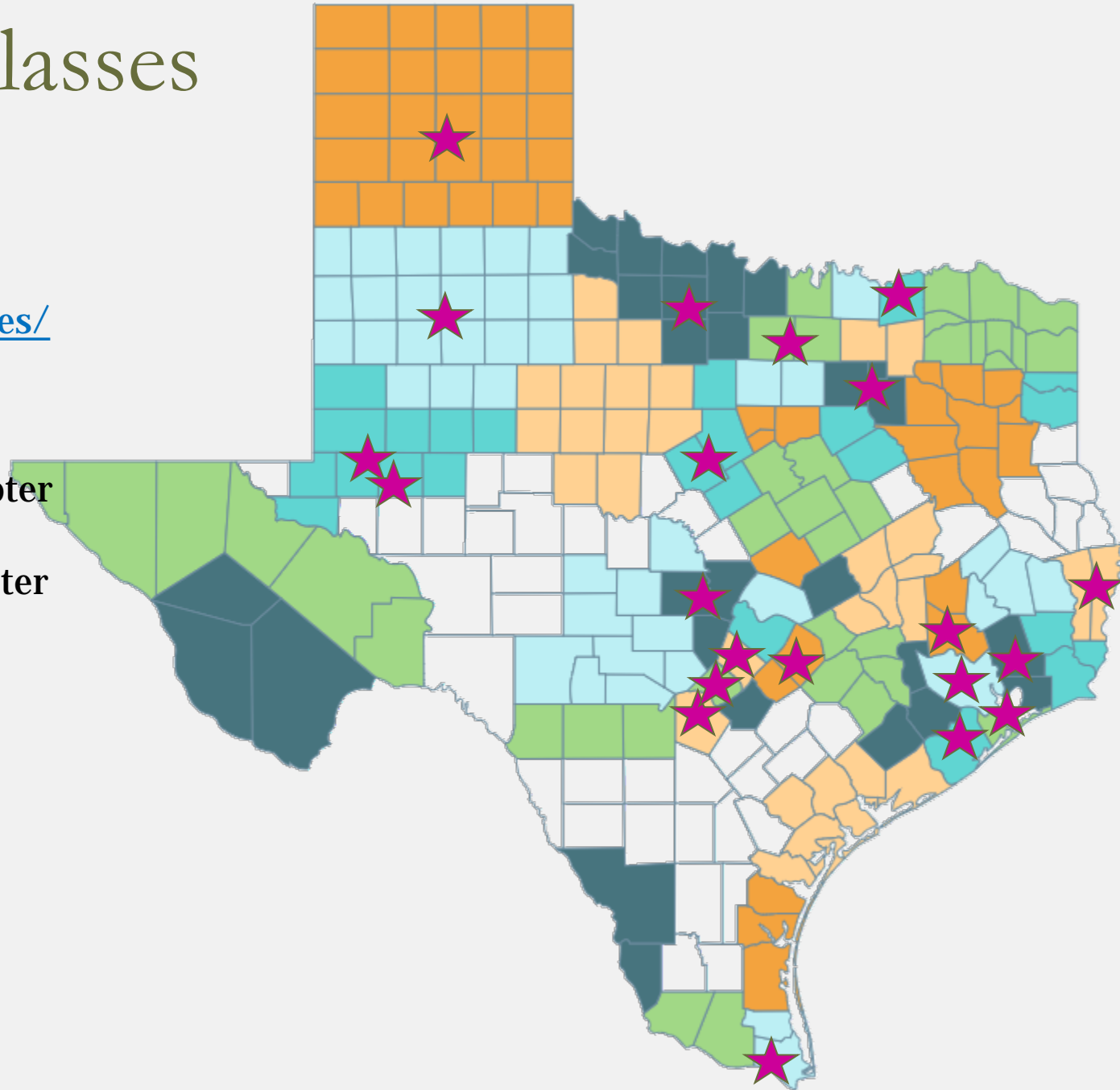
# Spring 2024 Training Classes Starting Soon!

21 Chapters with Classes this Spring!

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2024-basic-training-classes/>

Alamo Area Chapter  
Bois d' Arc Area Chapter  
Cradle of Texas Chapter  
Elm Fork Chapter  
Galveston Bay Area Chapter  
Gulf Coast Chapter  
Hays County Chapter  
Heartwood Chapter  
Highland Lakes Chapter  
Lindheimer Chapter  
Llano Estacado Chapter  
Longleaf Ridge Chapter  
Lost Pines Chapter

North Texas Chapter  
Panhandle Chapter  
Piney Wood Lakes Chapter  
Prairie Oaks Chapter  
Rio Grande Valley Chapter  
Rolling Plains Chapter  
Sabine-Neches Chapter  
South Plains Chapter



# April is a busy Month!

- April – National Volunteer Recognition Month
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – TMN Virtual Volunteer Fair
- Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 – National Volunteer Week
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> – City Nature Challenge
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> - Identification Period
- What are your Plans?



## The 2024 CNC takes place in 2 parts

1

**April 26 – April 29, 2024**

Taking pictures of wild plants and animals.

2

**April 30 – May 5, 2024**

Identifying what was found.

# VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR 2024

**April #TMNTuesday - April 9th**

How we can use your help:

- Help share the proposals request in the new year with project leaders in need. (Statewide focused need!)
- Save the date and encourage other members to attend and volunteer with these projects!



TEXAS MASTER  
NATURALIST  
VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR



@Tom Hausler



@Tom Hausler

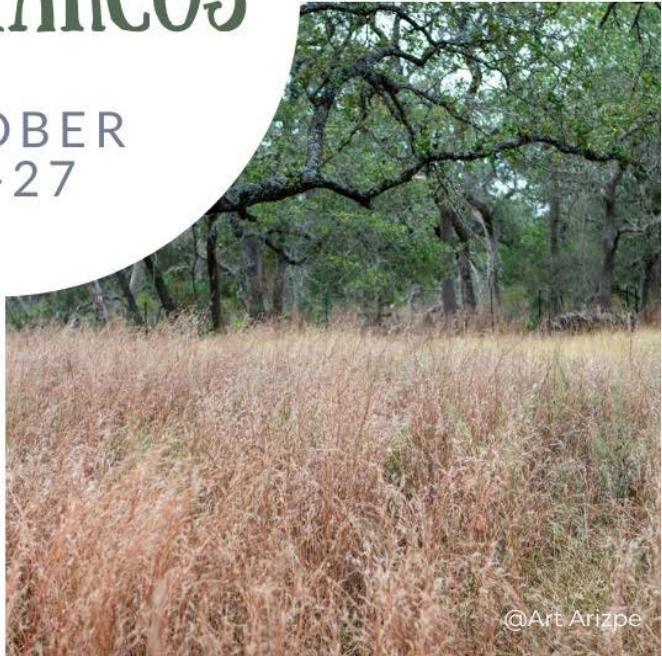
2024  
ANNUAL  
MEETING

**SAN MARCOS**

OCTOBER  
24-27



@Rui Horta



@Art Arizpe

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**



# 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.

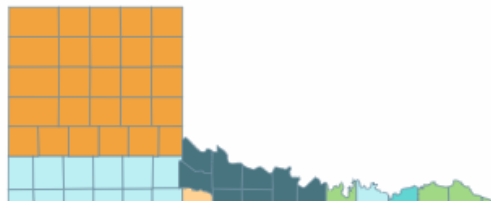
Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers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



ALL EVENTS

## Find Your Chapter

Scroll or hover over a county to view the chapter operating in that county. Click on a county to go to that chapter's web page.



# OUR STATE WEBSITE

[WWW.TXMN.TAMU.EDU](http://WWW.TXMN.TAMU.EDU)

NATURALIST NEWS:

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

EVENTS CALENDAR:

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

TMN STATE EMAIL LISTSERV:

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/CONTACT/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/contact/)

The TMN State Office (and sometimes other members) share & post information and trainings to each of these resources. Events added **are not automatically approved** for AT, please check with and have your local chapter review and approve first.

## Other Quick Links on the Website:

VMS Help Desk-

<https://txmn.org/help>

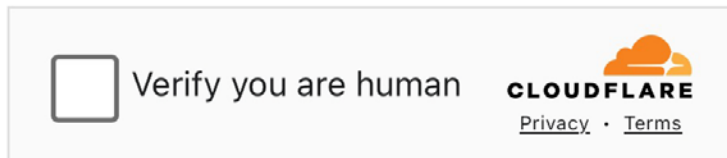
Chapter Documents Page

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>

# State Website Security Update

**txmn.tamu.edu**

Checking if the site connection  
is secure



txmn.tamu.edu needs to review  
the security of your connection  
before proceeding.

- We've been getting hit by potential DDoS attacks the last week across various networks and sites.
- WP Engine & AgriLife IT is closing monitoring the situation and has provided additional security measures temporarily until the bot traffic slows down.
- Temporary until the bot traffic slows down.
- WP Engine and our IT Security team scanning sites across AgriLife for any issues, and AgriLife IT team working to update plugins, themes, etc to the latest & secure versions.

# TMN WordPress Website Trainings

- AgriLife IT Staff changeover. . . .
- TXMNTech Tuesdays
  - First Tuesday of the month
  - 12:00 – 12:45pm
  - Hosted via Teams
- Will announce when these return!



# Meeting OWLS

Loaning these out to chapters for training class or seasonal use.

Email Mary Pearl for more information – [mpmeuth@tamu.edu](mailto:mpmeuth@tamu.edu)



# Regional WebEx Accounts

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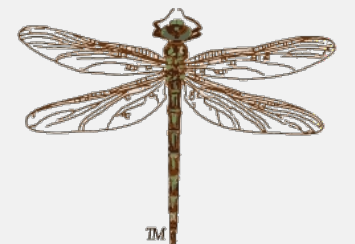
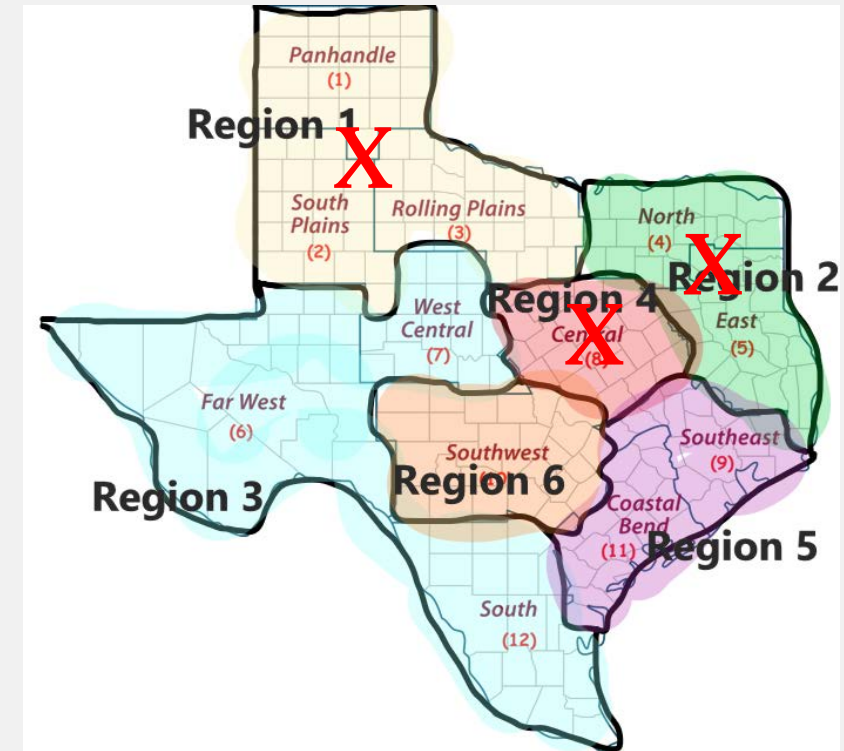
- Discontinued Region 1, 2 & 4 due to non-use for more than a year

Region 1 shares Region 3 account now

Region 2 shares Region 5 account now

Region 4 shares Region 6 account now

- All other state meetings held on our TMN State account that you are meeting on today.



# TMN VMS Updates

**Nothing changing for yours and your members' view at this time. Proceed with entering hours as normal**

- New Account Manager
- Re-Build Project Manager
- Updated Software will enable new features

All work happening behind the scenes at this time getting our data ready to be moved over into an offline testing phase. (WILL NOT affect current system)

- Our VMS Team will be involved in testing the re-build
- We will have training sessions for VMS admins, members when the time comes (estimated LATE fall)

Hours on or before Dec 15, 2023 may not be entered	
You have until the end of	To enter Hours worked on
Today	Dec 15, 2023
Feb 02, 2024	Dec 19, 2023
Feb 16, 2024	Jan 02, 2024
Mar 01, 2024	Jan 16, 2024
Mar 15, 2024	Today
Hours on or after Jan 31, 2024 may not be entered	

# UPDATING YOUR OFFICERS LIST

UPDATE NEW & CHANGING OFFICERS

MOVE ALL HISTORICAL TITLES AND  
LEADERSHIP/SERVICE TO HISTORY  
BOX

VMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL NEED TO  
COMPLETE

# TMN Displays—Check your panels!

**“Become”** and **“Explore”** panels make a set

- Contact Michelle for shipping instructions





# Be Aware of Phishing/Scam Issues

Scam upticks in the new officer year common:

Directors' names and email addresses spoofed and appear to be asking others in the chapter for information or funds.

- Gift card scam
- Bank account access
- “I need a favor” scam
- through email and/or text messages

## Options:

- Let your members know that you will never ask for these things via TMN emails
- Make it your chapter practice and policy (and make it known) that you only ‘do business’ (like this) during official business meetings, never over email or text
- Put directors email list behind password protected page, or on an external share drive
- Add forms for contacting chapter & use CAPTCHA option
- Send out directors' email list to chapter members once in external email at beginning of year
- How else?

**When in doubt – call the real named person "emailing/texting"!**

# TMN Merchandise

## **State Offered Items**

- Official Texas Master Naturalist Logo
- Approved with Logo Trademark design & program colors
- Offered with bulk discounts/ordering

## **Local Chapter Produced Items**

- MUST follow TMN Marketing & Brand Guidelines for Logo use
- MUST have previously gotten TMN Logo use approved with TMN State office before production

# State TMN Merchandise

## Curriculum

- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/about/curriculum/>
  - TAMU Press Office
  - 800-826-8911
  - [bookorders@tamu.edu](mailto:bookorders@tamu.edu)
- **New Class Bulk Ordering**
  - If 10 books or more are ordered, the discount is 50% taken off the cover price. To order, fill out the [TMN Curriculum Bulk Order Form](#)
- **Annual Meeting Bulk Ordering**
  - Save on Shipping! Working with Press office to get order set up.
  - Sent out in fall each year.

## Shirts, Hats, Etc

- Two Types of Ordering Systems:

### 1. [AgriLife Learn](#)

- Merchandise stocked in a warehouse
- Limited quantities & sizes
- Add your chapter pins in this order!
- Ships right away!

Will be restocking in February

### 2. DropShip or MemberItem (PopUp)

- Pop up stores
- Limited purchase time period
- Ships after one month
- Get the exact color & size you want
- Usually reserved for Annual Meeting logo items

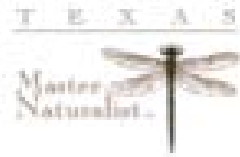


# AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts coming in February 2024 . . .

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>

HOW TO



*Click Here*

ORDER



*Thanks for your Support!*

# TMN License Plate

- Can be ordered on [myplates.com](https://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
- 624 total sold as of Q4 2023
- Need to get to 800



Show us your bumper!





## 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 @ ~\$125,000

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

<https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>

To give directly, follow the link:

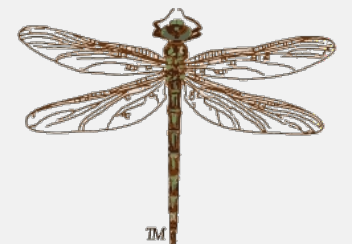
<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>



THANK YOU  
to all who  
have given!

# Presidents Corner

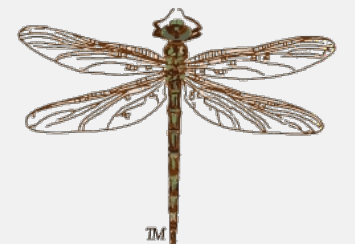
- Don't sign contracts (Over \$5,000) without review & approval of TMN State Office.
- Let us know about grants & awards you win!
- What questions do you have for the chapter presidents on the call now?
- Any others?





# Presidents FAQs

1. Would a chapter be willing to share a sample reviewed MOU with the Rio Brazos Chapter?
2. Let's work together on events in close proximity to our chapter borders or just across each others' boundaries. Common courtesy.



# Calendar Check

## February

- 13 – TMN Tuesday
- 27 – Chapter Presidents

## Presidents Meetings

- ~~January 30~~
- February 27
- March 26
- April 30
- May 28
- June 25
- July 9 \*Joint TMN Tuesday
- August 27
- September 24
- October - \*Annual Meeting (23-25th)
- November 12 \*Joint TMN Tuesday
- December 10 \*Joint TMN Tuesday

# The End

