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North Texas Chapter
Chapter Meeting Announcements
February 1st, 2023





NORTH TEXAS
MASTER NATURALIST

WINTER BANQUET

Texas Discovery Gardens - Grand Hall

Wednesday, **March 1**, 2023

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Sam Kieschnick, Urban Wildlife Biologist

Entree provided. Potluck appetizers & desserts. BYOB.
RSVP & Volunteer Sign Up opens January 6.



* Frankford Prairie Workday

Activity:	We will be removing invasive privet from the creek area by cutting and treating it with herbicide.
Location:	17400 Muirfield Dr, Dallas, TX 75287
Date:	Saturday, February 4
Time:	9 am (CST)
Hours:	VH, 2 hours, Frankford Prairie: Wildscape and Facility Maintenance
Sponsor:	Frankford Preservation Foundation
Contact Person:	Gary Barton
Phone number:	(214) 215-6815
Notes:	Bring loppers, pruning shears, gloves, water and sun protection. Dress appropriately for contact with poison ivy which is known to grow in the area. Repeats the first Saturday of each month

*Birding 101 Spring 2023

Activity:	<p>The members will learn skills needed to have a successful birding experience.</p> <p>> Classroom Session: February 11, from 9 am to 12 pm (Noon) at Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC)</p> <p>> Field Trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 25_John Bunker Sands Wetlands _9 am-2pm• March 25_White Rock Lake_8 am-11am• April 29_TRAC_8 am-11am
Location:	The directions and where to meet will be sent prior to each field trip.
Date:	Initial session is on February 11 with field trips the last Saturday of February, March and April (as per details above).
Time:	9 am (CST)
Hours:	AT, 3 to 5 hours, Beginning Birding (<i>Classroom session-3 hours, Field Trips-3 to 5 hours</i>)
Sponsor:	NTMN
Contact Person:	Natha Taylor
Sign up:	The last day to sign up for the Spring Class is February 8, 2023

*NTMN Special Awards Judges Needed

Activity:	NTMN members needed to judge student science fair projects at the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair on Saturday, February 18th from 8:00-2:00. NTMN Special Award Judges will view and discuss projects with students and then collaborate with other NTMN judges to determine 2 recipients to receive the NTMN Awards for the 2023 DRSEF.
Location:	Fair Park (All information will be sent from DRSEF Admin after registration.)
Date:	Saturday, February 18
Time:	8 am (CST)
Hours:	VH, 6 hours, NTX: Outreach
Sponsor:	SMU and Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair
Contact Person:	Tabatha Knickerbocker
Phone number:	(817) 456-3823
Sign up:	If interested, please notify Tabatha and she will complete your registration with DRSEF. Deadline to contact Tabatha is Sunday, February 5th.
Notes:	Event occurs every year in February

*2023 Speakers Wanted!

Activity:	<p>Calling all speakers and presenters for public outreach requests. In-person, ZOOM, etc.</p> <p>Are you interested in speaking to the public? Do you have a favorite subject you enjoy discussing and presenting? Then come join the Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau receives requests for a variety of topics from various organizations, libraries, garden clubs, etc.</p> <p>This can be in-person, ZOOM, sometimes both. Contact Henry Aschner - Speakers Bureau - for more information and to sign up for future speaking engagements.</p>
Location:	TBD
Date:	TBD
Time:	TBD
Hours:	VH, TBD, Community Presentations
Sponsor:	NTMN
Contact Person:	Henry Aschner
Phone number:	(214) 392-2401

* North Texas Irish Festival at Fair Park

Activity:	Community Education Booth with the Mammal Trunk materials NTMN volunteers will be talking with event goers about the Master Naturalist program. We will have the mammal trunk on display. Parking: There is no designated parking for booth vendors; most places charge for parking, & we have no control over that. I would suggest taking the train down, which lets out in front of the fairgrounds. We will provide free access to the festival, which you can enjoy when not on shift. There will be lots of vendors, food, drink, music, dance, & culture. There will be horses, dogs, & rescue groups.
Location:	Fair Park , 3809 Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75210, Centennial Building, (Cultural area in long corridor at the east end of the bldg. Community Education at the NTMN booth space.)
Date & Time:	Saturday, March 4 at 10 am (CST)
Hours:	VH hours, NTX: Outreach Each day volunteers can sign up for a three-hour shift or sign up for the whole day.
Sponsor:	North Texas Irish Festival
Contact Person:	Lybo Buchanan
Phone number:	(214) 282-1030
Sign up:	https://volunteersignup.org/BQ4QY
Notes:	Event runs two days, March 4- March 5

* Invasive Plants Removal

Activity:	We will be removing invasive plants and trees. We will be removing invasive plants and trees using Extractigators for smaller plants, cutting and treating with pesticide for medium sized plants, and girdling for larger trees. We have equipment, just need helpers.
Location:	Coppell Nature Park
Date:	Thursday, February 7, 16, 23
Time:	9 am (CST)
Hours:	VH, 3 hours, Coppell Nature Park Wildscape Maintenance
Sponsor:	Friends of Coppell Nature Park
Contact Person:	Linda Cook
Phone number:	(214) 886-2957
Sign up:	You may sign up on the My Impact page for the city of Coppell: https://app.betterimpact.com/Volunteer/Main
Notes:	This will be happening on Feb. 2, 7, 16, and 23 from 9:00 am - noon.

* Naturalists needed at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Activity:	Lead a Jr. Ranger Program. The programs are about 45 minutes long (may be shorter) with a quick 1/2 mile hike along a portion of bluebonnet, mulberry, and prairie trail being the main activity. This would probably be a 20-25 minutes walk including stops. Lead Educational Walks Lead at least one walk that will be bilingual or for Spanish speakers OR lead a walk where both English and Spanish names for species are the emphasis. Topics: Birding Prairie Foraging.
Location:	Cedar Ridge Preserve
Date:	Saturday, February 11 (back-up date is February 28)
Time:	11 am (CST)
Hours:	VH, 1-2 hours, VH Cedar Ridge Preserve Educational Talk
Sponsor:	Cedar Ridge Preserve
Contact Person:	Sergio Vargas - CRP volunteer coordinator
Phone number:	(561) 847-5861
Notes:	Contact Ann Sansone if necessary: (214) 478-2390

*Monthly meeting: Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest

Activity:	Zoom: "Seldom-seen wildflowers of the Metroplex" with Dana Wilson
Location:	Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2lNdz09
Date:	Tuesday, February 7
Time:	7 pm (CST)
Hours:	AT, 1.5 hours, Other approved AT (1 hour)
Sponsor:	Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Contact Person:	Dana Wilson
Phone number:	(469) 531-6856
Notes:	1st Tuesday, Sept. - May

*2nd Saturday Workday at Spring Creek Forest Preserve

Activity:	Grooming trails for the 100+ guests who will attend the 30th annual Trout Lily Walk on 2/26/23.
Location:	Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Road, Garland (the east side of the road, with the pavilion)
Date:	Saturday, February 11
Time:	9 am (CST)
Hours:	VH, 2 hours, Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest - habitat management
Sponsor:	Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Contact Person:	Dana Wilson
Phone number:	(469) 531-6856
Notes:	2nd Saturday monthly, Sept. - May Wear long pants, close-toe shoes, and bring water and gloves.

* 30th Annual Spring Creek Forest Trout Lily Walk

Activity:	Enjoy fields of blooming trout lilies and stop by various stations to learn more about these flowers, the forest ecosystem, birds, and more. Self-paced, come and go between 2-3:30pm.
Location:	Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Road, Garland (the east side of the road, with the pavilion)
Date:	Sunday, February 26
Time:	2 pm (CST)
Hours:	VH, 1-1.5 hours, Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Sponsor:	Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Contact Person:	David Parrish
Phone number:	(469) 733-6089

* Planting 800 sedge plugs Saturday & Sunday February 11/12 at Ferris Cemetery

Activity:	<p>Help plant 800 native sedge plugs (tiny plants at this stage of their life) in the perimeter woodland section of the Ferris Cemetery. You and any friends and family you'd like to bring along to help will be provided with the tools and the guidance to ensure successful transplanting. You will literally be restoring the Cemetery, one planting at a time. It has been a labor of love to get this section ready for new plantings. Over the past eight months, 1,000 square feet of invasive Asian jasmine and English ivy was eradicated so we can now plant the area with appropriate ground cover. We'll have coffee and snacks to keep your engines going. It will be a celebration of reclamation!</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday, February 11 & 12, 2023 9:00 am-12:00 noon.</p>
Location:	<p>Warren Ferris Cemetery 8375 San Leandro Ave. at St. Francis, in Forest Hills</p>
Date:	<p>Saturday, Feb. 11 & Sunday, Feb. 12</p>
Time:	<p>9 am (CST)</p>
Hours:	<p>VH, 3 hours, Ferris Cemetery Woodland Restoration</p>
Sponsor:	<p>Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery</p>
Contact Person:	<p>Julie Fineman</p>
Notes:	<p>Bring gloves and small hand shovels.</p>

*Save the Date - Spring Big Chapter Project - Cedar Ridge Preserve

Activity:	We will be partnering with the Audubon Society to do prairie restoration at the Cedar Ridge Preserve. Volunteers will be working on prairie remnants throughout the preserve.
Location:	Cedar Ridge Preserve
Date:	Saturday, April 15
Time:	9 am
Hours:	AT & VH, 3 hours, Big Chapter Project: TMN Report Hours
Sponsor:	Cedar Ridge Preserve
Contact Person:	Danielle LoPresti
Phone number:	(972) 523-7277
Sign-up:	TBD