

Dear friends,

Wonderful to see so many of you at the chapter meeting!

Since November is National Gratitude Month, a fun factoid is that research indicates showing gratitude can result in various benefits such as better mental and physical health, increased life satisfaction, and a boost in overall happiness. Since it is good for our health, I hope you all feel as I do huge levels of gratitude for being part of such a wonderful community of caring, dedicated people. And, if you haven't yet found a home in chapter (or want a refresh), please reach out to me. There are **many** ways to be involved!!!

Congratulations and THANK YOU to our newly nominated board leaders for 2026!

Co-presidents: Ashley steel & Nathan May

VP: Brenda Catlett

Co- treasurers: Malette Reed & Elizabeth Sutherland

Co-Communications Director: Tim Gibson & Emily Black

Volunteer services: Ellen Guiling

Community education: Leea Thompson

DEI: Val Reiss

A few announcements...

Check out the attached slide role for many exciting **upcoming opportunities** including

- An opportunity for 6hrs of AT at the Inaugural Constellation of Living Memorials Symposium on 12/2/25
- A weekend social camp out at Susie Stillwell's Learning Gardens in Athens Texas 12/5-12/7/25
- The annual First Day Hike at John Wilt's farm in Ennis (on 1/1/26),

Class Project Idea?

Please contact Steve Lievsay slievsay@gmail.com , Charlie Marshall

Charlie.t.marshall@outlook.com , or Erin Molett erinmolett2@gmail.com

Log your hours!

Reminder that AT and VH must be entered within 45 days of service.

Where to go for help?

- Trouble logging into the TPWD website? Email: membership@ntmn.org
- Changes in contact information? Email: membership@ntmn.org
- Do you have a potential AT event that you would like approved and added to the calendar? Do you need to know if something counts for AT? Email: advtraining@ntmn.org
- Do you have a potential new project for the chapter? Questions about what counts as VH? Email: activities@ntmn.org

Membership Dues Reminder

Invoices for the 2026 NTMN annual membership dues will be issued later this month.

Year End Donation?

Our chapter relies on dues and donations, and with a budget greater than dues, extra donations are helpful.

- The donate webpage already exists on our website: <https://ntmn.org/donate/>
- The direct link to paypal is: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1821610>

Meeting Topic: Herping the Metroplex

Thank you for Caleb Hinojos for a fascinating and fun presentation!

- Fun fact about Caleb: He has always loved snakes and has had over 200 reptiles, mostly snakes – and has enjoyed breeding snakes as well
- Key lesson on what it takes to become a better herper? Just go out and do it! And, join the Herp Affinity group – it is fun and educational. Contact Caleb to get hooked up hinojos.caleb@gmail.com
- In case you missed the meeting or want to revisit this fascinating content, here is the video: <https://vimeo.com/1134975915?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

There will be advance training associated with this talk: At the Amphibian and Reptile Diversity Research Center on Wednesday 11/19

For more information and to sign up: <https://ntmn.org/events/uta-amphibian-reptile-diversity-research-center-uta-herpetology-program-tour-at/>

Thank you all!

Warmly

- Rebecca