

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Chapter News – March 2010 Editor, Mary Helen Israel

From the President, Carl Dodson

Sometimes we forget that we aren't the only ones to have ideas on a subject. Sometimes we forget that others feel just as strongly about their ideas as we do about ours. Sometimes we forget that other's ideas are just as worthy as ours and because they differ from ours do not make them "dumb" or "stupid". When we forget these things we tend to let our passions rule our thinking and we do or say things we later regret. If we express this passion to the entire chapter thru whatever media is available to us it makes it that much harder to retract them. E-mail has a life of its own.

The Board of Directors is sending, under a separate letter, a proposed change to the Policies and Procedures Handbook "Standards of Conduct". You are asked to study this proposed change and be ready to vote on the change at our meeting on Wednesday, March 10th. This change will offer a guideline to handle conflicts of this nature. The General Membership must approve a Policy change before the Board of Directors can enact it.

I hope everyone is ready for Migration Celebration. It looks like it is going to be bigger and better than ever. INEOS has kicked off its third session, Deep continues on. The chapter has participated in several Outreach projects. Bastrop Bayou clean up is close upon us. Lots of stuff going on. Go volunteer.

Membership Report, Jerry Eppner

The year has just started, and many chapter members are starting to submit their volunteer time. Remember, it is a lot easier if you sit down once every week or two to record your VT. Waiting for a couple of months or year-end just makes it more of a chore than it needs to be. Thank you, members, for the hard work you are doing out there. In fact, we already have at least four members that have recertified for 2010. Congratulations! COT members reported over 11,000 hrs for 2009. With some help from some members that have previously not been reporting VT, I am sure we could beat that by a mile in 2010.

Recognition pins for 2010 recertification have been ordered and should arrive soon. This year's pin is the Wood Duck.

**Reminder from Chapter Hosts,
Jerry Krampota and Justina Dent**

The following folks signed up to bring refreshments for the March meeting: Susan Severance, Gerald Forrest, Ed Johnson and Kirby Rapstein. If for some reason you have a conflict, please call Jerry Krampota at 281-585-3249 or email at jkrampota@hotmail.com.

March Meeting*
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Intern Training, and Advanced Training

8:30 a.m. - Coffee and Social Time

9:00 a.m. - Business Meeting

9:30 a.m. – Dr. André Landry, Professor of Marine Biology, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences and Marine Sciences at Texas A&M University at Galveston. The topic of his presentation is *Sea Turtle Research at TAMUG*.

***Please note, the March meeting is back at the AgriLife Extension Building.**

**Training Report,
Laura Brandes**

The DEEP program finds itself in need of a jacket or two to loan to children on chilly days. These kids have either no clue as how to dress for windy, cold weather or simply do not have the correct outer garments. I am asking the TMN members to donate any unused jackets or sweatshirts to BNWR for these children. Please bring them to the General Meeting and give them to Laura who will see that they get to the Discovery Center.

INTERNS: There will be the Field Experience relative to "Archeology and the Karankawas" on Wednesday, March 17th. Our trek will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. with Johnney Pollan. We probably will have to carpool into the Plantation as the bridge is down. Please meet in the parking lot across from the blue and white storage complex on 2004, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and bring something to drink.

INTERN TRAINING: There are 12 Interns working on their training requirements and at least one new enrollee. Please check your Timesheets and let me know the specific classes that you need or want to become a TMN. You still have time to complete the DEEP requirements, "Birds" will be on April 12th at the Discovery Center, and "Forests" conflicts with the "Migration Celebration 2010" which means it will have to be rescheduled. Let Laura know your needs as soon as possible.

INTERN CREDITS: Those Interns who attended the "AED Training" at the San Bernard office earned 4.5 hours of AT under Certification guidelines. There were seven (7) Interns who attended and learned the current CPR for infants, children and adults as well as the application of the AED. There is an AED in the main building of each Refuge as well as in the cars/trucks of the USFWS employees. It's nice to know that we have this emergency safety net.

ATTACHMENTS

There are two attachments included with the newsletter:

March10-Attach-1.pdf – Minutes of the February General Meeting
 March10-Attach-2.pdf - Dow Woods Report

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