



Bayou Foliage

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MARCH CALENDAR

- Mar. 2 Volunteer Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 9 Volunteer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 15 Fall Festival Planning Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 15 *Bayou Foliage* deadline
- Mar. 18 Stewardship Committee work party, 8:30 a.m. and meeting, 3 p.m.
- Mar. 25 Trash Bash, see stewardship report
- Mar. 29 Communications Committee - Distribution Group meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 30 Interpretive Materials Development Committee mtg., 7:15

JANUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month for January is Patricia Martin. Patricia has been an active volunteer for several years. She served on the Volunteer Board in 1990 as Weekday Trail Coordinator. She still teaches both trail and farm classes, participates in the Outreach Program, helps with mailings and is working on the planning committee for the Garden Tour in April.

Thanks, Patricia, we're glad to be the recipients of your continued efforts.

MARCH ABNCV MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 - Snacks and Conversation - Getting to know one another
- 7:00 - Program - Dr. Tom Godwin
- 8:00 - New Volunteer Graduation
- 8:30 - Short Business Meeting
- 9:00 - Adjourn

We have all seen the cattle that have been brought in to graze on our prairie as part of our prairie restoration efforts. Tom Godwin, DVM, Administrator of the Animal Emergency Clinic Southeast, is the owner of these cattle. He has also helped the nature center with Chinese tallow tree eradication through application of a herbicide that specifically targets them. His talk, "Management of Prairie Ecosystems Utilizing Grazing, Burning and Selected Herbicide Application" will count as continuing education.

Following Dr. Godwin's presentation we will conduct new volunteer graduation. Please show up, meet and welcome each of our new volunteers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Karen Beveridge	Mar. 2	Ed Lowrie	Mar. 2
Jim Crabb	Mar. 10	Jane Bingel	Mar. 12
Eric Franklin	Mar. 13	"Gib" Harper	Mar. 14
Zel Arbuckle	Mar. 16	Ian Pendleton	Mar. 18
David Heise	Mar. 28	Peter Westerfield	Mar. 28
Sterling Heller	Mar. 29		

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - 1994

The Volunteer of the Year for 1994 is Bill Howe. Bill put in over 500 hours as Stewardship Coordinator, working events, conducting repairs, etc. He has helped the nature center in so many ways it is impossible to name them all. He is a most deserving recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Congratulations, Bill!

ABNC GARDEN TOUR

The first annual ABNC Garden Tour, "Along the Garden Path," is moving right along. It will be Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first week of February we looked at yards that had been recommended. Ten have been selected, and they are fabulous. They feature ponds, gazebos, antique roses, Texas natives, xeriscaping and more. Tickets are \$5, include admission (for non-members) to ABNC for Saturday's Wildflower Weekend activities, and are available from ABNC, Arlan's, Jimmy G's, and Past & Presents.

Help is needed, but if you can't help, try to attend -- or at least tell your friends about it. Anyone interested in gardening should really enjoy it.

Presently, we are needing greeters for the gardens. We would like each person to be willing to work two hours, but really would prefer four if you have the time. Please call Phyllis Louderback at 488-7884 or Barb Hill at 488-2653.

MINUTES

Lou Wheatcraft, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Feb. 9, 1995. The minutes for the Jan. meeting were approved as printed in the *Bayou Foliage*. The treasurer's report showed \$563.96 in savings and \$1846.69 in checking for a total of \$2410.65.

The 1995 proposed budget was printed in the Feb. *Bayou Foliage*. Lou asked if there were any questions or discussion. Since the volunteer trip to San Antonio was not a budgeted item, the board decided to fund it by using the excess money in the Trip Fund. A motion to accept the budget was made and seconded and passed by acclamation.

Ed Adams, Weekday Trail Coordinator, reported that ABNC has 19 classes with 614 students signed up for Feb., Mar., and April. So far, 58 teacher assignments are made. He has 18 teacher assignments to be made. He asked for volunteers to sign up for the open slots.

Tom Scarsella, Stewardship Coordinator, reported that on Feb. 4, 40 volunteers from Shell painted the farm house, enlarged the implement shed, and cleared 350 yds. of fence along Red Bluff Rd. Tom thanked the Shell volunteers, and also thanked Eldine Owens for getting the paint from Home Depot as a donation.

Lou reported that the new volunteer class is a large and enthusiastic group. March will be buddy month for new volunteers, so Lou asked us to help them and make them feel welcome.

In April, we will try to go back to 3 trail tours every weekend - call Melanie Weisman, Weekend Trail Coordinator to reserve your slot.

Lou announced that March will be the kick off month

for the Communications, Stewardship, and Interpretive Materials Development Committees. The dates will be in this month's *Bayou Foliage*.

Chris LaChance showed a 20 minute video of the 1994 Farm Festival. She is taking orders for copies at \$10.00 prepaid.

Jonathan Perez, Earth Day Co-chair, reported that he has lots of demos lined up for this event. He is now looking for volunteers to man craft activities with a recycling theme.

Lou also reported that the Fall Festival Committee will be meeting in March, and that Committee Chairs are needed - see further on in the *Bayou Foliage*. This issue, in addition, has the interest inventory. Lou asked every volunteer to fill out the inventory and return it to ABNC as soon as possible.

George Regmund, Director, thanked all the volunteers for their work during 1994. He announced that Patricia Martin is the volunteer of the month for January. He presented a plaque to Bill Howe, Volunteer of the Year (1994).

Mary Alice Trumble, Education Coordinator, announced that we will hold a graduation for the new volunteers at the March meeting. She asked us to please come out to welcome them.

The next volunteer meeting will feature a program by Dr. Godwin on Prairies. The meeting will be at 6:30 P.M., March 9.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Anne Tincher, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW VOLUNTEER CLASS

During February, new volunteer training was conducted. There are 35 new volunteers (23 weekend, 14 weekday - 2 are taking both!) I had the opportunity of participating in the opening days' classes and welcoming and meeting each of the new volunteer candidates. There is a good cross section of senior and junior, male and female, teachers, gardeners, stewardship folks, etc. - all sharing a love of nature and wanting to get involved in ABNC! Remember when you were a new volunteer and how lost you were at the start. Just like a church goes overboard to make visitors and new members feel welcome and at home, we need to do the same. Each of us needs to take time to get to know the new volunteers and get them involved! Include them in your discussions and when you see a new volunteer (or old ones too) make a point of saying hello and make them feel welcome and needed.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was overwhelming! The staff really outdid themselves in our behalf. They decorated the meeting hall, cooked enough chicken to feed an army, and had all the fixings to go with it - including desert - and some of George's special homemade refreshments. (I have also found the secret to increasing attendance at the volunteer meetings - have a lot of food!) Thanks George, Rita, Mary Alice, Mark, Christine, Marsha, Jonathan, Michael, Eric, & Robert - we, the volunteers, really appreciated the effort you all put in this dinner. It was GREAT!!

THANKS!

Lou

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER BAT CAVE TRIP

A four-day volunteer trip is being planned for Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21 to Concan, TX where one of nature's wonders can be observed every evening and early morning -- millions of bats leaving the Frio bat cave at dusk and returning at dawn. Last summer it was estimated that 20 to 30 MILLION bats roosted in the Frio Bat Cave. It takes several hours for all the bats to emerge. It is an indescribable sight.

In addition to bat watching, we will bird on the property around the Lodge and we will travel one day to Lost Maples State Park for bird watching. Plus, we will have time to swim or innertube on the Frio River.

The cost is a nominal \$175 which includes all meals except lunches on the road on Thursday and Sunday, accommodations at Neal's Lodges and transportation by van. We will leave ABNC at 7 a.m. on Thursday, May 18 and return Sunday, May 21 before dark. To help us with the birding and enjoyment of the location, George Regmund will accompany the volunteers on this trip.

Eighteen spaces are reserved at Neal's Lodges. The sign-up list will be at the admissions desk. A deposit of \$25.00 made out the "ABNC Volunteers" will secure your space. The balance is due by Thursday, April 27. Mail your monies to Harvey Louderback, 14918 Tallow Forest Ct., Houston, TX 77062, or leave it in the Volunteer Board mailslot in the breakroom.

This trip should appeal to all nature lovers, and all are welcome! We volunteers work together, now here is our chance to play together. Call me at 488-7884 for more details.

Phyllis Louderback

INTEREST INVENTORIES

Attached to this *Bayou Foliage* is the 1995 Volunteer Interest Inventory. There wasn't an interest inventory last year so it is very important that everyone fill out a current one. In addition, there have been several new activities added (Astronomy, Scout workshops, EcoCamp, after school classes, etc.) as well as the deletion of some of old committees (membership, mailing, and historical) and the addition of several new committees (Communications, Stewardship, and Interpretive Materials Development). If by March 30th we haven't received an interest inventory from you, then one of the volunteer board members will call you and help you fill out the inventory over the phone.

MARCH IS BUDDY MONTH!

There will be 35 new volunteers wandering around the Nature Center in March looking lost and not sure of themselves. To help the new class gain their confidence we are declaring March to be Buddy Month for new volunteers. During their final class day the new volunteers were given the opportunity to sign up for demonstrations, farm interpreter, information services (interpretive building greeter), and trail tours. Look for these new volunteers and do all you can to get them involved in your activity. Explain to them what you are doing, let them watch, and if they feel comfortable, let them take the lead with you watching. Thanks for your help - the new volunteers will be very grateful!

Lou

ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

Please make the following changes to your volunteer roster. I plan to print a new roster that includes the newly trained volunteers in the next *Bayou Foliage*.

Lisa Reece - correct zip-code is 77089-2125

Judy Rosen
17911 Kings Park Ln, Apt. 1223
Houston, TX 77058-3142

Susan Hesley
3358 Prairie Dr.
Dickinson, TX 77539

Michael Vu
10107 Catlett
LaPorte, TX 77571
471-1114

Eric Duran
926 Pebbleshire
Houston, TX 77062
same phone

Lou Wheatcraft - work phone - 244-8536

Cliff Meinhardt - work phone - 244-1082

Inactive:
Steve Buckman and Loren McDaniel

Dropped:
Bob Wray and Mike Beck

New addresses for former staff members:
Laura Lehtonen
912 Mohegan Rd.
Niskayuna, NY 12309-4814

Doug Myers
2907 Bayshore Dr.
Bacliff, TX 77518-1116
(and he's engaged!)

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKS

ABNC TO HOUSE TELESCOPE

A 10 1/2-inch reflecting telescope was donated to the Johnson Space Center Astronomy Society by the Krause family. The Society is building a structure at ABNC to house the telescope; it is located near the greenhouse. ABNC will be allowed to use the telescope, and in return will provide the site and allow Society members access to it. If you have an interest in astronomy please check the appropriate box on your interest inventory -- your services may be in great demand.

PARKING

Just a reminder. The staff requests that during the day all volunteers park in the front parking lot. Feel free to drive to the back to unload items but then park your car in the front lot. If you have a physical impairment that prevents you from walking in from the front parking lot then feel free to park in the back. Also, for after hours meetings, you can park in the back if space allows.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

SPECIAL THOUGHTS AND THANK YOU

All of our volunteers are very special and part of one big family. When members of our family are having difficult times, please let me or one of the volunteer board members know. I understand that John and Sanda Bauer's son just had his 3rd cancer surgery (reconstruction of jaw). I just want to let John and Sanda know our thoughts are with them in this difficult time. In addition, John and Sanda are getting ready to move to Austin. Sanda and John have put in many years of service to ABNC. Thank you both for the many years of service and friendship - you will be missed.

Lou

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

There will be a stewardship work party on March 18. We will gather in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and head off to work on marsh restoration fencing that needs repair. Bring shoes that you don't mind getting wet, a wide-brimmed hat, gloves and a snack. We will be getting wet. While out there we will be discussing a stewardship agenda for 1995 and the survivors will try to hold a stewardship committee meeting at the Interpretive Building at 3:00 p.m.

March 25 is the annual Texas Trash Bash. ABNC is a participatory site. Volunteers and friends who would like to help clean up some of the trash on ABNC's property should come out on the 25th.

We will try to make the third Saturday of each month "Stewardship Saturday." See you there!

Tom Scarsella

RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERS DURING 1994

In 1994 we had a lot of volunteers who put in many hours over the 48 hour minimum for the year. Without these special individuals the nature center could not have performed its mission to the public. Here is a list of those dedicated volunteers who worked more than 100 hours:

More than 100 hours:

Ed Adams, Chris Bingham, Marilyn Clark, Chris Davis, Pat Doerr, Jim Edwards, Laura Hendrix, Barb Hill, Barb Lindberg, Harvey Louderback, Carol MacGregor, Paul Rogers, Stephania Rogers, Anne Tincher, Mary Alice Trumble, Mary Ann Tucker, Michael Vu, Lou Wheatcraft.

More than 200 hours:

Hilary Gibbs, Wanda Hayden, Bob Hendrix, Sue Miller, Joanna Wactor

More than 300 hours:

Phyllis Louderback, Tom Scarsella

More than 400 hours:

Art Adair, Eric Duran, Jonathan Perez, Grace Lear

More than 500 hours:

Jane Bingel, Bill Howe, Paula Kennedy

THREE GREAT VOLUNTEERS!!

The volunteer organization is made up of a lot of very special people. This month I want to extend a special thanks to three very hard working ladies:

Grace Lear has helped out ABNC for many years; both in volunteer time and monetary donations. For the last several years she has managed the gift shop activities, been greeter, admissions coordinator, helped out with special events, and many other duties - whatever anyone asked of her.

Carol MacGregor has been chair of the bulk mailing committee last 2 1/2 years. She too has also helped in many other areas - again whatever anyone asked of her.

Phyllis Louderback has been chair of publicity committee for the last 2 years. She sent out press releases and special event information, so the general public could be kept informed of what was happening and what special programs were being offered. Her efforts contributed directly to the great success of our major fund raising activities. She too is always available to help in many other areas.

Thank you Grace, Carol, and Phyllis for your support and all your endless hours of work!

Lou

WHO SAVES GREEN STAMPS?

I have many S&H Green Stamp vouchers. The organization seems to have vanished from the face of the earth. If anyone has any information perhaps they could be redeemed for the nature center's benefit. Thanks, Barb Hill

AND MORE!!!

FULL TRAIL TOUR SCHEDULE

With all the new volunteers and the dedicated old volunteers, in April we will be going back to 3 trail tours every weekend. Many people show up wanting a tour and we should be able to meet their expectations. This is a great opportunity to interpret our three ecosystems to them first hand, and in the past this has also proven to be a great way to get new members. Please call Melanie and let her know that you would be willing to conduct one or more trail tours per month and when and what time slot you would like.

I know that some of you get discouraged when you show up and the public doesn't, due to weather, etc. but this is part of the job. If you show up and there isn't anyone who wants a tour, I would suggest that you get a pair of pruning scissors or "loppers" and walk the trail anyway and get rid of the obvious "eye pokers" - that way instead of 2 hours of education time you can get 2 hours of stewardship time!

WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

If you have any interest in wildflowers, please get involved in this special weekend, April 8 & 9! Jennie Plunkett will be collecting wildflowers on Friday, April 7 to identify and display on Saturday and Sunday. Give her a call if you would like to help and/or learn more. You would also be welcome and appreciated for any time you can volunteer over than weekend, either at Wildflower Weekend or the Garden Tour.

EARTH DAY!

Planning for Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) is in full swing. Jonathan and Michael have arranged for many interesting outside demonstrators as well as demonstrations by volunteers. They want to have Earth Day related crafts and need your help. If you can help with children's crafts please let one of them know. All your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

FALL FESTIVAL 1995

The Fall Festival Planning Committee will be holding its first meeting of 1995 on Wed., March 15 at 6:30 PM. This is THE major event of the year and demands that planning start now to make it a success. This year it will be held on Nov. 11 & 12. Anyone interested in serving on the Executive Committee is encouraged to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL VIDEO AVAILABLE

Copies of a 20-minute video taken at the 1994 Fall Festival are available for \$10 each. It is a very professionally produced video and well worth the money. Call Chris LaChance (488-5587) to order one.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Communications Committee seems to be changing from week to week, but I think we have it all settled now. There will be three divisions:

Productions - responsible for producing all materials that go out from the nature center on a regular basis, including *Along the Bayou*, the *Bayou Foliage*, press releases, flyers, form letters, etc. This committee will consist of staff, a few volunteers and perhaps a Board of Trustees member. I am not issuing a general call for volunteers for this committee at this time, but I am looking for a few volunteers who are experienced with desktop publishing software (Pagemaker) for the IBM PC or are willing to learn. I may be handing over the preparation of the *Bayou Foliage* if someone is interested in this major task. Call me if you would consider it.

Distribution - responsible for getting the materials prepared by the Productions Group out to the appropriate audience. This group has already met once and we seem to be off to a good start. Individuals have divided up the responsibilities (FAXing press releases, distributing flyers, sending calendars and event notices to local community newsletters, etc.) The group also encompasses the old mailing committee. *Along the Bayou* mailing will be the last Saturday of every month. This group will meet again on Wed., March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Materials Management (for lack of a better title) - responsible for organizing all the nature center's slides, photos, newspaper clippings, etc. This group will mainly work in support of the Productions Group in cataloging materials to be available for publicity use, but will also keep track of where our name is being printed, so that we can get a better idea of what publicity approaches work. Its responsibilities therefore include those of the old historical committee. Some, but not all, of the work will involve data entry into databases on the ABNC computer. I have not yet scheduled a "kick off" meeting for this group -- look for one in April.

I will be co-chairing the whole Communications Committee with Rita Getman, and will also act as head of the Productions Group. (See why I'm interested in passing on the baton as *Bayou Foliage* editor!) Phyllis Louderback is currently acting as "expeditor" for the Distribution Group, but would really like to pass this job on to another volunteer. I am looking for someone (or ones) to act as chair of the Materials Management Group. Mary Ann Tucker has expressed willingness to manage the cataloging of the slides, but I'm sure she'll need plenty of help.

I'll be checking the Interest Inventories for anyone indicating a willingness to work in these areas. Be sure to fill yours out and send it in!

Paula Kennedy
479-7615

AND STILL MORE!!!

MARCH IS COMMITTEE KICK OFF MONTH!

March has also been named Committee Kick Off Month for the new "core" committees. This will include the Communications Committee/Productions Group (the Communications Committee/Distribution Group has all ready met once), the Stewardship Committee, and the Interpretive Materials Development Committee. Descriptions of these committees were included in last month's *Bayou Foliage*. Dates for these committee meetings are shown in the March Calendar section of this month's *Bayou Foliage* (front page). Committees are how the work gets done at the nature center - all the planning and coordination for all activities and special events is done in a committee. If you are interested in one of these committees, please attend the March kick off meeting. A list of all the committees is included in the Interest Inventory.

Stewardship - Mar. 18, 3:00

Communications - Distribution Group, Mar. 29, 6:30

Interpretive Materials Development - Mar. 30, 7:15

THANKS FOR HELPING WITH TRAINING!

Many thanks to all of you who helped with volunteer training. We are fortunate to have 35 of the most enthusiastic volunteers I have seen in a long time. I'm sure one of the reasons is the excellent training they received from some of our experienced volunteers. A special thank you goes to Art Adair, Ed Adams, Jane Bingel, Sterling Heller, Barb Hill, Paul and Stephania Rogers, Anne Tincher, Joanna Wactor and Lou Wheatcraft. Another huge thank you goes to staff member Mark Kramer and ex-staffer, Doug Myers. A very special thanks to George Regmund for all his help in many areas and especially for his ever-present fantastic style of teaching. (How DOES he do it with the same freshness after teaching the same subjects hundreds of times?) Another note of appreciation is also given to the rest of the staff for helping with set-up, clean-up and food serving. I am thrilled with the two groups we have joining our ranks and I urge all of you to come out and meet them at the March meeting when they graduate.

Mary Alice

HOW'S THE VEGETABLE GARDEN?

We are busy digging and preparing beds for spring seeds and seedlings. Jack Frost was supposed to knock out the summer softies, but he never showed, so we took the tomatoes out anyway and continue to harvest hot and sweet peppers. Collards, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, mustard greens and broccoli have enjoyed a long, productive season. We always welcome any help -- weeding, digging, sifting compost... and any size load of manure will help the garden grow.

Hilary Gibbs

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED THE SHELL VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to our volunteers who came out to give demonstrations for the Shell volunteers on the morning of Saturday, February 4. Art Adair, Irene Ward and Mary Ann Tucker demonstrated wool carding and spinning, butter churning and basket weaving, respectively, on the farmhouse porch. Chris Bingham deserves extra credit as Most Flexible Volunteer of the morning. She made cheese in the pole barn. Paul and Stephania Rogers helped the children with rope making, Tom Scarsella fired up the forge and Karen Lon showed the woodshop and its tools. Eric Duran dragged himself out of bed to do a herps demo in the interpretive building. Thank you all for giving ABNC and the Shell volunteers some of your Saturday. They accomplished a lot at the farm and got a sample of what ABNC has to offer at the same time.

Thanks also to Mike Owens for helping to get the farmhouse ready for the Shell volunteers to paint and for coming out on Sunday to help clean up and put the furniture back where it belongs. Thanks also for helping pick up the paint. And thanks to Marjorie Borey, Lena O'Donnell, Justin Owens and Jason Owens for helping to clean and put things away on Sunday.

Thanks to Home Depot Store #567 and manager Chip LeRoy for donating the paint. (and to Eldine for arranging the donation!)

Also, thanks to Bill Howe for being everywhere at once.

Eldine Owens and Hilary Gibbs

GOOD LUCK, STEVE; WELCOME, MARK

In case you haven't heard, Steve Jester left ABNC on January 1 to take a job as manager of a Wildlife Management Area near Denton, TX. Long-time ABNC friend and supporter Mark Kramer has been hired as Interim Stewardship Coordinator. Mark has expertise in a wide variety of areas including having worked as a naturalist guide on the pontoon boats that were operated on Armand Bayou out of Bay Area Park. Join us in welcoming Mark as ABNC's newest staff member.

ACTUALLY, I JUST GOT TIRED OF TYPING!

I received a report on the trip that Mary Alice and three volunteers took to San Antonio to a CONNECTING WITH VISITORS seminar, and a great write-up on reptile handling that came out of volunteer training, but I ran out of space this month. Watch for these articles in next month's *Bayou Foliage*.

Paula

VOLUNTEER DUTY SCHEDULE

In an attempt to take some of the load off the Coordinators, and to help cut down on our "no show" rate, a list of the persons who have volunteered for various assignments will be printed in the Bayou Foliage each month. If you are scheduled for a particular duty and you are unable to attend, please use this schedule to try to find your own substitute. You may be able to trade weekends, or swap a Saturday for a Sunday with someone who has the same duty another time during the month. If you do trade, please be sure to call the appropriate coordinator and the ABNC desk to inform them.

DATE	11:00 TRAIL	2:00 TRAIL	INFO. SERVICES	FARM DEMO	FARM DEMO	NAT. HIST. DEMO	FARM INTERP.	CLOSE
Sat. 3/4	----	----	Matron Rouse	Gay Smither & Weaving &	Irene Ward - Woodstove	Ruby Dlgren - Snakes	Susan Hesley	----
Sun. 3/5	----	----	Wanda Hayden	Lauren & Susan DeFrank - Rope Making		Eric Duran - Amphibians	Jane Bingel	----
Sat 3/11	----	----	Jane Bingel	P. & S. Rogers - Rope Making		B. & L. Hendrix - Bird Adaptations	Paula Thorson	----
Sun 3/12	----	----	Mary Ann Tucker	Rogers Collins - Blacksmithing		Anne Tincher - Microworld	Carol Toole	----
Sat 3/18	----	----		Jane Bingel & Rope Making & Chris Bingham Cheesemaking		Chris Davis - Insects	Barb Lindberg	----
Sun 3/19	----	----	Jane Bingel	Mary Ann Tucker - Basketweaving		Marilyn Clark - Hummingbirds	Marjorie Borey	----
Sat 3/25	----	----		Sandy Parker - Soap Making		Pat Grimes - Bats	Jane Bingel	----
Sun 3/26	----	----		Karen Lon - Woodshop		Hilary Gibbs - Study Skin Prep.		----

IF YOU CAN FILL IN ANY OF THE BLANK SPOTS, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE COORDINATOR. THANKS!

WHILE WE ARE ON CENTRAL STANDARD TIME THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR LATE CLOSING VOLUNTEERS.

VOLUNTEER BOARD FOR 1995

	Home	Office
Lou Wheatcraft	486-9481	244-8536
Pat Doerr	538-1800	280-2136
Anne Tincher	486-5167	
Harvey Louderback	488-7884	335-1668
Tom Scarsella	532-1192	483-7757
Eldine Owens	486-7524	
Jane Bingel	554-5069	
Hilary Gibbs	326-6330	
Melanie Weisman	488-7342	335-2578
Ed Adams	946-2754	
Chris Bingham	538-2085	
Paula Kennedy	479-7615	792-3226

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VOLUNTEER INTEREST INVENTORY

Date _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: Home _____ Work: _____

STREET: _____ BIRTHDATE (MONTH/DAY): _____

CITY, ZIPCODE: _____ STATUS (Active/Inactive/Associate/InTraining): _____

OCCUPATION/BACKGROUND: _____

INTERESTS: _____

AVAILABLE ON WEEKDAYS: Yes No AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS: Yes No

DAYS OF WEEK PREFERRED: _____

AREAS OF TRAINING (circle the appropriate code for each area):

CODES:

- Y = Yes I am trained in this area and interested in working this area.
- I = I am not currently trained in the area, but would like to be.
- N = I have no interest in working in this area

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| Y I N | Admissions Desk | Y I N | Info Services (Greeter) |
| Y I N | Birdlife Interpreter | Y I N | Nature Demos |
| Y I N | Boat Help | Y I N | Trail Tours |
| Y I N | Farm Demos | Y I N | Weekday Farm Classes |
| Y I N | Farm Tours | Y I N | Weekday Trail Classes |
| Y I N | Farm Interpreter | | |

COMMITTEES AND WORK GROUPS (Circle the appropriate code for each area):

CODES:

- C = I am interested in chairing this committee/work group
- P = I would like to be on the planning committee for this event
- W = I am interested in working on this committee/in this work area
- N = I am not interested in this activity

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| W N | After-School Classes | C W N | Fund Raising for ABNC |
| C P W N | Art Show | C W N | Gardening |
| P W N | Astronomy | C W N | Interpretive Materials Development |
| P W N | Bayou Boil | | Outreach Program: |
| P W N | Chuckwagon Dinner | C W N | Farm Demonstrations |
| | Communications: | C W N | Natural Science Demonstrations |
| C W N | Publication Production | C W N | Refreshments for Volunteer Meetings |
| C W N | Distribution (mailings, publicity) | C W N | Scout Activities |
| C W N | Materials Organization (slides, photos, clippings, etc.) | | Stewardship: |
| C P W N | Creepy Crawlers | C W N | Facilities Maintenance |
| C P W N | Earth Day | C W N | Habitat Restoration |
| P W N | EcoCamp | C W N | Ways and Means |
| C P W N | Fall Festival | C P W N | Yuletide Gathering |

COMMENTS OR OTHER THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU (AREAS OF EXPERTISE, ETC.):

ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER -- THE LAST GREEN SPACE

I took a ride in the car today that brought tears to my eyes.

The two-story, red-brick house at the West Mansion site is gone! Not even a pile of bricks. Worse than that is the clearing that has been done. No underbrush all the way to where ABNC property starts.

Meyer Road in Seabrook, from Todville Rd. to Hwy-146 is blacktop! A few years back the road was dirt, and usually too wet to drive on. We would have to park and walk in to see the ducks on the water of the old quarry. The lake next to the Seabrook Intermediate School is looking the same. Even had some ring-necked ducks on the water, but across this new black top road the land has been cleared. Two young men were working on a fancy cement entry wall to some high-priced, I am sure, housing development. The water in the quarry is cold and deep, and way at the Hwy-146 end I could make out some ducks on the water. I didn't park and walk into the posted land. I could barely see to drive back out to the highway, because of the tears in my eyes.

All the development in this area makes me rededicate myself to the purposes of Armand Bayou Nature Center. Whatever little bit I can do to continue our cause is more important now than ever. I will be calling Paula to offer my help with the next newsletter mailing for sure! I am even willing to do the dreaded greeter job.

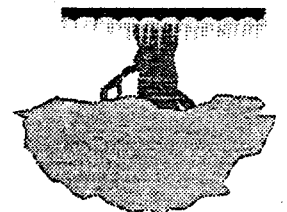
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(Not only did Mary Ann volunteer to help with the next mailing, she agreed to chair the weekday mailing crew. Thanks, Mary Ann. - Paula)

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