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April Calendar

- April 1 Hanson Garden Work Day (9a.m.-12p.m.)
- April 1 Stewardship Saturday (Start at 8:30 a.m.)
- April 6 Volunteer Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- April 13 Volunteer Meeting (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.)
- April 13 *Bayou Foliage* Deadline
- April 15 Stewardship Saturday (Start at 8:30 a.m.)
- April 15 EARTH DAYS
- April 16 EARTH DAYS
- April 20 Hanson Garden Work Day (9a.m. –12 p.m.)
- April 28 National Arbor Day

Volunteer of the Month

Each month an ABNC Volunteer is recognized for his or her outstanding service to the Nature Center. This Month's special volunteer is Judy Sharp. She is a Native Texan, went to La Porte High School, and worked as a Speech Therapist for a local elementary school.

Judy became an ABNC Volunteer two years ago when she realized the bayou she lived near (Armand Bayou) was in need of preserving. Because of her great interest in birds, ABNC's bird feeders are always filled to the rim, attracting many beautiful birds for the public to enjoy. Judy has also stepped up and accepted the Volunteer Board Treasurer position and recently become involved with the farmhouse garden and landscaping.

Judy is very interested in helping to preserve Armand Bayou and she enjoys feeding the birds and being with people that have the same interests. When asked why she keeps volunteering at ABNC she replied, "I have a great time, and the staff and volunteers are wonderful people." Thanks Judy for the compliment and for your time and dedication.

ABNC VOLUNTEER MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000
NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

- 6:30 - Snacks and Conversation:
Get to know one another
- 7:00 - Presentation
- 8:00 - Business Meeting
- 9:00 - Adjourn

The speaker this month will be Dennis Jones from Texas Parks & Wildlife. He will give a presentation on a historical perspective of the prairie and how it used to be. So please join us as this looks to be a very interesting evening. Hope to see you there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Herman Burton	Apr. 01	Suzanne Hicks	Apr. 01
Chuck Snyder	Apr. 04	Chris Watenpool	Apr. 06
Dick Benoit	Apr. 06	Charles Ferguson	Apr. 07
Larry Veale	Apr. 10	Charlotte Teeter	Apr. 12
Joan Shack	Apr. 13	Paul Shack	Apr. 13
Jim Hawkins	Apr. 16	Lars Turner	Apr. 18
John Siptak	Apr. 19	Patrick Wornick	Apr. 21
Wendy Peters	Apr. 23	Doug Barfoot	Apr. 28

NEW VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Has your address or phone number changed since October 1999? The Volunteer Roster is being updated to appear in the May *Bayou Foliage*. For updates and or changes, please contact Kim Wasserman – (281-474-2552) or Andrew Hamlett (281-487-1268) as soon as possible, and we'll make sure your information is updated.

Thanks!

VOLUNTEER OFFICE HAS MOVED

The volunteer office has been moved, it is now located in the Kaneka (Admissions) building, where the gift shop used to be. Don't worry, the gift shop is still there, it's just moved out into the lobby. When you get a chance, please come by visit your new office.

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ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER JOB POSTINGS

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR ECOCAMP

We are in need of qualified, experienced teachers for this program. Qualifications include teaching and/or substantial experience with children ages 4-13. Environmental education background is a plus. Half day, full day and twilight opportunities are available. Send your resume to Linda Sumner, Director of Education, ABNC, P.O. Box 58828, Houston, Texas 77258 or fax to (281) 474-2552 by May 1, 2000.

INTERNS NEEDED FOR ECOCAMP

We will soon begin interviewing for summer interns for our annual EcoCamp. Prospective interns should be at least 18 years of age, have experience/interest in environmental education and have some experience working with children. Duties include assisting teachers, before and after-camp childcare and materials preparation. Send your resume to Linda Sumner, Director of Education, ABNC, P.O. Box 58828, Houston, Texas 77258 or fax to (281) 474-2552 by May 1, 2000.

TEEN VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED

ABNC is looking for a Summer Teen Volunteer Coordinator Intern. As a Summer Teen Volunteer Coordinator you would be responsible for coordinating a group of approximately 20 teens between the ages of 14 and 17. The main focus of this position would be assisting with ABNC's Summer EcoCamp. To find out more about the internship call Armand Bayou Nature Center at (281) 474-2551. (Must be at least 18 years old to apply)

SUMMER TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

This Summer ABNC is excited to offer a Teen Volunteer Program. If you are between the ages of 14 and 17 and have a desire to help your community and the environment, ABNC is looking for you. Opportunities for teens range from assisting with education programs to trail maintenance. Call Armand Bayou Nature Center at (281) 474-2551 to apply.

ATTENTION

Four fellow creatures of the night have "flown the coup"! The Red bat and twin, Myotis, and the Mexican free-tailed bat have disappeared. Please help us locate them and return them to their home in the study skin cabinet.

CONTINUING EDUCATION APRIL PROGRAM

ALLIGATORS WITH DENNIS JONES
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2000
7:30 AM - 2:00PM

Since the nature center is hoping to get an alligator for one of its animal exhibits in the future inner loop trail, this will be a good background class for the volunteers. This continuing education class will consist of a 2-hour lecture and then an hour or so guided hike to see these creatures in their natural habitat led by Dennis Jones. The entire class will be held at Brazos Bend State Park. We will meet at the Wal-mart on NASA Rd 1 to carpool and will leave at 7:30am to head down to the park. Dennis will waive the park entrance fee for our group. Please bring bug repellent, sunscreen, hat, water, snacks (or lunch) and any other items that you usually bring for a hike. Please contact me - Christine Ribeiro at (281) 326-3574 if you have any questions or would like to sign up for this class. You can also sign up in the volunteer office. The maximum class size is 20. Also, please let me know if you will be willing to drive. I plan on driving and should be able to take 3-4 people with me.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SURVEYS

Continuing education surveys are still available in the volunteer office. Let your voice be heard - let me know what programs are of interest to you.

CAN YOU DIG IT



Where's the Malathion?? Those pesky caterpillars have eaten up all the *Asclepias*. No, wait. The Butterfly Weed has just played host to Monarch Butterfly families, and this is just one of the many treasures you'll experience while "helping" nature along in the Hanson House Heirloom Conservationscape. (Whew, say that fast three times.) Join experienced and "green" garden volunteers while we dig, plant, weed, nurture, and, of course, save time to play! Regular workdays are scheduled on the first Saturday and third Thursday, from 9-12, each month. Lots of other fun projects are in the works, both at ABNC, and at gardening outreach sites around the Clear Lake area. We're also planning field trips, as well as visits from some great horticultural experts. No gardening experience is necessary - green thumbs will be provided as needed. Do bring along your favorite trowel (you know, that small hand shovel-like thing), sunscreen, and your gardening enthusiasm. We can't promise you a rose garden, but it will be pretty close to Heaven on Earth! For more information call: Chris LaChance - 281-488-5587, or at 281-291-7711, or Maris Sipocz at 281-291-0551.

VOLUNTEER DUTY SCHEDULE - APRIL 2000

In an attempt to take some of the load off of 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 INTER.	FARM DEMO	NAT. HISTORY EXHIBIT
Sat. 4/1	Jim Crabb	Mary Barton	Joyce Roberts	Jane Bingel (Corn Husk Dolls)	Jane Bingel (Corn Husk Dolls)	Anne Tincher (MicroWorld)
Sun. 4/2	--	Patty Pennington	Ken Russell	Marjorie Borey		
Sat. 4/8	Ramon McKinney	Ramon McKinney	Mary Yurkovich	Jane Bingel	Ed Adams (Wood Stove)	Ruby Dilgren (Amphibians)
Sun. 4/9	--	Ray Parker	Christine Ribiero	Polly Swerdlin	Polly Swerdlin (StereoScope)	Zel Arbuckle (Pond Life)
Sat. 4/15	Louise Peck	Jim Crabb Ruth Elder Pat Bates	Rita Barnes	Cathy Searcy Jett	Stephania Rogers (Rope Making)	Ruby Dilgren (Bats)
EARTH DAYS					Mary Ann Tucker (Basket Weaving)	Patsy Cashlon (Opossums)
Sun. 4/16	--	Stan Krauhs Martha Hood	Merle Bunde	Stephania Rogers	Tom Scarcella (Wood Working)	
EARTH DAYS					Polly Swerdlin (Butter/Farm Recycle)	
Sat. 4/22	Louise Peck	Anne Tincher	Katerina Grunde	Susan Williams	Susan Hesley (Yarn Dolls)	Eleanor Stanley (Alligators)
Sun. 4/23	--	Ray Parker		Eleanor Stanley	Tom Scarcella (Blacksmith)	Polly Swerdlin (Turtles)
Sat. 4/29	Mike & Eldine Owens	Stan Krauhs	Paul Brunkow	Paula Thorson		
Sun. 4/30		Cris Santiago	Martha Hood	Marsha Goss	Chris Bingham (StereoScope)	

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

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