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## June Calendar

- June. 1 Volunteer Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- June. 3 Stewardship Saturday (Start at 8:30 a.m.)
- June. 3 Hanson Garden Work Day (Start at 8:30 a.m.)
- June. 10 *Bayou Foliage Deadline*
- June. 10 Volunteer Picnic 6 p.m.
- June. 15 Hanson Garden Work Day (Start at 8:30 a.m.)
- June. 17 Stewardship Saturday (Start at 8:30 a.m.)

## 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 Irene Ward. Irene has always lived in the South, and she has been a high school teacher for 24 years. Currently she teaches at Pearland High School.

Irene first came out to the Nature Center about 17 years ago to enjoy Fall Festival. She fell in love with the place, but because she's a dedicated mom, she waited 8 years for her son to turn 16 before she decided to dedicate her spare time to Armand Bayou Nature Center. As a child she loved to draw, and recently she has put her artistic talent to good use for the Nature Center by creating wonderful fliers for our special events. Irene regularly participates in special events, and she especially enjoys the farm. She is also very interested in the prairie and learning to identify plants and trees.

ABNC is very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated volunteer for the last 8 1/2 years. Thank you for your support.

## ABNC VOLUNTEER PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2000  
FARM HOUSE PORCH, 6:00 P.M.

There will be no speaker this month, as the June volunteer meeting will be our annual summer picnic on the farmhouse porch. Volunteers are asked to bring a covered dish to serve 6. It can be a salad, appetizer, entree, bread, desert, or etc. Please remember to also bring your own table settings: plates, utensils, and beverage.

## AMPHIBIAN MONITORING WILL RUSUME

The Nature Center will resume conducting its amphibian-monitoring project as part of Texas Parks & Wildlife's Texas Amphibian Watch. With the onset of summer (and finally rain), this is the prime time to look and listen for amphibians. We will use both call and visual surveys (so bring a good pair of walking shoes, flashlight, and insect repellent) and training will be provided the day of each survey. Please contact Jonathan Perez at 281-474-2551 for more information or to sign up.

<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>			
George Regmund	June 01	Dick Miller	June 01
Goose Ganter	June 03	Anne Tinchler	June 07
Karen L. Smith	June 07	Melanie Weisman	June 08
John Smith	June 18	Kim Wasserman	June 19
Carol Harper	June 22	Christine Barrett	June 23
Marjorie Borey	June 23	Dottie Evans	June 24
Linda Hamlett	June 28	Ephriam Dickson	June 28

## EARTH DAY THANKS

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Earth Day celebrations. The event went off without a hitch, including boat rides, canoe trips, hikes, and demo's. A special thanks go to Ruby & Katerina for all of their help.

Mark Kramer

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEEKDAY EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to the weekday coordinators and teachers for a very successful Spring 2000 season. ABNC had 2,740 students attend weekday classes for Spring 2000, not including May, and outreach had 3,688 students participate in their programs. Everyone worked very hard and did a great job! Thanks.

Kim Wasserman

**MINUTES OF THE VOLUNTEER MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2000**

Ed Adams, Chairman of the Volunteer Board, called the meeting to order.

Prior to the business portion of the monthly meeting, Christine Ribeiro introduced our speaker for the night.

The minutes of the April 2000 meeting as published in the *Bayou Foliage* were approved. Martha Hood, Secretary, reported that on occasion sympathy, get well, and regular note cards, are used to send out to our volunteers. If anyone has cards they would like to donate, please bring them by the volunteer office.

Judy Sharp, Treasurer, reported that current assets total \$2,328.73. Ed motioned for the approval of May 2000 Treasurer's Report; motion passed.

Christine Ribeiro reminded everybody that Jonathan Perez would be presenting a local snake identification class to be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium. The time for the class has changed and will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Anne Tincher, Week-Day Trails Coordinator, and Stephania Rogers, Week-Day Farm Coordinator, are both very pleased with how well the school year has gone. They want to thank all their teachers and celebrate the success of this last year. There will be a potluck dinner on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:30-2:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Stephania Rogers also mentioned that she is short one teacher for the May 17<sup>th</sup> class.

Ruby Dilgren, Weekend Trails Coordinator, reported that she needs a person for the 2:00 p.m. trail this Saturday. Ruby also recognized and thanked Stan Kraus for volunteering for four trails in June.

Jane Bingel reported that Outreach has been very successful this last year. She wants to thank all the volunteers who made this a successful year.

Ken Russell, Stewardship Coordinator, reported that last Saturday volunteers planted 600 prairie grasses. Another 900 grasses will be planted in the near future.

No report was given for Weekend Demos, Interpretation & Front-Desk Greeters, or Admissions.

Kim Wasserman announced that Irene Ward was Volunteer of the Month. To learn more, see the "Volunteer of the Month" section of the *Bayou Foliage*.

Kim thanked everybody for a job well done during Earth Day weekend. She is busy getting ready for EcoCamp and finding summer interns. This last Wednesday, EcoCamp

received some great publicity when Chuck George, the weekday weatherman for Channel 2, came out to ABNC.

Kim gave out a list of supplies needed for EcoCamp. The items include the following: paper towel and toilet paper rolls, tin cans, baby food jars with lids, egg shell halves, egg cartons, boxes/cardboard, paper sacks, coffee cans, milk jugs, 2 liter soda bottles, wire coat hangers, plastic film canisters, and clean old socks.

Under upcoming events, Bayou Boil was discussed. Also, the volunteer picnic will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short business meeting held before the picnic, but no regular meeting. The picnic will be held at the farmhouse, starting at 6:00 p.m. It is a potluck dinner; so bring a dish that will feed six people. Don't forget to bring your own plates and utensils.

Under unfinished business Ruby Dilgren announced that the bat study skins are still missing. If anyone has them or knows where they were placed, please call ABNC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary  
Martha Hood

**FROM THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

ABNC would like to ask you for your assistance in bringing refreshments to the Board of Trustees meeting. You will be reimbursed. This meeting is held the third Thursday of every month at 5:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to attend the Trustee meetings and show the board that the Volunteers are interested and involved in all aspects of the Nature Center. Contact Kim Wasserman to sign up.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED**

The education department is in need of several items for EcoCamp activities. You may have some of these items around the house. If so, please save them and bring them to the Volunteer Office or the closet of Classroom 3. Thank you.

- paper towel and tp rolls
- baby food jars w/lids
- egg cartons
- paper grocery sacks
- old clean socks
- bandanas
- 2-liter soda bottles
- plastic film canisters
- wire coat hangers
- soup size tin cans
- egg shell halves
- boxes/card board – all sizes
- coffee cans – any size
- buttons
- plastic gallon milk jugs

## ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERS 2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

### Income:

Cookbook Sales	\$ 25.00
Cookie Sales	\$ 800.00
Paper Recycling	\$ 450.00
<b>Total Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>

### Expenditures

Contribution to ABNC	\$ 1000.00
Administration/Supplies	\$ 50.00
Entertainment/Refreshments	\$ 100.00
Cards/Gifts/Flowers	\$ 50.00
Postage	\$ 400.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 18.00
Scholarships (2 EcoCamp)	\$ 350.00
Contingency	\$ 30.00
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1998.00</b>
Present Assets (as of 3/31/00)	\$ 2114.88
Proposed Income	<u>1300.00</u>
Subtotal	3414.88
Proposed Expenditures	<u>\$ 1998.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,416.88</b>

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### CALLING ALL QUILTERS

The 2000 – 2001 ABNC Volunteer Quilt idea has been hatched and it ready for fledging. Please join us to help make the project fly. We want to raise a lot of many for the Nature Center.

Classes begin in quilt appliqué Thursday, June 15 at 1 p.m. in the Heimann House. The class will include take homework. Classes will continue every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m.; there are a total of 6 classes. The classes are modular. You need to attend all 6, but only as many as you wish or need to learn the technique. After the series of classes is finished actual work on the quilt will begin, and continue on Thursday afternoons. All levels of expertise are invited. Volunteers will get some continuing education hours.

More about the quilt design, and process of construction, will be explained at the first class on June 15.

Joyce Roberts is the committee chair. Please call Joyce if you plan to attend the class on June 15.  
Joyce Roberts 281-337-2495.

## VOLUNTEER DUTY SCHEDULE - JUNE 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 DEMO
Sat. 6/3	Ray Parker	Stan Krauhs			Dan & Jen Pelletier Rope Making	Pat Doerr Bird Adaptations
Sun. 6/4	--	Patty Pennington			Stephania Rogers Butter	Eleanor Stanley Alligators
Sat. 6/10	Jim Crabb	Ruth Elder			Tom Scarsella Blacksmithing	Anne Fincher Microworld
Sun. 6/11	--	Stan Krauhs			Tom Scarsella Blacksmithing	Joanna Wactor Owls
Sat. 6/17	Louise Peck	Marianne Phillips			Chris Bingham Stereoscope	Ruby Dilgren Deer
Sun. 6/18	--	Merle Bunde			Mary Ann Tucker Basket Weaving	
Sat. 6/24	Betty Snider	Stan Krauhs			Jane Bingle Cheese	Marilyn Clark Local Lizards
Sun. 6/25	--	Stan Krauhs			Emily Egan Spinning/Weaving	

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

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