

# Bayou Foliage

May 2001

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"Interested + Involved + Informed"

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### May - June Calendar

- May 3 Volunteer Board Mtg, 6pm
- May 5 Marsh Mania, 7am  
Garden Days - Hanson House, 9am
- May 8 Deadline-Bayou Foliage
- May 10 Volunteer Mtg, 6:30pm  
Presentation: Astronomy
- May 12 Bayou Boil, 5pm
- May 17 Garden Days - Hanson House, 9am  
Bd of Trustees Mtg. 5-6pm
- May 19 Stewardship Saturday, 8:30am  
Forest Plant ID Walk- Educ. Bldg., 2-4pm
- June 7 Volunteer Board Mtg. 6pm
- June 9 Prairie Burn Class- Auditorium, 10a-2p
- June 12 Deadline for *Foliage*-4pm  
No Volunteer Meeting in June...come to the Potluck Picnic instead!
- June 16 Vol. Potluck Picnic, 6pm

## REMINDERS

Did you know that you can buy an ABNC patch from the Gift Shop? The small patch costs \$3.95, and the large patch costs \$4.95. Browse around the gift shop next time you stop by the Center.

Don't forget mosquito repellent and sunscreen when volunteering.

## VOLUNTEER MEETING

- Date: May 10
- Time: 6:30 p.m. — Refreshments  
7:30 p.m. — Program — Astronomy Presentation  
8:00 p.m. — Business meeting

You'll be seeing stars at the volunteer meeting in May. Our speaker will be Dick Miller, a member of the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society (JSCAS) and sometime volunteer at ABNC. He has been an avid astronomer since he was a boy. Dick will explain how to get started in astronomy, what you need and how to do it, including how telescopes work and how to choose one. He worked on the installation of the Krause telescope here at ABNC. Dick will then present slides of some of the most outstanding astronomical objects in the sky, courtesy of Paul Hanagriff, another member of JSCAS. I understand that they're out of this world.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Bayou Nature Center and that really sparked her interest, so Barbara became an official ABNC Volunteer.

You could say Barbara is a lady who wears many hats, figuratively and literally speaking. She is involved in many aspects of the Nature Center, as well as being an important part of making our special events a success. Let's not forget Barbara's time and dedication put towards the ABNC volunteer's annual project which is a quilt that is raffled off and the proceeds donated to the Nature Center. Barbara is a wonderful asset to the Nature Center, and she always brightens up any event with her festive attitude and attire.

Barbara, your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

—Kim Wasserman

Each month an ABNC Volunteer is recognized for his or her outstanding service to the Nature Center. This month's special volunteer is **Barbara Hill**. Originally from Massachusetts, Barbara moved to the Houston area when her husband took a job in the Clear Lake area in 1967. She had heard her neighbor talk about Armand

# BUSINESS REPORTS

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2001 VOLUNTEER MEETING

The Volunteer Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. The Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer, Ken Russell, asked that the Volunteers approve the proposed budget for year 2001. It was unanimously approved.

Stan Krauhs, Vice Chair, said the program for the May meeting will be an astronomy presentation. On May 19th, Mark Kramer will conduct a Forest Plant ID continuing education class from 2 - 4 p.m. On June 9th from 10:00 to 2:00 Mark Kramer and George Regmund will conduct a Prairie Burn class. If volunteers want to participate in prairie burns, they must participate in this class. Volunteers were told to wear cotton clothes, boots, work gloves, and bandanas. The annual volunteer picnic will be held in June. It is potluck and the newsletter will contain more information.

Laura Bradley, Weekday Outdoor Education, was absent so Christine Hiscox filled in for her by reporting that Laura needs volunteers for her Insect classes.

Stephania Rogers, Weekday Farm, said she has enough volunteers for April but she needs volunteers for May. She has some new volunteers buddying in May.

Ruby Dilgren, Weekday Trails, was absent, no report.

Eldine Owens, Weekend Demos, reported that she needs someone to do a natural history demonstration on May 5th and April 21st, Earth Day, needs some more volunteers.

Dottie Evans, Outreach, said there were several outreaches in April and May. She needs help with the reptiles at the Kemah outreach. On May 8th there is an outreach at Red Bluff School and she needs help for hands-on-history.

Jane Bingel, Interpretations & Front Desk Greeters, invited new volunteers to buddy as farm interpreters. She reported that all her April slots are filled. Jane Bock reminded volunteers that she puts up the lobby calendar and will include the demonstrations on the calendar if she gets the information in time.

Jim Callan, Stewardship, was absent so Kim Wasserman filled in for him. She reported that 142 acres were burned this past burn season. Trash Bash on 3/31 had 81 participants. Marsh Mania is 5/5/01. The main planting will be at Mud Lake and Mark Kramer will be in charge of it. Earlier in the week there was a meeting about the invasion of water hyacinths. Kim didn't know details of the meeting.

Christine Hiscox, needs help at the front desk and her list of volunteers is dwindling. Times are flexible and Jo has a variety of things that volunteers can do so no one needs to get bored.

Bayou Foliage: Molly Ganter was appointed by the Board as the new Publisher for the Foliage.

Kim Wasserman, Staff, an-

nounced that the Volunteer of the Month is Barbara Hill.

\* EcoCamp needs interns. Specifics will be in the Foliage.

\* The front gate was fixed.

\* The piles of dirt around the center will be used to fill in low spots so that water doesn't puddle.

\* The center will be receiving approximately 75 radios in about a month.

\* The Bayou Boil signup sheet is available. Catfish has been added to the menu.

\* A new volunteer roster is available in the Volunteer Office.

\* Down on the Farm had 900 visitors. Survey results were shared.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Ed Adams said the overnight canoe trip to Village Creek is full. The trip is the last weekend in April.

Unfinished Business: Stan reminded volunteers to sign up for Continuing Ed classes. Jane Bock shared that she'd observed a prairie burn at a nature center in Alabama which allowed children to watch it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Ward, Secretary

**ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERS**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*APRIL 2001*

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$2613.70</b>
Expenditures:		
Postage - Bayou Foliage (March 2001)	\$31.00	
Bank Service Charge	\$2.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$33.00</b>
Income:		
Camping Trip Under run	\$21.50	
Paper Recycling	\$90.02	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$111.52</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$2692.22</b>

**NOTE: There was an error in the March Statement, "Foliage Dues (Inactive Member)" should have been \$5.00 not \$16.93.**

## E V E N T S

### **BAYOU BOIL 2001 VOLUNTEER CHOICES**

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2001  
 Time: 6:00-10:00 pm

Volunteers have made Bayou Boil a great event that has been more successful each year and more improved. We hope that you will want to be involved. We will train you for the details on Thursday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the education building and provide you with a special vest. We will also have a special thank-you luncheon for you on Saturday, May 19, 11:30 at Outback Steakhouse

on Bay Area Blvd. Please sign up in the volunteer office and R.S.V.P. to Lynn by Wednesday, May 16th on the luncheon.

Greeter - If you like to meet and greet the public, you may want to sign up as a greeter. We need two people: one to greet at the entry pavilion and one to point out the bathrooms and guide people through the education building out the path to the farm site. This job involves working from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Cashier - If you like to handle money and help people register for the event and pay for their auction winnings, you may want to sign up as a cashier. This requires 3 to 4 people and the work is fast-paced

in the pole barn at the close of the silent and live auctions, generally between 8:30 and 9:30 pm.

Auction Assistant - If you like to keep records, dot your i's and cross your t's, and answer guests' questions, you may want to sign up as an auction assistant. This will require about 3 people who will work in the pole barn from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Server - If you like to run around, not have to stay in one spot, and work very hard, you may want to sign up as a server. This may involve serving containers of "crawfish bayou boil" to the tables, refilling food tables, emptying containers, serving catfish plates or cobbler to the tables, or anything

else our guests need during the event. We need about 8-10 hardy volunteers for this fast-paced job that will keep you running from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. Then you can put your feet up and rest a while and then hopefully help bus the tables and empty them into trash containers at about 9:45 pm.

Farm Demos - During the early hours of Bayou Boil we are looking for 6 volunteers to work the following stations from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Some guests arrive early for the 6:00p.m. event...Butter Making...Rope Making...Farm & Garden Interpretation...Farmhouse Interpretation...Black Smithing...& Woodshop Interpretation.

Physical Setup and Cleanup - If you would like to get some good exercise, but don't necessarily want to interact with the public, you may want to sign up for the physical setup (tentatively set for Friday morning 10:00 am) and/or cleanup (tentatively set for Sunday at noon). This behind-the-scenes work is extremely important to the success of our event. We would like to have at least 8 volunteers who could split the duties between setup and clean up.

—Lynn Shigekawa  
Development Director

## **PREVIEW MEETING FOR BAYOU BOIL**

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2001  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: ABNC Education Bldg.

If you are volunteering to help us with our annual *Bayou Boil* fund raising event, we will meet Thursday evening, May 10 just prior to the Saturday event to run

through our duties for the evening and to talk about our focus on the customer/donor/guest.

Your help and cooperation will make a significant difference in the

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### **BAYOU BOIL is Saturday, May 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martyn Farm site.**

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success of the evening. Many of us, myself included, will never sit down and relax, much less eat or drink anything, because we will be so busy handling our jobs and making the crowd as happy as possible. When our guests are content and have what they need to eat and drink, they will be able to focus their attention on bidding for the auction items. You, as a volunteer, will help ensure that our guests will have a memorable experience at ABNC. Many of our guests will be coming to ABNC for the first time and the impression that they will get from this evening is very important for the potential it brings for future involvement and support.

Bright red vests will be provided for volunteers and staff so that we are easy to spot if someone has a question or needs our help. This way, we will stand out not only because of our infectious enthusiasm and great customer service, but also because we are outstandingly visible. You are welcome to wear comfortable play/work clothes and tennis shoes or very comfortable walking shoes

We have worked hard behind the scenes so that you haven't had to attend countless meetings. We hope that you can be here for the training, but if you can't come for

any reason, please call me so that we can review your commitment prior to the event. My direct line is 281-474-3748, and I am available Monday through Friday.

We will celebrate our success with a luncheon given for you by Outback Steakhouse at 11:30 on Saturday, May 19, 2001. The restaurant is located at 481 West Bay Area Blvd., Webster. Please RSVP to me at 281-474-3748 by Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> if you can join us at the Outback Steakhouse.

Thanks again,

—Lynn Shigekawa  
Development Director

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## **MARSH MANIA**

Date: May 5th

As mentioned in last month's Bayou Foliage, we want to thank everyone who participated in the past Marsh Mania and want to invite you to come back for more fun. The next Marsh Mania will be on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be planting the same type of cord grass (*Spartina spp.*) as we did in October 2000. However, we will plant single stems of grass rather than potted clumps. A Texas Parks and Wildlife group will try planting bulrush (*Scirpus spp.*) at a separate site within Armand Bayou. The Galveston Bay Association hotline for the Marsh Mania event (for information and pre-registration) will be 281-486-9500. If you pre-register you will get a T-shirt. If you like fun, if you like Marshes, and if you like Mania...this is the event for you.

—Jim Callan

## ANNUAL VOLUNTEER SUMMER PICNIC

Date: Saturday, June 16  
Time: 6 p.m.

You and a guest are invited to a Picnic. Mark your calendars now for the annual volunteer summer picnic at the farmhouse on Saturday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. The picnic will replace the normal monthly volunteer meeting in June. There will be no formal speaker. Volunteers are asked to bring a covered dish to serve 6. It can be any food from an appetizer to an entrée to dessert. Salads, breads, and special dishes are also welcome. Look for more information in the June *Bayou Foliage*.

—Stan Khraus

## PRESCRIBED PRAIRIE BURN CLASS

Date: Saturday, June 9  
Time: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Auditorium

The class will focus on the use of prescribed fire to maintain the prairie at the Nature Center. Topics

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***This class is required before a volunteer can participate in a prairie burn.***

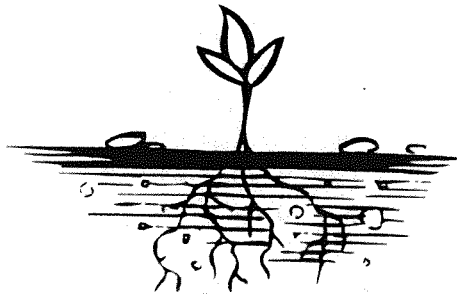
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to be discussed include fire ecology, fire behavior, burning techniques, safety, equipment use, and governing laws.

If conditions are favorable, a small plot will be burned to demonstrate this activity.

Please wear appropriate clothing, that is, cotton shirt and long pants, boots, hat, bandana, and work gloves. If you have not attended a previous class and want to participate in a future prairie burn, then you must attend. Please sign up on the class activity sheet or call the front desk to be registered.

—Stan Khraus



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—Jim Callan

## FOREST PLANT IDENTIFICATION CLASS

Date: Saturday, May 19  
Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Location: Meet on the back porch of Education Building.

Bring your notebooks on Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. and get to know the trees, vines, and other flora of the riparian forest with Mark Kramer. Mark is most knowledgeable about the ecosystems at ABNC and anxious to impart his

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knowledge to the volunteers. This is a not-to-miss class for those volunteers doing guided trail hikes. One of the trails, identifying the flora and answering questions. What better way to spend an afternoon and enhance your knowledge of the forest at ABNC?

—Stan Khraus



# BAYOU BANTER

## COOKIE SALE REPORT

Once again, so many of you responded to a call for cookies to be sold at Down on the Farm. Thanks to each of you who baked all those great tasting morsels. We had an abundance of help at the sale and it was a great opportunity to visit with folks that we don't often see.

A big thanks goes to Becky and Polly for obtaining the great canopy - no melted chocolate chips!! We did sell all the cookies due to the fact that my "cookie monster" son came to my house after I went home and bought the few remaining cookies! As always, thanks to everyone for your great support. You're the best!

— *Stephanie Rogers*

## ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER CAMPOUT

What a blast! We had so much fun. At first, the weather was not cooperating...rain...rain...rain. We tossed the question of cancellation back and forth. We fretted and asked for divine intervention. And



lo and behold our prayers were answered. The sun peeked through the clouds giving Ed Adams just the signal he needed to go to the store

for supplies. The weather was beautiful.

We hauled all the gear down to the Indian Site near the Boathouse.

We set up our tents. Hilary & Tom Scarcella and Corby & Diana Hardy hiked in with their gear. There was no turning back now. Ed was a wonder at getting our dinner ready. Shrimp Creole over wild rice. Cheesecake for dessert. Ooh-la-la! Our sumptuous feast was followed up with stories by the fire and s'mores on the fire. Everyone had a good time sitting around the fire.

Joe & Julie Bryan, Jim and Jana Callan, Patrick Hayes, Kim Wasserman, Stan Krause and his wife, and Polly & Fred Swerdlin all joined us for dinner only. We wished all could have stayed through the night. Maybe the next campout. Suzie Howe was having a fundraiser function inside the building. Suzie's husband, Bill, came out with a trailer full of people to see all of us campers. I think many of them were envious and wished they could have stayed on the campout with us.

We heard the owls calling out. Coyotes howled! It was wonderful to be out there and hear them. I slept great!

In the early morning, Ed's lilting voice singing about a mermaid awakened me. Mark Kramer was unaffected by the singing and stayed wrapped snugly in his sleeping bag on top of the pontoon boat in the boathouse. A cute picture indeed! Once he finished singing, Ed fixed us a fantastic breakfast.

It was then time to take the

canoes out. Laura and Rob Bradley were the first out. Ross White and Samantha (a certified raft guide) were next in line. The tide was out so we ran aground a few times. A great time for bird watching! Mark, Robin Maltsburger and I paddled out next. Mark gave us an education on all the birds that we were seeing. The pink-colored

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spoonbills (roseate spoonbills) are my favorite! And no, I was not seeing things. They really are pink.

Irene Ward and Scot White paddled way past Mark's house. Suddenly, Irene was startled by the phone ringing (reach out and touch someone). It was Scot's wife. He told her about how much fun we were having. She raced down to join us.

What a great group of campers. Shobba Wenger's red scarf and hat added elegance to our campsite. Shobba's husband Alan Wenger was watching out for her...how romantic. Corby & Diana, our resident vegetarians, were impressed with how Master Chef Ed improvised the menu to accommodate them. Ross White and I have decided to do this every year. We think you should plan on camping out, too. It is awesome.

Your fellow Volunteer and Camp Out graduate,

—*Cris Santiago*

## DOWN ON THE FARM 2001

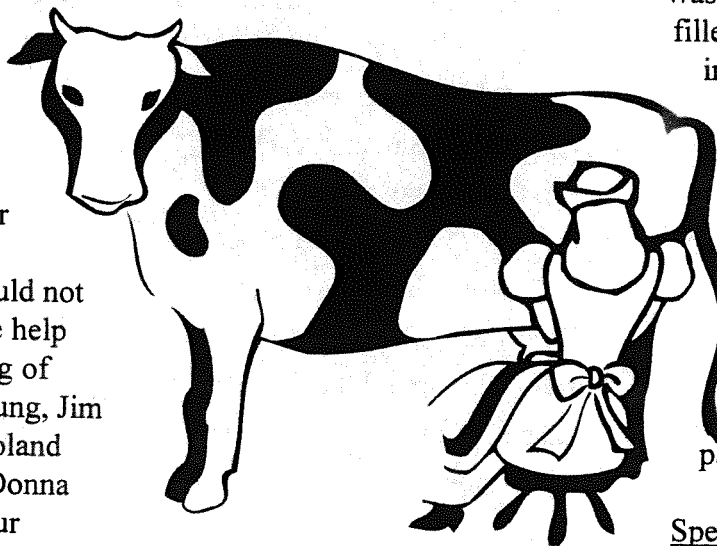
This year was the best Down on the Farm yet!!! Per the public survey, 71% enjoyed the animals the most, compared to 53% last year. The wagon ride and Wells Fargo stagecoach ran second in popularity. The public heard about this event, in order: by a friend, from our sign out front; and from a local newspaper. Seventy-four (74%) of the public surveyed have never been to this event.

Down on the Farm would not have happened without the help of the committee consisting of Polly Swerdlin, Lew Hornung, Jim Edwards, Jim Hawkins, Roland Borey, Alan Wenger, and Donna Nabors. Thank you for your suggestions, and support. Lew, the wagon master, was a great idea! You have many other great ideas that hopefully we will be able to act on in the future. So many of you went above and beyond the call of duty. I want to thank everyone that helped and please forgive me if you are not included in the notes below.

Starting the morning off, Trustees Nancy Chen and Sara Sawin and Bill Howe were lifesavers. They helped rope off areas, check with the demonstrators for needs, and covered the info boot. Whenever they say or heard of a trouble spot or need, they were there helping out...without even being asked. Later in the day Trustee President Helen Hodges helped with tasks and rope making. I am anxious to see the pics from Hanna Drago, our resident photog-

rapher! Bill, you were wonderful. Having an experienced person at the parking lot and gate was comforting during the day. It was a pleasure to have all of you as participants!

Hero is the word that occurs to me when thinking of the many, many folks who came to the rescue throughout the day. Jim Edwards



and Jim Hawkins put up the fencing in the corral when the baby goats began "going over the wall". The baby goats were escaping like ants through the spaces between the logs. Actually, it was fun catching them and putting them back in the corral, but we couldn't do that all day, and there were more of them than us. Another hero is Henry Gibbs, who after finishing his shift with the animals, came several times to ask if anything needed to be done, and willingly did several have-to's that came up in the afternoon. Hero Vicki Schuckhart, a volunteer, and her entire Hero family...husband Bob and daughters Susan and Mary, filled in at the rope making, along with Vicki's Girl Scout troop. Some of our fellow volunteers arrived to assist even though they had not signed up—that's wonderful!

Of course, the ABNC staff was very busy and very helpful. You could be sure and find them in many spots around the Farm. Jo Evans was very busy at the entrance. Thanks to Ephriam Dickson who was holding down the fort in the parking lot and also answering phones. Kim Wasserman and Chris Batten filled in at the information booth in the afternoon. Mark Kramer and Patrick Hayes did "honey-do's" and Lynn Shigekawa oversaw the public surveys. Thanks to all the wonderful staff. A great big thanks to all of you who helped. Down on the Farm 2001 was successful because of your participation.

### Special Notes from Down on the Farm

I want to remind everyone who helped out to fill out your time sheets. And when you work events remember to schedule your hours in the "Event" column. I also have extra photos available. If you would like one they only cost \$.65 each. I have several of many volunteers.

And finally, I would like to give a special thanks to my friend and fellow volunteer, Polly Swerdlin. One of the perks of being an ABNC volunteer is making friends. Polly was a dear friend who provided great support before, during and after Down on the Farm. She was a confidant and she encouraged me when I needed it most. You are a true friend, Polly. Thank you.

—Becky Brignac

## DOWN ON THE FARM 2001

The ice cream booth was successful this year. My thanks especially to ABNC Staffer Patrick Hayes for a simple suggestion that saved time and ...ice cream! Everyone enjoyed the milking cow peeking in the window now and then and "moo-ing". Ambiance is everything!!

I wish to thank Joe Bryan, Sigrid Chase, George Shoup and Laura Bradley. You were a great team, and it was a pleasure to work with you.

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### Kudos' to you!!

For all those who responded to my calls for help, many, many thanks. We had 25 positions to fill for each of the 3 shifts (75 positions). Of the 75 people who filled these positions...54 were able-bodied ABNC volunteers and the remaining 21 helpers included friends, family members, staff, trustees, high schoolers and even girl scouts.

This doesn't even include the outside demonstrators who brought their animals, the weavers, wagon master, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo participants, etc. In spite of the hard work preparing for this I had a great time. I learned a lot this year and have great plans to make it better next year.

Down on the Farm 2001 was successful because of the following people:

Zel Arbuckle, Pat Bates, Jane Bingel, Laura Bradley, Joe Bryan, Sigrid Chase, Joe Clem, Steve and Pat Doerr, Jim Edwards, Mary Garrett, Sarah Granger, Patrick Hayes, Helen Hodges-Trustee, Bill Howe-Trustee, Barbara Miller, Dan and Jen Pelletier, Sara Sawin-Trustee, Vicki, Bob, Susan and Mary Schuckhart, George Shoup, Mary Ann Tucker, Alan Wenger, Lynn Shigekawa, Cherry & Doug Barfoot, Christine Battan, Chris Bingham, Joan & Paul Brunkow, Merle Bunde, Nancy Chen-Trustee, Jo Ann Corry, Hanna Drago, Trustee, Ruth Elder, Hilary Gibbs, Sally Hall, Barbara Hill, Martha Hood, Stan Krauhs, Donna & Michael Nabors, Stephania Rogers, Carol Saxe, Lisa Sessions, Betty Snider, Fred Vickers, Penny Woodward, Lynda Tanner, Mary Barton, John Bean, Marjorie and Roland Borey, Annie Grafton, Erin Carey, Kathy & Jada Ching, Ephriam Dickson, Coleen Ecord, Joe Evans, Henry Gibbs, Jim Hawkins, Christine Hiscox, Lew Hornung, Gina Martin, Christine Naspinski, Ken Russell, Tom Scarsella, Joan Shack, Chuck Snyder - Trustee, Kim Wasserman, Mark Kramer, and Dick Phelps.

—Polly Swerdlin

## BAYOU FOLIAGE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Home: 281-484-5021 home (voice mail if you want to leave your info) 281-481-2337 fax at home

Work: 713-526-4000 ext 315 work Mobrien@kpft.org (work email- I also collect my work email at

Hello ABNC Volunteers, I am the publisher for the ABNC Volunteer newsletter, the *Bayou Foliage*. I want to invite you to submit articles, photographs, notices, book reviews, schedule information, event and program information, or general information for possible use in the *Bayou Foliage*. You may also suggest a topic for an article or notice. The *Bayou Foliage* is a monthly publication sent to volunteers of ABNC with the intent to inform and educate about schedules, activities, and issues at the Center. If you would like to participate in the making of this newsletter please let me know or an ABNC staff member know.

The *Bayou Foliage* is printed monthly. The deadline for submission is the Tuesday following the First Thursday of each month (the Volunteer Board meeting). You may send your submissions to me via email, fax, or just call me. As a note, submissions to the *Bayou Foliage* are printed at the discretion of the publisher of the *Bayou Foliage* and ABNC staff. I look forward to hearing from you.

—Molly O'Brien Ganter  
Volunteer Publisher  
*Bayou Foliage*



## FROM THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE

Call: Kim Wasserman  
Linda Sumner  
281-474-2551

### Teachers Needed For EcoCamp

We are in need of qualified, experienced teachers for EcoCamp, our summer day camp 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.

### Interns Needed For EcoCamp

We are now 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 some experience working with children. Duties include assisting teachers, before and after camp childcare and material preparation.

### Teen Volunteer Coordinator

ABNC is also looking for a Summer Teen Volunteer Coordinator Intern. As a teen volunteer coordinator you would be responsible for coordinating a group of ap-

proximately 20 teens between the ages of 14 and 17 who are volunteering to help with ABNC's Summer EcoCamp. To qualify you must be at least a sophomore in college, a full-time student this Spring 2001 and a returning full-time student in the Fall 2001.

### Teen Volunteers

We are having a teen volunteer program again this year. Last year was the first year and it was very successful. Teens should be between the ages of 14 and 17 and have a desire to help your community and the environment. Teen volunteers will assist teachers during summer EcoCamp.

## ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER WISH LIST

As a non-profit organization, ABNC often finds itself in need of items or services that sometimes we cannot purchase. We are asking for your help in acquiring these items or services. If you have any of the items or skills needed listed below and would like to donate them to ABNC please contact Kim Wasserman at 281-474-2551. Thank you.

### ABNC Needs:

Canoes (all sizes)  
Paddles  
Computers/PC(Pentium or better)



# DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY 2001

## VOLUNTEER DUTY SCHEDULE - May 2001

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 and 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. HIST. DEMO
Sat 5/5	Kathy Chung	Cris Santiago	Paul Brunkow	Stephanie Rogers Mary Garrett	Jane Bingle Cheese	
Sun 5/6	No Trails on Sunday at 11:00	John Siptak	Ken Russell	Eleanor Stanley	Tom Scarcella Woodworking	Hilary Gibbs Study Skins
Sat 5/12	Jim Crabb	Ray Parker	Betty Snyder	Paula Thorson	Chris Bingham Stereopticon	Patsy Cashion Reptiles
Sun 5/13	No Trails on Sunday at 11:00	Stan Krauhs	Dina Supple	Polly Swerdlin	Emily Egan Weaving	Eleanor Stanley Reptiles
Sat 5/19	Louise Peck	Joe Bryan	Joyce Roberts	Chris Bingham	Susan Hesley/J. Shack Yarn Dolls	Pat Doerr Birdfeeder Watching
Sun 5/20	No Trails on Sunday at 11:00	Patty Pennington	Joan Shack		Martha Hood Butter	Zel Arbuckle Snakes
Sat 5/26	Polly Swerdlin	Dina Supple	Kelli Glenn	Jane Bingle	Joyce Roberts Quilts	Anne Tincher Microworld
Sun 5/27	No Trails on Sunday at 11:00	Stan Krauhs	Pat Bates	Paula Thorson	Irene Ward Stereopticon	Polly Swerdlin Turtles

If you can fill in any of the blank spots, please call the appropriate coordinator. Thanks!



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# MAY & JUNE 2001 CALENDAR

## May & June 2001 Calendar

May 1	Tue	Class-Amazing Adaptations	10-12am	Laura Bradley
		Class-Hands on History	10-12am	Stephania Rogers
May 2	Wed	Class-Hands on History	10-12am	Stephania Rogers
May 3	Thurs	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Class-Reptiles	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
		Volunteer Board Meeting	6pm	Ed Adams
May 4	Fri	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
May 5	Sat	Marsh Mania	7am	Mark Kramer
		Birthday - Reptiles	2-4pm	Kim Wasserman
		Garden Days - Hanson House	9-11:30am	Chris LaChance
May 6	Sun	Birthday - Pond Pals	1-3pm	Kim Wasserman
May 8	Tue	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Class-Reptiles	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
		Deadline for Bayou Foliage	4pm	Molly Ganter
May 9	Wed	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Class-Reptiles	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
May 10	Thurs	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Class-Reptiles	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
		Volunteer Meeting	6:30pm	Ed Adams
		Vol Meeting Presentation: Astronomy		Dick Miller (JSCAS)
May 11	Fri	Class-Pond Pals	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
May 12	Sat	Birthday-Reptiles	10a-12pm	Kim Wasserman
		Bayou Boil	5pm	Lynn Shigekawa
May 15	Tue	Class-Reptiles	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
May 16	Wed	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Class-Reptiles	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
May 17	Thur	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Garden Days - Hanson House	9-11:30am	Chris LaChance
		Board of Trustees Meeting	5-6pm	Ephraim Dickson
May 18	Fri	Class-Farm Life	10-11:30am	Stephania Rogers
		Class-Prairie Trail	10-11:30am	Laura Bradley
May 19	Sat	Stewardship	8:30am	Jim Callen
		Forest Plant ID Walk-Educ. Bldg.	2-4pm	Mark Kramer
May 20	Sun	Birthday	1-3pm	Kim Wasserman
May 22	Tue	Class-Track Trails	10:30am	Laura Bradley
June 7	Thurs	Volunteer Board Meeting	6pm	Ed Adams
June 9	Sat	Class-Prairie Burn Auditorium	10am-2pm	Mark Kramer
June 12	Tue	Deadline for Bayou Foliage	4pm	Molly Ganter

\*\*\* No Volunteer Meeting in June instead you and a guest are invited to the Volunteer Potluck Picnic\*\*\*

June 16	Sat	Volunteer Potluck Picnic	6pm	Stan Krauhs
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Note: Education Classes - If you plan to buddy or observe a program it would be a good idea to let the coordinator know so he/she can call you in case of a cancellation. Please keep in mind that instructors arrive at least 30 minutes before the program to set-up and stay after to clean up. Set-up and clean up are part of the program. See EcoAdventures Brochure for a program description. Remember to wear your nametag and your khaki uniform shirt when doing your volunteer duties.

Note: Stewardship Saturdays - Meet in the ABNC parking lot at the project's designated time (Green House if it is raining). Dress appropriately for the activity. Sign up for an activity when you arrive. There may be a limit of volunteers for certain projects. If you have never volunteered at ABNC, you must fill out appropriate forms. If you are between the ages of 14 and 17 you must be accompanied at all times by an adult. You are welcome to bring a drink and a snack. Log your hours before you leave.

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