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look AHEAD

October

26-27 Creepy Crawlers

November

- 1 Volunteer Board Meeting, 6pm
- 3 Garden Days-Farmhouse, 9am
- 3-9 Fall Festival Site Preparation
- 6 Deadline Bayou Foliage, 4pm
- 8 Volunteer Meeting, 6:30pm
- 10-11 Fall Festival
- 17 Garden Days-Farmhouse, 9am

December

- 6 Volunteer Board Meeting
- 11 Deadline Bayou Foliage, 4pm
- 13 Volunteer Holiday Party 6:30pm
(Volunteer Board Elections)

January 2002

- 3 Volunteer Board Meeting, 6pm
- 8 Deadline Bayou Foliage, 4pm
- 10 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
6:30pm

Cookie Time! Are you interested in making cookies for the Fall Festival Volunteer Cookie Booth!



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for more
details.

abnc STAFF GOODBYE

Goodbye to Ephriam and Patrick. As most of you know, Ephriam Dickson and Patrick Hayes left ABNC last month and the Board of Trustees Executive Committee appointed Linda Sumner as Interim Executive Director.

ABNC has seen many great changes since Ephriam and Patrick were hired, including signage out front, bison and hawk exhibits, a maintenance barn and the conversion of the tools crib into offices, just to mention a few.

During this time of change, the staff is prepared to meet the challenges that lay ahead. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share new ideas and goals with new staff. We will miss Ephriam and Patrick and wish them well in the future.

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 Jane Bingel.

Jane is originally from Long Island, New York where she was a classroom teacher for 30 years. She has taught many subjects and grade levels but spent most of her time teaching 5th and 7th grade reading and science. Jane moved from New York to Houston to be closer to family. Her 7-year-old grand daughter first got her interested in Armand Bayou by helping out with Earth Day.

Jane has volunteered since August 1989 and has

served on the board since 1992. Currently, she spends most of her time volunteering with weekday classes, but also helps with the front desk, outreach and events. When I asked her what she most enjoys about volunteering at ABNC, she simply replied, "I love EVERYTHING I do there".

Away from the Nature Center, Jane enjoys traveling and says her favorite places she has visited are the United Kingdom and the Canadian Rockies.

The staff appreciates all of her hard work and dedication.

Thank you, Jane!

--Linda Sumner

abnc volunteer MEETING MINUTES 10/11/01

The meeting was called to order at 8:15. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Bayou Foliage was approved. There was no Treasurers report for approval.

Stan Krauhs said Ray Parker would be leading a leaf identification class on the 20th at 9AM. Dennis Jones of Brazos Bend State Park would be the speaker at the November Volunteer meeting and would be presenting a program on study skin preparation. Laura Bradley was out of town, Jane Bingel said that Weekday Outdoor Education had been well covered and had been busy. Weekday Farm and Weekday Trail were also reported to have been very active this month. Volunteers were still needed for most slots for the weekend of November 25 which has historically been short of volunteers. There is a Breakfast With the Birds on October 20 from 7 to 9 AM that has nine open slots. Christine Hiscox has had a boy.

Wanda Hayden would like to be relieved of the Bayou Foliage mailing job that she has covered so well for so long. She will train anybody who wants to help. Polly will handle the "bulk" transport this month. Linda Sumner gave the Staff Report. Ephraim Dickson and Patrick Hayes have both resigned. The Nature Center Board has formed a search committee to fill the Director's slot. Lew Hornung has

volunteered to help with the Community Service workers for the time being. Jo Evans will be coordinating the special events. The bag stuffing for Creepy Crawlers is scheduled for October 24 at 10AM in the auditorium. The cordgrass planting data that Mark Kramer has been gathering will be used for grant applications. Burn season opens the last weekend in November. November Stewardship Saturdays will be on the third and the seventeenth. Trail maintenance, winter burn preparation, and equipment preparation are on the agenda. Linda said she had been named interim director and asked that we support the Nature Center during this transitional period. Linda spoke for several minutes about the staff changes. She said that the timing of these resignations, coming at the head of our busiest time of year was not wonderful but that we have put these events on many times and we should be able to pull off everything.

Thirteen new Volunteers have completed training and joined our ranks. Bill Cook, Carolyn Lovell, and Jack Chandler were there to get their certificates. Jacey Jarvis picked up her mother's certificate. The Volunteer of the Month is Jane Bingel.

Polly Swerdlin asked that we pay our \$6 for the Fall Festival barbeque

dinner by October 31. We were reminded to use scan cards at Kroger's and Randall's Markets for the benefit of the Nature center. Arlen's Market has a form that can be filled out for a 1% plan. We can bring Arlen's receipts to the Nature Center and collect them there but then someone has to deal with them. Filling out the form would be the easier way to go. We have copies of the form in the Volunteer Office.

The Nominating Committee still has openings to fill. Volunteers are needed to fill the positions of Vice Chair, Secretary, Weekend Demos, Weekday Farm, and Weekday Outdoor Education. Ed Adams inquired about the utilization of youngsters to help out with special events. The consensus was that untrained teenagers, with adult supervision, are a welcome source of additional labor at these events. With reference to Fall Festival in particular, questions should be referred to Jo Evans. Yarn doll and Ropemaking training for Fall Festival are scheduled for the weekend of the thirteenth. The Fall Festival potluck breakfast sign-up sheets are up and will be in the Volunteer Office. Eleanor Stanley reminded us that cookies and other small baked goods will be needed for the Fall Festival and are one of the Volunteer Organizations principal sources of income so start baking now!
Respectfully submitted by Tom Scarsella

future VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Date: November 8, 2001

Time: 6:30 pm Refreshments

7:00 pm Program

8:00 pm Business Mtg.

The speaker for the **November Volunteer Meeting** will feature Dennis Jones, Assistant Superintendent at Brazos Bend State Park who will speak about Scientific Study Skins. Just what is a stuffed animal stuffed with? How

is it done? And before you begin decorating your den you should be aware that there are penalties for possession of some stuffed wildlife. Dennis Jones has worked worked for the past 15 years at Brazos Bend. He has a special place in his heart for ABNC. Dennis was a volunteer and took a turn as chair of the volunteer organization in the late '70s. He worked as

maintenance man on staff for a while in the '80s. It was also then that he met his future wife, Candy Ewell Jones, who was working as a farmhand at the Martyn Farm. Please come to learn more about the instructional props used in studying wildlife and to welcome back an old friend of the nature center.

--by Stan Krauhs

abnc volunteer BUSINESS REPORTS

Armand Bayou Nature Center Volunteers Treasurer's Report October 2001

Beginning Balance \$2727.16

Expenditures:

Postage - Bayou Foliage (September 2001) \$ 31.00

Bank Service Charge \$ 2.00

Total Expenditures \$ 33.00

Income:

Paper Recycling \$ 15.28

Bayou Foliage Postage (Barb Hill, 2 years) \$ 10.00

Arlan's Market (1% Donation) \$ 35.40

Total Income \$ 60.68

Current Balance \$2754.84

abnc STAFF DIRECTORY

Interim Executive Director
Director of Development
Stewardship Coordinator
Senior Naturalist
Visitor Services Coordinator
Front Desk
Animal Collections Assistant
Education Coordinator
Accountant

Linda Sumner
Lynn Shigekawa
Mark Kramer
George Regmund
Jo Evans
Dick Phelps
Chris Battan
Melissa Aguilar
Lynda Tanner



abnc FALL FESTIVAL Nov 10-11, 2001

Volunteer Booth

Don't forget to drop by or volunteer to staff the *Fall Festival Volunteer Booth*. Sign-up in the Volunteer Office. Money raised here goes to the Volunteer Budget. If you have talent in the areas of blacksmithing, woodworking, basket weaving, crocheting, and drawing or painting, we would love to sell your creations at the booth. Some other crafts or hobbies can also include pottery, cornhusk dolls, birdhouses, soap, candles, photos, and plants. Remember items should be appropriate to ABNC and not compete with other vendors present. If you have any ideas or suggestions please call Jane Bingel at 281-554-5069. Here's to a great Fall Festival. --*Martha Hood*

Fall Festival Committee Meetings

Nov 4 Sun	4pm
Dec 2 Sun	4pm (evaluation)
Nov 3-9	Site Preparation

Volunteers welcome!

Country Fair circa 1918

Don't forget the theme for the Fall Festival is Country Fair circa 1918...the turn of the century. Take a look at the newspaper dippings and pictures in the Volunteer Office to get more ideas.

Drop Off for Volunteer Booth Donations

For all you wonderful folks who will be donating items to sell at the volunteer booth...thank you.

Drop off instructions are: For everything but plants bring to the Greenhouse the week of Nov 6-9 at 1-4:30pm. Plant donations go to the Volunteer Booth on Sat. Nov 10 by 9:30 am. Include your name, # and type of article you're donating, suggested selling price, minimum price acceptable.

Also indicate if you would like to donate items not sold to the ABNC gift shop. Thanks to all volunteers including Jane Bingel, Martha Hood, and Eleanor Stanley for coordinating the Volunteer Booth activities.

Cookie Time

Fall Festival is here and that means it is Cookie Time! Once again we will have an opportunity to show off our baking skills for the Volunteer Cookie Booth. The proceeds benefit the Nature Center in a variety of ways.

All kinds of cookies sell well. Here's a chance to use a recipe handed-down in your family or to try a new recipe.

If you can help, you may bring the cookies to ABNC ahead

of the Fall Festival weekend or bring them the morning that you come to the Festival. Don't forget that you can staff the Volunteer booths or volunteer in other capacities at the Fall Festival.

If you bring the cookies ahead of time, please mark them plainly "Fall Festival Cookies" and put your name on them. Thank you. We can always depend on you. You bake them, we will sell them.

--*Stephania Rogers*

Thyme ...for sale!

A variety of herb seedlings will be on sale at the ABNC volunteer booth during the Fall Festival, November 10-11, 2001.

You can find oregano, lemon basil, dill, lemon balm, mint, and of course thyme. Many of these herbs were used in farm life cooking at the turn of the century. You can purchase single seedling pots or a mixed seedling 6-pack. You can even pick-up a couple of lavender and butterfly weed seedlings.

Supplies are limited so come by the Volunteer Booth early and buy these herbs from the past for your cooking today.

--*Molly Ganter*

abnc VOLUNTEER INFO

Volunteer Board Elections December 13th at Volunteer Meeting/Party

We're Looking for a Few Good Leader Volunteers. The Volunteer Board Nominating committee is in the process of finding volunteers to serve on the Volunteer Board for next year. It is great how every volunteer plays a role at ABNC.

Here is an opportunity to work more closely with fellow volunteers, be involved in decision making, and practice your leadership skills. Some of the positions are still open if you want to run for election: Vice Chair, Secretary, Weekend Demos, Weekday Farm, and Weekday Outdoor Education.

Time is running out...the elections for the Volunteer Board will be held at the **Thursday, December 13th Volunteer Meeting and Party** (at 6pm). Information regarding the candidates running for office will be available at that meeting on December 13th.

If you are interested being a Volunteer Board Member, please contact Judy Sharp at 281-488-2762 or Anne Tincher at 281-486-5167. Thank you.

Bayou Foliage Fee for Inactive Volunteers

Inactive Volunteers can continue (under the Volunteer Bylaws) to receive the Bayou Foliage by paying an annual postage fee of \$5.00. We are asking all inactive volunteers who currently receive the Foliage under this provision to review their records to see if they are in arrears. Our records show that there may be several. Please submit your fee by mail (you may pay multiple years if you wish). Send your fee to the attention of the:

ABNC Volunteer Treasurer
Bayou Foliage
8500 Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77258

--Ken Russell

Roving Reporters needed

Start writing. The Bayou Foliage welcomes your stories and reports. We are especially interested in receiving your reports from our special events, such as Creepy Crawlers or Fall Festival.

If you would like to contribute to the Bayou Foliage as a volunteer Roving Reporter please call or email Molly Ganter
gantclan@aol.com

Wash Tubs Needed

Metal wash tubs are needed for Fall Festival for use in dispensing canned and bottled drinks. If you have a tub or tubs to loan, please call Jim Callan at 281-824-9411.

Thanks.



abnc volunteer CALENDAR

Nov 1	Thurs	Volunteer Board Meeting	6pm	Ed Adams
Nov 3	Sat	Garden Days-Farmhouse	9:00am	Mary Alice Trumble
Nov 3-9	Sat-Fri	Fall Festival Site Preparation	daily	Polly Swerdlin
Nov 6	Tue	Deadline for <i>Bayou Foliage</i>	4pm	Molly Ganter
Nov 8	Thurs	Volunteer Meeting	6:30pm	Ed Adams
Nov 10-11	Sat-Sun	Fall Festival		Jo Evans
Nov 17	Sat	Garden Days-Farmhouse	9:00am	Mary Alice Trumble
Dec 6	Thurs	Volunteer Board Meeting	6pm	Ed Adams
Dec 11	Tue	Deadline for <i>Bayou Foliage</i>	4pm	Molly Ganter
Dec 13	Thurs	Volunteer Holiday Party (Elections for Volunteer Board Members)	6:30pm	Ed Adams
Jan 3, 2002	Thurs	Volunteer Board Meeting	6pm	Ed Adams
Jan 8, 2002	Tue	Deadline for <i>Bayou Foliage</i>	4pm	Molly Ganter
Jan 10, 2002	Thurs	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	6:30pm	Linda Sumner

NOTES: 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. Depending on your activities at the Center, it is a good idea to bring mosquito repellent and sunscreen.

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.

Garden Days - At the Farmhouse, held each month on 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 9:00 am (unless otherwise stated).

Prairie Days -- Every Friday is Prairie Day. Contact Mark Kramer for more information.

abnc new VOLUNTEERS

BROYLES, SARAH	4300 BAY AREA BLVD # 1723	HOUSTON 77058	281-282-0533 h
CHANDLER, JACK	15611 RILL LANE	HOUSTON 77062	281-486-4740 h
COOKE, BILL	15707 CLEARCREST DR	HOUSTON 77059	281-480-2441 h
DAVIS, PATRICIA	P O BOX 627	BACLIFF 77518	281-339-3211 h
HENDRIX, THOMAS	2001 AZTEC	DEERPARK 77536	281-479-5911 h
HICKS, PATTY	938 KINGWOOD DR # 512	KINGWOOD 77339	281-358-5104 h
HUFFELDT, PHILIP	16334 CLEARCREST	HOUSTON 77059	281-286-7114 h
JARVIS, JACY	110 MEADOW BEND DRIVE	LEAGUE CITY 77573	281-334-5494 h
LITTLE, CAREY	110 MEADOW BEND	LEAGUE CITY 77573	281-334-5494 h
LOVELL, CAROLYN	408 SILVERLEAF DRIVE	FRIENDSWOOD 77546	281-992-4914 h
MCLEOD, MICHAEL	2601 REPSDORPH RD 1906	SEABROOK 77586	281-532-1580 h
PROSSER, ANNE	2703 TIMBER BRIAR CR	HOUSTON 77059	281-461-7338 h
WILKINS, CARRIE	3513 SUITERWAY	PASADENA 77503	713-449-6928 h

and more FALL FESTIVAL

Country Fair

Veterans of Fall Festival know the drill, but here's the final list to consider for this year's main event.

SIGN UP

We still need volunteers to sign up for activities at Fall Festival. In fact, you don't even have to be an official volunteer. Sign your partner up, your teenage kids, and some neighbors if they are willing! If they don't have a nametag (for free entry), let us know and we will have one ready for them when they arrive.

SIGN-IN PROCEDURES

When you arrive, ready for "duty", no matter what time of day it is, please check in at the information booth to mark your name. That way we will (1) know who has participated (2) know what activities are covered or needs spare helpers (3) give you 2 drink-or-food tickets per shift you work (4) let you know if there are any last minute changes. The information booth will be along side the birthing barn, in sight of the farmhouse and windmill.

DRESS

Anything from 1900 to 1918 will be very nice to see around the grounds. The public will be expecting period attire, but most won't know about authenticity. If you don't have a costume, please wear your khaki shirt and name tag.

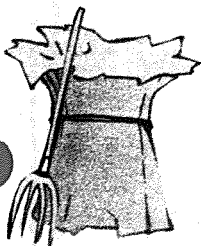
BREAKFAST

As usual, breakfast on that weekend is pretty much potluck. We have a sign-up list in the volunteer office. It will help us get started early if there are munchies to grab as we prepare for the day. Please put down an item you think you can bring.

PARKING

Weather permitting; the field near the buffalo will be where volunteers and demonstrators can park. If it is too wet, the paved parking lot will be used up quickly. If you only work part of the day, please consider using the UHCL parking.

I will be on the Nature Center property the whole week (even Monday) before Fall Festival to finish any preparations, and will appreciate any help from my friends. Thank you for your support.



--Polly Swerdlin

Work number noon to 8pm: 281-280-5481

Cell phone with voicemail: 281-814-4606

E-mail: pfollyred@yahoo.com

abnc BOARD OF TRUSTEES**Special Assignment on the Board of Trustees' Nominating Committee**

I had a recent assignment that is a first for the volunteer organization, that of representing the organization on the Board of Trustees' Nominating Committee (BTNC). During the annual membership meeting of ABNC, in January, it was suggested that a volunteer be on the BTNC, which usually consists of 4-6 Board members. This would serve several purposes. First, it would demystify the process of exactly how trustees are selected for nomination. Second, it would give the volunteers a direct voice in the process. [Note: There are currently several volunteers on the Board of Trustees who can also make suggestions to the nominating committee.] And finally, it would strengthen cooperation between the Board and the volunteers through better communication.

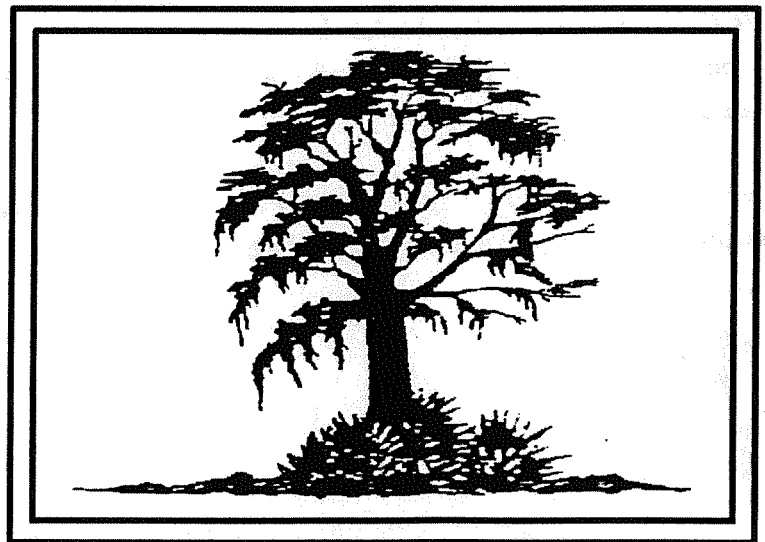
These are the tasks of the nominating committee:

1. To determine which Board members must leave the Board (the maximum tenure is two consecutive 3-year terms, after which there must be a 1-year break)
2. To determine which Board members are at the end of their first 3-year term and ask them to stay on if they are felt to be valuable members
3. To determine what type of member is missing, that is what type(s) of members are needed to have a Board that is diverse and yet contains people with valuable skills or connections within the many communities that impact ABNC
4. To find the right people to make the most progress toward the goals of the nature center in filling the remaining openings, for a maximum of 50 members

The new slate of nominees will be listed in the next issue of the ABNC membership newsletter, with formal voting at the annual membership meeting in January. The meeting is open to the public, but only members may vote.

It is a good time to meet some of the trustees who make policy for the Nature Center. It was a privilege and a pleasure to represent the volunteers on the BTNC.

--Stan Krauhs



abnc volunteer DUTY ROSTER

In an attempt to take some of the load off the Coordinators, and to help cut down on our "no show" rate the Bayou Foliage will print a monthly list of folks who have volunteered for various assignments. If you are scheduled for a particular duty and you are unable to attend, please find your own substitute. You may be able to trade weekends or swap a day with someone who has another duty during the month. Use the roster below to find your substitute. Please inform the ABNC desk and the activity coordinator if you trade assignments. Also, if you can fill in any of the blank spots, please call the appropriate Coordinator. When you do your assignment please check in at the front desk with Joe Evans. Thank you.

DATE	11:00 TRAIL Coordinator, Ruby Dilgren	2:00 TRAIL Coordinator, Ruby Dilgren	INFO SERVICES Coordinator, Jane Bingel	FARM INTERP Coordinator, Jane Bingel	FARM DEMO Coordinator, Eldine Owens	NAT HISTORY DEMO Eldine Owens
SAT 11/3	<i>Jim Crabb</i>	<i>Charles Buren</i>	<i>Paul Brunkow</i>	<i>Jen & Dan Pelletier</i>	<i>Jane Bingel Cheese</i>	<i>Ruby Dilgren Arthropods</i>
SUN 11/4	NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM	<i>Stan Krauhs</i>	<i>Betty Snider</i>	<i>Stephania Rogers</i>	<i>Mary Ann Tucker Baskets</i>	<i>Zel Arbuckle Snakes</i>
SAT 11/10	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>
SUN 11/11	NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i>
SAT 11/17	<i>Louise Peck</i>	<i>Ray Parker</i>	<i>Joyce Roberts</i>	<i>Eleanor Stanley</i>	<i>Tom ScarsellaWood Shop Chris Bingham Stereoscope</i>	<i>Hillary Gibbs Study Skins</i>
SUN 11/18	NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM	<i>Marie Asscherick</i>	<i>Merle Bunde</i>	<i>Chris Bingham</i>	<i>Joyce Roberts Quilts</i>	<i>Eleanor Stanley Reptiles</i>
SAT 11/24	<i>Cris Santiago</i>	<i>Stan Krauhs</i>	<i>Pat Bates</i>	<i>Paula Thorsen</i>	<i>Stephania Rogers Ropemaking</i>	<i>Polly Swerdlin White tail Deer</i>
SUN 11/25	NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM	<i>Martha Hood</i>				

2001 Volunteer Board

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Weekend Trail	Ruby Dilgren	281-488-1727	
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