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...A request for Volunteers to please
update your addresses, phones and emails
on the Volunteer Roster.

Next time you go to the Volunteer Office
check out the roster and make your
changes right on it. Updates and
changes are due by May 1st. If you
can't make it by the Volunteer office call
Stan Krauhs with your updates.
(281) 470-2744 Thank you!

CAMPOUT on the BAYOU

When: March 2 and 3 **Who:** Any ABNC Volunteer **Cost:** \$10 - for 3 meals (\$5 for Saturday dinner only) **Place:** East Bank of Armand Bayou, near the boathouse
Contact: Ed Adams 713-946-2754

Join us for an unusually good time on the volunteer campout Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3. There'll be ample time for hiking, canoeing, fishing, bird watching, yodeling, and just hanging around the campfire with friends. Meet in the ABNC main parking lot at noon on Saturday. Camping gear will be transported down the boathouse road on the flatbed trailer, and camp will be set up near the boathouse. Bring your own tent or the nature center can provide tent space for 25 and sleeping bags for 8 campers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Bring sleeping bag, flashlight, lawn chair, and anything else that you might need for an overnight stay in the woods. Please remember that there is a no-alcohol policy at ABNC for this event. Wilderness Chef Ed Adams will cook dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday for only \$10 per person. If you'd like to join everyone for dinner on Saturday but do not want to stay overnight, the charge is only \$5 for dinner. We'll be breaking camp after lunch on Sunday. Sign up by Thurs February 28 in the volunteer office. Contact Ed Adams or Mark Kramer for additional info. Don't miss this chance to enjoy spring along the bayou. Please remember that there is a no alcohol policy at ABNC for this event.

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 Odie Asscherick.

Odie is originally from Louisiana where he worked as a Production Manager for a bakery company. After a merging and down sizing, he decided to try his luck in Houston, where he had family and friends.

Odie was a mail carrier for 27 years in Houston. During that time, he also took EMS training and volunteered with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

Odie is a Master Gardener and a volunteer at the Genoa Friendship Garden where he meet ABNC volunteer, Dick Benoit.

Dick was actively recruiting volunteers for the Master Naturalist program, and Odie jumped at the opportunity to expand his knowledge. In Fall 2000, the Gulf Coast Master Naturalist training class was held at Armand Bayou Nature Center. As part of the requirements for the program, trainees must volunteer 40 hours. Lucky for us, he

picked ABNC. He first became involved with stewardship and more specifically with controlled prairie burns. It wasn't until months later that he learned the list he had been signing in on wasn't the logbook, but instead it was the "Sandwich List" for the day of burning! Currently, Odie is serving as the Weekend Trail Coordinator. He is unable to volunteer as much as his would like due to a recent knee injury, but even that won't slow this retired Postman down. Wanda can't thank him enough for taking on the bulk mailing of the volunteer newsletter.

Away from the Nature Center, he enjoys designing web pages. He has set up pages for the Gulf Coast and Galveston County Master Naturalists where he always lists ABNC programs on the advanced training pages.

Thank you Odie for all you do at Armand Bayou Nature Center and for volunteering with so many nonprofit organizations!

abnc volunteer MEETING MINUTES

from meeting on February 14, 2002

The guest speaker was **Joe Granata**, who gave a presentation on **Vegetation for the Gulf Coast Environment**. Chairman **Stan Krauhs** opened the business portion of the meeting immediately following the presentation.

Executive Director Sam Harwell announced that he has assumed the responsibility for coordinating the **Down on the Farm** event. It will be held on March 23 as originally scheduled. An activity sign-up sheet is posted in the volunteer office.

Eleanor Stanley (Weekend Demos) requested greater volunteer cooperation for Sunday openings. These have proven very difficult to fill.

Ken Russell (Treasurer) announced that the 2002 Volunteer Budget will not be finalized until April instead of March in order to allow more time for input.

Ken also reported on **Stewardship** for Jim Callan and Mark Kramer. Widgeon grass samples from last year's planting will be collected on Stewardship Saturday, February 16. There may also be some work on transplanting native wildflowers.

Armand Bayou is a Texas State Coastal Preserve. Texas Parks and Wildlife plans to erect 26 numbered information signs along the bayou sometime in the future. Prairie burning has been very successful this winter, with 152 acres burned to date.

Ed Adams discussed the **Volunteer Camp Out**. Publicity has been limited so far because dates had to be moved to eliminate conflicts with other activities. However, the date has now been fixed on March 2 and 3. Volunteers may come for dinner on Saturday or may camp for the night. Tents and sleeping bags can be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the volunteer office.

Ann Tincer (Vice-Chair) announced that Don Richardson would speak on Texas Birds and Migration at next month's meeting. Ann said that she had received many good suggestions for guest speakers and requested that volunteers continue to provide ideas about continuing education topics. A refresher training session will be conducted on March 9 covering five farm activities (rope, cheese, butter, yarn dolls, and wood puzzles). Arrangements have been

made to video tape these sessions to facilitate future training.

Linda Sumner (Staff) reported that replacement dip nets were on order, as approved by the volunteer board. The opening for the Volunteer Coordinator has been posted. Linda also announced that a request by **ExxonMobil** to host their annual company picnic has been accepted. They may have as many as 5000 people, but will provide considerable support such as food, toilet facilities, and transportation arrangements.

Exxon-Mobil is an important supporter of ABNC and will guarantee significant revenue for this event. Sam Harwell is the coordinator.

Linda announced that **Odie Asscherick** has been selected as **Volunteer of the Month**.

Chairman Stan Krauhs announced that three new volunteer committees will be formed: 1) Bayou Foliage review, 2) Volunteer Recruitment, and 3) Volunteer Recognition. Stan adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Cooke

abnc VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Birds and Migration

We all know that many birds migrate, but why do they migrate, and how do they migrate? Do you have questions about birds and migration? Well if you do you may want to come to the March 14th Volunteer Meeting to hear Don Richardson. Dan will talk to us

about "Birds and Migration, Why and How they do it." Birding struck Don's fancy after his 20 year Navy career. He arrived in Houston in 1980 and became active in Houston's Ornithology Group. In 1984 he began teaching field oriented beginning birding classes and continued that for 18 years.

Don has authored bird articles for the magazine "Texas Birds" and the Houston Ornithology Group's publication "Spoonbill."

Join us at the Volunteer Meeting on March 14, 2002 at 6:30pm to learn about bird migration.

abnc volunteer BUSINESS REPORTS

Armand Bayou Nature Center Volunteers Treasurer's Report February 2002

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| Beginning Balance | \$3703.22 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Postage - Bayou Foliage (January 2002) | \$ 33.79 |
| Bank Service Charge | \$ 2.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 35.79 |
| Income: | |
| Paper Recycling | \$ 19.05 |
| Total Income | \$ 19.05 |
| Current Balance | \$3686.48 |

STATUS OF THE VOLUNTEER BUDGET FOR 2002

The Volunteer Board planned to publish the proposed Volunteer Budget for 2002 in this issue of the Foliage so that the Volunteer Organization could vote on it at the March Volunteer Meeting. We did not complete discussions on the budget at the February Board Meeting so the proposed budget and vote will be delayed until the April Meeting. Thank you.

--Ken Russell

abnc STAFF DIRECTORY

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| Executive Director | Sam Harwell |
| Director of Education | Linda Sumner |
| Director of Development | Lynn Shigekawa |
| Stewardship Coordinator | Mark Kramer |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Linda Sumner |
| Senior Naturalist | George Regmund |
| Visitor Services Coordinator | Jo Evans |
| Front Desk | Dick Phelps |
| Animal Collections Assistant | Chris Battan |
| Education Coordinator | Melissa Aguilar |
| Accountant | Lynda Tanner |
| Webmaster | Richard Coleman |



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abnc volunteer CALENDAR 2002

March

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|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2 Sat | Birthday Party-Reptile | 10-12 & 2-4 | Melissa Aguilar |
| 2 Sat | Stewardship Saturday | 8:30 am | Mark Kramer |
| 2 Sat-3 Sun | Vol Campout on Bayou | overnight | Ed Adams |
| 5 Tues | Nature Discovery | 10am | Jane Bingel |
| 6 Wed | Nature Discovery | 10am | Jane Bingel |
| 7 Thur | Nature Discovery | 10am | Jane Bingel |
| 7 Thur | Volunteer Board Mtg | 6pm | Stan Krauhs |
| 9 Sat | Continuing Education Farm Demos | 10am | Anne Tincher |
| 9 Sat | Girl Scout Wildlife | 9:45-3pm | Melissa Aguilar |
| 12 Tue | Deadline Bayou Foliage | 4pm | Molly Ganter |
| 14 Thur | Volunteer Mtg | 6:30 pm | Stan Krauhs |
| 16 Sat | Volunteer Training | 9-1pm | Linda Sumner |
| 23 Sat | Down on the Farm | 9-5pm | Sam Harwell |
| 23 Sat | Trash Bash | 8-1pm | Mark Kramer |

April

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| 4 Thur | Farm Life Class | 11 am | Jane Bingel |
| 6 Sat | Stewardship Saturday | 8:30am | Mark Kramer |
| 9 Tue | Insects | 10-11:30 | Jane Bingel |
| 13 Sat | Girl Scouts Water Wonders | 9:45-3pm | Melissa Aguilar |
| 19 Fri | Reptiles Class | 10-11:30 | Jane Bingel |
| 20 Sat | Earth Day | 9-5 | Mark Kramer |
| 26 Fri | Reptiles Class | 10-11:30 | Jane Bingel |
| 27 Sat | Marsh Mania | 8-1pm | Mark Kramer |
| 27 Sat | Girl Scouts Water Wonders | 9:45-3pm | Melissa Aguilar |
| 27 Sat | Night Hike | 7-9pm | Odie Asscherick |

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).

TOWERS AND BIRDS

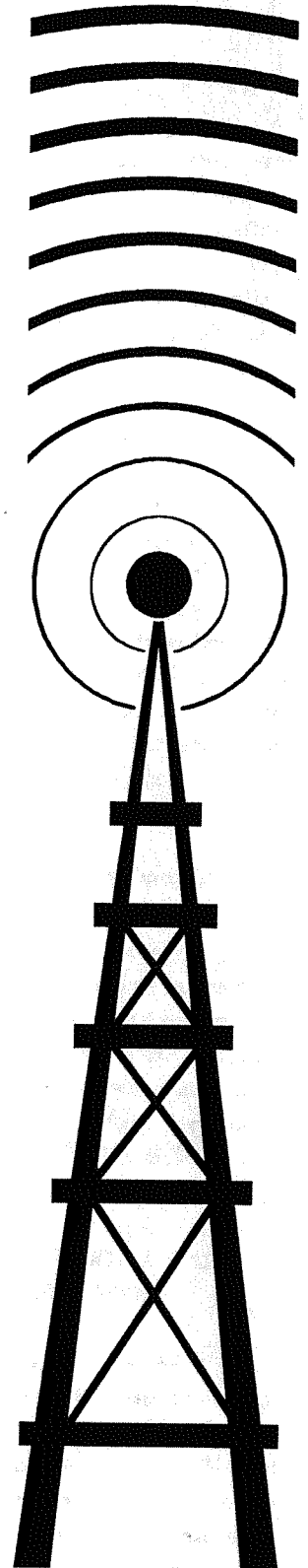
We are living in a high-tech, fast-paced, well-connected world. We seldom slow down long enough to look around at the impact that our way of life has on our environment and nature. These days it is rare to see someone who is not connected to a cell phone or wireless gadget. Undoubtedly, cell phones and wireless personal data assistants (PDAs) have made most of our human lives easier. However it has affected another population in an adverse way....birds. That's right, birds.

Our bird population appears to be declining due in part to the proliferation of telecommunication towers, which are needed to provide the wireless link in order to stay "in touch". To meet our seemingly unquenchable thirst for more gadgets such as pagers, cell phones, & PDAs, the telecommunications industry must build more and more and taller telecommunication towers. The towers have a negative impact on birds in two ways: birds are killed when they fly into the guy wires and birds die when they are disoriented by the blinking red lights of aviation beacons on the tops of towers. The birds fly around the towers becoming disoriented by the blinking lights and eventually drop from exhaustion. Some deaths occur on clear nights but the problems increase on foggy or stormy nights. Some studies document hundreds or even thousands of birds found dead beneath one single tower after one night.

Estimates according to the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) towers are responsible for the deaths of millions of birds each year in this country. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) believes as many as 40 million birds are killed at more than 77,000 television, cell phone, pager and other communication towers in the US. The USFWS believes 230 species of birds are at risk from tower kills and that 50 of these are birds that are endangered. Songbirds migrating at night are the most vulnerable.

Bird mortality at the towers has long been documented but progress has been slow in finding solutions. Birding groups, government agencies (FCC, FWS, FAA) and the telecommunications industry must work together to solve this problem. Guidelines have been proposed such as lower heights on towers, fewer guy wires, redesigning the lights so birds are not mesmerized by them, and limiting the number of towers that can be built in areas critical to bird migration. More research and cooperation between agencies and the telecommunication towers industry could result in saving thousands if not millions of birds.

For further information try *Birders World Magazine* (June 2001), the American Bird Conservancy web site - www.abcbirds.org , or www.wildbirds.com , or www.towerkill.com



--Jane Bock

abnc VOLUNTEER INFO



CALLING ALL CANOERS

Due to the overwhelming response to our canoeing program, ABNC would like to add an additional canoeing tour every other or each month. If you are interested and available to lead these programs on the fourth Saturday of each month please contact Linda Sumner at 281-474-2551.

NO ONE CALLS ME!

Sometimes it takes a little work to become fully integrated into the volunteer corp. Coordinators are encouraged to call people "off of their list", but if you are interested in an area of volunteering and no one from that area ever seems to call you, then pick up the phone and call them. The coordinator would be glad to add your name to their list!

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.

AND INTERNS NEEDED FOR ECOCAMP, TOO!

We will soon begin interviewing for summer interns for our annual EcoCamp. Prospective interns should be at least 18 years of age, have experience or interest in environmental education and some experience working with children. Duties include assisting teachers, before and after camp childcare and material preparation. If you are interested in being

a Teacher or Intern please send your resume to:

Linda Sumner, Director of Education
ABNC
P.O. Box 58828
Houston, Texas 77258
Or Fax to (281) 474-2551

TEEN VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED POSITION SUPPORTED BY A GRANT THROUGH EXXONMOBIL

ABNC is looking for a summer Teen Volunteer Coordinator Intern. This intern will be responsible for coordinating 25 teens between the ages of 14 - 17 who will assist with EcoCamp. To apply, send you resume:

Volunteer Coordinator
Armand Bayou Nature Center
P.O. Box 58828
Houston, Texas 77258
Or fax to (281) 474-2552
or for more info, call the Volunteer
Coordinator at (281) 474-2551.

SUMMER TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

This summer, ABNC will again 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! Teen Volunteers will assist teachers during summer EcoCamp. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (281) 474-2551 for more information and an application.

EXXONMOBIL EMPLOYEE PICNIC

On May 4, ABNC will be the site for an ExxonMobil Employee Picnic. Sam Harwell, the Executive Director will be coordinating the event with ExxonMobil staff. We need the volunteers' support and help on this event. It means a guaranteed \$15,000, rain or shine. We

would like to offer a "festival" with activities such as face painting, hayrides, trail hikes, canoeing, children's crafts, demonstrations, games and much more! We are expecting about 5,000 visitors. This will be a great opportunity to share the wonders of ABNC and receive some financial support. A sign-up sheet will be in the Volunteer Office soon. If you are interested in being the "Volunteer Point Person" for the event, please call the front desk and let them know.

DOWN ON THE FARM

The event will be held Saturday, March 23, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There is still a lot to do. If you would like to be a part of the committee, you are welcomed any time. We will have flyers to distribute, volunteering slots to fill, set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday.

There is something to do for every interest, and more importantly it will be fun! Call Sam Harwell 281-474-2551 for more information or sign-up for activities in the Volunteer Office.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Learn how to make wood puzzles, yarn dolls, butter, cheese and/or rope just in time for Down on the Farm. Sat. March 9th at 10:00 a.m. - noon, several volunteers will show you how to do these popular activities. Once you learn how to do these activities you can show off your new skills at weekday farm classes, farm demos, outreach programs and of course, Fall Festival.

You are encouraged to stay for the whole two hours so you can practice your new skill and/or you may sign up for more than one activity and review the techniques with our experienced volunteers.



view from THE CHAIR

Record your volunteer hours -- it's important to ABNC

We all know that we should record our volunteer hours in the log book and most volunteers do most of the time. We are recognized at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for the number of hours we volunteer, and it's gratifying to get that recognition. But hundreds of volunteer hours were not recorded last year, and this may represent opportunities lost to the nature center. Why is it so important, if the volunteer isn't looking for recognition? If it is not convenient to stop by the volunteer office, why should you make an effort to log your time in the book? Here's why.

- Granting institutions need proof of "people power" to ensure ABNC will be able to fulfill grant commitments.
- Granting institutions request volunteer hour information to identify growth in the volunteer corps to see that it matches growth in the services delivered.
- Companies that give matching funds for employees' and retired employees' volunteer time need proof of the hours. (The standard minimum is 50 hours.)
- ABNC staff can track volunteering trends for specific areas and during certain months, and can target recruiting efforts accordingly.
- The Bylaws of the Volunteer

Organization state that to remain an active volunteer, one must log a minimum of 48 hours a year. If that is not documented, then the volunteer no longer has the right to vote or to receive the *Bayou Foliage*.

For the volunteer corps, the most important reason to record hours is that the more volunteer hours officially recorded, the more support can be justified for the Volunteer Coordinator position and a volunteer office.

--Stan Krauhs, Chair of the Volunteer Board

abnc CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education for Volunteers: Who, What, When, Where, How

As a volunteer you are responsible for your continuing education. As the vice chair of the volunteer organization I am responsible for the planning and coordinating of all continuing education programs after volunteer graduation. This does not mean that the vice chair personally plans or carries out each continuing education program but that he/she should be the first person contacted to discuss and

schedule a program.

All programs must be cleared through the ABNC staff education coordinator to ensure among other things that there are no conflicts with other scheduled activities. The vice chair will ensure the program is entered into the activity book and that a signup/attendance sheet is made.

The person coordinating the program, whether it be the vice chair or other volunteer or staff member, must ensure all necessary equipment is arranged for and setup and that teardown and cleanup are

completed before leaving unless otherwise arranged.

I am always looking for continuing education programs of interest to the volunteers, especially if you know of an individual to present the topic.

I will be happy to investigate and make contact. Please give me a call with your ideas. And, if you want to coordinate the program yourself, I will be happy to guide you through the steps required.

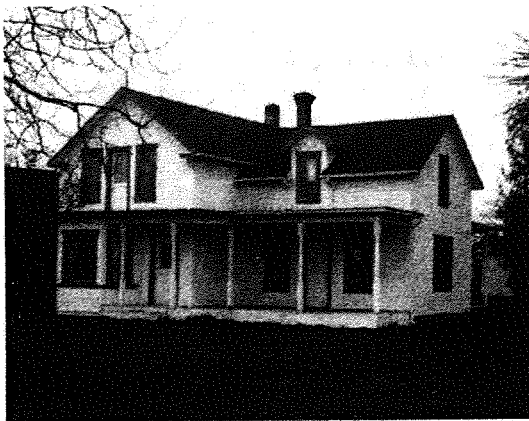
--Anne Tincher, Vice Chair of the Volunteer Board

INFO SERVICES & FARM INTERPRETATION

ABNC and Information Services

It's about being the First Contact a visitor has with the Nature Center as an Information Services Interpreter. It's about giving visitors a big welcome and helping them to know where things are and what's going on. It's about answering questions on many subjects, sharing your nature expertise, creating interest, chatting with folks, meeting many interesting people from all over the world, and helping the Admissions person keep their sanity on extra busy days. On slow days it's about helping with whatever job needs doing, observing the nature surrounding the Kanaka building, browsing in the gift shop, or visiting with fellow volunteers.

You can make what you want out of this job, keeping in mind that you are the **FIRST CONTACT** and you will make a lasting impression. Sign up to do "Info Services" or to "buddy" for practice on Saturdays or Sundays 1-4pm.



The Farm and Farm Interpretation

The Hansen House on the Martyn Farm is over 100 years old and you can welcome visitors and tell them all about it by being a Farm Interpreter.

Share the history of the Hansen house as well as the Martyn family. Talk about life at the turn of the century while pointing out fascinating and intriguing items throughout the house. Show the use of natural products and recycling as well as the hardships endured compared to our take-for-granted modern conveniences.

Enjoy the questions and smiles of curious children, the visitors' personal stories of life on a family farm here or in other parts of the world, the companionship of a fellow volunteer, making cheese or butter, baking in the wood stove or doing some other farm demo. Savor the view, the birds, the pond, and even the periodic sound of silence and remember that the farmhouse might not be opened without your participation. Don't miss the opportunity to be a Farm Interpreter, or to "buddy" if you have never done this job before, Saturdays or Sundays 1-4pm. Thanks

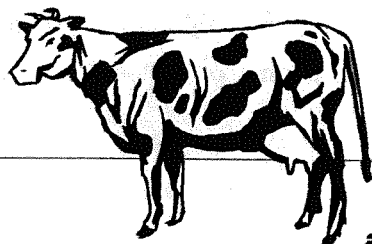
--Ruby Dilgren

abnc THANK YOU

Farm Life and Hands on History Teachers

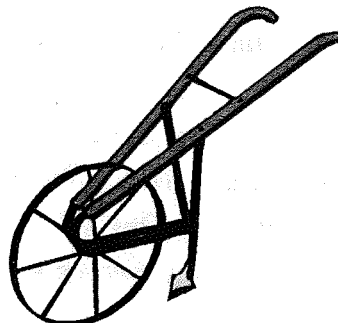
You are the best! When we get requests for farm classes you always come through. Thanks to your help we have been able to serve these well-attended classes.

At times we get requests for classes with fairly short notice. Even so, whenever possible you have rearranged your schedules to accommodate these kids.



Thank you so much for your diligence and help. Thanks to Jane Bingel, Dottie Evans, Helen Harger, Dewanna Norris, Sandra Watters, Mary Ann Tucker, Penny Woodward, Jo Ann Corry, Cherre House, Ed Adams, Betty Snider, Mary Garrett, John Bean, Anne Tincher, and Ruby Dilgren.

I have enjoyed working with you all so much and really appreciate



your involvement. I will continue to call you for a while to fill these classes until Tabatha Holt, the 2002 Weekday Farm Coordinator, can take over. I know you will work with her to cover these classes. I will be working with you ...side by side until then. Thank you for making my job easy and for being a wonderful ABNC volunteer.

*--Stephania Rogers,
2001 Weekday Farm Coordinator*

abnc STEWARDSHIP

TRASH BASH, EARTH DAY AND MARSH MANIA EXTRAVAGANZA !

It's that time of year again. Spring time, a time activity and growth. In the Stewardship Department it means time to gear up for Trash Bash, Earth Day and Marsh Mania. For volunteers who have helped in the past, and want to participate again, please mark your calendars. For new volunteers who would like to help, and want more information, feel free to give me call. Thanks.

--Mark Kramer

TRASH BASH - Saturday, March 23, 8am-1:30pm

Help keep Armand Bayou clean by picking up trash as you canoe along the bayou. Meet at Bay Area Park to participate. ABNC canoes will be available or bring your own if possible. Lunch, educational demos and entertainment provided after the clean up.

EARTH DAY - Saturday, April 20, 9am-5pm.

Help with this once a year celebration of spring along the bayou. Volunteer opportunities include guided trail hikes, demos and canoeing. Pack a lunch, guide a hike and enjoy the rest of day on the preserve. Enjoy a free pontoon boat ride after your demo!

MARSH MANIA - Saturday, April 27, 8am-1:30pm.

Help restore marsh habitat by planting marsh grass in the bayou. Volunteer to become a Team Captain or show up just to plant grass. Lunch, educational demos and entertainment will be provided after the event.

abnc BAYOU FOLIAGE

Review Committee

Is it time for a change in this newsletter? Bring your ideas to a new committee.

This year we want to set up 3 new committees designed to invigorate the volunteer organization. They are the *Bayou Foliage* Review Committee, the Volunteer Recruitment Committee, and the Volunteer Recognition Committee. The *Bayou Foliage* Review Committee (see below) will be the first one and will be chaired by our newsletter editor, Molly Ganter.

This committee will probably meet only a few times beginning in April. Your input is wanted, both favorable and unfavorable, to make the *BF* an even better communication tool. If you want to be on the committee, notify Stan Krauhs by phone 281-470-2744, ABNC mailbox, or e-mail krauhs@wt.net. Please forward all suggestions and comments to Molly Ganter. After this committee is kicked off, the Recruitment Committee will be formed in May and the Recognition Committee in June. More effort in both of these areas will strengthen our organization.

***Bayou Foliage* Review Committee**

Mission: Review the format, content, and publication schedule of the *BF* to ensure it meets the current needs of the volunteer organization.

Process: Temporary committee made up of volunteer board members and regular volunteers, to be appointed by the chair and led by the editor of the *BF*, Molly Ganter. It should meet as many times as necessary to fulfill its mission.

Results: Make recommendations to the volunteer board for their action with consent of the volunteers at a regular volunteer meeting, if deemed appropriate.

--Stan Krauhs

B a y o u F o l i a g e R e v i e w

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, Odie Asscherick | 2:00 TRAIL Coordinator, Odie Asscherick | INFO SERVICES Coordinator, Ruby Dilgren | FARM INTERP Coordinator, Ruby Dilgren | FARM DEMO Coordinator, Eleanor Stanley | NAT HISTORY DEMO Eleanor Stanley |
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| SAT 3/2 | Jim Crabb | Ray Parker | Joyce Roberts | Jane Bingel | Tom Scarsella Blacksmith | Anne Tincher Pond Life |
| SUN 3/3 | NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM | Marie Asscherick | Ken Russell | Eleanor Stanley | Mary Ann Tucker Basket Weaving | |
| SAT 3/9 | Anne Tincher | Stan Krauhs | Paul Brunkow | Joan Brunkow | Stephania Rogers Ropemaking | Pat Doerr Owls |
| SUN 3/10 | NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM | John Siptak | Pat Bates | Jan & Dan Pelletier | | Zel Arbuckle Snakes |
| SAT 3/16 | Mike Owens | Charles Buren | Danny Yancey | Stephania Rogers | Jane Bingel Cheese | Ruby Dilgren Spiders |
| SUN 3/17 | NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM | Marie Asscherick | Dina Supple | Susan Williams | | Eleanor Stanley Lizards |
| SAT 3/23 | Danny Yancey | Stan Krauhs | Pat Bates | Down on the Farm | Down on the Farm | Down on the Farm |
| SUN 3/24 | NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM | Merle Bunde | Doug Barfoot | Cherry Barfoot | Chris Bingham Stereopticon | |
| SAT 3/30 | Polly Swerdlin | Charles Buren | Betty Snider | Patty Evans | Joyce Roberts Quilting | Polly Swerdlin Deer |
| SUN 3/31 | NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM | Dina Supple | Martha Hood | Polly Swerdlin | | Eleanor Stanley Reptiles |

2002 Volunteer Board

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