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## from THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE

The Volunteer Office has a new location and a new Volunteer Coordinator, James Blueberry Krolikowski. I have been a stewardship volunteer for nine months, participating in prairie and marsh restoration efforts, this past winter's prairie burn season, Marsh Mania, Trash Bash and other events. I am looking forward to further involving myself with Armand Bayou Nature Center, and working more closely with all of its dedicated volunteers.

Volunteer Orientation for September Training was held on the 28th of August and we had eleven interested folks attend! Volunteer

Training is scheduled for the last three Saturdays in September and all current volunteers are welcome to attend for "refresher courses." The schedule is posted in the Volunteer Office. I would like to thank all volunteers for the "warm welcome" I have received and I invite you all to share any ideas you may have for the Volunteer Department.

- James Blueberry



## volunteer OF THE MONTH

This October, the ABNC staff recognizes not one, but *two* volunteers for their enthusiasm and dedication towards the Nature Center. Since attending the February Volunteer Training sessions just six months ago, Jim and Sylvia Krzmarzick have donated a combined total of 142 hours.

"We were already members," Jim, who is originally from Portland, Oregon, says, "and when we found the time in our schedules, we decided to become volunteers." When asked what their

favorite part of volunteering was, they both agreed on Stewardship Saturdays.

"We like the conservation aspect of it, and we enjoy the physical work outdoors . . . and we like getting dirty!"

Not only can Jim and Sylvia, who is originally from Port Arthur, be found volunteering waist deep in the bayou, but they have also taken on the job as editors of the *Bayou Foliage*, finding the time to attend Volunteer Board Meetings as well.

When they are not volunteering at the Nature Center, or working at NASA,

Jim and Sylvia like to be outside as much as possible. They enjoy taking canoe trips, playing golf and tennis and, "We love working in our garden."

Jim and Sylvia, also known as "The Two K's," deserve special recognition for the amount of time they have put into making the Nature Center run more smoothly. We are lucky to have such a dynamic duo on the ABNC team! Thanks Jim and Sylvia!

## abnc VOLUNTEER MEETING MINUTES

from meeting on September 12, 2002

The guest speaker was **Joan Few**, Professor of Archaeology at UHCL, who presented a program on the findings from middens of the indigenous people along Armand Bayou.

The October program will be "A Visual Journey through Armand Bayou and Surrounding Areas," presented by Cliff Meinhardt, the current President of the ABNC Board of Trustees. **For the October meeting only, the business portion will begin first, at 7:00 PM.**

Following Professor Few's presentation, **Chairman Stan Krauhs** opened the business portion of the meeting.

**Minutes** of the September 5 meeting were approved. The **Treasurer's report (Ken Russell)** will be published in the Bayou Foliage.

All committees reported that activities are routine. **Eleanor Stanley** needs additional help at the Farm House on September 29. **Sally Hall** mentioned that Admissions needs additional help in late September and on most Saturdays. **Stephania Rogers** graciously continues to fill in for the vacant Weekday Farm Coordinator position. A permanent replacement is badly needed.

### ABNC Staff Report (James Blueberry)

**James Blueberry** is the new **Volunteer Coordinator**. ABNC has decided that the position will be filled only ten hours each week for now. James mentioned the following items:

- **Mark Kramer** and **Ed Adams** will lead a day canoe trip on Village Creek on Sunday, October 13. A sign up list is posted in the volunteer office.

- New volunteer training will be held on September 14, 21, and 28. These are open sessions, and current volunteers are welcome to attend for refresher training.

- The Cultural Arts Committee of Pasadena is sponsoring a Christmas Tree contest, and volunteers are needed to decorate a tree sponsored by ABNC.

- A group of Zoo supporters will visit ABNC on September 18. 129 people are expected and extra volunteer help for the day would be welcomed.

- A new communications box has been set up in the volunteer office for the Outreach Coordinator.

- A baby shower with an ABNC theme is being planned for Melissa Aguilar.

- **Jim and Sylvia Krzmarzick** were named the **Volunteers of the Month**.

**Mark Kramer** reported that a non-native snail has been found in Armand Bayou. It is called a Channeled Applesnail and poses a danger to aquatic grasses, including widgeon grass. The snail is very large, nearly three inches across. **Mark** showed an example of large egg deposits on a plant and an empty shell.

### Volunteer Social (Polly Swerdlin)

Arrangements have been made for the social to be held on October 11 at the Alpine Brau Haus on Highway 3.

### Creepy Crawlers

The event will be held on October 25 and 26. Volunteers should check the sign-up list.

### Fall Festival (Polly Swerdlin)

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up early for the different activities. By vote of the attendees it was decided to have the Saturday evening supper catered by Randy's Barbecue. A \$1 extra charge will be made to provide constable coverage so volunteers may bring their choice of beverage. There will be a potluck breakfast on Saturday only.

### New Business:

#### Bylaw amendments:

As determined in the July volunteer meeting, the proposed bylaw amendments were published in the Bayou Foliage to be voted on in September. **Stan called for a motion to accept the amendments. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.** Among other minor changes, the amendments place a limit on unbudgeted expenditures the Volunteer Board may make without approval of the volunteer organization and create a new board position for a Facilities Coordinator.

### Nominating Committee:

**Stan** made a request for volunteers for the committee. The bylaws require that the committee consist of five volunteers not currently serving on the Board. The members of the nominating committee for next year's officers are: **James Blueberry**, **Dottie Evans**, **Judy Schaeffer**, **Joan Shack**, and **Alan Wenger**.

No other business was brought before the group, and **Stan** adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cooke

o c t o b e r P R O G R A M

A Visual Journey Through  
Armand Bayou and Surrounding  
Areas

Relax and get comfortable as we turn down the lights and prepare to take "A Visual Journey through Armand Bayou and Surrounding Areas," set to music. This program will include scenic and wildlife images from Armand Bayou Nature Center and other natural areas in and around Houston.

Cliff Meinhardt will be our speaker on October 10th. Cliff is the current President of the ABNC Board of Trustees and has served as



a Board member for 6 years prior to that. He became involved with the Nature Center as a volunteer in the early 1990's. He works out at the Johnson Space Center for United Space Alliance as a Department Manager in Space Flight Operations. He has been doing nature photography for about 7 years. He has been published several times in Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine and he received the 1000 Artist of the Year award for his photography from the City of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

- Anne Tincher

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volunteer BUDGET

Armand Bayou Nature Center  
Volunteers Treasurer's Report  
September 2002

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$3537.76
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Bank Service Charge	2.00
Postage - Bayou Foliage (Aug.)	39.11
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	\$41.11
<b>Income:</b>	
Paper Recycling	12.92
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$12.92
<u>Current Balance</u>	\$3509.57

### Volunteer Booth

The Volunteer Booth returns this year. What we need are Volunteer made items to sell. Get your thinking cap on, and show off your skills in whatever direction you wish. Remember Roland Borey's walking canes from last year? We sold every single one, and they were only sticks in the woods before he got a hold of them! Remember to keep in mind our 1900-1915 period, so the items need to be something the folks back then might have made for family or friends.

- Polly Swerdlin

### Wanted: Cookies!

It's almost Fall Festival time again and that means that we will be

selling cookies baked by volunteers. This sale provides funds for various needs at the Center. For instance, a few years ago these funds paid for the floor covering for the middle classroom in the education building. All kinds of cookies sell well. From sugar cookies to brownies to peanut butter cookies, whatever your favorite kind is to bake . . . people love home baked cookies! If you bake them, we'll sell them. So, heat up those ovens.

A big "thank you" in advance.

- Stephanie Rogers

### Nature Center Social

Those of you who signed up at the last Volunteer Meeting, don't forget to be at Alpine Brau Haus,

17926 Hwy 3, Friday October 11 (not the first) at 6pm or thereabouts. The live music starts at 6:30 and we promise not to talk shop!

- Polly Swerdlin



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If you have articles for the *Bayou Foliage* you may phone or email them to Jim and Sylvia Krzmarzick (see above).

## 22nd ANNUAL MARTYN FARM FALL FESTIVAL

Nov. 9 from 9am to 5pm - Nov 10 from noon to 5pm

Folks, there's only one month to go! We're asking all the **Activity Chairs** to join the **Planning Committee** at the next meeting: **October 6 at 4pm** in the auditorium. As usual, most of the activities still need folks to help out. Volunteer yourself, your significant other, your neighbor, your friends, and your teenage kids. The **signup boards** are in the volunteer office on the wall.

Dress Code is what you might have seen in the farming community from **1900 to 1915**. If you don't have a costume, please wear your **khaki shirt** and everyone please have your nametag. Volunteers will receive a \$1 food or drink coupon for each shift they work. As usual, **breakfast** will be potluck.

Weather permitting, **parking for volunteers and exhibitors** will be in the field across from the bison. If it is too wet, the paved parking lot will be used up quickly. If you work only part of the day, please consider using the UHCL parking.

If you don't want to cook after working all day at the event, there is a deadline of **October 31** to signup for **Bar-B-Q Saturday night**. The cost is \$8.20 per person - \$1 more this time to hire a constable so we can bring beer or wine (no kegs). **Randy's Smokehouse** on Highway 3 will be the caterer. There is a menu with the signup sheet.

*Fall Festival Planning Committee: Jane Bingel, Sam Harwell, Joan Henderson, Tabitha Holt,  
Lew Hornung, and Polly Swerdlin.*

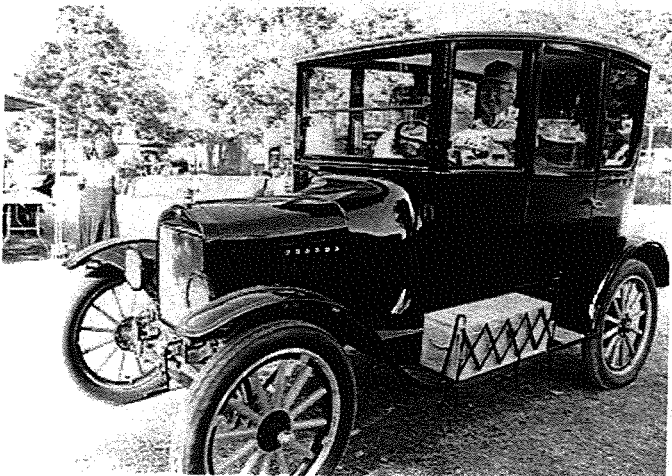
### website OF THE MONTH

#### A Field Guide to Common Texas Insects

<http://insects.tamu.edu/images/insects/fieldguide/index.html>

We stumbled across this site while trying to find some good information about Texas Spiders on the web (pun intended). This is a great website for identifying our little insect friends. It can be a little cumbersome if you don't recognize the class your critter of interest belongs to, but if you have an idea of what you've found the search engine can be a great help. There are also some great pictures on this Aggie website!

- Sylvia & Jim Krzmarzick



## view FROM THE CHAIR

### Don't miss budget discussion at October volunteer meeting

It is time for the Volunteer Board to prepare and pass the annual budget for calendar year 2003. The process is beginning earlier than in previous years so that the budget can be approved at the December volunteer meeting. The volunteer officers and coordinators will prepare a budget at the October board meeting. This proposed budget will be printed in the November issue of the *Bayou Foliage* for all volunteers to review. At the volunteer meeting in December the proposed budget will be presented to the volunteer corps for approval. It may also be modified at that time by majority vote of those present.

On January 1, 2003 the volunteer corps should have about \$3,100 in its treasury. This is a little more than in years past because of the success of the volunteer craft booth and pillow sales at the 2001 Fall Festival that netted about \$800 more than the \$300 that we normally take in from cookie sales. Another booth is planned for this year, but there is no guarantee that it will be as successful. The largest routine budget

expense is postage at about \$500. All other routine expenses total another \$500 or less.

The item that is the largest expense and the most difficult to determine is the amount to be spent on the nature center. This year I want to get agreement on this budget item before the budget is presented in December for approval. The board wants the guidance of the volunteer corps because it is you who will ultimately approve it. Toward this end, I would like everyone to make some decisions for themselves regarding this budget item.

As I see it, the first decision to be made is, How much of the treasury do we want to commit to ABNC? Remember, we want to leave enough for the volunteer corps to operate and to keep perhaps a year's worth of cushion. With annual income of about \$800 to \$1000 (normally exceeding expenses) and keeping \$1,000 as a cushion, the amount that could be committed would range from \$0 to \$2,100.

The second decision to be made is, Do we give the amount in cash or do

we purchase something? If we give cash, do we want it to be unrestricted or do we want to restrict it to a larger project of ABNC? If we purchase something, how do we decide what to purchase? Here is where the nature center could give us a list of projects of varying costs needing funding and we could select one we can fund at 100% or whatever percent our gift would turn out to be.

The first decision above allows the board to prepare the budget. The second decision is where everyone really buys into the first decision and is giving from the heart. At the volunteer meeting in October, I would like to get agreement on this budget item from those present. I will come prepared with a list of projects and items desired for purchase by ABNC should we chose one of those options. Final approval of this line item and the budget would still be at the volunteer meeting in December. It will be our Christmas party, and I am sure everyone will want this item of business to be short.

- Stan Krauhs: Chair of the  
Volunteer Board

## meet THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following volunteers were elected to the Nominating Committee at the volunteer meeting in September: James Blueberry, Dottie Evans, Judy Schaefer, Joan Shack, and Alan Wenger. Their charge is to find volunteers willing to serve as officers and coordinators on the Volunteer Board for calendar year 2003. If you are interested

in a particular position, for further information please call one of the committee members or the current volunteer coordinator for that job. Please consider serving if you are asked. And a big THANK YOU to the members of the nominating committee who were willing to serve.

- 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 Jo Evans. Thank you.

DATE	11:00 TRAIL Coordinator, Odie Asscherick	2:00 TRAIL Coordinator, Odie Asscherick	Greeter Coordinator, Ruby Dilgren	FARM INTERP Coordinator, Ruby Dilgren	FARM DEMO Coordinator, Eleanor Stanley	NAT HISTORY DEMO Eleanor Stanley
SAT 10/5	<i>Pat Doerr</i>	<i>Polly Swerdlin</i>	<i>Pat Bates</i>	<i>Chris Bingham</i>	<i>Stephania Rogers Rope</i>	<i>Ruby Dilgren Bars</i>
SUN 10/6	<i>NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Marie Asscherick</i>	<i>Ken Russell</i>	<i>Anne Prosser</i>	<i>Mary Ann Tucker Basket Weaving</i>	<i>Zel Arbuckle Reptiles</i>
SAT 10/12	<i>Dina Supple</i>	<i>Joe Bryan</i>	<i>Paul Brunkow</i>	<i>Joan Brunkow</i>	<i>Eleanor Stanley Knitting</i>	<i>Anne Tincher Microworld</i>
SUN 10/13	<i>NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Merle Bunde</i>	<i>Pat Bates</i>	<i>Polly Swerdlin</i>	<i>Irene Ward Rope</i>	<i>Patsy Cashion Lizards</i>
SAT 10/19	<i>Jim Crabb</i>	<i>Stan Krauhs</i>	<i>Dina Supple</i>	<i>Susan Williams</i>	<i>Chris Bingham Stereoptic</i>	<i>Eleanor Stanley Reptiles</i>
SUN 10/20	<i>NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Charles Buren</i>	<i>Martha Hood</i>	<i>Marjorie Borey</i>	<i>Tom Scarcella Blacksmith</i>	<i>Hillary Gibbs Study Skin</i>
SAT 10/26	<i>Ray Parker</i>	<i>Stan Krauhs</i>	<i>Judy Schaefer</i>	<i>Jane Bingel</i>	<i>Joyce Roberts Quilting</i>	<i>Carl Cognata Reptiles</i>
SUN 10/27	<i>NO TRAIL SUN AT 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Charles Buren</i>	<i>Dina Supple</i>	<i>Paula Thorson</i>		<i>Eleanor Stanley Reptiles</i>

**village CREEK VOLUNTEER CANOE DAY TRIP**

Join Mark and Ed for an early fall paddle down one of east Texas' most beautiful streams. Village Creek is one of the most scenic paddling destinations in Texas. Surrounded by the Texas Nature Conservancy Roy Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary a paddler may experience one of the truly wild places remaining in the Big Thicket. There should be the beginnings of fall foliage, numerous sand bars for relaxing, swimming, fishing and bird watching. The fall migration should also be in full swing. Village Creek is a perfect stream both for beginning and experienced paddlers. The gentle flow of the creek does most of the work, while all you have to do is enjoy the ride. Space is limited, so sign up in the Volunteer Office now.

**WHEN:** Sunday October 13                      **WHAT TO BRING:** binoculars, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, hat

Meet at ABNC 6am

Return to ABNC Sunday evening

**LUNCH:** Ed will furnish lunch for the group for \$5/person



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