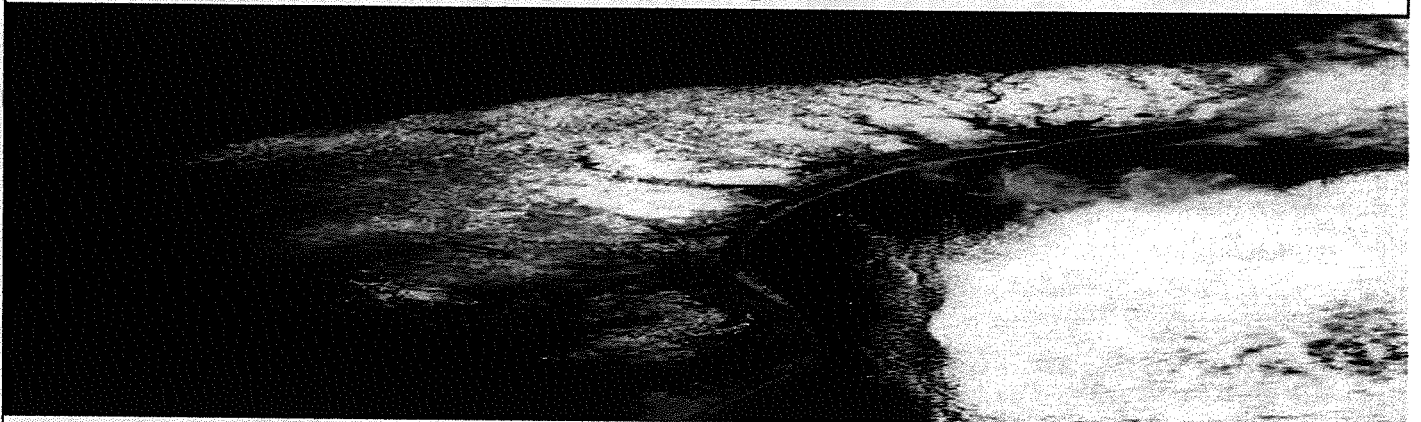


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Aerial photograph of the 2005 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Unfortunately the pictures taken at the event were accidentally deleted. There was a loose nut behind the camera. My sincere apologies. The NASA image above is snow in Texas 2004.

-Ed.

ABNC VOLUNTEER MEETING MINUTES

Armand Bayou Volunteer General Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2005

The meeting began at 7:10 PM with an Appreciation Dinner provided by Staff. A delightful Italian Dinner was enjoyed by 65+ participants, (that's a count of people and has nothing to do with age.)

At the end of dinner, Staff Volunteer Coordinator Donna Davis gave out awards to Volunteers who exceeded their 2004 commitment. Due to lack of space, names will not be listed, but you know who you are!

There were 11 recipients who gave 56 to 99 hours of service.

There were 11 recipients who gave 100 to 199 hours of service.

There were 4 recipients who gave 200 to 299 hours of service.

Four people gave over 300 hours of service and two gave over 500 hours of service.

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Lew Homung with 1034 hours of service.

Lew was lovingly roasted by Bill Cooke and others.

Our Volunteers logged 12,297.25 hours in 2004, which at \$10 an hour, saved the nature center \$122,970.00.

Under general information, Donna gave us information about an opportunity to be a part of the audience on Houston PBS' new Arts and Entertainment Talk Show *The After Party*. Taping is on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:45, and our organization name would be mentioned on the air if we decide to do it.

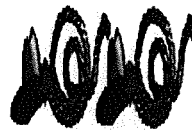
The meeting was dismissed at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Claudia Edwards
Secretary of the ABNC Volunteer Board
January 14th, 2005

Farm Training

We would like to offer farm classes throughout the year. I plan to teach Rope and Butter from 10-noon on March 5 for all volunteers and staff, new or seasoned. There will be handouts for both subjects. If all goes well, other classes will be scheduled. Please call me to "register" or if you could teach a class.



Rope & Butter Making
Saturday March 5
10 am - noon
Hanson House Front Porch

Polly Sverdlin
281-814-4606
pollyred@yahoo.com

Attention All Volunteers New Training Dates

There will be training class on the following dates:

- March 5th from 9:30am – 12:30pm, on Forest/Trails the teacher is Heather Millar
- March 19th from 10am – Noon, on Insects the teacher is Phillip Essenpreis
- March 20th from 2pm – 4pm, on Poisons Mushrooms the teacher is Jim Crabb
- March 26th from 11am - 12:30pm, on Track the teacher is Polly Swerdlin
- March 26th from 1pm -3pm ,on Adoptions the teacher is Rudy Dilgren

If you would like to take a class please R.S.V.P. with Front Desk before the class date. Please dress weather appropriate on these dates. Don't forget you lunch.

Sincerely,

Phillip Essenpreis

Weekday Outdoor Education Volunteer Coordinator

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Visit our Wetlands, Woodlands & Tall Grass Prairie Preserve



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As always I am here to be your voice. Come to me with your thoughts, comments, suggestions, and ideas. I can and will express your thoughts to the staff or to other volunteers. We need to remember a family that communicates- motivates. Let me help you. Let us be the best we can be together. Think about why you are here. Why did you choose Armand Bayou Nature Center? Now, do something.

Thank you,

Donna Davis

RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES

Office Depot will exchange any used Hewlett Packard or Lexmark ink cartridge for a ream of paper. This will be very helpful and extremely cost efficient if everyone could help by bringing their used cartridges in a bag to the Kaneka building. We do need help financially and we are cutting expenses across the board. We rely whole heartedly on our supporters to assist us. If possible make a suggestion at your workplace to get further assistance for us. Thank you.

Donna@ABNC.ORG

Are you logged????

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Thank you,

Donna Davis

Volunteer Coordinator 281-474-2551 x 12

**ARE ALL YOUR HOURS
LOGGED IN?**

**You may call them in or
e-mail Donna**

281-474-2551 x 12

donna@anbc.org



Visit the **BAYOU FOLIAGE** online :

<http://www.ghg.net/beyer/ABNCvolunteers/home.htm>

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ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER TREASURERS REPORT

DECEMBER 2004

Beginning Balance		\$4890.55
Bayou Foliage—Nov	\$39.11	
Bayou Foliage—Dec	36.63	
Gift to Donna	50.00	
Bank Charges	2.00	
Total Expenditures	\$127.74	
Income		
Flowers—Charles Buren	\$10.00	
Crafts—Eleanor Stanley	20.00	
Total Income	\$30.00	
Current Balance		\$4792.81

2005 EVENTS

DATE	DAY	EVENT	FACILITATOR
December 5	Sun	Yuletide at the Farmhouse	Jane Bingel
December 11	Sat	Holiday Canoeing	Staff
December 18	Sat	Christmas Bird Count	Chris Battan
December 20 & 21	Mon-Tue	Winter Camp	Staff
December 25	Sat	Christmas	Holiday
December 27 & 28	Mon-Tue	Winter Camp	Staff
2005 January 1	Sat	New Year's Day	Holiday
January 16	Sun	Vol. Board Focus Meeting	Bill Cooke
January 22	Sat	Annual Member's Meeting	Trustees
February TBD	Sat	Volunteer Orientation	Donna Davis
February TBD	Sat	ESTV Get-together	Everyone
March 5	Sat	UHCL Outreach	Ed Adams
March 20	Sun	Bayou Bend Outreach	Ed Adams
March 23	Wed	Media Open House	Staff
March	Sat	Board of Trustees Retreat	Sandy Peck
March 26	Sat	Trash Bash / Seniors Day	Staff/Volunteers
March 27	Sun	Easter	Holiday
April 21	Thu	USA Outreach	Ed Adams
April 23	Sat	Earth Day	Volunteers
April 23	Sat	Boy Scout Fair Outreach	Ed Adams
April 23	Sat	San Jacinto Outreach	Ed Adams
May 6	Fri	JSC Outreach	Ed Adams
May 7	Sat	Bayou Boil	Trustees
May 8	Sun	Mother's Day	Holiday
May 14	Sat	Marsh Mania	Mark Kramer
May 14	Sat	Pasadena Strawberry Festival	Ed Adams
May 21	Sat	Yard Sale	Staff
June	Mon-Fri	Eco Camp	Staff
June 19	Sun	Father's Day	Holiday
July	Mon-Fri	ECO Camp Month	Staff
July 4	Mon	Independence Day	Holiday
August	Mon-Fri	ECO Camp Month	Staff
September TBD	Sat	Volunteer Orientation	Donna Davis
October 21 & 22	Fri-Sat	Creepy Crawlers	Staff
November 12 & 13	Sat-Sun	Fall Festival	Staff/Volunteers
November 21 & 22	Mon-Tue	Holiday Craft Event	Shauna Trevino
November 24	Thu	Thanksgiving	Holiday

Monthly Meetings

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
2004			
December 9	6:30 pm	Christmas Party	Pot Luck
2005			
January 13	7:00 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	Donna Davis
February 10	7:00 PM	Texas Wildlife Portfolio	Gary & Kathy Clark
March 10	7:00 PM	TBD	
April 14	7:00 PM	TBD	
May 12	7:00 PM	Picnic at the Farmhouse	Pot Luck
June 9	7:00 PM	TBD	
July 8	7:00 pm	TBD	
August 11	7:00 pm	TBD	
September 8	7:00 pm	TBD	
October 13	7:00 pm	TBD	
November 10	7:00 pm	TBD	

Pick up a videotape at the meeting and write a short critique for Continuing Education credit. Return the tape and your essay at the next meeting.

2005 CLASSES AND TRIPS

R = required class for participation in activity

RA = required class renewed annually

DATE	TIME	TOPIC		PRESENTER
2004				
Schedule with Tom		Woodshop Tools		Tom Scarcella
December 4	10am-2pm	Prairie Burns	<i>R</i>	Mark Kramer
2005				
January 8	11am-noon	Intro to Trail Boxes	<i>R</i>	Polly Swerdlin
February TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
February TBD	TBD	Animal Handling (refresher)	<i>RA</i>	Staff
April TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
May 14	11am-noon	Intro to Trail Boxes	<i>R</i>	Polly Swerdlin
July TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
September TBD	TBD	Animal Handling (new volunteers)	<i>RA</i>	Staff
September TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
November 12	11am-noon	Intro to Trail Boxes	<i>R</i>	Polly Swerdlin

Buddy with a scheduled demonstrator, interpreter, or trail guide. Learn something new, refresh your skills, and help them teach our visitors.

Joe Clem
Volunteer of the Month
January 2005

After retiring from Rohm & Haas, Joe still had the engineer in him so he started to volunteer here and at Bay Area Habitat for Humanity. In his ten years with Habitat he contributed to 38 new homes. The only thing more impressive than that is what he has contributed to us at Armand Bayou Nature Center. He had a hand in constructing the bridge you crossed down the trail, the platform you used to get a better look of the bison, the positioning of the lights that guided you in the night, the board walk repair to make it safe for your visit and child at camp, and the construction of the maintenance shed. 2005 presents new projects for Joe. He is continuing the development of McGovern Children Discovery Area- a hands on learning and discovery area for toddlers and Pre K children, and the expansion of the prairie platform to include a canopy walk- this will offer additional teaching stations, as the platform meanders through tree tops and descends near the farm site. Joe enjoys the serenity of the farm garden at ABNC. Many early mornings Joe can be found there watering, caring, and enjoying the fruits (vegetables) of his labor. He assists with special events and fundraisers. He has played a vital role in the development, planning, construction, and repair of nearly everything here. It goes without saying that Joe Clem is the handiest guy to have around. We appreciate all the expertise and commitment that he unselfishly gives. I know that the other places Joe volunteers at such as Habitat and Clear Lake Methodist Church appreciate him just as much as we do. Thank you, Joe.

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