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2005 Volunteer Board-Elect

Chairman – Bill Cooke	Trails – Stan Krauhs
Vice Chairman - Tom Scarcella	Weekend Demos – Stephania Rogers
Treasurer – Ken Russell	Weekday Farm – Jane Bingel
Secretary – Claudia Edwards	Weekday Outdoor Education - Philip Essenpreis
Admissions – Dewanna Norris	Appointed Positions:
Facilities – Bob Paxton	Bayou Foliage Editor – Danny Stanley
Greeters & Interpreters – Eleanor	Gonzalez
Outreach – Alan Wenger	Webpage – Bob Beyer
Stewardship – Philip Wylie	BF

ABNC VOLUNTEER MEETING MINUTES

ABNC Volunteer Meeting Minutes December 9, 2004

The December Volunteer meeting is the annual Pot Luck Christmas dinner which began at 6:45. The main courses were ham and turkey provided by the Volunteer Board with side dishes provided by all the volunteers in attendance. There were 38 people attending this event.

The very brief business meeting began at 7:40. Donna Davis reported that Marie Asschenek is the Volunteer of the Month for December. Bill Cooke asked for a vote on the 2005 Volunteer Budget as published in the Foliage. The budget passed unanimously. In brief:

Year end 2004 balance: \$4,300
 Year 2004 gift to Center – restricted funds: -\$1,100
 Year 2005 gift to Center - to be restricted - \$1,500
 Anticipated 2005 revenues: \$076
 Anticipated 2005 expenses: \$836
 Year end 2005 budgeted balance: \$1,840 (two year operating reserve)

The slate of nominees were presented to the membership. Philip Essenpreis agreed to serve as Weekday Outdoor Education Coordinator after the Nominating Committee slate was announced so for the first time in three years, a full slate of Board positions was elected by the membership by unanimous vote.

The New Board is:

Chairman	Bill Cooke
Vice Chairman	Tom Scarcella
Secretary	Claudia Edwards
Treasurer	Ken Russell
Admissions	Dewanna Norris
Facilities	Bob Paxton
Greeters & Interpreters	Eleanor Stanley
Outreach	Alan Wenger
Stewardship	Philip Wylie
Weekday Farm	Jane Bingel
Weekend Demos	Stephanie Rogers
Weekend Trails	Stan Krauhs
Weekday Education	Philip Essenpreis
Appointed	
Volunteer Web page	Bob Beyer
Foliage Rep	Danny Gonzalez

Bill Cooke presented Donna Davis with a \$50 Christmas gift from the Volunteers in appreciation for her excellent and dedicated work to help the Volunteer program this past year under very difficult circumstances.

Bob Paxton won the door prize – a wine basket from Hawk Winery. Ed Adams received a round of applause for his work in making the Christmas dinner a success.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Beyer, Secretary
 ABNC Volunteer Board

FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it's that time of year when we all shake our heads in disbelief that it's here so early. After all, didn't we just put away the Christmas decorations? Yikes! That was almost a year ago. The holiday season is wonderful, but we tend to crowd so much into it that we feel like we're always running and don't have time to truly appreciate its many joys. It's also a time when we like to look back over the year and reflect on what happened.

I think we had a pretty good year at ABNC. We started out on a low note with a lot of concerns I won't take the time to list here, but things improved steadily throughout the year. We've got a great Volunteer Coordinator, communications between Volunteers and the Staff are excellent, and concerns about habitat destruction have been reduced. With support of the ABNC Staff this year, we had a great Earth Day celebration, and the Fall Festival and Creepy Crawler events were among the most successful ever. And our bison herd doubled in size (to two), and there's a chance it might triple sometime next year (if our new addition is really pregnant)! We finally got started on construction of the Children's Discovery Area and the Canopy Walkway. Although there was a lot of turnover during the year, ABNC has a fine staff with a lot of enthusiasm and ideas.

Of course, there's still a lot to work on. We still have too many problems with materials and class sizes in the Education area. We weren't very successful in recruiting new Volunteers. We need to find ways to communicate faster and better among ourselves.

Special thanks to the members of the Volunteer Board who are vacating their position at year's end—Polly Swerdlin, Kristen Knoedler, Bob Beyer, Ed Adams and Judy Schaeffer. You did a terrific job! And thanks to the new members of the Board—Tom Searsella, Ken Russell, Philip Wylie, Claudia Edwards, Alan Wenger, and Philip Essenepreis.

I sincerely wish you a most joyous holiday season, and a wonderful 2005.

See you on the Bayou.

Bill

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ABNC???

A good way to get in the know and get involved is to help out at the front desk. At noon every Tuesday- Friday a volunteer fills in at the desk so the receptionist can have a lunch break. The duties are to answer the phone, collect money for guest admissions and purchases and to take class reservations. It is an easy fun job and training will be provided in January but please e-mail or call now. We need you!!!

Dewanna Norris- 281-188-2276 or dwn8@juno.com

Donna Davis-281-171-2551 X12



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

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**ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
MONTHLY**

beginning balance		\$375.00
Bank chg	2.00	
Total Deposits	2.00	
Income		
Projects	\$17.47	
Other Income	\$17.47	
Current balance		\$409.94

Volunteer of the Month 2004

January – Stan Krauhs Jr.

February – Merle Bunde

March – Tom Scarsella

April – Eleanor Stanley

May – Ray Parker

June – Kristen Knoedler

July – Phillip Essenpreis

August – Glenn Gable

September – Joan Henderson

October – Bob Paxton

November – Ruth Elder

December – Marie Asscherick

Thank you for a wonderful year.

Are you interested in being part of a growing organization focused on education and preservation of nature? Join us on February 19 for volunteer training! Contact Donna@abnc.org or 281-474-2551 x 12 for more details and to reserve your space.

Are you logged????

The log book is located in the Kaneka building in the office space next to the front desk. Please do not hesitate to log your hours. On outreaches remember that travel time is included as volunteer hours. Another note—the log book is also available at our volunteer meetings—held the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 in the auditorium (refreshments provided.)

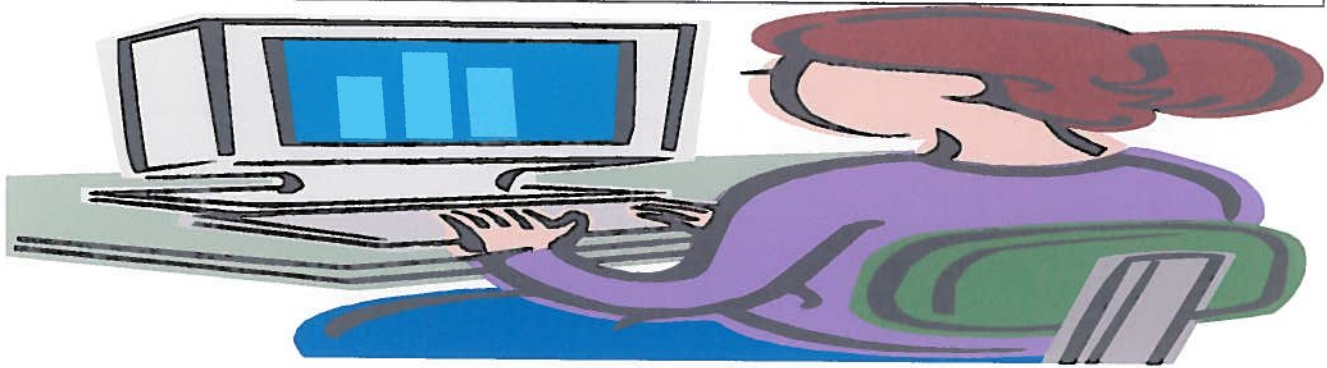
As always I am here to be your voice. Come to me with your thoughts, comments, suggestions, and ideas. I can and will express your thoughts to the staff or to other volunteers. We need to remember a family that communicates- motivates. Let me help you. Let us be the best we can be together. Think about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

Thank you,

Donna Davis

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	FSTV 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



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

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	R	Mark Kramer
2005				
January 8	11am-noon	Intro to Trail Boxes	R	Polly Swerdlin
February TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
February TBD	TBD	Animal Handling (refresher)	RA	Staff
April TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
May 14	11am-noon	Intro to Trail Boxes	R	Polly Swerdlin
July TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
September TBD	TBD	Animal Handling (new volunteers)	RA	Staff
September TBD	10am-2pm	Volunteer Orientation		Donna Davis
November 12	11am-noon	Intro to Trail Boxes	R	Polly Swerdlin

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

2005 MONTHLY MEETINGS

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 VOLUNTEER BOARD

CHAIRMAN	Bill Cooke	281-480-2441	billcooke@sbcglobal.net
VICE CHAIRMAN	Tom Scarsella	281-483-4885	
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OUTREACH	Alan Wenger	281-488-0112	alanshobha@aol.com
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WEEKDAY FARM	Jane Bingel	281-554-5069	
WEEKDAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION	Phillip Essenpreis	281-471-2429	phillipessenpreis@sbcglobal.net
EDITOR	Danny Gonzalez	713-473-4324	danielsaenzgon- zalez@netzero.net
WEBMASTER	Bob Beyer	281-990-6183	txbeyer@houston.rr.com

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all the greeters and farm interpreters I have called upon the past 2 years. I have enjoyed talking with you and truly appreciate the time you have put in at the nature center. I'm sure you will support the next board member who calls on you next year. Thanks again.

Judy Schaefer

HELP

A first impression can make a difference in how a weekend visitor enjoys his visit to the nature center. A greeter can help make that first impression a good one by welcoming the visitor and informing him of all the exciting things to do and see at the nature center. If the front desk is busy the first time visitor may not get the welcome and information to fully enjoy his visit and go away missing out on a demo, trail hike, etc..

The farm house also needs an interpreter to share its history with weekend visitors. So if you can help out on weekends from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. please contact me if your name isn't on the Greeter and Farm Interpretation list or if you are on the list, say yes when called next year. Thanks

Judy Schaefer

PROFILE:

Donna Davis



Haven't we all learned to appreciate Donna?
Yes I believe that we have.

Thanks to Donna for taking on the daunting task (multi-tasks) she performs at ABNC.

But we mainly appreciate her as our Volunteer Coordinator. We are happy to relate to Donna concerning volunteer needs. All of the volunteer needs. She's helped us tirelessly in planning our many events.

I had a chance to talk to her personally at the Fall Festival where I managed to learn several things about her interesting life.

Foremost is her love of travel and exploration. She is a perfect fit at the nature center. No stranger to the outdoors, Donna did research and study at ABNC as a high school student. Rather than tell you too much detail about her experience at ABNC as a studious youth, I want to give you the opportunity to chat with her sometime. Ask her about the study which she conducted here at the center. Donna knows a lot about bugs

As for her travel prowess, Donna has been all over Europe and England as well as in Mexico. She even went to countries that I can't spell.

Aside from her personal love of travel and the outdoors which suit her for her position, Donna is in fact a certified Phlebotomist. She did her post-secondary education at San Jacinto College right here in Pasadena. She has a diploma from Sam Rayburn High School ("white and blue" -ed.).

Like many of us, Donna began her experience of working with ABNC as a volunteer. She coordinated Winter Camps with Pat Slaughter in one of her early experiences. Currently Donna is Education Director as well as Volunteer Coordinator.

In addition to being trained to do blood work (phlebotomy) her family is also involved in the health field. Her mom is a nutritionist in the Pasadena Independent School District and her father is a dietitian specializing in the health of senior citizens.

Most interesting in her life is her experience with meteorological events. By the time Donna had reached middle school her young life—not to mention her entire family—had been displaced four times with weather related tragedy.

Donna grew up in Pasadena and Pasadena is no stranger to tornado activity. We are, after all, the back gate to Tornado Alley.

Her home had been struck on several occasions by tornado. Damage to her home caused them to move out of their residence. And after each subsequent move their new home was struck by a tornado, again.

Where does she live? Not near me. But Donna is a welcome neighbor to our community here at the Armand Bayou Nature Center.

You are appreciated Donna! Thank you for a job well done.

-ed.

abnc volunteer DUTY ROSTER

If you have to cancel, please do your best to find your own replacement. If you can cover for any blank slots below, please call the coordinator for that event. When you arrive at ABNC for your duty, please check in at the front desk. Thanks!

DATE	9:30 Trails Stan Krauhs 281-470-2744	2:00 Trails Stan Krauhs 281-470-2744	Greeters Eleanor Stanley 713-455-1502	Farm Interpretation Eleanor Stanley 713-455-1502	Farm Demonstrations Stephania Rogers 713-473-4324	Natural History Stephania Rogers 713-473-4324
01/01	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
01/02	open	Stan Krauhs	Ken Russell	open	Mary Ann Tucker Basket weaving	open
01/08	Jim Crabb	Charles Buren	Paul Brunkow	Joan Brunkow	Jane Bingel Cheese making	open
01/09	open	Marie Asscherick	Pat Bates	Polly Swerdlin	open	Eleanor Stanley Reptiles
01/15	Pat Doerr	Ray Parker	open	Stephania Rogers	Dottie Evans Yarn dolls	open
01/16	open	Merle Bunde	Judy Schaffer	Eleanor Stanley	Chris Bingham Stereoscope	open
01/22	Melanie Weiseman	Kelli Glenn	open	Paula Thorson	Stephania Rogers Butter making	open
01/23	open	Marie Asschenck	Pat Bates	Chris Bingham	Tom Scarsella Blacksmithing	Hillary Gibbs Adaptations
01/29	Polly Swerdlin	Anne Tincher	open	Jane Bingel	Polly Swerdlin Rope making	open
01/30	open	Joe Bryan	Merle Bunde	open	open	Eleanor Stanley Reptiles



Menu

Spaghetti con la salsa della carne

Spaghetti con salsa di verdure

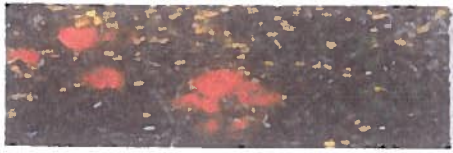
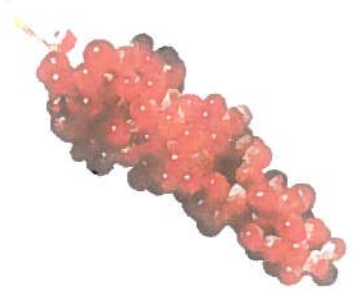
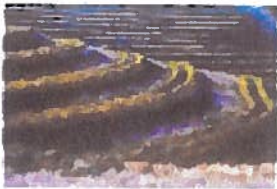
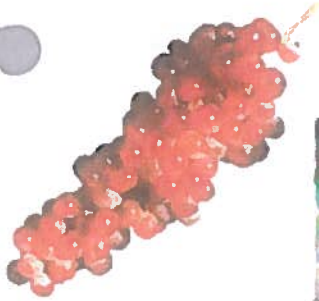
Alfredo degli spaghetti

Insalata

Pane

Gelato e guarnizioni

Vino, tè o acqua



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Nature Center**



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Volontario
Di Apprezzamento**

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**From the Staff,
Boards and Visitors:**

Grazie!

Agenda

Social - 6:30 - 7:00

General Comments - Bill Cooke

Dinner - 7:00 - 8:00

Volunteer Presentations During Dessert - Donna Davis

The Volunteer of the Month recipients for 2004

January.....Stan Krauhs

February.....Merle Bunde

March.....Tom Scarsella

April.....Eleanor Stanley

May.....Ray Parker

June.....Kristen Knoedler

July.....Phillip Essenpreis

August.....Glen Gable

September.....Joan Henderson

October.....Bob Paxton

November.....Ruth Elder

December.....Marie Asscherick

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: LEW HORNING

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ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 2005

Beginning Balance		\$4738.42
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Expenditures:

Bank Service Charge	\$2.00	
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Bayou Foliage(April)	\$33.16	
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Bayou Foliage(May)	\$29.12	
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Total Expenditures	\$64.28	
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Income:

Cookie Sales(Earth Day)	\$163.50	
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Total Income	\$163.50	
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Current Balance		\$4837.64
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