



Bayou Foliage

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- 2 Prairie Friday
- 3 Stewardship Saturday
- 3 Photography Hike, 10 am
- 8 Volunteer Board meeting,
5:30 pm
- 8 Volunteer general meet-
ing, 6:30 pm, audito-
rium
- 9 Prairie Friday
- 9 Set up and decorate for
Harvest Festival
- 10 **Martyn Farm Harvest
Festival 10-4**
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Festival 10-4**
- 15 *Bayou Foliage* deadline
- 16 Prairie Friday
- 17 Stewardship Saturday
- 18 **Sundays In Nature,**
1-3 pm
- 23 Prairie Friday
- 30 Prairie Friday

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please recycle it. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEER MEETING
November 8, 2012**

6:30 refreshments
7:00 program
8:00 business meeting

November Program a Timely Topic

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE FROM 1848 TO 1920

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

So began the *Declaration of Rights and Sentiments*, written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and presented at an open meeting at Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19-20, 1848. The rhetoric of the Declaration followed that of the Declaration of Independence, and reflected Stanton's conviction that the Revolution had made implicit promises to women which had not been kept. The Seneca Falls convention marks the beginning of the Woman Suffrage Movement.

Over the next 72 years, many women would make Woman Suffrage their life's work. They worked to overcome stereotypes and fought to change laws, both state and federal, that forbade woman voting, facing opposition from men as well as other women. They fully understood that in order to be truly represented by the government, they had to have a choice in electing those who represented them. They withstood ridicule and, in some cases, torture, in their fight for suffrage.

In the end, they won. But it was a long, hard fought battle that should make all of us aware of the importance of exercising a very important responsibility: to vote.

Merri Edwards

(See page 3 for more details of the November program at our monthly meeting.)

Welcome, New Volunteers

The following people have completed Volunteer Orientation and are cleared for take-off. We welcome you as a member of the ABNC Volunteer Corps. Fly high!

Allen Burks
Rachel George
Andrea Price

Les Cook
Kristen Grammas
Kris Wessale

Brittany Foster
Billie Patterson
Edwin Salisbury





Liz VanOrstrand
Volunteer Chair 2012

**Armand Bayou
Nature Center
Volunteer
Board
2012**

**Staff
Roster**

From the Chair

Happy autumn to everyone. It is wonderful to be able to enjoy this very pleasant weather. I remember when I first moved to Houston, the real estate lady told me I did not need screens on my house. Her reason was, you only get to use them about three days a year. Well, this year we may actually get six days out of those screens.

There are so many things going on at Armand Bayou Nature Center that I am not sure where to start. First, let me say thank you to all our volunteers who came out and worked at the PBS Dinosaur Train day. The final head count was 1925 people. They came from all over the Gulf Coast area, from as far away as Beaumont and Montgomery County. It was a wonderful day and a great experience for us; we learned a lot about having large crowds here. Thanks again for all your help.

In our library we have quite a few different VHS tapes. I was wondering if anyone knows if and

how I can change them into DVD. I am hoping to make it easier for our volunteers to be able to either check out the DVD's or maybe even get them uploaded to the Internet, so we can link them to the volunteer website. What we need is technical help with this project, so if you can help me, please let me know.

There is a request by the facilities crew for someone to help with the recycling of metal. If anyone goes by a metal recycling business and can help them out it would be greatly appreciated. Right now there is a large amount to recycle, but if it was done monthly, or every other month, it wouldn't be so bad. The money goes back to facilities, so it is a good cause.

One of the areas we are short of help these days is with demonstrations. Beginning in November, on the Third Sundays in Nature days, Alyson Shepherd will be offering short orientations on

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ABNC Volunteer Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012

7 pm: Following a social time, Vice Chair Ryan Liffijt introduced Dave Koenig who gave a presentation entitled “The Art and Craft of Forging—So Who’s a Blacksmith?” on the history of metal working. Dave is a founder of the Houston Area Blacksmith’s Association (HABA) and was on the Board of Directors for the Artist-Blacksmiths Association of North America (ABANA) from 2002 through 2005.

After the presentation, Liz Van Orstrand explained the need for a new refrigerator in Classroom 2, with the old one being given to the lab, and asked for a vote on using volunteer funds to make this purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Outreaches are scheduled for October 17 and October 31. A few more volunteers are needed from 2-4 on October 17 at UHCL.

Tom Kartrude, Executive Director, reported that Dinosaur Train drew 1925 visitors, with 400 people waiting for the event to open at 10 AM. ABNC made many new friends, and, as a result, there were over 300 paid admissions the following day (Sunday).

Dayripper, a PBS show, will be featuring Armand Bayou in a 5-minute segment. This can be seen on YouTube.

A volunteer is needed to take a large amount of metal to a metal shop for recycling.

Baked goods will be needed for the volunteers’ booth at Harvest Festival, and sign-up sheets are out for various duties both days.

Also, sign up in the office if you can bring food and/or drinks for volunteer meetings.

There are three upcoming trainings: October 16, bats and spiders; October 20, Owl Prowl training; October 27, training for demos at the Harvest Festival.

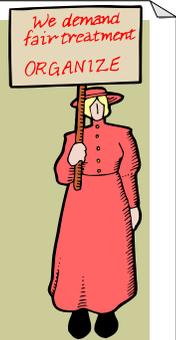
A bird count is scheduled for December 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Jill Macomber
Secretary

Guest speaker at the November volunteer meeting: Merri Edwards

The Martyn Farm Harvest Festival commemorates life around 1900. A hot topic at that time was the fight for women’s voting rights; the final victory has been one of the most important in recent history. Please join us **Thursday November 8 at 7 pm** for a presentation by Merri Edwards on women’s suffrage from 1848 - 1920.



Treasurer’s Report September 2012

Beginning Balance		\$2480.19
Expenditures:	0	
Total Expenditures	\$0	
Income:		
Donation toward new refrigerator	100	
Total Income	\$100	
Current Balance		\$2580.19

VOLUNTEER MEETING PROGRAM

Thursday, November 8, 2012

7:00 pm

Don’t forget to count this program as continuing education.

...Marijn Liffijt
Vice-Chair



Buddy A Big Hit With All Ages

ABNC staff greets "Buddy" from PBS's Dinosaur Train October 6, 2012, Two thousand visitors took photographs with Buddy, hiked the trails and completed four challenges in the PBS Nature Tracker booklet. Many thanks to the volunteers from ABNC and other local organizations who supported this event.



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Training Opportunity Like No Other!

On Saturday, October 27 we will have a training day for activities done in the **"Hands On History"** program for school field trips and volunteer demos at the farm, as well as volunteer-led activities at the **Martyn Farm Harvest Festival** (November 10-11).



If you are interested in helping in either place and need training (or refreshing), PLEASE consider attending. Both areas are always in need of trained volunteers and this is your opportunity to get that training. Specific times for the trainings will be posted later either in the volunteer office or on the volunteer website. Where else can you go to get proficient in making butter, rope, cheese, candles, hoecakes and more?

See you then!

Third Sundays in Nature 2012

Topics for 2012 include:

- November 18 "Ancestral Echoes" (Prairies, settlers & natives, bison presentation)
- December 16 "Blowing in the Wind" (Wind energy, windmills to turbines)

Any volunteers who would like to work with the Education Department on the Sunday in Nature Program, please contact Heather x14 or Kathy G. x13. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming programs. Some of these hours may be used for ABNC advanced training.

Heather Millar
Director of Education



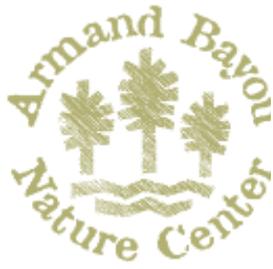
ABNC Volunteer Duty Roster—November



*If you have to cancel, please do your best to find your own replacement. If you cannot, please notify your coordinator **AND** the front desk. If you can cover for any open slots, please call the coordinator for that event. When you arrive at ABNC for your duty, please check in at the front desk.*

DATE	10:00 Trails Karen Sutera 281-474-5087	2:00 Trails Karen Sutera 281-474-52-087	Greeters Stan Krauhs 281-470-2744	Farm Interpretation Stan Krauhs 281-470-2744	Natural History Demos Tina Bass 281-744-3384	Farm Demos Tina Bass 281-744-3384
11/3	Randy Olsen	Madeleine Barnes	OPEN	Jane Bingel	OPEN	OPEN
11/4		Marie Asscherick	Ken Russell	Polly Swerdlin	Eleanor Stanley Reptiles	OPEN
11/10	Harvest Festival					
11/11	Harvest Festival					
11/17	Madeleine Barnes	Karen Sutera	OPEN	Jane Bingel	OPEN	OPEN
11/18 Sundays in Nature		OPEN	Judith Culligan	Jill Macomber	OPEN	OPEN
11/24	Liz VanOrstrand	OPEN	OPEN	Paula Thorson	Polly Swerdlin Adaptations	Jane Bingel
11/25		Dave Bolon	Polly Swerdlin	Eleanor Stanley	OPEN	OPEN

Bayou Foliage deadline: 3rd Thursday of each month.



Armand Bayou Nature Center Volunteer Newsletter

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how to do a demonstration from 3:30-4:30 for any volunteer interested. We are trying to get more people to feel comfortable using the available supplies at the nature center. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Heather in the education department.

I have heard from many of the volunteers who have been at the monthly meetings about how much they have enjoyed the speakers. We need to thank Ryan Lijffijt for all his hard work setting these lectures up; they have all been very enjoyable. Please join us in November as we take a historical look at an issue that would have been very timely in the 1900's, Women Suffrage.

Please remember that the Martyn Farm Harvest Festival will be November 10 and 11, from 10 to 4pm. This is **a call for all volunteers**; we need everyone to help. The farm training day is scheduled for October 27, from 9 to noon. The signup sheets are in the volunteer office.

Thank you all again for all the hard work you put into Armand Bayou Nature Center. All our volunteers are important and appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone over the next few weeks and working together to bring the Martyn Farm to life.

Liz
Volunteer Chair



Harvest Festival's Top 10 Checklist

1. Make plans for appropriate clothing (see October issue)
2. Locate your favorite cookie recipe so you'll be prepared to bake cookies for the cookie booth.
3. Sign up to work at least one shift each day; more is better.
4. Sign up for the training to be held Saturday, October 27. (See page 4)
5. Help promote the festival by posting flyers to appropriate places (with permission); flyers will be in Kaneka Building
6. Suggest possible vendors, entertainers or craftspeople to someone on the Harvest Festival planning committee. (See August issue)
7. Decide what dish you will bring to the potluck breakfast on Saturday morning before the festival opens. (attendance optional)
8. Spread the word via phone calls, email, Facebook, Twitter or smoke signals. In other words, invite, invite, invite.
9. Contribute handmade 19th century crafts, or homemade food to be sold at Martyn's Mercantile (the general store) at the festival. (Check appropriateness with MFHF committee.)
10. Have fun working at this unique event!!!

