JULY

05 Prairie Friday 8:30 a.m.
06 Stewardship Saturday 8:30 a.m.
11 Volunteer Board Meeting
12 Prairie Friday 8:30 a.m.
13 Monthly Bird Count 7:00 a.m.
18 Bayou Foliage **deadline**
19 Prairie Friday 8:30 a.m.
20 Stewardship Saturday 8:30 a.m.
26 Prairie Friday 8:30 a.m.
27 Guardians of the Gardens 8:30 a.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

SEPTEMBER
21 or 28 Volunteer Orientation

OCTOBER
19 Prairie Pandemonium
26 Creepy Crawlers

NOVEMBER
9 & 10 Martyn Farm Harvest Festival

**Improvements Happening**

For everyone’s safety, I am asking every volunteer to sign in and out of the Nature Center. There is one sign-in sheet in the admissions building and one at the office for Stewardship/Facilities. The form has date, name, time in and out, cell phone number, and location where you’ll be working. In the event of an emergency, we will use this list to find and notify all volunteers on the property.

Tim Pylate

**Do you have electronic waste?**

CompuCycle visits Ellington Field’s Recycle Facility
Second Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
https://www.compucycle.com/residential-recycling/products-we-accept/
In June, our Saturday volunteers had two productive and interesting days, in spite of the summer heat and humidity. For our first Stewardship Saturday, we focused on Chinese Tallow and Persimmon control in the prairie. We used loppers to cut the saplings and hand sprayers to apply a herbicide to the stumps. What made this morning memorable was the new growth of grasses and blooming forbs, especially cone flowers, across the prairie that kept our staff leader, Derek, busy identifying each new species encountered by our team.

For our second Stewardship Saturday in June, we did a bayou clean-up event, using canoes from the center to pick up trash and water hyacinth growth from along our shoreline. We were highly productive with four full and heavy trash bags to show for our efforts. A light breeze and partly cloudy skies made this a most pleasant morning for all.

On Prairie Fridays this month, we have focused again on planting grasses and removing tallow growth on the west bank where the prairie has started to dry up from our wet winter and spring. In addition to continued potting of grass and forb seedlings in the relocated and enhanced potting area, the group has also started performing our semi-annual transects under the guidance of Diane Humes and Laura Bradley. This activity, which essentially measures the health and diversity of the prairie, had been delayed by an excessively wet prairie during April and May.

* Demonstrators, Interpreters & Greeters

**Main numbers: 281-474-2551 or 713-274-2688**
Dial direct to each desk:

- 713-274-2663 Susan Millsap
- 713-274-2664 Liz VanOrstrand
- 713-274-2665 Tim Pylate
- 713-274-2666 Anna James
- 713-274-2667 Heather Millar
- 713-274-2668 Kathy Gardner
- 713-274-2671 Facilities (no phone mail)
- 713-274-2672 Mark Kramer
- 713-274-2673 Chris Smith
- 713-274-2674 Derek Sanford
- 713-274-2676 Kristen Hill
- 713-274-2683 Mike Maglitto

Emails are **first name @ abnc.org**  i.e.: tim@abnc.org
TRAINING DATES and EVENTS for your calendar
Email the leader or sign up on clipboards in the Volunteer Office

TRAINING

Tuesday, July 18  B.I.G. Meeting
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Auditorium
Leader: Liz VanOrstrand  liz@abnc.org

September 21 or 28 Volunteer Orientation (new or returning)
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Auditorium
Leader: Liz VanOrstrand  liz@abnc.org

October 12 Hands on History Training
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Martyn Farm area
Leader: Liz VanOrstrand  liz@abnc.org

EVENTS

October 19 Prairie Pandemonium
Planting to restore the habitat

October 26 Creepy Crawlers
Myths and legends – what is real and not?

November 9 & 10
Martyn Farm Harvest Festival
Celebrating 1895 to 1920 farm life

Notice to all Crafty Folks

November is our annual Martyn Farm Harvest Festival. Time to start your plans for items to sell at Eleanor’s Craft booth or Martyn and Sons store.

Items sold at Eleanor’s booth and the goodies at Stephanie’s Cookie booth go into the volunteer funds that we can choose how to spend for the nature center.

Money from items at the store go directly to the nature center to help cover the cost of the festival.

For all crafts, please try to make items that “fit” the era 1895 – 1910; like items they might have made for each other, nothing store-bought.

Treasure’s Report May 2019

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Meeting Snacks & Drinks

The social portions of our meetings are enhanced with finger food snacks and beverages; please sign up for one month, either one.

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Signup is on a clipboard in the Volunteer Office
**Education Department Page**

**Leaders and Helpers needed for these events**
*Contact Heather 713-274-2667*

**FIELD TRIPS** (Groups come to ABNC)

- **July 18** 10:00 - 12:00
  - Reptiles and trails
  - Wiggle Room  K - 4th
  - 5 - 11 years  30 children

- **July 25** 10:00 - 12:00
  - Reptiles and trails
  - Goddard School
  - 6 - 12 years  26 children

**OUTREACH** (Our program to their location)

- **August 15**
  - Pasadena Expo
  - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  - 7902 Fairmont Parkway

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**Easy and continuous ways to help ABNC are to go shopping, friend us, and tweet. Help us get the word out.**

- [https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7403757](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7403757)
- [https://www.kroger.com/community](https://www.kroger.com/community)
  - rewards
- [https://twitter.com/armandbayou](https://twitter.com/armandbayou)

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**SUMMER HELP**

- Camp instructor
- Adrian Aguirre from SHSU
- (front) and UHCL
- Intern, Brittany Amos steering the canoe

- Angelica Castillo, intern from San Jacinto College

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**First and Third Sundays**

Anna James, Visitor Services, is the POC for these projects

- **July:** What are those huge scary spiders?
- **August:** Exposing Houston’s Hidden Feline
- **September:** More Than Just a Mushroom
- **October:** Monarchs – An Incredible Journey
- **November:** Bison – Architects of the American Prairies
- **December:** The Vulture Cleanup Crew

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**Get instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies.**

- Our first aid kits have small out-of-date leaflets.
- We suggest you download the Red Cross first aid app. It’s excellent, and will stay up to date.
- **Text GETFIRST to 90999**
If you have to cancel, please do your best to find your own replacement. If you cannot, notify your coordinator AND the Front Desk. If you can cover for any open slots, call the coordinator for that event. When you arrive at ABNC for your duty, please check in at the Front Desk.

Except where noted, activities are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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- **07-06**
  - Greg Nenninger
  - Kendra Oglesbee
  - Polly Swerdlin
  - Susan Hesley
  - Yarn Dolls

- **07-07**
  - Ken Russell
  - Visitor Services
  - Spiders
  - Tonya Lawson
  - HABA on site
  - Tom Scarsella
  - Blacksmith

- **07-13**
  - Kevin Bauman
  - Hilary Gibbd
  - Birds
  - Zohre Amet
  - HABA on site
  - Tom Scarsella
  - Blacksmith

- **Patrick Kennedy**
  - 1967
  - 07-14
  - Polly Swerdlin
  - Eleanor Stanley
  - Reptiles
  - John Hendricks
  - Hilary Gibbs
  - Veggie Garden

- **07-20**
  - Kathy Graglia
  - Kendra Oglesbee
  - Spiders
  - Kathie Stocker
  - Nancy Saint
  - Crochet

- **07-21**
  - Joe Bryan
  - Visitor Services
  - Spiders
  - Eleanor Stanley
  - BAWS on site
  - Tom Scarsella
  - Woodshop
  - Hilary Gibbs
  - Veggie Garden

- **07-27**
  - Karen Sutera
  - Hilary Gibbs
  - Armadillos
  - Eleanor Stanley
  - Tom Scarsella
  - Blacksmith

- **Sally Struthers**
  - 1948
  - 07-28
  - Hilary Gibbs
  - Butterflies
  - Tonya Lawson
  - Polly Swerdlin
  - Stereoscope

During our hot summers, the afternoon guided trail hikes are not expected, and totally up to you if you wish to lead one. Be sure to take water, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent.
You might enjoy one of the interesting items the Monday Mob has run across while scanning for storage at UHCL.

These slides are 2 of 49 that were part of a project to fulfill requirements for a degree of Master of Science by Beverly Dement in May, 1986 at UHCL.

Eight volunteers gathered at Bay Area Park, canoed over to the West Bank, cooked supper, camped overnight, cooked breakfast, and returned. Beverly documented the research, pre-trip survey, the event, and post-trip evaluation, making recommendations for future similar events.

Bayou Foliage deadline: 3rd Thursday of each month.

Frank C Smith Library
Have you seen these?
- Plants of Central Texas Wetlands
- An Audubon Handbook Eastern Birds
- Habitat Gardening for Houston and Southeast Texas

Volunteer Web Page: www.abncvols.org

Hand-Me-Down Shirts with ABNC logo:
- Seven khakis available
  - See Liz
If you wish to pass one down, this is where to leave it.

If you buy a khaki shirt of your own to have the ABNC logo added:
- Third Coast Graphics has our design in stock.
  - 301 W Edgewood Dr. #16 Friendswood
  - 281-992-6600