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During 2019 our chapter impact in hours volunteered and in clients served were used in three grants.  YOUR HOURS ARE VERY IMPORTANT!** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **President's Corner** by Bibi Dalrymple      I became a Texas Master Naturalist with the intern class of 2018, and in a way, it was the fulfillment of a childhood dream. As a child I loved all nature shows on TV and I planned to be a naturalist when I grew up. Things didn’t work out that way. After a bachelor’s degree in Microbiology and French Literature I ended up with a master’s degree in Library and Information Science and worked for a number of years in the 1990s as a reference librarian at what is now TAMUCC.      During my intern training I delighted in discovering our local ecoregion and learning from the accomplished resource professionals whose agencies partner with STMN. I also treasure the Texas Master Naturalist textbook and recently reread the introductory chapter. It reaffirmed my enthusiasm for this organization and reminded me of an obligation we all share: “…to strive to manage their own programs by taking on coordinating, committee, and/or leadership opportunities within their local chapter.” (p. 13)     We still have a number of vacant positions that need to be filled and my goal is to have every position filled by May of 2020. Please review the unfilled positions and decide how you will contribute to running this organization. Remember, many hands make light work. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Editorial** by Chad Huckabee      January, 2020 began as an active time for South Texas Master Naturalists.  One can see active involvement by viewing Cindy Frank's January Impact column later in this newsletter.  The two largest events were Star Party at the Nueces Delta Preserve and Kid Fish at Lake Corpus Christi State Park.  Both of these are addressed later in the newsletter.  Our members remain highly involved in the community.      Art Siebert, Chuck Blend and Chad Huckabee met mid-January with Leslie Adams, Gail Sutton and Emily McCauley of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies.  The meeting was to discuss the formation of a partnership between our two groups.  The meeting was quite fruitful.  Discussion of what each group can bring to and enhance the objectives of both organizations.  Tentatively, we plan to have a presentation by Larry McKinney about the Institute as one of our Spring Monthly meetings and a day time tour of the facility at some point.  Chad Huckabee met with Dr. David Freeman, Superintendent of Flour Bluff ISD to determine if his district was amenable to our use of classroom laboratory and equipment for some AT training.  Since we have a reciprocal agreement, this makes FBISD a new partner.      Upcoming big events this Spring include Home & Garden Show February 7-9 at ABC, Birding Festival at Choke Canyon February 8 (**NEW**), Earth Day Bay Day April 4 at Heritage Park and Birdiest Festival April 22-26 at the Botanical Garden.  Details of these will be coming up as dates approach.  FYI Registration is open for those of you looking to earn AT hours with renown presenters.  Most of these involve much man power from our chapter. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Major January Activities Conducted by STMN**  **Star Party at Nueces Delta Preserve** by Chuck Blend, PhD.  “Communication Conduit Open … Destination – Planet Schmuckzoid in Galactic Cluster 8” <**BUUUZZZZ**> “Communication Conduit Open …” “Human Observation Command – are you receiving?” “Affirmative, Secret Operative Agent X9 – **REPORT!**” “Several members of the dominant terrestrial species, termed ‘Homo sapiens’, inhabiting a rocky planet the natives call ‘Earth’, in a large geopolitical unit called ‘The United States of America’, and within another relatively smaller geopolitical unit called ‘Texas’, gathered recently for ‘astronomical discovery’ within a medium-sized community called ‘Corpus Christi’ along the coast of a large, salty body of H20 the natives call ‘The Gulf of Mexico. A most intriguing meeting. These ‘humans’ belonging to various business and nature-oriented assemblages including the Nueces Delta Preserve – the actual meeting place of this group of hominids – as well as the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, the Corpus Christi Astronomical Society and the South Texas Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists all met on the evening of Saturday, 11 January 2020 - by their ‘Gregorian’ calendar. They used observatory equipment, primitive by our advanced technological standards, which they refer to as ‘telescopes’, ‘binoculars’ and ‘smart phones’, to observe and study the cosmos. Their ‘focus’ – pun not intended Human Observation Command - appeared to be on learning and observing their nearest satellite, which the ‘humans’ call ‘the moon’ and was at full phase, as well as various winter anthropological-groupings of stars, which they call ‘constellations’, and other deep-space objects (nebula, galaxies, star clusters, etc.). The ‘humans’ were most curious about any and all things in the heavens and exhibited much enthusiasm – especially when able to observe these objects using their half-dozen or so ‘telescopes’ present. All the ‘humans’, especially those with offspring - called ‘families’ and represented by individuals of varying ages - appeared to enjoy themselves and attended this grouping in significant numbers! The start of this event began with an oral presentation on their satellite and continued with a discussion of the other smaller, terrestrial and larger, gas worlds of their solar system. This was followed by observation of their setting, relatively small and uninteresting yellow, G-type dwarf, main sequence star which these ‘humans’ call ‘the sun’. Overall, it was an impressive gathering as these ‘humans’ express a strong interest in astronomy and view clear and dark skies as a valued natural resource on their world. I heard many of them wish to attend additional events like this, which they call a ‘Star Party’, in the future. I also have heard from a few of these individuals that they are having another of these ‘Parties’ at the Padre Island National Seashore Malaquite Visitor’s Center in March. I will keep you informed, Human Observation Command, though you need not worry about our home world being discovered by these ‘humans’! My observations strongly indicate that these ‘humans’ are completely unaware of our presence on their planet and the existence of our home world, Schmuckzoid, within Galactic Cluster 8 of the Andromeda Galaxy.” “**Excellent** work and report Secret Operative Agent X9! I look forward to your next report regarding these ‘Star Parties’.” “Affirmative, Human Observation Command.” “Communication Conduit Closed …” <**BUUUZZZZ**>   **Kid Fish at Lake Corpus Christi State Park** by Chad Huckabee      Kid Fish held at Lake Corpus Christi State Park was held on Saturday January 25 was a highly successful activity.  The STMN Critter Table served 518 visitors while others of our chapter served those and the remainder of the 1200 who passed through the gate.  Helping Kim Ogden at the NDP booth was Gary Walker, at the fishing end of the event were Carol Krepel and husdand Tom and Phil Woods, preparing bait was Liz Abel and manning the table was Grace Lopez, Winnie Shrum and friend Paula, Michelle Alvarez, Claude and Suzanne Smith and last but not least Rosemary Plank who arrived late due to chapter banking responsibilities. Below is a copy of a thank from OJ and Robbie:  Greetings friends, Kid Fish 2020 went as smooth as we could possibly ask for! In exchange for the lower visitation we are normally used to, we received a nice, steady, flow of visitors who fished and had the chance at a more interpersonal interaction with multiple TPWD staff and its supporters. I know I personally met with a few young anglers who experienced their First Fish Catch, which in my opinion, makes it all worth the time and effort -not an easy thing to do as we all know!  Our gratitude goes way beyond words. However, thank you all, as well as those associated with your groups, for your enthusiasm, commitment, and passion shared with all the families, participants, and colleagues that made it out to the event. On behalf of the staff here at Lake Corpus Christi State Park, we are much obliged! 😊  We had upwards of 1,200 people who rolled through the park that day. We also gave out over 470 fishing rods as take home gifts for the young anglers! The visitor were able to visit a state park and indulge themselves in hand’s on fishing/fish cleaning, basics to casting, kayaking, educational tables, professional interpretive programing, arts in a park, touch tables, fly tying, outdoor cooking demos, info on parks and recruitment, Game Warden/Park Police interaction, even free food, in one single day FREE of charge! All, without a hiccup of complaints and or incidents. Can’t say that very often.  We hope you all were able to enjoy yourselves as much as we did! We look forward to continue this awesome multi-division, multi-park, TPWD volunteers, local business, and local vendor partnership far into the future of the annual Kid Fish event!  Be on the lookout on our Facebook page and the bi-weekly park bullets for more pictures and more appreciation!  P.S. if you have any pictures you think are worth the share, please send them my way!  Many thanks!!  OJ, Robbie and staff | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **January Chapter Meeting Minutes** Justin Quintanilla, Secretary  21 January 2020    The South Texas Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists met January 21, 2020  at 6:30pm at the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center.    There was no AT at this meeting. Our Annual Potluck took place from 6:30p to 7:30p.    President Bibi Dalrymple called the meeting to order.  Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.    Treasurer Rosemary Plank thanked Finance Committee members Art Seibart and Cindy Frank for their assistance with the budget. Rosemary reported that our Share Total is $7,838.82, our Business Simple is $3,360.60, and our Savings is $316.10. Copies of our October-approved budget were passed out to present members for review. Motion to approve statement transferring bank signatures from Carol Krepel and Blyth Swartsfager to Justin Quintanilla and Birgitta “Bibi” Dalrymple was moved by Carlos Valdez and seconded by Reta Pearson. The motion carried.  \*\*\*\*\* On October 15th the South Texas Chapter Board and Membership approved the following change of Chapter officers; Blyth Swartsfager, President, was succeeded by Birgitta (Bibi) Dalrymple and Carol Krepel, Secretary, was succeeded by Justin Quintanilla.  On January 21st , 2020, the newly elected officers assumed their responsibilities for the organization. Given that the South Texas Master Naturalists use NavyArmy Community Credit Union as their bank, the following changes should be made to the Texas Master Naturalist: South Texas Chapter bank account.  Birgitta (Bibi) Dalrymple replaces Blyth Swartsfager as South Texas Master Naturalists check signer.  Justin Quintanilla replaces Carol Krepel as signer for all bank documents requiring the signature of the South Texas Master Naturalists Secretary.  Rosemary Plank continues as Treasurer for the South Texas Master Naturalists and Navy/Army Community Credit Union check signer.  This change was approved by the Board and Membership January 21, 2020.  2020 Budget was approved by membership  PPP Financial changes were approved by membership:  Secretary and President will meet Saturday at 0900 Flour Bluff Navy Army Community Credit Union on Saturday January 25, 2020.  \*\*\*\*\*  Julie Findley brought to our attention a summer retreat for educators at the Cornell University Lab in New York. Dates are July 7-10th and August 4-7th.  Chad Huckabee presented AT Training forms for those interested in offering their skills to lead future in-house AT trainings. Chad promoted an upcoming in-house AT training on plants at the Botanical Gardens on March 21st at 9am.  Chad promoted the upcoming Home and Garden Show February 7-9th and called for volunteers to assist with our table.  Chad also promoted the upcoming Kid Fish event on Saturday, January 25th.Chuck Blend and Rosemary Plank discuss financial edits of PPP and the 2020 budget.  Motion to approve the 2020 budget was moved by Janine Canady and seconded by Ruth Ramos. The motion carried. Motion to approve changes to the PPP that related to finances to conform with chapter business rules and IRS rules. Rosemary Plank moved the motion and Winnie Shrum seconded. The motion carried.  Rosemary Plank also discusses participating in a Chapter Project for the State Conference.  Cindy Frank called for volunteers at the upcoming Sea Turtle Conference. PINS is looking for people to help with the exhibitor vendor booths.  Cindy Frank also presented the following VMS recognitions:  Bibi Dalrymple received 250 hour pin.  Claude Smith and Suzanne Smith received name tags.  Initial certification of Samantha Cass and Michelle Alvarez.  15 of 17 interns completed their training in 2019.  Of the new interns, Adel Casiano, Wendy Hill, Leslie Hoekstra and Charlie Ogden recertified.  Kim Ogden, Reta Pearson, Jim Bryson, Cynthia McKenna, and Ruth Ramos also recertified.  50 total members recertified.  Bibi Dalrymple called for members to sign up for committee chairs.  Randy Bissell suggests members start using Facebook for more efficient communication.  Kim Ogden became liaison for the Nueces Delta Preserve and Texas Children in Nature.  Kim Ogden announced interpretation course at the Nueces Delta Preserve let by Lari Jo Edwards.  Phil Woods became liaison for Oso Bay Wetlands.  Leslie Hoekstra became liaison for Port Aransas Nature Preserve.  The president adjourned the meeting  Justin Quintanilla, Secretary  Chapter Administration/Chapter Meeting    1.0 hours + travel time | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Texas Master Naturalists** **South Texas Chapter Board of Directors and Committees - 2020** ACCORDING TO PPP MANUAL FOR STMN. ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS BECOME VACANT ON DEC 31 EXCEPT FOR POSITIONS DESIGNATED BY THE PPP MANUAL OR DUE TO SPECIALIZED SKILL OR KNOWLEDGE. THEREFORE, ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS ARE FREE TO JOIN OR LEAD ANY COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE JAN 1. SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND THE SUB-/COMMITTEE(S) WITH WHICH YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE OR LEAD TO ANY ELECTED OFFICER, CAROL KREPEL (PPP) OR CHAD HUCKABEE (NEWSLETTER)**. \***Committee Chairs are appointed by the President for a term of one calendar year, with the consent of the Board of Directors. Get involved! Learn and participate in chapter governance.  It is easier on everyone when there is full participation.  If you would like to join a committee or subcommittee, contact Chuck Blend, Chapter Vice-President.   **Executive Board (5 members)**:                                     Additional Posts: President                                      Bibi Dalrymple          Intern Class Representative    Leslie Hoekstra Vice President                              Chuck Blend             VMS Admin 1/Hours Keeper         Cindy Frank Treasurer                                     Rosemary Plank        VMS Admin 2                          Chad Huckabee Secretary                                     Justin Quintanilla       Ex Officios/Advisors (2)      Paul Silva (TPWD) Immediate Past President            Blyth Swartsfager                          Kevin Gibbs (AgriLife Extension)   **Committees (6):**  Education Committee                  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Chair)**        - Initial Training Subcommittee       Phil Woods **(Chair)**, Justin Quintanilla, Randy & Dawn Bissell        - Advanced Training Subcommittee     Chad Huckabee**(Chair)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_        - Advanced Training Approval Subcommittee     Grace Lopez, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Finance Committee                  Rosemary Plank **(Chair)**, Cindy Frank, Art Siebert (Budgeting & Audit)   Historian/Archivist Committee      Chad Huckabee **(Chair)**, Michelle Alvarez, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Membership Committee              Carol Krepel **(Chair)**, Chad Huckabee, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_         - Mentoring Subcommittee       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Chair)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_          - Hospitality Subcommittee      Christy Blend **(Chair)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_          - Publicity Subcommittee         Jen McCollough **(Chair)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Outreach/Communication Committee      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Chair)**        - Chapter Projects Subcommittee    Adel Casiano **(Chair)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_        - Webmaster/Website Coord. Subcommittee   Ruth Ramos, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_        - Facebook Subcommittee                               Justin Quintanilla, Randy Bissell, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_        - Newsletter Subcommittee                              Chad Huckabee, Cindy Frank, Carol Krepel   PPP Committee                          Chuck Blend **(Chair)**, Cindy Frank, Ruth Ramos, Rosemary Plank, (Operations/Bylaws)                    Art Seibert, Carol Krepel                                                                                                                        Date: 22 Jan 2020 - BLEND | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CC Museum Opportunities for 2020**     Jen McCollough, Science Curator for the museum needs help with the many specimen collections housed at the museum.  Collections include plants, mammals, birds, invertebrates, fossils, fish and  herptiles to name the more common ones.  The work may including cataloguing, digitizing, photographing and organizing.  The good news is Jen is a wonderful person with whom to work, she can provide much expertise and start you at an appropriate level.  The atmosphere is quiet, comfortable and away from the public.  If you have expertise with any of the collections, you can be of great help checking and updating classifications  on labels and in log journals.      Jen can accommodate individual or group training not only for museum purpose, but also for programs we may want to develop in the future.  Jen is a member of the STMN Class of 2019.  Currently, Art Siebert, Chuck Blend, Justin Quintanilla and Chad Huckabee are volunteering at the museum. | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Texas Master Naturalists (TMNs)** **South Texas Chapter Liaisons - 2020**  Liaisons connect chapter members to volunteer opportunities and needs by keeping Facebook (FB), Website, Newsletter, Advanced Training (AT) and Volunteer Approval personnel and general membership (i.e., chapter meetings) apprised of events occurring within fellow community groups having similar interests to our chapter of TMNs. As with sub-/committee positions, liaison positions are open to those chapter participants volunteering at various sites.   |  | | --- | | Audubon Outdoor Club, Blucher Park                        Karen Smith <[readerksmith@hotmail.com](mailto:readerksmith@hotmail.com)>   Children in Nature                                                      Kim Ogden <[ogdenzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenzoo@gmail.com)>   Coastal Bend Audubon Soc., CC Astronomical Soc. Chuck Blend <[ilovethesea@att.net](mailto:ilovethesea@att.net)>   CC Museum of Science & History                             Jen McCollough <[JenniferM2@ccmuseum.com](mailto:JenniferM2@ccmuseum.com)>  Jr Master Naturalists (JrMN) - Flour Bluff                  Ada Anderson <[adatanderson@gmail.com](mailto:adatanderson@gmail.com)>   Lake Corpus Christi State Park                                Blyth Swartsfager<[hardheadedgypsy@gmail.com](mailto:hardheadedgypsy@gmail.com)>   Mustang Is. State Park, JrMN - Flour Bluff               Janice Ainbinder <[jainbinder50@gmail.com](mailto:jainbinder50@gmail.com)>   Nature Preserves Port Aransas                                Leslie Hoekstra <[lhoekstra.hskt@gmail.com](mailto:lhoekstra.hskt@gmail.com)> &                                                                                   Ray Dillahunty <[rcdillahunty@gmail.com](mailto:rcdillahunty@gmail.com)>   Nueces Delta Preserve                                             Kim Ogden <[ogdenzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenzoo@gmail.com)> &                                                                                   Philip Woods <[Philip.woodscc@gmail.com](mailto:Philip.woodscc@gmail.com)>  Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve                                    Philip Woods <[Philip.woodscc@gmail.com](mailto:Philip.woodscc@gmail.com)>   PINS Interpretive Rangers                                       Art Siebert <[artsiebert@gmail.com](mailto:artsiebert@gmail.com)>  PINS Turtle Program                                               Janine Canady <[adcanady@aol.com](mailto:adcanady@aol.com)>   South Texas Botanical Gardens                              Grace Lopez <[mgracelpz43@gmail.com](mailto:mgracelpz43@gmail.com)> &                                                                                 Rosemary Plank <[rkplank69@gmail.com](mailto:rkplank69@gmail.com)>   Texas Sealife Center                                               Heather Cooley <[coolelyoh@me.com](mailto:coolelyoh@me.com)>  Texas State Aquarium                                             Samantha Cass <[scass@inglesidetx.gov](mailto:scass@inglesidetx.gov)>  UTMSI/The ARK                                                     Bob Ward <[robertward1955@hotmail.com](mailto:robertward1955@hotmail.com)>  Welder Wildlife Foundation                                    Grace Lopez <[mgracelpz43@gmail.com](mailto:mgracelpz43@gmail.com)>   Big Bloom, Celebration of Flight                            Chad Huckabee <chadhuckabee@outlook.c |   Date: 22 Jan 2020 - BLEND | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **January Chapter Impact** by Cindy Frank       Cindy graciously provides this column each month so that our membership sees the impact we have on our community.  Also, it provides a means for volunteers a  contact should they want to try a particular opportunity  List of who did what – January, 2020  (total volunteer hours for month = 882)  (total people seen for month = 993 adults + 1208 youth =2201)  Blucher Park-PO – Karen Smith  Blucher Park-RM – Karen Smith, Bibi Dalrymple, Michelle Alvarez  CBBEP-RM – Charlie Ogden  CC Museum-RM – Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Art Siebert, Chad Huckabee  Children in Nature-PO – Julie Findley  Citizen Science-FR – Cindy Frank, Grace Lopez, George Gardiner, Brenda Weathered, Phil Woods, Justin Quintanilla, Chad Huckabee, Leslie Hoekstra, Karen Smith, Michelle Alvarez, Rosemary Plank  Community Service-TG – Karen Smith, Chad Huckabee, Susan Hall  ComPartServ-PO – Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Art Siebert, Julie Findley, Randy Bissell  Flour Bluff-DO – Charlie Ogden  Flour Bluff-PO - Chad Huckabee, Cindy Frank  Flour Bluff–RM – Chad Huckabee, Cindy Frank  Lake CCSP-PO – Michael Clifford, Chad Huckabee, Rosemary Plank, Gary Walker, Grace Lopez, Carol Krepel, Phil Woods, Michelle Alvarez, Suzanne Smith, Claud Smith, Liz Abel  Mustang Island SP-RM – Gary Walker  NDP-DO – Art Siebert, Chad Huckabee, Cindy Frank, Charlie Ogden, Carol Krepel, Phil Woods, Grace Lopez  NDP-PO – Randy Bissell, Carol Krepel, Chad Huckabee, Dawn Bissell, Charlie Ogden  OBWPNC-DO – Bob Ward, Carol Krepel  OBWPNC-PO – Carol Krepel, Phil Woods, Chad Huckabee  Packery Channel Sanctuary-RM – Karen Smith  PINS-DO – Art Siebert, Randy Bissell, Dawn Bissell  PINS-PO – Art Siebert, Leslie Hoekstra  PINS-RM – Carol Singleton, Amanda Gabehart  Port A Nature Preserve-PO – Leslie Hoekstra, Cindy Frank  Port A Nature Preserve-RM – Cindy Frank, Liz Abel, Leslie Hoekstra, Ray Dillahunty, Julie Findley, Carol Krepel  Public CleanUp-RM – Randy Bissell, Michelle Alvarez, Carol Singleton  STBGNC-DO – Grace Lopez, Adel Casiano, Rosemary Plank  STBGNC-OT – Ric Garces  STBGNC-PO – Rosemary Plank, Stan Stanley  STBGNC-RM – Grace Lopez, Stan Stanley, Rosemary Plank, Chad Huckabee, Adel Casiano, Liz Abel, Liz Mayorga  TPWD Fish Hatchery-RM – Wendy Hill  TSA-PO – Sam Cass  TSC-RM – Wendy Hill  WWF-PO – Phil Woods | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Turtle Patrol Training**    All volunteers must attend a full day Classroom Session. New volunteers interested in conducting UTV patrols must also participate in one full day (8-hour) UTV training.  Volunteers that completed the full day UTV training last year in 2019 are eligible to sign up for the half day (4-hour) UTV Refresher Class. UTV Refresher Class participants will be assigned to a morning or afternoon session on a first-come, first-served basis. All volunteers wishing to participate during the 2020 nesting season are required to attend an annual classroom training in order to meet permit requirements. Volunteers will learn about the Kemp’s Ridley Recovery Program and about all of the volunteer opportunities available during the nesting season. Please note, attendance at the winter volunteer cold stunned training does not fulfill the requirements to become a summer volunteer.  2020 sea turtle nesting season and look forward to your participation.  We are excited about the upcoming season.  The nesting season classroom and UTV training dates are as follows: Classroom Session 1 Date:  18 February 2020 (Tuesday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore, Malaquite Visitor Center Education Center   Classroom Session 2 Date:  20 February 2020 (Thursday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore, Malaquite Visitor Center Education Center   Classroom Session 3 Date:  14 March 2020 (Saturday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore, Malaquite Visitor Center Education Center   UTV Refresher Training and Safety 1 (Refresher for 2019 Volunteers) Date:  19 February 2020 (Wednesday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore Headquarters, Turtle Lab/UTV Barn   UTV Refresher Training and Safety 2 (Refresher for 2019 Volunteers) Date:  19 February 2020 (Wednesday) Time:  12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore Headquarters, Turtle Lab/UTV Barn   UTV Training and Safety 1 Date:  21 February 2020 (Friday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore Headquarters, Turtle Lab/UTV Barn   UTV Training and Safety 2 Date:  29 February 2020 (Saturday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore Headquarters, Turtle Lab/UTV Barn   UTV Training and Safety 3 Date:  8 March 2020 (Sunday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore Headquarters, Turtle Lab/UTV Barn   UTV Training and Safety 4 Date:  15 March 2020 (Sunday) Time:  8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location:  Padre Island National Seashore Headquarters, Turtle Lab/UTV Barn   Volunteers wishing to conduct walking patrols and/or UTV patrols must successfully complete a physical fitness test, entailing a short walk at your own pace immediately after the classroom session.  For the physical fitness test, one should dress comfortably; wear walking shoes, and prepared for the weather. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age to participate. All volunteers must possess and be prepared to present a valid driver's license. Instructors will provide all of the necessary volunteer forms and documents required for participation in the upcoming season. Please bring a packed lunch for all training events. There will be a 30-minute lunch break.  Parking is limited at the Padre Island National Seashore’s Park Headquarters. Please consider car-pooling if you know someone attending the same training event.  For the UTV training, you must wear long pants, protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles), long sleeve shirt or jacket, and rigid ankle-high boots.  If you do not wear the appropriate clothing, you will not be allowed to participate in the UTV class.  Helmets, safety eyewear, and safety vests are provided. Seats for the UTV class are limited. Attendance at a classroom session does not guarantee a seat in the UTV class. For more information and to sign up for training classes please call (361) 949-8173, ext. 268.  We look forward to seeing you all again for what could be a record-breaking nesting season! Best wishes, The Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **UTMSI Begins Winter Lecture Series** The University of Texas Marine Science Institute begins its annual Winter Lecture Series this month.  The first program is "Sharks in the Gulf of Mexico:  Real-time Tracking of Apex Predators by Dr. Kelsey Gibson, Harte Research Institute.  The lecture Will be held at Pioneer RV Beach Resort in Port Aransas on February 6.  Doors open at 6:30 and lecture starts at 7:00.  These lecture count as Advanced Training. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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--- | | Day | Date | Event | Location |  | | Sat | 1-Feb | work day butterfly mound | Botanical Gardens | 8am | |  |  | nature walk | Charlie's Pasture Port A | 8am | |  |  | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9am | |  |  | Spring Pruning/Cleanup | Botanical Gardens | 9:15am | | Mon | 3-Feb | Growing Up Wild | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9:30/1 | |  |  | work day | Blucher Park | 3pm | | Mon-Th | 3-6 Feb | SE Regional Sea Turtle Conf | Omni | all day | | Tu | 4-Feb | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 8am | |  |  | Chasing Monarchs book club | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | noon | |  |  | Coastal Bend Audubon | Botanical Gardens | 6:30pm | | Wed | 5-Feb | Birding at the Tower | Turnbull Center | 9am | |  |  | Preparing for Purple Martins | Botanical Gardens | 10am | | Th | 6-Feb | work day | Nature Preserves Port A | 9am | | Fri-Sun | 7-9 Feb | Home & Garden Show | American Bank Center | all day | | Sat | 8-Feb | Birding Festival | Choke Canyon State Park | 8am | |  |  | nature walk | Charlie's Pasture Port A | 8am | |  |  | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9am | |  |  | Adopt a Beach | Mustang Island State Park | 9am | |  |  | Adopt a Beach | Packery Channel | TBA | |  |  | ABC's Spring Vegetable Garden | Botanical Gardens | 9:15am | |  |  | Family Picnic day | Nueces Delta Preserve | 11am | | Mon | 10-Feb | Growing Up Wild | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9:30/1 | |  |  | work day | Blucher Park | 3pm | | Tu | 11-Feb | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 8am | |  |  | Nature Story Time | Nueces Delta Preserve | 9am | |  |  | Audubon Outdoor Club | Botanical Gardens | 7pm | | Wed | 12-Feb | Birding at the Tower | Turnbull Center | 9am | |  |  | Selecting & Growing Citrus | Botanical Gardens | 10am | | Th | 13-Feb | work day | Nature Preserves Port A | 9am | | Sat | 15-Feb | nature walk | Charlie's Pasture Port A | 8am | |  |  | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9am | | Mon | 17-Feb | Growing Up Wild | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9:30/1 | |  |  | work day | Blucher Park | 3pm | | Tu | 18-Feb | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 8am | |  |  | nesting turtle training | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 8am | |  |  | TXMN Board of Directors mtg | Botanical Gardens | 5:30pm | |  |  | TXMN meeting | Botanical Gardens | 6:30pm | | Wed | 19-Feb | Birding at the Tower | Turnbull Center | 9am | |  |  | UTV refresher course | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 8am | |  |  | UTV refresher course | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 12:30pm | |  |  | Folklore of Texas wildflowers | Botanical Gardens | 10am | | Th-Sun | Feb 20-23 | Whooping Crane Festival | Port Aransas | all day | | Th | 20-Feb | nesting turtle training | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 8am | |  |  | Ecoexpert tracking TX wildlife | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 6pm | | Fri | 21-Feb | UTV training | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 8am | | Sat | 22-Feb | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9am | |  |  | Recycle Your Clippings | Botanical Gardens | 9:15am | | Mon | 24-Feb | Growing Up Wild | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9:30/1 | |  |  | work day | Blucher Park | 3pm | | Tu | 25-Feb | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 8am | | Wed | 26-Feb | Birding at the Tower | Turnbull Center | 9am | |  |  | Cold Stunned Rescues | Botanical Gardens | 10am | | Th | 27-Feb | work day | Nature Preserves Port A | 9am | | Sat | 29-Feb | nature walk | Charlie's Pasture Port A | 8am | |  |  | Big Shell Cleanup | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 8am | |  |  | UTV training | Padre Island Ntl Seashore | 8am | |  |  | guided walk | Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve | 9am | |  |  |  |  |  | | Mar | 17-20 | Certified Interpretive Training | Nueces Delta Preserve | all day | | Mar | 21 | AT training Common Plants of the Coastal Bend | | 9am |   . | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Interesting Resources**  .Native Plant Society of Texas <[mailman@npsot.org](mailto:mailman@npsot.org)>       Plant Beautyberry for understory by Rachel Cywinsky November Issue      Granjeno provides food in dry conditions by Rachel Cywinski October Issue      Sugarberries should be in every natural landscape by Rachel Cywinski October Issue      The naming of plants by Linda Leinen  January Issue Science By the Sea UTMSI podcast Daily on PBS radio or [www.sciencebythesea.org](http://www.sciencebythesea.org) Science Friday PBS podcast weekly on PBS radio Bird Notes PBS radio  podcast daily | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **2020 STMN MONTHLY SPEAKERS**  **1. February 18, 2020** SPEAKER: Dominic G. Swift, Ph.D. Candidate & Research Assistant, Marine Genomics Lab, TAMU-CC           TITLE: Shark habitat use on the Texas coast: implications for local, national, and international management           EMAIL: [dswift@islander.tamucc.edu](mailto:dswift@islander.tamucc.edu) **2. March 17, 2020** SPEAKER: Cameron Perry, Coastal Engineer, HDR Inc.           TITLE: “Coordinating Science and Engineering for Restoration & Living Shoreline Projects”           EMAIL: [cameron.perry@hdrinc.com](mailto:cameron.perry@hdrinc.com) **3. April 21, 2020** SPEAKER: Paul Silva, Natural Resource Specialist, TPWD & TMN           TITLE: “Dagger Island Restoration, Rebuilding the Past and Protecting the Future”           EMAIL: [paul.silva@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:paul.silva@tpwd.texas.gov) **4. May 19, 2020** SPEAKER: Ben Horstmann, Regional Interpretative Specialist, Texas State Parks – Region 2, TPWD           TITLE: TBA – Interpretative Instruction in an Outdoor Environment           EMAIL: [ben.horstmann@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:ben.horstmann@tpwd.texas.gov) **5. August 18, 2020** SPEAKER: Beau Hardegree, Southwest Regional Coordinator, USFWS           TITLE: TBA – Conservation Efforts with the Aplomado Falcon           EMAIL: [beau\_hardegree@fws.gov](mailto:beau_hardegree@fws.gov) **6. September 15, 2020** [I will be out of town for this date] SPEAKERS: Caitlin Cox & Jane Schaller           TITLE: TBA – “Pick Up Plastic With Your Pups”           EMAIL: [pupbag@gmail.com](mailto:pupbag@gmail.com) **7. October 20, 2020** SPEAKER: Dr. Chuck Blend, Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History & STMNs           TITLE: “Deep-Sea Parasites – 30 Years and Still Going…”           EMAIL: [ilovethesea@att.net](mailto:ilovethesea@att.net) **8. November 17, 2020** SPEAKER: Keith A. Pawelek, Assoc. Director, Texas Native Seeds Projects           TITLE: “The Texas Native Seeds Program a Statewide Initiative”           EMAIL: [keith.pawelek@tamuk.edu](mailto:keith.pawelek@tamuk.edu) | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****Injured Animal Resources**** Following are available local resources:  \* Take injured birds: [*Amos Rehabilitation Keep*](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3D511d1f9eb7-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=r75roa2EA-qAGMY0y0tpBBkf4ULoyO84ocOW0pMmeEU&e=), UT-Port Aransas, 361-749-6793 (most birds, turtles etc).  \*Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Program at the [*TX State Aquarium*](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3Dc77a16160d-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=KWrHCN1RWDTZ4ppT4dS6JJkTFVAHssYrzQh3qsrM16c&e=), 881-1219 (water birds and some raptors only, no land birds)  \*[Corpus Christi Sealife Center](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3D245dc74cfd-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=FuN2Q9jBnr5Z_nRmYFCYRahjXLNEo6FKAhd-4_dR0lE&e=), 14220 SPID, next to Packery Channel Park (all kinds of animals, but focus is rescue/return of turtles, shorebirds and raptors).  \*Cage birds/Parrot Rescue: email Paula Scott at  [cbcbirdclub@gmail.com](mailto:cbcbirdclub@gmail.com), Coastal Bend Companion Bird Club and Rescue Mission.  \*To contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator in your area, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife's rehabilitators, by county, [***at their website***](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3D7ddde3d1be-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=jkvd6Cg56tXg6O1g7gYTc2kfZojCu_QVxSJ-7pncoi4&e=), or call TPWD Wildlife at 1-800-792-1112 | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Related Organizations**  Information about these organizations, their newsletters and activities in which they may be involved can be researched by clicking on the items below.  If you know of other organizations in the coastal bend that should be listed, please notify Chad.  Native Plant Society of Texas [https://npsot.org/wp/contact/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3Dd5735d241a-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=mOip8a4lORJZnKScisX_VYCuJeHNVf058p_fjSMwPFw&e=) Corpus Christi Science & History Museum <[yvettel2@ccmuseum.com](mailto:yvettel2@ccmuseum.com)> Audubon Outdoor Club [www.audubonoutdoorclub.com](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3D610744024e-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=gUe1G5-7MWEOd2opyuim_SN60ZnbWo0CdU6ZB6E5pMM&e=). Welder Wildlife Refuge  [http://welderwildlife.org/content/visitors/public/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3D57c576ccfe-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=USCs9gFMNOddBmbHn7yxtPk0X56ovcK9ZK6OmZHAr0M&e=) South Texas Botanical Garden and Nature Center  [http://stxbot.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3De569fea5c1-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=WFuEQ93KhCrHPxwbQYYIP0ZHpg2T42XBCqwGHTPYy-o&e=) Birding Code of Ethics  [http://listing.aba.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/abaethics.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3Da6bd254505-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=spoUzqJ4hmOPXDiLdDpepx3lQrO4z6YzsF_rSnRIAEM&e=) Coastal Bend Bays Foundation  [http://www.baysfoundation.org/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3Dc63aba423c-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=Wxocl9atGEldjEMZy_Ih0n-Jm96RKmwiuWqTAdXcvKA&e=) Coastal Bend Audubon Society  [http://coastalbendaudubon.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3Db661f4e221-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=uLziOdMkEW52sEWhjh3LcU2TcAT9H8vEKurzT_qcmR4&e=) Corpus Christi Geological Society   <http://www.ccgeo.org>  Corpus Christi Astronomical Society  <http://ccstargazers.org> Hawk Watch Daily Update  [https://www.hawkcount.org/month\_summary.php?rsite=470](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__txmn.us15.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D03661bbd10d5d54c7000d57e9-26id-3D320ddb46d5-26e-3D8ede26f797&d=DwMFaQ&c=r_tSStIHV2ie60z4DgB-pQ&r=vL_GcWjioBk5DxQaQgvK2syfb8Azwb0io3WZLJRtsd0&m=QHLs35eUJX8Ui1K0y_9Ih4KDXxvaeNaPBJHmOMltY7o&s=gNmFWA2TiFxdkLMtakJibxDm1ZejXR9KIfMOS7UXt08&e=) Mustang Island State Park Friends  <[eric.ehrlich@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:eric.ehrlich@tpwd.texas.gov)> | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | EMBROIDERY INFORMATION:  Marlin Works, Inc.  2310 Pollex Ave.  Corpus Christi, TX 78415  (361) 854-0906    Our logo is under “South Texas Master Naturalists”  You must purchase your own shirt or hat; take it  to them and choose whatever colors you’d like for  the lettering and dragonfly embroidery work.  Cost = $10.00 plus tax – takes about two weeks    . | | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **February Chapter  Meeting**  **The next STMN Chapter Meeting** will be held on February 18, 2020  at the Botanical Garden at 6:30.  **Speaker:**  Dominic G Swift, PhD. 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