



Friends of Guadalupe River Honey Creek, Inc.

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Watchable Wildlife. Almost a year has past since bird feeders and the Sweeney scatter feeder was added to the Rust House Complex. Our wonderful windmill has been keeping the water trough full. Sometimes we wonder if the wild life might be eating better than the staff! But, those of you who come for a visit on Saturdays cannot help



but notice the abundance of birds to watch. Six large nectar feeders kept the hummingbirds fat, fussing and fighting all summer long. We are gearing up for the winter migration. Bring your binoculars and join us on Saturday mornings.

Volunteers! We have great benefits! Join us for a walk along beautiful Honey Creek Canyon at the Rust Visitor Center any Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to learn how you can help with interpretive programs and work projects. There are unlimited opportunities for self-directed individuals, teachers, Eagle scouts, girl scout troupes. Help as little or lot as you want, the pays the same (zip). But, once you get started you'll become addicted to the insanity. Contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Ed Gunter at 830-560-2522. We've got fun programs that we just can't do because there's not enough volunteers. You could facilitate an evening amphitheater program, lead a trail walk such as Plant Identification, Photo and Artist Outing or even Monarch Butterfly tagging. Its' fun and easy to do and we'll show you how. Or help us fill bird feeders and hummingbird feeders weekly at the Rust House.

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Monarch Butterflies are coming! As usual, it seems, I am sweating it out for arrival of the tags before Oct 4th. Meanwhile, the numbers of Monarchs seen gathering in northern states promise a "really big" Fall migration. Late August and early September cold fronts have already carried strong numbers into Central Texas. I am quite certain I saw one as early as

August 29th flying across Hwy 306. Luckily for everyone else on the road, I forced myself to keep going instead of turning back to confirm the sighting. At any rate, the Monarch Watch program will be coordinated by the students of Churchill High School teacher, Tom Anderson. They will be on hand each Saturday morning for instructing volunteers on catching and tagging. The data will be compiled and submitted to The University of Lawrence, Kansas This year the tags will be self adhesive. Yea! no more messy glue bottles. Come join us at the Rust Visitor Center any Saturday morning in October. See calender for times and dates.



Windmill Interpretive display. Through a partnership with the Amy Shelton McNutt Trust and Churchill High School an interpretive and educational display is being built. Cultural research is also being done by Churchill High School students. A

kiosk to display the information is being built by Churchill's Environmental Studies and Research Class. This wonderful project will be completed by Spring '98. A proposed wildscape garden to attract more butterflies and birds will be developed around the windmill and kiosk. Anyone or group interested in this phase of the project, please call the park office at 830-438-2656 or our volunteer coordinator, Ed Gunter at 830-560-2522.

Jelly Program to Air on PBS. The TV program date has been set for early October, so check your local PBS programming schedules for air time of Texas "Parks & Wildlife". If you were planing to join in on one of our Jelly classes this year, please check the dates in the calendar on page 3 and make your reservations now!



Superintendent's Corner

by Duncan G. Muckelroy

It is with the upmost enthusiasm and professional heartfelt optimism that I am able to announce that as of September 1, 1997, Guadalupe River State Park (GRSP) and Honey Creek State Natural Area (HCSNA) have been transferred into a newly created State Parks Region V. Our new Regional Director is Mr. Jimmy Swaim. Mr. Swaim has served the Park Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for numerous years in high profile and highly responsible positions. At our new region's initial meeting on September 10th and 11th, he strongly emphasized his support for a formal Friends Group being active at each and every state facility within his supervision. In fact, Mr. Swaim has already expressed not only his willingness, but indeed his zest, to attend one of our next scheduled Friends Meeting.

As was mentioned at our Annual Friends meeting, Deirdre and I were able to participate in a meeting attended in part by Mr. Bill Palmer, TPWD Public Lands Director, and Mr. Robert Potts, Texas Nature Conservancy Director. At the meeting, it was decided the mission of TPWD mandated that the fragile environment of the riparian zone at HCSNA needed to continue to be protected by the requirement of supervised/guided public access, but the less sensitive "upland" zone at HCSNA would become more accessible to the visiting public. The operational/management procedures and policies to allow for increased public access in the "upland" zone of HCSA will be established prior to February 1, 1998. I welcome the input of each and every interested Friends member into this planning process.

The highlight for me since the release of the last newsletter was the large number of Friends in attendance at our Annual Friends meeting. The number in attendance was considerably larger than I had anticipated, and it was most heartwarming and a terrific boost to my confidence in the success of all of our future endeavors. Due to the contributions of "hone made dishes" brought by everyone in attendance, it was one of the most enjoyable and satisfying meals I have ever eaten. Of course, kudos to Joe and Deirdre for excellent Barbecue. Until next time, as always your continuing support is what enables us to be progressive.

Notes from the President by *Jink Manry*

The Friends of Guadalupe River / Honey Creek, Inc. Has just completed the most successful year of its existence. At the annual meeting, outgoing President, Richard Solis, described the popular and successful Educational Outreach Program while Terry Urbanczyk, Program Director, acknowledged each of her wonderful volunteers with a Certificate of Appreciation. After the meeting, everyone shared a covered dish lunch and Deirdre Hisler's barbeque.

The annual elections of the Board of Directors was held electing Leon V. Manry, Richard Solis, Joe Vanecek, Jeanne Manry and Ed Gunter for three year terms, joining continuing Board members, Charlene Simmons and Linda Sutton. At the following Board meeting, Leon V. Manry was elected President, Joe Vanecek, Vice President, Charlene Simmons, Secretary and Jeanne Manry, Treasurer, for the 1997/98 year.

We appreciate the hours of service all our wonderful, hard working volunteers gave us this year and look forward to having their help, as well as new volunteers so we can implement more programs for children and adults.



Friends of Guadalupe River/Honey Creek mourn the passing of member, Brother Daniel Lynch on September 13th at the age of 76. Brother Lynch helped compile the first annotated checklist of vascular plants of Honey Creek SNA in the early 80's. He is well known for

his book, "Native and Naturalized Woody Plants of Austin and the Hill Country", 1981. It is still a best-seller at the National Wildflower Research Center. Our newsletter often draws upon his book for illustrations and information. Over the years, Brother Lynch has made time to lead walks through Honey Creek SNA and is pictured here with friend Ed Kutac (left) in 1992. Lynch also published one of the first birding checklists for Central Texas and was among the first to note the sighting of the tiny and elusive golden-cheeked warbler. Lynch was a familiar face in the Austin community. He chaired the Urban Forestry Board, was member of the Oak Wilt Task Force, and member of the Wild Basin Wilderness Education Committee.

Brother Lynch, CSC, served on the St. Edward's University faculty for 43 years in Austin, Texas and is fondly remembered by former students as "Don't Give an Inch" Lynch. "Brother Daniel was a giant in the history of St. Edward's University," said President Patricia Hayes. "He was absolutely beloved by his students and he loved them. He always approached his work, both in and out of the classroom, from a spiritual perspective and with a sense of mission that he instilled in the many scientists and medical professionals who counted him as a mentor. Their dedication to their work, their respect for the wonder of creation and their commitment to service will keep Brother Daniel's spirit alive for years to come."

1997 Fall Activities at Guadalupe River S.P. & Honey Creek SNA

Readme! Activity fees for Saturday hikes into Honey Creek Canyon are \$2 per person (members of "Friends" are free). Other program fees/reservations as noted. If you are not a TCP pass holder, be aware that park entrance fees are extra. Park phone # is 830-438-2656 for additional information, reservations for special programs and directions.

2 Activities Today!

October 4th: Honey Creek Canyon Walk 9 - 11 a.m. Join us for a leisurely two mile hike along Honey Creek Canyon with interpretation of the environmental and cultural history of the Edwards Plateau and the Texas hill country. Lead by Penny Solis. Meet at Rust House.

October 4th: **Monarch Watch Survey.** 9:30 a.m. - noon. Hosted by Churchill High School students, you can participate in a nationwide scientific program tracing migration patterns of the Monarch butterfly as they begin their Fall migration south. Our observations will help expand what is known about the Monarch's Texas migration. If you cannot come to the scheduled event, it is still possible to help by counting flybys. Survey forms and instructions will be available in park headquarters. Meet at Rust House.



4 Activities Today!

October 11th: Honey Creek Canyon Walk 9 - 11 a.m. (See Oct 4th for details)

October 11th: Monarch Watch Survey. 9:30 a.m. - noon. See Oct 4 for details.



October 11th - Sticks, Onions and Mud. 11 - 12:30 p.m. A fun cooking demonstration featuring clever ways to cook without kitchen

utensils over a campfire. Hosted by Bill and Beverly Brummel. \$1 per adult activity fee.

October 11 Native Plant Cooking. Mustang Grape Jelly. 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants will learn how to make jelly from scratch. Fruit and all supplies are provided. Reservations required, fee \$25, payable in advance (Friends members, \$15). Call 830-438-2656.

October 12. Sunday. Mustang Grape Jelly. See Oct 11 for details. Reservations required, fee \$25, payable in advance (Friends members, \$15). Call 830-438-2656.

2 Activities Today!

October 18th: Grass Identification Walk 9 - 11 a.m. Lead by Wesley Blackman. Learn about native grasses as you walk down to beautiful Honey Creek. Meet at Rust House.

October 18th: Monarch Watch Survey. 9:30 a.m. - noon. See Oct 4 for details.



October 19 Cactus Fruit Jelly, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants will learn how to make jelly from scratch. Fruit and all supplies are provided. Reservations required, fee \$25, payable in advance (Friends members, \$15). Call 830-438-2656.

3 Activities Today!

October 25th: Birding walk along Honey Creek Canyon 9 - 11 a.m. Lead by Chris Gunter learn the basics of Bird watching and identification. Meet at Rust House.

October 25th: Monarch Watch Survey. See Oct 4th for details.



October 25 Cactus Fruit Jelly, See Oct 19th for details. Reservations required, fee \$25, payable in advance (Friends

members, \$15). Call 830-438-2656

October 26 Cactus Fruit Jelly, See Oct 19th for details. Reservations required, fee \$25, payable in advance (Friends members, \$15). Call 830-438-2656

2 Activities Today!

Nov 1: Honey Creek Canyon Walk 9 - 11 a.m. (See Oct 4th for details)

Nov 1: Dutch Oven Cooking, 12 - 3 p.m. Pot Wrangler, Charlene Simmons will teach the basics of using the Dutch oven on a campfire. Plus tin turtle ideals. Participants will enjoy the prepared meal!! Reservations required, \$25 per person. ("Friends" members, \$15) call 830-438-2656

2 Activities Today!

Nov 8: Honey Creek Canyon Walk 9 - 11 a.m. (See Oct 4th for details)

Nov 8th. Mustang Grape Jelly. See Oct 11 for details. Reservations required, fee \$25, payable in advance (Friends members, \$15). Call 830-438-2656.

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Nov 9: Photo & Artist Outing. Photograph and Paint at your own pace along beautiful Honey Creek Canyon. Reservations required. \$10 per person, Friends members \$5. 830-438-2656.

Dec 6, 13, 20, 27: Honey Creek Canyon Walk 9 - 11 a.m. See Oct 4th for details.

Friends of Guadalupe River/Honey Creek, Inc., Membership Application

Make check payable to: Friends of GR/HC, Inc., 3350 Park Rd. 31, Spring Branch, TX 78070.

Dues are annual and renew each January. Dues paid after June 30th of each year are prorated at half of the full membership fees.

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