

**Texas Master Naturalist Program
Cradle of Texas Chapter
General Meeting and Advanced Training
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Texas AgriLIFE Extension Building
21017 County Road 171
Angleton, TX 77515-8903**



8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Fun and Fellowship Refreshment Team: Elaine Crews, Cindy Goodrum, Mary Helen Israel, Richard Schaffhausen
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	General Meeting This meeting is approved for volunteer hours for the There will be no Advance Training at this meeting.
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Program: Intern Project Reports and graduation Speaker: Members of the Intern Class of 2015

**Update May 13, 2015
This meeting is approved for
1.00 hour VT and 1.5 hour AT**

Pearland Team Colene Cabezas Jill Carroll Kendrick Gray Robert Salzer Donald Sabathier Mary Kate Ward	Future Pearland Nature Center: <i>Identifying and Nurturing a Healthy Habitat</i> Our project team has selected a location to formally identify its inhabitants and plant species. The site we have chosen will be the future home of the <i>Pearland Nature Center</i> where children and their families can learn about the environment. This beautiful site currently attracts a few migrant and indigenous birds, reptiles, and other forms of wildlife. We will help the City of Pearland better understand this area and plan for a more sustainable future by suggesting strategies for habitat preservation and development. We will also assist with a wetland planting. We hope to see positive outcomes with higher populations of species both plant and animal. We will chronicle the changes to the environment as a result of these new habitat enhancements. Any information we gather could be used for future environmental educational programs, interpretive signage, and scientific research.
GCBO Team Patricia Weeks Fritz Bates Laurel Owen Ken Arnold Maggie Schakel Ann Lange Robert Simmons	Planting an Educational Prairie Garden at GCBO We planted an educational demonstration garden at GCBO with plants taken from the Gephart Prairie. We wanted to learn about both prairie and bottomland forest ecosystems to understand the likelihood of the success of the garden.
Quintana Team Bryan Frazier Patty Brinkmeyer Anna King Jesse Villasana Vicki Kirby Mike Bertoff Greg Bloomhuff	Impact of Sargassum on Quintana Beach The Quintana Beach project will focus on the issues surrounding sargassum and its impact on Quintana Beach. We will be exploring some of the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is sargassum? Where does it come from? How does it get here? • Is there a historical cycle to quantities that appear on our beaches? • How do environmental factors affect sargassum? • What ecosystems develop around sargassum, both on land and sea? • What are the effects of sargassum on tourism and the economy? • What are the controversies surrounding sargassum and what are current best practices? As a committee, we plan to monitor the arrival of sargassum wracks on Quintana Beach and to collect samples of some of the associated flora and fauna that come ashore with it. We also plan to attend the 2015 Gulf Coast Sargassum Symposium in Galveston to learn about important research being conducted, and how it could affect future financial and environmental impacts on the Gulf Coast Area.

ATTENTION ALL MASTER NATURALISTS!!!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

**THE GREAT MASTER NATURALISTS
"SUPER SOUP" COOKOFF**



in Honor of

**THE "SUPER" GRADUATING CLASS
OF 2015!**

*We have 10 chefs ready to cook but, we welcome anyone else that
would like to compete!*

OR

If you wish, you may bring your favorite dessert or salad.

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