

Outdoor
Nature Club

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our charter ...

Outdoor Nature Club
was established in
1923 as a nonprofit
organization with the
purpose of protecting
and conserving our
natural resources by
fostering an interest
in nature study

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Two-color Cone-flower (Mexican Hat), a watercolor by Eloise Reid Thompson

AT ONC'S MARCH MEETING, Katrina Ladwig will present "Wildflower Portraits," a program about the wildflowers painted in watercolors by her mother, Eloise Reid Thompson.

Before Eloise Reid married Wallace C. Thompson, a geologist, in 1928, she was a commercial artist for A. Harris, a large department store in Dallas. After the couple married, they moved to Tyler, where she became enthralled with the beautiful wildflowers in that area and began to paint them. In less than six years from the time she began painting, Mrs. Thompson was asked to provide 100 of her watercolors to adorn an exhibit hall at the Texas Centennial Exposition. Some of the paintings continued to be exhibited there more than 20 years later. Between 1950 and 1960, they were shown

"Wildflower Portraits"

*Presented by
Katrina Thompson Ladwig*

for

ONC Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 9
7:30 pm

in a number of Texas cities as well as in Oklahoma, Illinois, and Virginia.

In 1964, of the many varieties of flowers that Mrs. Thompson painted, 100 were selected for publication in a book entitled *Wildflower Portraits*. Botanical descriptions were written by Edna Wolf Miner. Although the book is currently out of print, copies can yet be found through dealers of rare and collectible books. The ONC Botany Group was presented a copy that was signed by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Miner.

Katrina will show examples of her mother's work, finished and unfinished, and share insights. Originals of the paintings Katrina will discuss will be exhibited at the Houston Museum of Natural Science mezzanine from May 6 through September 4, 2006.

Group Activities

Conchology

Thursday, March 23, 7:00 pm
 Bayou Manor, 1st Floor
 4141 S. Braeswood

Join our monthly meetings to share you photos and experiences with fellow group members.

Botany • Entomology

Tuesday, March 14
 Bayland Community Center, 7:30 pm

Plants to Avoid: Poison-ivy, Poison-oak and Poison Sumac, presented by Glenn Olsen. Glenn is a past president of the Native Plant Society of Texas and currently serves on the Executive Board of the Houston Chapter, NPSOT.

Ornithology (OG)

Monday, March 6
 Bayland Community Center
 Learning Corner: 6:30 pm

An Owl in Hand
 Program: 7:00 pm
Owls of North America, presented by Denver Holt, Owl Research Institute.

OG FIELD TRIP

Saturday, March 18
 West Houston and Bear Creek
 Leader: Adam Wood

ONC Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 9
 Bayland Community Center
 7:00 pm Refreshments
 7:30 pm Program

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Upcoming in April

- April 1**
Highway trash pickup at LTNS
- April 3**
OG Meeting, Golden Cheek Warbler
- April 8**
SPRING FEAST AT LTNS (formerly Reunion Day). Details in next *Nature Notes*
- April 8**
OG Field Trip to Jasper County in E.Texas
- April 11**
Botany • Entomology Meeting
Spring Wildflowers with Dr. Larry Brown
- April 13**
ONC Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, at Bayland Community Center
- April 27**
Conchology Meeting

LTNS Visitors Weekend

Saturday/Sunday, March 11-12

Join us for a spring camping weekend in East Texas. Some early spring flowers should be blooming as well as the beautiful redbuds. Our purple martin house has been cleaned and raised on Cullinan Meadow so we hope to find some martins and maybe a few early spring migrants.

Primitive camping is permitted in the Cove area. For more information about accommodations, contact Aaron Stoley.

Next Trash Pickup along our adopted highway

Saturday, April 1

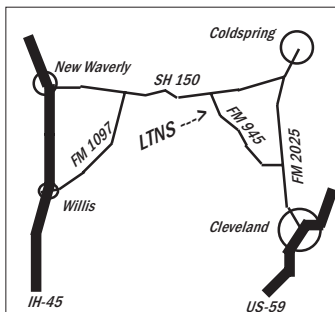
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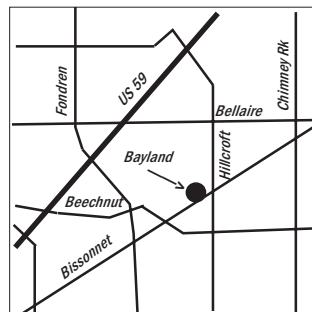
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Map to LTNS



Map to Bayland



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Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary
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Membership Renewal

Member Category	Amount Enclosed
Regular	\$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Family	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Ornithology (OG)	\$14.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
OG (2nd family member)	\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Life Membership	\$250.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Donation, LTNS Sanctuary Fund	\$ _____
Donation, General Fund	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

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Many of you have written to let us know your newsletter has been late arriving. I don't normally pass the buck, but just this once I will blame it on the U.S. Postal Service. We've been told by USPS that bulk rate mailed in Houston for all zips outside 770xx are sent to Dallas, resorted, sent back to Houston, sorted again, then finally delivered. No wonder it takes some of us (including your editor) 4-5 weeks to get *Nature Notes*!

I don't think mailing earlier will help, so I would suggest you try reading the newsletter on line. It is posted by the first of every month "in living color" and sometimes sooner. I'll be happy to send you an email reminder with a link to the web site. Just send an email to pres_onc@outdoornatureclub.org requesting you be added to the email list.

We'll begin the email reminders with the March issue.

Connie Blakley, Editor

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Please consider including ONC in your will or estate plan. By so doing, you can help ensure that our sanctuary will be protected for future generations.

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“Wildflower Portraits” a compilation of watercolor paintings by Eloise Reid Thompson was published in 1964. In this photo, taken just prior to publication, Mrs. Thompson (right) and Mrs. Edna Miner check proofs to ensure color accuracy.

Join us at the March 9 ONC meeting for a program about Mrs. Thompson’s beautiful paintings as presented by her daughter and long time ONC member Katrina Ladwig.

See accompanying story, page 1. Meeting time and place can be found on page 2.