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Notes from your editor

by Connie Blakley

Yearbooks mailed

Hello, everyone! It's been a long, hot summer and I'm running late so this first issue of the new season is in abbreviated form and being included with the mailing of the yearbook. The yearbook contains monthly calendars of all activities that were scheduled at time of publication. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend our meetings and field trips. If you'd like to have extra copies of the yearbook, they'll be available at a table in back of the room at all our meetings.

On the back side of this issue you'll find all the September activities. I hope you'll plan to attend some or all of them.

In memoriam

Longtime dedicated ONC member Mary W. Tigner passed away in May at her home in "paradise," as she fondly called her place in Dayton.

Tig loved the Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary and served as warden for many years. She frequently hiked the trails and enjoyed watching birds and looking for native plants along the way. In her 30 years as an ONC member, Tig rarely missed a visitors weekend at LTNS and took pleasure in greeting visitors with a hearty handshake and enthusiastic East Texas "howdy!"

We miss you, Tig; somehow the "Thicket" just won't be the same without you.

Donations ... Honor Gifts ... Memorials

Donations are always appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Memorials and Honor Gifts are used to support the Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary. Other gifts go to special projects designated by donors. Thanks, everyone, for your generosity.

In memory of Mary Tigner

Charles/Priscilla Bauer

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In memory of Johnny Fay Barnette, Dorothy Chandler, Bobbie Duryea, Nance McDavid, Irene Stiles

Dorothy Parmesan

In memory of Deborah Thompson Pancoast Rogers

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In memory of Rosel and Larry Wilkinson, June Giddens,

Milton Theis, Sr.

Ruby Pancoast

In honor of Connie Blakley

Susan Jackson

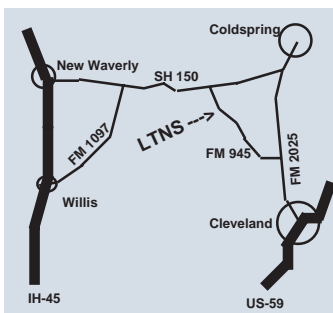
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Activities Calendar

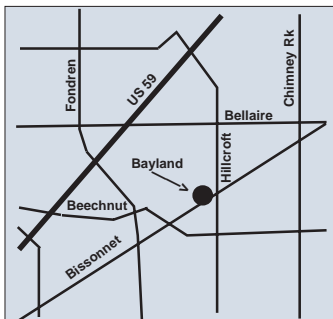
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Map to LTNS



Map to Bayland



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Conchology

Thursday, Sept 22, 7:30 pm
Bayou Manor, 4141 S. Braeswood

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

Botany/Entomology

Tuesday, Sept 13, 7:30 pm
Bayland Community Center

Carnivorous Plants, by Anita Howlett, Staff Naturalist, Jesse Jones Park & Nature Center.

Ornithology

Monday, Sept 12
Bayland Community Center

Learning Corner:

6:30 pm ID-ing Local Gulls. Remember to bring your field guides.

Program: 7:00 pm

Texas Pelagics, by John Arvin, Research Coordinator for the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory.

OG FIELD TRIP

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Saturday, September 24
Smith Point Hawk Watch
Candy Abshier WMA

Leader: Dick Benoit

Hawk Watch is a popular event in Texas where you can see thousands of hawks during migration. Other migrants such as hummingbirds, swallows, butterflies and dragonflies are also in abundance.

This is a good opportunity to learn how to identify hawks on the wing.

ONC Meeting

Thursday, September 8
Bayland Community Center

7:00 pm Refreshments

7:30 pm Program

Raising Large Local Moths, by ONC member and Master Naturalist Farrar Stockton. Farrar has been a butterfly enthusiast since his youth and raises butterflies and moths at his home on Cypress Creek in North Houston. He also works part-time at the Houston Museum of Natural Science helping to organize and re-catalog their lepidoptera collection.

Farrar will teach us how to raise moths and tell us about his work at the museum. Live specimens might be on the agenda. Join us for a fun and educational experience!

LTNS Activities

September 24-25 VISITORS DAYS

Let's hope our weather cools off before the end of September! This is the first campout of the new season, so we look forward to having lots of visitors at the sanctuary.

SATURDAY, join us at 8:30am to help pick up trash along our adopted section of FM 945. Be sure to bring gloves, a hat, water, and insect spray. The state provides trash bags.

For those who wish to camp, there is primitive camping at LTNS; bring your own water and all other necessities for a weekend in the woods. For questions or additional information, contact Aaron Stoley at 713-781-1372..