



Gulf Coast Chapter

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Gulf Coast (Harris County) Master Naturalists invites the public to join in their volunteer

Join us!

2008 Projects of the Month (POMs)

Volunteering for these projects provides an opportunity to learn about the plants, animals, and diverse natural environments (habitats) of the greater Houston area. Experts in the field, who will be showing us what to do and explaining *why* the project is important, will direct the POMs. **No experience is necessary.**

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The purpose of this program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. *Please join the POMs, meet our members, and learn about the nature around us.*

Snacks & drinks and most times a light lunch will be provided. POMs generally end around noon; staying for lunch is optional. Carpooling available. *The information given is subject to change.* **For current information and to RSVP, email LScomposts@yahoo.com. Please DO NOT RSVP to the project leader.**

For more information, visit the GCMN website (<http://gcmn.tamu.edu>) or the Harris County Cooperative Extension Website (<http://harris-tx.tamu.edu>, click "program area", "Ag and Natural Resources", "Gulf Coast Master Naturalists", "2008 GCMN Events Calendar".)

Saturday, January 19th at Houston Zoo – preparing planting bed for a native plant garden. Leader: Lisa Yelenick.

Saturday, February 3rd at Brazos Bend State Park – In conjunction with the chapter campout. Building birdhouses led by GCMN Ron Chambers.

Saturday, March 29th at Mason Park, Houston. 8:00 am -12:30. Trash Bash at the storm water wetland designed and installed by the wetland team. Come and learn why wetlands are important. For more information and location: http://www.trashbash.org/site_brays_bayou.html

Saturday, April 5th at Jesse Jones Park, Humble (20634 Kenswick Dr) – work on carnivorous plant seedlings being raised in the greenhouse by Mike Howlett, head grower of the North American Sarracenia Conservancy <http://www.nasarracenia.org/>. Learn all about carnivorous plants, which are native to east Texas. 9 am – 12 pm. <http://www.hcp4.net/jones/>

Saturday, May TBA at Tapley Tributary, near the Sabine Bridge over Buffalo Bayou, downtown. About 8:30 to noon. Maintenance of GCMN's adopt-a-spot. Project leader: Lucy Condon.

Saturday, June 7th at Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway, Memorial Park: Trail maintenance for National Trail Day. Project leader – GCMN Joe Blanton. Time tentatively 8:30 am – 12 pm.

Saturday, July TBA

Saturday, August 9th a Saturday GCMN-PPP Potting Day at Bear Creek Extension Center, 3033 Bear Creek Dr., Houston. Learn how to propagate various native plants. Take some plants home. 9am – 12 noon.

Saturday, September 27th at Nature Discovery Center, 7112 Newcastle, Bellaire. Invasive control and maintenance led by the Senior Staff Naturalist, Mary Ann Beauchemin. <http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/> 8:30am – 12 pm.

Saturday, October 25th at Jesse Jones Park, Humble (20634 Kenswick Dr) – maintenance of GCMN's adopt-a-trail. Learn about the invasive plants that are taking over our natural areas. 9 am – 12 pm. Project leader: GCMN Rick Thompson.

Saturday, November 8th Prairie Restoration Day at Sheldon Lake Environmental Learning Center (281-456-2800), 15315 Beaumont Hwy at Park Rd. 138. We will be planting containerized prairie plants that have been grown out there. Project leader: Tom Olson.

Saturday, December 6th at the Edith Moore Sanctuary, Houston Audubon Society – maintenance of a bird sanctuary. Project leader: Flo Hannah. 9 am – 12 pm. The sanctuary is on Wilchester off of Memorial Dr. <http://www.houstonaudubon.org/index.cfm/MenuitemID/195.htm>