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President's Note

Greetings, Master Naturalists!

Spring is a glorious time of year! The SLAMN Board is excited to be back together again. We are envisioning many new events. What do you think about some make and take art events, or making herbal ointments? Be on the look out for Pop-up classes.

We also discussed unofficial field trips. Are you interested in going to Shangri-la or Avery Island? Do you have some ideas or skills you would like to share? Come lead a class or take us along on a hike.

This is your organization. Your participation and input will keep it growing.

See you out there,

Barbara Morris
President

Membership Renewal
\$15
Payments can be made online at the website.



David Booth

Meeting Notes:

Upcoming Board Meeting Location and Date June 8, 2022 at Tuten Park at 6:00 P.M.

President: Barbara Morris

Past-President: Irvin Louque

Vice-President: Lori Marinovich

Treasurer: Annale Manuel

Secretary: Patty Palmer

At-large Board Members:

David Booth,

Theresa Cross,

Robby Maxwell

Tommy Hillman

Committee Members:

Pam Langley

Clay Ardoin

James Doucet

Upcoming Events

- David Lewis has invited SLAMN to come to his location in SETX for a mushroom Foray on June 11th or 12th; more to come.
- Next SLAMN Board Meeting – Wed. June 8, 2022

Amphibians and Reptiles Workshop



Highlights Board Meeting Minutes from March 16

Membership Renewal

- New electronic payment forms to offer payment flexibility for annual membership renewal have been set up via PayPal, Venmo, & others; all accessible on swlamasternaturalists.org website. Thanks James Doucet, Web Master Man!

Promotions – David Booth:

- Discussed the expanding of membership levels to give additional flexible options for those who are interested in participating in SLAMN membership activities but may not be able to meet the Active “Certified” Membership Status requirements at this time.
- Rendezvous 2023 will be hosted by Southwest LA on April 21-23rd. Efforts are underway to finalize a location for hosting the rendezvous.
- James as the new Web Master for the SLAMN website (swlamasternaturalists.org) is continuing to post all of the current and past newsletters to the website and will be working with Patty to also post all SLAMN Meeting Minutes to the website for easy access.



Workshop Highlights



Fungi Workshop February 19

David Lewis offered a great lesson on Fungi. The class collected over 23 different species at Riverside Park.

Interested in taking the Master Naturalist Course?

Enrollment begins in October. Classes start in January. Get more info at SWLAMasternaturalists.org



Cajun Prairie Workshop April 7

Malcolm Vidrine was the host for a visit to the Cajun Prairie in Eunice. The class learned the history and geology of the Coastal Plains and Cajun Prairie.



Longleaf Pine Workshop April 23

2022 Class attending the Longleaf Pine workshop in Kisatchie Forest. They viewed the Longleaf Restoration as well as a Pitcher Plant Bog. Thanks to Brian Early for leading the class.

Join the City Nature Challenge

Download the iNaturalist App to participate!

City Nature Challenge 2022



The 2022 City Nature Challenge takes place in 2 parts

April 29 - May 2
Taking pictures of wild plants and animals.

May 3 - May 8
Identifying what was found.

Participate in the [iNaturalist](#) City Nature Challenge this year! Get out and make records of the natural world around you! You'll not only be helping the region in a worldwide competition (including Baton Rouge), but also be actively contributing valuable information as a citizen scientist!

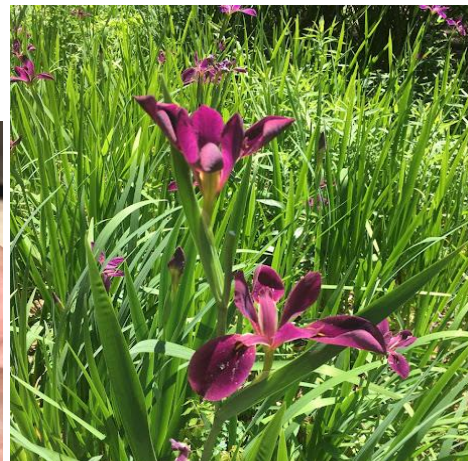
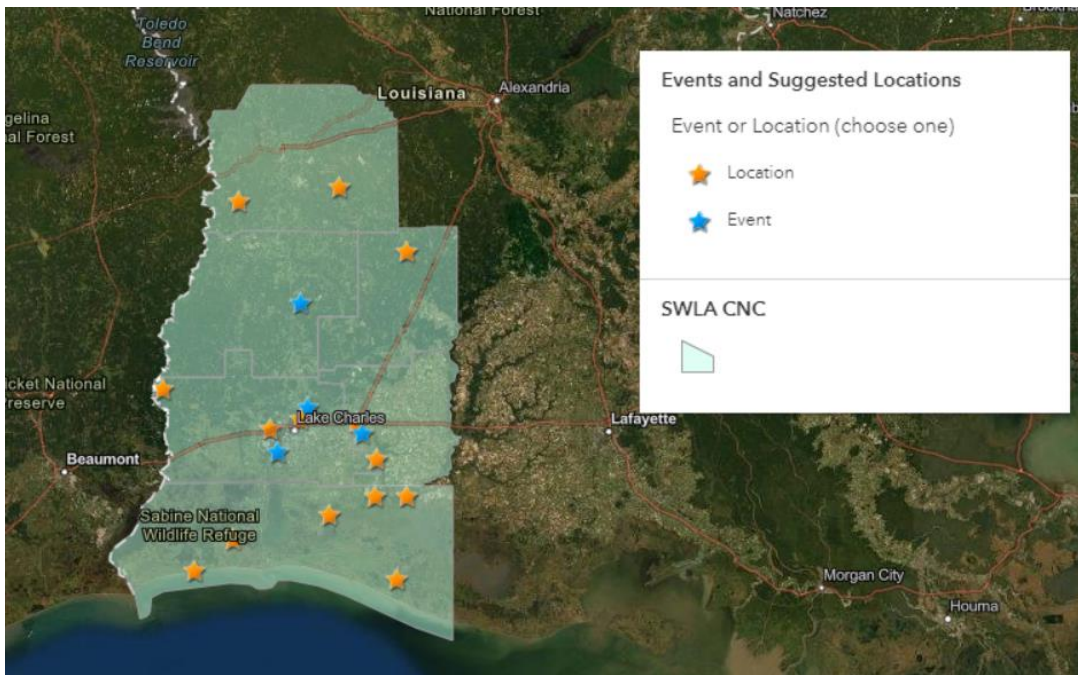
We will be hosting events, some open only to Master Naturalists, some open to Master Naturalists and friends, and some open to the general public.

Events

We will be hosting a few events with special access to private lands. Feel free to join in. There are different requirements for attendance. If open to "Master Naturalists and friends," and you are not a Master Naturalist, show up with one you know or contact Robby at robjamax@gmail.com to register.

- Saturday 4/30 10am: Doucet Pitcher Plant Bog on Parish Rd 236 in Longville (30.646890667749993, -93.19585720472931). Meet at Dollar General on 171 in Longville at 9:45 for caravan or 10am at the coordinates above. Master Naturalists and Friends
- Sunday 5/1 10am: Shimer Residence, nearly 40 acres with various habitats on the Calcasieu. 1417 Musser Rd, Lake Charles (30.30452599359414, -93.17183727708095). Master Naturalists and Friends

- Sunday 5/1 2-6pm: Maxwell Microprairie, nearly 2.5 acres of prairie restoration and native habitat. 20333 Bourque Rd., Iowa (30.216597884145205, -92.95910161627882). General Public
- Monday 5/2 time TBD: Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School South Campus. Help students gather observations and get EDS on the map. 5665 Gray Market Dr., Lake Charles (30.15569146720915, -93.28598694484822). Master Naturalists only. Contact Robby robjamax@gmail.com to sign up. We need the help, and these are volunteer hours!



Volunteer Events

March 25-26, 2022 SLAMN at the Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival

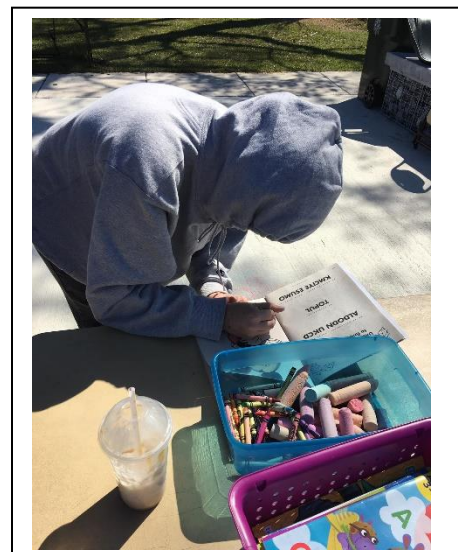
A big shout out to the volunteers for the SLAMN booth at the Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival. We had a great turnout at our SLAMN booth. All of our wonderful volunteers' are helping to get the word about Southwest Louisiana Master Naturalists. Many of our members helped out at our booth talking to Garden Festival participants. We have a nice list of potential candidates for the next Southwest Louisiana Master Naturalists program. A great thanks to all the SLAMN members that helped out at the booth: **Brittany Manuel, Lori Marinovich, David Booth, Tom Morris, Edith Holland, Sam Worbel, Angie Roques, Sherri Plummer, Dan Plummer, Micky Deal, and Robby Maxwell.**



WONDER OF TREES

Presentation at Hillcrest Park

Thanks to the **Micky Deal, Lori Marinovich, Pam Langley, and Barbara Morris** who made great educational displays for this event. Thank you also to the volunteers who braved the cold, **Brenda LaFleur, Kathleen Simon and Patty Palmer.** We had a few people come out to learn more about trees.



Have you Been Here Yet? Let us know about your favorite location!

Charlotte Pookah Stan



South of Sulphur and west of Holly Beach is a Naturalist's Playground. Have you been here yet?



Gary D. Kratzer



Peveto Woods Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary is a 40-acre Sanctuary that is reserved and maintained by the Baton Rouge Audubon Society. It is located on the Creole Nature Trail.

As many as two million birds use the sanctuary each year.

Found directly at the center of the Trans-Gulf migration path on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico, Peveto Woods is a uniquely located chenier habitat ecologically vital to a host of winged wonders — both birds and butterflies.

In the fall, Peveto Woods is a last stop for food and rest as birds head south over the Gulf. In the spring, as birds cross the Gulf heading north, it is the first stop for food and rest.

Birds

Peveto Woods' avian visitors include the brightly plumed spring warblers, tanagers and orioles as well as more sought after species such as the Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Cerulean Warbler, and Cape May Warbler. Lucky birders may spot Townsend's Warbler, Hepatic Tanager and Hooded Oriole.



Butterflies

Common sightings include the black, spicebush, tiger, zebra and pipevine swallowtails; the gorgone and pearl crescents; red admiral; buckeye; cloudless sulphur; spring azure; variegated and gulf fritillaries; zebra longwing; hackberry; queen; viceroy; and red spotted purple. Late fall to early summer are the best times for sightings

Location

LA 82, 8.5 miles west of LA 27/LA 82 intersection (South of Sulphur, LA then west on LA 82)

Information from Wikipedia

Events of Interest

Hit Me with your Best Shot Bird Photography Competition and Exhibition

Gallery by the Lake Inc. announces its fourth Gulf Coast Bird Photography Competition to celebrate the joys and benefits of birdwatching, draw attention to the diversity of bird life and habitat across the US and showcase the work of wildlife photographers in North America. The contest will be judged once again by Dawn Hewitt and Bruce Wunderlich. This year's selected photos will be exhibited at the Gallery's second-floor Historic City Hall exhibit space from September 30th through November 26th. Cash prizes starting at \$400 for first place will be awarded.

Entry Period

April 20th through 11:59 p.m. June 27th MDT at www.callforentry.org. Check out the "HMWYBS" link at <https://www.gallerybythelake.org/> or contact Dan Plummer at danplum@aol.com or 337 842-6820 for more information



2021 Open Category first place winner, "Painted Bunting Flying" by Karl Gillard of Lake Charles, LA.

May 3, 10am

SLAMN and interested parties are invited to a presentation by Landscaper and Native Plant Propagator LJ Delcambre. He is speaking at the SW Master Gardeners meeting. The location is the LSU AG Center at 7101 Gulf Hwy. He will speak on Native Plant Propagation. LJ also owns Cajun Prairie Plants Garden Center.

iNaturalist Observation of the Month

Tussock Moth Observed by Patty Palmer.



Join the Southwest Louisiana Master Naturalists project. Add your observations and photos to our group project.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/southwest-louisiana-master-naturalist>

Resources for the Naturalist

Websites of Interest:

Louisiana Ecosystems and Plant Identification

<http://www.rnr.lsu.edu/plantid/>

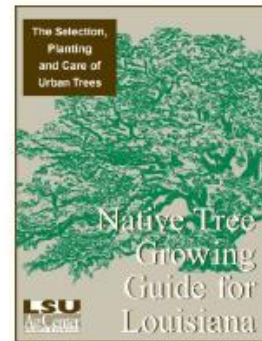


Leaf Key to Common Trees in Louisiana

<https://store.lsuagcenter.com/p-50-leaf-key-to-common-trees-in-louisiana.aspx>

Native Tree Growing Guide for Louisiana

<https://store.lsuagcenter.com/p-53-native-tree-growing-guide-for-louisiana.aspx>



T-Shirts with NEW LOGO now available for \$15

Contact Patty Palmer or pick one up at the next event.

