



Riverside Nature Notes

The Riverside
Nature Center

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A SUCCESSFUL 2007 SEED Event

**Family Fun
& Learning Program
Planned!!**



**Saturday October 6, 2007,
10:00 – 12:00 noon**

Wear your water shoes and come join us to learn more about the wonderful Guadalupe River. This program is designed for ADULTS and CHILDREN, ages 7 and up. (Kids must be accompanied by a grownup 18 years or older.)

We will have fun getting our feet wet (weather permitting) while answering some important questions:

- What is clean water and why is it important?
- How can we tell if water is really clean?
- What can we do to be sure the Guadalupe is clean and healthy?
- What fish, birds, mammals and other "critters" need a clean river to live?

We will meet at RNC and go to Louise Hay Park for our water adventure. There we will do a water quality test, collect and identify some water "critters," and enjoy educational games and activities. Tara Bushnoe, UGRA Natural Resource Coordinator, will be our teacher. (We will still meet inside RNC's Nature Lab even if the weather doesn't cooperate.) Entrance fees are \$5.00, 1/2 price for RNC Members, and free for kids 12 and under! Please come join us!

Comanche Trace
James Avery Craftsman
Palacios Del Guadalupe Condos
We also want to especially thank the following for their help and participation in making this a special evening:

Hill Country Family Dental
Security State Bank
Huser Construction
Catering by CarteWheels
Wine by Main Street Liquor
Tables/Chairs by 5-Star Rental.

Our list of silent and live auction items included something for everyone's taste. There were packages ranging from local services and products to a winter vacation on the coast. The variety kept the silent auction tables busy and the live auction very LIVELY indeed! The total amount collected was over \$39,000, which is comparable to last year.

If you were able to attend, thank you also! If you were unable to attend this year, but sent a donation anyway, thank you very much, but please try to come next year. The funds collected will be used for our endowment fund as well as for improving our educational programming—a direct connection to Riverside's mission!



Our second annual "Some Enchanted Evening Dinner" or S.E.E.D. was a rousing success! The number attending this year exceeded last year which was one of our goals. The lobby of the Cailoux Theater was a buzz of activity. Those arriving at 6 p.m. began the evening with visiting fellow attendees, perusing the silent auction items, and savoring the delicious wine donated by Peter Beeman, Inc. at Main Street Liquor while enjoying the ambient music of the Hill Country Youth Orchestra Strings. The delicious dinner buffet prepared by CarteWheels Catering was enjoyed by all!

A special thanks goes to our table sponsors who helped make this an extra successful event! Their generosity and participation in this event are sincerely appreciated. Please join us in thanking the following:

Bank of the Hills
Broadway Bank
Cecil Atkisson Motors

Meet RNC'S Volunteer of the Month, Jennifer Bone

By Barbara Staggs



Jennifer Bone was born in Houston, Texas and raised in Katy. She did her undergraduate work at Oklahoma Baptist University, graduated in 1997 with B.S. in Secondary Science Education. Her passion for astronomy and star gazing began while taking a class in earth science. The students were required to find three new constellations each week during the course of the semester. At first, Jennifer started with the easy ones that she could locate right after night fall. Toward the end of the semester, when the easy ones had been used up, she would set the alarm clock for three or four in the morning and go out to the intramural fields to hunt for new ones. Occasionally, her roommates would journey out with her. In spite of their sleep deprivation, those early mornings with friends are among her fondest memories. That's also why Jennifer is so committed to Riverside Nature Center Star Parties, because they offer great opportunities to share

something out of the ordinary with the people around you.

Jennifer attended the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School at San Antonio and graduated in 2001. She wanted to be a dentist since childhood, so even though Dental school was also an exercise in sleep deprivation, it was the fulfillment of a dream! She was fortunate to have had great dental visits growing up, and what she likes most about her job now is the challenge of bringing that same kind of positive experience to every patient under her care.

Jennifer and her husband, Jamie, just celebrated their 7th year of marriage in July. They met in dental school and married after he had completed his residency, and she had finished her junior year. They both knew they wanted to live in the hill country, and following her graduation, they purchased Dr. E.C. Willmann's dental practice in Kerrville. Since then, they have expanded the practice to include that of their neighboring dentist, Dr. Jay Burditt, and are looking forward to building a new facility in the coming year. They really appreciate Kerrville's friendly, small-town character and feel they couldn't have made a better decision about where to settle down. Their family includes two cats (a temperamental Calico and an easy-going kind-of-Calico) and a dog (a sweet and fluffy Chow mixed with not-sure-what), and, they seem to be happy to be here, too.

Jennifer became involved with RNC about 6 years ago. She was pulling weeds to fulfill her service

hours for the Kerrville Junior Service Guild, and through that, she met other RNC volunteers. She gradually became involved in educational programming, and then served as the Chair of the Education Committee from 2004 to 2006. Presently, Jennifer works with both the Education and Membership/Volunteer Committees, as well as uses her amazing creative talents to design fliers and create incredible PowerPoint presentations. She believes that RNC is a great resource for our local communities, and considers it a fun privilege to be involved in its continued development.

Jennifer has many hobbies and passions—when she has some spare time, that is! She and her husband Jamie have made it a goal to hike in all the National Parks, and so far they have been to 4! Only about 50 more to go!! Her other interests include gardening, astronomy, oil painting, and Broadway musicals. This one multi-talented lady, and RNC is absolutely blessed to have Jennifer volunteering her time. Thank you for all you do, Jen!



UPDATE!!!

Two months ago RNC highlighted **Shannon Smith** as our Volunteer of the Month, but we just got Shannon's photo this month, so here he is! Still our Knight in Shining Armor!





A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to the following folks for their time, work, and talents regarding the creating of our 2007 SEED Event—i.e., Our 07 SEED Planning Committee:

Barbara Quinby, Chair
Susan Longacre
Jim Laughlin
Paul Avery
Linda Karst Stone
Janet Robinson
Joyce Sandlin



Barbara's knowledge & help developing our SEED Event for the past 2 years has been invaluable! She knows how to keep us organized and on-task during the year it takes to make this event happen! She hand addressed save the date envelopes, made many various contacts for ticket purchases as well as acquiring items for the live and silent auction, and helped quilt a beautiful item used as part of a silent auction package.

Susan worked mostly with the silent auction elements and spent hours and hours on Excel keeping our list of packages updated and gently reminding us to make our contacts! She also worked on the checkout process, created the actual auction packages, made folders for each, made Corporate Sponsor contacts, etc., etc., etc.

Jim worked mostly on the Live Auction elements! This too involved hours and hours of organizing, making contacts, & determining fair market values. He also worked on our silent auction items, made contacts with various people, wrote up descriptions, etc., etc., etc.

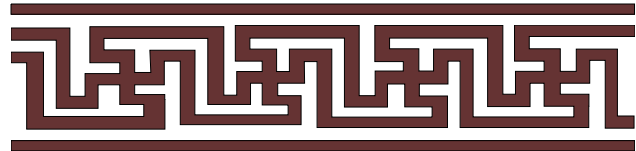
Paul worked hard on all parts of both the live & silent auction items as well as making contacts for Corporate Sponsors, acquiring donations for both the live and silent auction packages, helped get auction items & RNCTables to/from the Cailloux Theater, as well as donating his personal property and time for several of the live auction packages, etc., etc., etc.

Linda worked very hard using her amazing artistic talents on creating our SEED invitation, program, auction table tent cards, auction packages, plus donating a beautiful scrimshaw necklace of her own creation for a silent auction item. She met with the Committee regarding



to our August Donors:

**Priscilla Bailey
Elena L. Brineman
Sara Hendricker
Jay Keen
Jim Laughlin
Native Plant Society of Texas,
Fredericksburg Chapter**



**PLEASE WELCOME
these New RNC Members!**

**Judy & John Forister
Rev. & Mrs. Pettigrew Hamilton
Sara Hendricker
Mr. & Mrs. Flynn Long**

promoting SEED, and has worked hours and hours on our Thank You Newspaper Ad for the various organizations, businesses, and individuals who gave generously to both of our auctions!

Janet has helped our SEED Event by making contacts for Corporate Sponsors & silent auction items, she personally donated items for a silent auction package, and she helped get the tables/chairs to & from the Cailloux Theater for our sit-down dinner!

Joyce has been invaluable in many ways. For example she kept our tickets sales organized, hand-addressed both Save the Date Cards and invitations, collected donation totals & created letters/labels thanking donors, etc., etc., etc.

They are quite the team, don't you agree?



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**Down By the Riverside
Festival & Native Plant Sale**—Come early to the **Fri., Oct. 12th** member only plant sale from 5:00 –6:30 pm to buy your fall plantings or come on **Sat., Oct 13th** to buy your plants AND to learn more about Hill Country plants/trees & about Hill Country backyard critters (with live examples) at our nature festival! There'll be kid activities, food, and 3 knowledgeable speakers!

Sat., Oct. 20 Rendezvous By the River

(A Celebration of Texas & Hill Country Archeology) The Hill Country Archeology Association is planning wonderful activities for all ages! Come learn more about what's happening in Texas with archeological digs and what's been found most recently.

