



Farmer's Market at Sibley!

In the near future, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays the downtown Farmer's Market Association is opening up a satellite market place at the Sibley Nature Center. The regular market goers will now be able to get the local fresh vegetables twice a week! And, as an added benefit, market goers will be able to tour the new features at the Sibley Nature Center and pick the Sibley staff's brains about local ecology and history! Some of the vendors for the market will set up in the "Icons of the Llano Estacado" entryway with 12 wonderful paintings by Michael Nickell. Others will be in the patio near the Wildlife Garden.

As the market traffic

grows, Matt Hanson, the director of the market, would like to have a "dinner and a movie" after the market in the new Teaching Pavilion at the Sibley Nature Center. There will be a signup list for folks interested in this event. The vendor that would supply the food for sale needs a minimum number of 40 folks willing to stay for supper. The movies will have a theme of sustainability, rural lifestyles, and other "good food" related subjects. It is also hoped that some of the evenings will also have live music around a campfire in the

new fire pit near the pavilion. If all goes well, the market will be weekly, occurring every Tuesday until mid-November.



Membership renewals

If you remember, the board of directors of the Sibley Nature Center made the decision to make all Sibley memberships due at the end of each calendar year. We treasure our members and are planning all kinds of new services and

programs utilizing all of our new features at the Center. We will be sending out membership renewal notices in December and we hope that each of you will choose to renew and continue your very valuable

support of the Sibley Nature Center. Few organizations offer three memberships in one: the Center itself, the Sibley Camera Club, and the Permian Basin Outing Club! Please continue the support of your Sibley Nature Center!

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- New art courses to be taught
- Membership renewals coming
- New gardens program

Ethnobotanical Habitat and Wildlife Landscaping and Gardening “Walks”

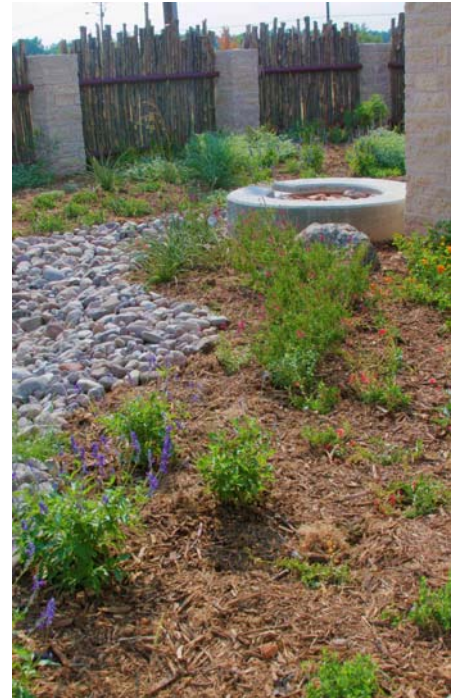
Do you know the stories of the plants in the gardens at Sibley? We will be moving into more horticultural education in the near future. If you would like to join Burr between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. please email him at: bwilliams@sibleynaturecenter.org. Tell him which weekday would work best for you. Burr will be “gardening.” This means he will be sitting, watching birds and insects, or pruning with hand clippers or saw, or pulling unwanted plants. If members join him, they will participate in a conversation that will wander everywhere, including ethnobotanical uses of plants, behaviors of birds, Llano Estacado and regional history, stories of places in the region, and more. We will have several sets of pruners and other tools.



Wildlife Garden

From only having the Reid Native Plant Garden and slowly evolving Thicket Garden, we now have a Chihuahuan Desert Garden, and a cactus and succulent garden. Of course, the crowning glory is the Wildlife Garden. There, the birdfeeders are up along with hundreds of flowers for the hummingbirds and butterflies. We are working toward a water feature and eventually a game camera that will be Internet accessible.

For the next year, we will slowly be adding even more plants. Lots of wildflowers will be planted in late September. We are emptying the greenhouse—what we do not plant we will be selling in October at the Farmer’s Market for cut-rate prices. Make sure you come to the Farmer’s Market at Sibley to help make it a success! We will be looking for specific plants (on Master Naturalists field trips and when staff is in the field.) Nathan Taylor from Dawson County is growing us some shinoak acorns for the sand dune garden. If you are out and about and see something showy loaded with seeds or berries, pick us a good handful and put them in a paper bag. Member and teacher Leslie Harman has given us a white mist shrub and will be bringing us some old man’s beard!



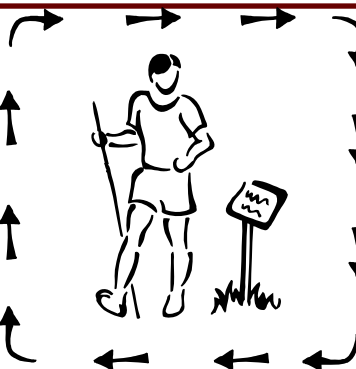
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“Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience.”

Trail tour reminder

We are pleased to announce that the weekly trail tours have been a great success! We wanted to remind of this service and hope that you will take advantage of it while the weather is good. Each Monday morning a Sibley staffer will lead a hike with adults and children and on Fridays the walk is designed senior citizens (you can decide if you fall in this category.) The tour starts each morning in the building facility and then

proceeds to the trail. There is no cost to participants and the event will take about an hour. Remember, on the “senior” walk, Sibley now owns a 6-passenger cart for anyone that could

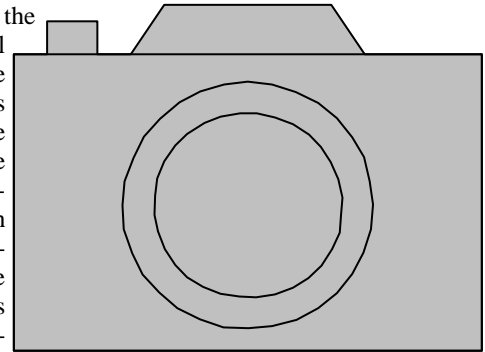


otherwise not be able to physically take on the trail. If you have an interest in joining us for either of these two weekly tours, simply come to the Center at 9 a.m. Remember, adults and children on Mondays and seniors on Friday. See you here!

Texas State Photographer to visit Sibley

Wyman Meinzer, the State Photographer of Texas, will be presenting a free talk at the Sibley Nature Center on Saturday, October 2nd at 10 a.m. Mr. Meinzer's work can be seen in many publications such as Texas Highways, Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine, as well as many books that he has published with subject matter as diverse as roadrunners to clouds! We feel privileged to have Mr. Meinzer visit the Sibley Nature Center and share his works and knowledge.....and speaking of privilege: Wyman Meinzer will conduct a photography workshop at 1 p.m. for the first 8 to 10 students that sign up at Sibley. (If there is enough interest, Mr. Meinzer will stick around through Sunday to conduct a second workshop). The workshop fee is \$125 and will cover "Composition and

Lighting" (a subject that many of us need!) The workshop will follow his talk. If you have an interest in enrolling in Mr. Meinzer's workshop, simply email Burr Williams here at Sibley at: bwilliams@sibleynaturecenter.org or call Burr at (432) 684-6827. Your place in the workshop won't be confirmed until payment is submitted, so act fast! The advent of digital photography has made expertise in the field attainable by almost anyone. The tools that are now available to the everyday photographer help to improve skills much more rapidly than in years past. Between cameras and software, plus the knowledge of a photographer such as Wyman Meinzer, you can be producing inspiring photographs in no time!

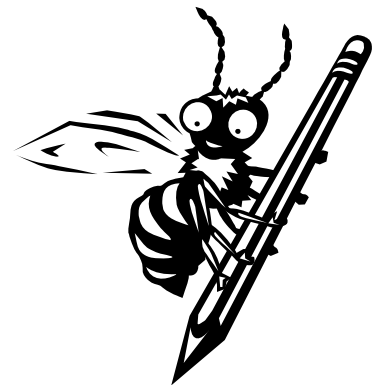


New Course at Sibley

Starting Saturday, September 18th, Michael Nickell (Museum Specialist at the Sibley Nature Center) will begin offering a series of fundamental drawing courses with emphasis toward nature drawing and journaling. Each course is scheduled to be five weeks in length on Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The beginning courses will include Pencil Drawing I, Pencil Drawing II, Composition, Light on Form, and Color Theory and must be taken in sequence. For those who complete all five fundamental courses, other advanced courses will be offered and might include Nature Drawing, Pen and Ink Drawing, Colored Pencil Drawing, Textures from Nature, Drawing Animals, Drawing and Painting Animal Details, Botanical Illustration, and Scientific Illustration. The Sibley member fee for each course will be \$50.00.

included National Geographic, Texas Parks and Wildlife, The Museum of Texas Tech University, The University of Texas at Austin, the University of Oklahoma, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Square House Museum, Encyclopedia Britannica, and others. For more information call Michael W. Nickell at the Sibley Nature Center at (432) 684-6827. There will be a limit of 15 in class size and a minimum age of 14. A supplies list will be issued to each student when they register. No prior experience is necessary for Pencil Drawing I, but willingness to work, study, and try new things is paramount.

"Lose yourself in nature and find peace."



Mr. Nickell has been a professional practicing scientific illustrator and nature artist for over 30 years. His clientele has



 The Sibley Nature Center

"The Mission of the Sibley Nature Center is to increase the awareness of the natural and historical environment of the southern Llano Estacado through a broad range of interpretive programs and personal experience."

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