

Texas State Photographer to be at SNC Oct. 2-3

Wyman Meinzer, the Texas State Photographer, will be at Sibley on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. for a free public presentation.

That evening a Sibley members-only event will offer wine and cheese while visiting with Mr. Meinzer. Please RSVP Richard Galle by email or by phone:

richard@sibleynaturecenter.org, 684-6827.

Also, ask Richard if there are spaces available for a special Wyman Meinzer photography workshop to be at Sibley Sunday, Oct. 3. The time is still to be determined. The fee for that workshop is \$125 for Sibley members or \$150 for nonmembers.

Bits and Pieces

Master Naturalists enjoy several opportunities to explore as the summer closes



Dr. James Cokendolpher showed up in August to hunt bugs at night. Several members visited with him and learned what bugs were attracted to his blacklight setup and other traps.



At the September lesson, members explored the Mescalero Escarpment and saw, among many traces of ancient habitation, Indian pictographs. *Photo by Chris Cherry*

August lesson sparks art interests

Dr. Tomlinson inspires through words and drawing



Enchanting the audience, Dr. Susan Tomlinson read an essay to begin the August lesson at the Sibley Nature Center. She came from Texas Tech to teach about nature journaling. Her writing style made listeners remember their bare first impressions of the Llano Estacado. Then through her choice observations, she made us proud that we are taking steps to appreciate the area. She compared it to the girl who is not the prettiest on the schoolground, but who has longer-lasting, harder-to-find assets.

After lunch, Dr. Tomlinson led the group in an art lesson, beginning with a basic circle. Master Naturalists then tried their skills at drawing animals inside the Sibley Nature Center -- outside the heat was about 100 degrees.

The lesson resulted in an interest in art lessons. Michael Nickell (Museum Specialist of the Sibley Nature Center) is offering a series of fundamental drawing courses with emphasis toward nature drawing and journaling. Each course is five weeks long and are on Saturdays from 1:30-3:30. Tuition for each course is \$50. There is a limit of 15 in class size and a minimum age of 14. No prior experience is necessary, but a willingness to work and study is paramount.