

Hays County Master Naturalists  
Annual Gala  
November 17, 2012  
Activity Center, San Marcos

Larry Calvert began the "business meeting" portion of the 2012 Master Naturalist Gala by thanking everyone who served on the board in 2012 and remembering the two Master Naturalists, Sandy Lucas and Charles O'Dell who died this year.

Lin Weber followed with the graduation ceremony which included the following 29 Painted Buntings graduates, 25 of whom would be certified:

Dick Barham	Alex Hewes	Nate Morgan
Merry Bateman	Carolyn Howe	Blaine Nelson
Connie Boltz	Bill Howe	Phillip Quast
John Boltz	Alix Johnson	Ben Taylor
Riley Booth	Paul Johnson	Lindy Watkins
Joe Bowman	Katy Jordan	Ashley Whittenberger
Jonathan Clarkson	Jo Ellen Korthals	Ann Whitus
Suzanne Davis	Melody Kuhns	Peggy Wilfong
Eva Doty	Ellie Loggins-	
Judy Elliott	Schuermann	
Mark Hammond	George C. Matthews III	

She also recognized four from the 2011 class, Lisa Kay and Larry Foster who would be graduating this year and Helen Foster and Helen Bowie who had certified this year.

Charles Maxcy then provided a brief history starting with the first class in 1998.

Art Arizpe then recognized the individuals who had recertified this year and distributed their pins.

Art Arizpe	Dixie Camp	Helane Kennard
Richard Barnett	Steve Carter	Lucille Trail Kirkham
Karen Bartell	Cindy Luongo Cassidy	Linda Lands
Helen Bowie	Anne Child	Susan Kimmel-Lines
Deborah Bradshaw	Garry Child	Brad Krimmel
Marilyn Brister	Jim Donohoe	Leah Laszewski
M. Lee Brown	Randy Garst	Jacqueline Mattice
Donna Browning	Ginger Geist	Charles Maxcy
Judy Burdett	LaRay Geist	Vicki Maxcy
Leo Butler	Tom Hausler	Judy McBride
Larry Calvert	Steve Janda	Dick McBride
Linda Calvert	Lance Jones	Jean McMeans

Chris Middleton  
Tracy Mock  
Al Ohm  
Jean Ohm  
Kim Ort  
Julia Osgood  
Beth Ramey

Gordon Richmond  
Jean Richmond  
Leigh Sebera  
Melinda Seib  
Herb Smith  
Bonnie Tull  
Terry Tull

Jeff Vasgaard  
Don Wallace  
Tom Watson  
Lin Weber  
Cara Wernli  
David Womer  
Susan Zimmerman

Art then recognized those who had reached Milestone and Tenure Awards in 2012 as follows:

**250 Volunteer Hours**

◦M. Lee Brown  
◦Steve Janda  
◦Kim Ort  
◦Jean Ohm  
◦Helane Kennard  
◦Karen Langridge  
◦Cindy Luongo Cassidy  
◦Jean Richmond

**500 Volunteer Hours**

Milestone  
Beth Ramey  
M. Lee Brown  
Jacqueline Mattice  
Donna Browning  
Anne Child  
Garry Child  
Judy McBride

**1000 Volunteer Hours**

◦Herb Smith  
◦Jean McMeans  
◦Tom Hausler

**5 Year Recertification**

Art Arizpe  
Judy Burdett  
Tom Hausler  
Leah Laszewski  
Brad Krimmel  
Beth Ramey

**10 Year Recertification**

LaRay Geist  
Ginger Geist

Additional awards were also given as follows:

Outstanding Chapter Volunteer – Tom Hausler  
Special Achievement 2012 – M. Lee Brown  
Honorary Membership – San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance  
Significant Contribution to Chapter – Leah Laszewski  
Outgoing Chapter President – Larry Calvert

Larry Calvert then reviewed relevant statistics noting that the chapter continues grow with a spike in volunteer hours that equates to \$200K worth of grants for Texas Parks and Wildlife. He also noted that a challenge for next year is to get recertification numbers up as well.

Dixie Camp then introduced the slate of officers for 2013 as follows:

Art Arizpe – President

Karen Archer – Vice President

Tracy Mock – Secretary

Beth Ramey - Treasurer

Susan Nenny made a motion to elect the proposed officers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dixie also noted the 2013 committee chairs as follows:

Membership:	Ben Adair
Volunteer Projects:	Tom Hausler
Advanced Training:	Kim Ort
Training:	Lin Weber
Outreach:	Leah Laszewski
Host:	Eva Gomez & Helen Bowie
Newsletter:	Lisa Kay
Historian:	Charles Maxcy
Calendar:	Tom Hausler
Web Master:	Herb Smith

Beth Ramey provide a brief overview of the chapter's financial activities based on records audited through 10/31/12. She reported the chapter had income of \$10,295 and that expenses for the year projected to total \$11,906.79 leaving a bank balance of \$11,519.15. Helen Bowie moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. \$3,171.74