

TOWN NEWS



Dallas Chapter – August, 2023

August Meeting

Monday, August 14th, 2023

Amy Martin's home

980 Rustic Circle

Dallas, TX 75218

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



SPECIAL GUEST FOR OUR TOWN AUGUST MEETING

WILD DFW: NEVER SEE NORTH TEXAS NATURE THE SAME WAY AGAIN!

Author and naturalist Amy Martin weaves inspiring passages from her book *Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature Around Dallas-Fort Worth* with rhapsodic descriptions of the natural history and ecology of North Texas. Astounding color photos of nature bring alive peak experiences from the 25 featured hiking adventures through hardwood bottomland forests, soaring limestone escarpments, vast wetlands and winding waterways, rare remnants of Blackland and Fort Worth Prairies, and well-preserved swaths of Eastern Cross Timbers "cast iron forest." Get to know a diverse community of volunteers working for nature.

This will be a fun event! We hope you can come!

September Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023

Laura and Carol's home

3066 Ponder Place

Dallas, TX 75229

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Pool will be available



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Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature In and Around Dallas-Fort Worth

Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature In and Around Dallas-Fort Worth (Wild-DFW.com) by naturalist and journalist Amy Martin is the first book for the general public to fully explore the nature of North Texas (Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant counties). Natural history, ecology, and geography of North Texas from ancient history to the present; a field guide to over 100 species of flora and fauna; and 25 eye-opening hiking adventures. This gorgeously laid-out book has over 350 color photos and more than 40 detailed maps.

Wild DFW's front section on natural history and ecology covers:

- The wild ways of nature after dark.
- Geology created from an ancient inland sea.
- Invasive species that threaten the region's ecology.
- How to turn your backyard into a nature sanctuary.
- Epic migrations of birds and insects through the area.
- Native urban wildlife and the native flora that sustains them.
- Citizen scientists who survey nature for scientific extrapolation.
- Weather accentuated by tornadoes, ice storms, drought, and floods.
- Urban creeks that provide an entry to nature for many, especially children.

Experience over two-dozen hiking adventures through North Texas: Hardwood bottomland forests. Well-preserved swaths of the "cast iron forest" of Eastern Cross Timbers. Soaring limestone escarpments and quizzical cuestas. Sprawling wetlands and swamps. Rich riparian corridors along rivers and large creeks. Immense reservoirs. Rare remnants of wildflower-filled Blackland and Fort Worth Prairies. Three immense preserves from 2600 to 3800 acres. A vast national wildlife refuge for water-loving birds. The Trinity and its forks tie it all together.

More than a book about landscape, it showcases a community of people devoted to preserving nature. Let their stories inspire you.

Nature isn't just someplace we visit — it's where we live.

BIO

A journalist and writer for over 40 years, Amy Martin is the author of *Itchy Business: How to Treat the Poison Ivy and Poison Oak Rash, Prevent Exposure and Eradicate the Plant* (Itchy.biz), and co-author of *Speaking of Mother Earth*. She is currently senior features writer for Green Source DFW (GreenSourceDFW.org). Her current project is Ned Fritz Legacy (NedFritz.com), a biographical website of Ned Fritz, Texas' most famous environmentalist. Martin sits on the Dallas County Open Space's (DallasCounty.org/parks) Trails and Preserves Program board and serves as state social media director for Native Prairies Association of Texas (TexasPrairie.org). For twelve years, she managed wildlife habitat rehabilitation on a private nature preserve in northeast Texas, including converting fifteen acres of pasture into tallgrass prairie. She is a certified Texas Master Naturalist with the North Texas chapter (NTMN.org). Find her writings at Moonlady.com.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KING RANCH POOL PARTY!!



KAREN KING and KAREN TURBEVILLE hosted a fantastic, fun and delicious summer gathering for several members of our TOWN group. We hope this will be the beginning of a traditional refreshing summer event!



Mary wishing peace & love to all. Faith, Rosie and Kay smiling after a great party.



Grace, Bella and Jack

1. Karen with party helpers, Jack and Gunner.
2. Mary and Mar smiling, as usual.
3. Mary, Mar, Nancy & Cathy.



Kay, Faith and Rosie enjoying a great meal prepared by Chef K. Turbeville



King Ranch's hostess, Dr. Karen King.

(Upper row) Suzie, Sharon and TOWN members. (Middle row) (L) Dale (R) Becca and Carol.

TOWN ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED- 2023

Saturday, August 12th

Traditional Swimming & Kayaking on Cedar Creek Lake

Hosted by Mary Nester and Mar Burris
2182 Hickory St., Mabank, TX 75156
214-316-8960.

Sun., Sept., 10th - Sun., Sep. 17th

Week at Port Aransas

Contact Carol Burris at
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or Shirley Meurer at samuerer@yahoo.com

Thursday Oct., 19th -Sunday Nov. 22nd

Camping at Huntsville State Park

Contact Nancy Lee at nlee002@tx.rr.com

Thursday, Nov. 2nd – Sunday Nov., 5th

Camping at Daingerfield State Park

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