

TOWN NEWS

Dallas Chapter – April 2024

April MEETING

Monday, April 8th, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The April meeting will be at Carol Kilgore's home.

Address- 753 Big Bend Drive, Allen TX 75002 **Phone**- 817-271-6959

Carol will have some information about women's self defense.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED!



Goose Island State Park

Barb C, Laura T, Karen T, Karen K, and Judy S visited Goose Island State Park during School Break Week in March.

The temps were mild with most days cloudy and overcast with little sun but we made the most of the weather we had!

Barb and Laura brought their kayaks and tested the waters Wednesday from the campground boat ramp around Goose Island in Aransas Bay, crossing under the Lyndon B Johnson Causeway (big bridge to Rockport) to Copano Bay, then heading back to the boat ramp.

While Barb and Laura were kayaking, Judy toured the new Rockport Art Center, then met her sister and husband, nephew and family at Memorial Park where her grand nieces fed the turtles. Then all went to Dairy Queen, followed by a visit to Rockport Cemetery where pictures were made of the grand nieces amidst the wildflowers.

Thursday, Judy lead a driving tour which began with the Big Tree--hailed to be the largest and oldest live oak tree in Texas. Laura headed for home from the Big Tree. The rest of the group continued to view about 20 whooping cranes in a pasture with pond near Big Tree on Lamar Beach Road by St. Charles Bay.

Whooping cranes mate for life and breed in Wood Buffalo National Park in northern Canada. They migrate the 2400 mile journey to the Rockport area each year from November to March. They generally have one baby called a colt in a season and both the male and female take care of sitting on the egg and caring for the young. However, twins were spotted this year (brown color while young)...very unusual as generally the strongest will kill the weaker for food survival.

We visited a couple of birding sites, lost Barb between the two, and proceeded to Memorial Park where turtles are fed in a pond amidst wonderful wooded walking trails. Then we drove through the older downtown Rockport in the arts district which has 11 art museums and the newly built Art Center. The new City Hall and County Courthouse is being built here as well. We continued our drive on Water Street which is a scenic one-way street with homes on one side and the gulf on the other. We drove by the Rockport Boat Harbor, the free beach which is beside the pay beach and decided to continue our drive on Fulton Beach Road, Key Allegro (a man-made island of houses with inlets of water for boats at back of each house), Fulton Boat Harbor, and Alby Fish Market where Karen T bought red snapper fish which she cooked over a campfire Thursday night.

Karen prepared and shared a wonderful meal of red snapper, sauteed yellow and zucchini squash with onions, white beans, slaw, and Strawberries Romanov for dessert!

Friday morning, Barb cooked oatmeal to serve with berries before she headed home. Karen T and Karen K explored Port Aransas Beach, waiting an hour for the ferry on the way over...fortunately, the wait was only 15 minutes returning. They enjoyed an early dinner while at Port Aransas.

Judy bought wonderful shrimp fajita tacos at the 7-11 Exxon at the corner of Hwy. 35 and the turn off to the campground.

A rain storm with high winds blew in Friday night. At 4 am Judy decided her tent might not survive the next wind gust and retreated to her car for the rest of the night. A nearby camper was putting away one of three tents on their site at the same time. The next morning Judy's tent was smashed against some nearby shrubs and trees. A pole end was shattered. Two other very large tents on the next site were partially collapsed. Weather forecasts for the rest of the weekend were not good so we all decided it was time to go home. We had a three hour window of good weather so we packed up and left for home Saturday morning about 11 am.

PHOTOS FROM GOOSE ISLAND



TOWN ACTIVITIES - 2024

Mark your Calendars!!

Thursday April 25-Sunday April 28, 2024

Camping at Buescher State Park

We have 6 of the best sites reserved for TOWN Dallas. Set up camp under tall trees, hike, bike or fish and paddle the 30-acre lake at this peaceful park. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/buescher>

Contact Shirley Meurer directly to sign up for this trip. sameurer@yahoo.com.

Monday May 13th – Sunday May 19th

Beach House at Port Aransas

Contact Shirley Meurer or Carol Burris to check on availability and more details.
sameurer@yahoo.com
caroljeanneburris@gmail.com

Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Day of fun on Cedar Creek Lake

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

Saturday July 6th 1 – 5 PM

Pool Party at Karen Turbeville's

Hosted by Karen and Karen
7222 Lakehurst Avenue, Dallas TX 75230
214-213-7196

Thursday July 10- July 15th – 2024

Rafting trip- Cataract Canyon Moab, Utah

Trip leader- Sharon Fahlberg sfahlberg@aol.com

Outfitter- Mild 2 Wild Rafting and Jeep Tours-
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