

# TOWN



# NEWS

## *Dallas Chapter – May 2024*

**NO MEETING IN MAY**

**Next Meeting is June 10th**



**Happy Birthday Nancy!**

# TOWN ACTIVITIES - 2024

## *Mark your Calendars!!*

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Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Beach House at Port Aransas

Contact- Shirley Meurer or Carol Burris to check on availability and more details.

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Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 2024

Day of fun on Cedar Creek Lake

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

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Thursday July 10- July 15<sup>th</sup> – 2024

Rafting trip- Cataract Canyon

Moab, Utah

Trip leader- Sharon Fahlberg

Outfitter- Mild 2 Wild Rafting and Jeep Tours-  
[www.mild2wilddrafting.com-](http://www.mild2wilddrafting.com-)

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Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1 – 5 PM

Pool Party at Karen Turbeville's

7222 Lakehurst Avenue, Dallas 75230

214-213-7196

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Monthly Meetings for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024

6 – 7:30

June 10<sup>th</sup> – at Faith and Kay's home

7816 Kristina Ln, Frisco TX 75034

July 8<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting

August 12<sup>th</sup> – at Rene Walling's home

3305 E. Park, Plano TX 75074

September 9<sup>th</sup> – at Marie Waterman's home

3006 Cottonwood Ct, Rowlett TX 75088

October 14<sup>th</sup> - Laura and Carol's home

3066 Ponder Place, Dallas TX 75229

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Dale Dickerson's home

1424 Parkwood Dr, Carrollton TX 75007

December – No Meeting

## Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge

16 TOWN campers descended on the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge April 4-7. We were blessed with cool evenings and warm sun-filled days that encouraged hiking, biking or just relaxing at the campsite.

The Wichita Refuge is one of more than 500 refuges throughout the United States and managed by the Department of the Interior. Their goal is to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitat. The Wichita Refuge has certainly done a great job with that as upon entry to the Refuge you are greeted by herds of bison and longhorn feeding on the tall grasses. Wandering through the Visitors Center gives you great insight into the history of the Refuge and the numerous inhabitants.

While Thursday was a "set up" day for most campers, Barb Cutter was eager to get on her bike and roamed about 20 miles exploring the various lakes and dams around the park. We were hoping to go into Meers that evening for "Meers Burgers", but evidently the restaurant was sold, and the new owner wasn't eager to stay open in the evening. His loss, as many of us opted for the Riverside Café in Medicine Park and enjoyed burgers, salads and all the fun accompaniments.

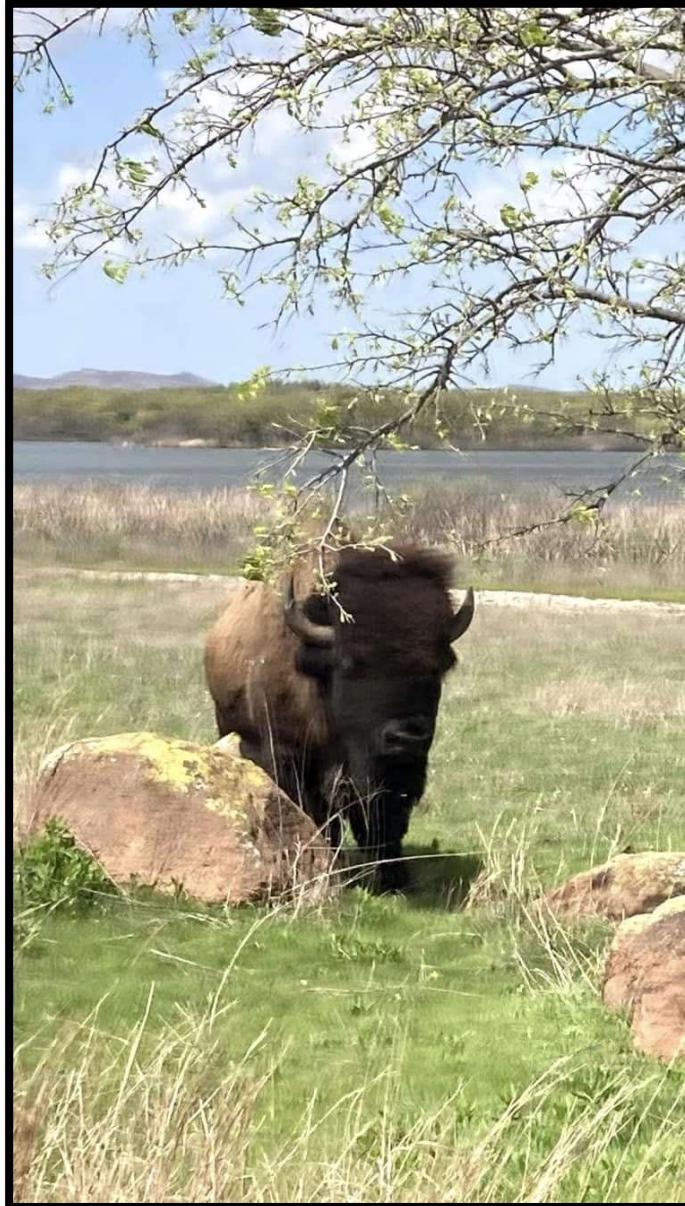
The Refuge has 15 miles of designated hiking trails for both novices and experienced hikers. The trails wind through scrub oak forest, rocky mountains and grassy prairie. So, there was a little something for everyone. Several of us got into the hiking spirit on Friday as we traversed the rocky terrain in the Charons Garden Wilderness Area. The rock formations are quite remarkable. We even spotted one the shape of Texas! The hike was rated as difficult, and some of us have the bumps and bruises to prove it. Other lucky hikers tackled the beautiful path around Quanah Parker Lake and the Environmental Education Center. Others explored the Visitor Center and Medicine Park while Rosie and Karen K enjoyed a special ranger presentation on geology. Friday evening concluded with a special birthday celebration for Nancy Lee. It was her 75<sup>th</sup> and we learned that she had never had a birthday party. Well, that's not right, so the evening dinner crew (led by Karen T and Karen K) prepared a special celebration with champagne, party hats and lots of birthday wishes. The Salisbury steak and mashed potatoes that followed were way beyond traditional camp food! And even the birthday girl prepared a special birthday cake based on a favorite family recipe.

Saturday was met with very strong winds especially at the higher elevations. For those that chose to hike the path to Mt Baldy, you had to hang on to your hats. Literally! But the views were spectacular and worth the tangled hair that came later.

All in all, an amazing trip and one we hope to repeat again soon. There was talk about doing this trip again this fall where you can enjoy a behind the scenes tour searching for elk. You won't want to miss that. Thanks, Nancy, for all your work in setting up this trip, reserving space and managing the meal teams. Thank you Laura! The coffee every day was awesome. Ummm!

Article by Sharon Fahlberg





***“Everybody needs beauty as well  
as bread, places to play in and pray  
in, where Nature may heal and  
cheer and give strength to body  
and soul alike.”***

***John Muir***

