



Many thanks again

Hopefully our long, cold, wet winter is over. It has placed many of our projects on hold and volunteer opportunities have been difficult to fit in. Yet some planning activities and work has been carried out by the following great folks during March:

Theresa & Tim Dent, Mike Mitchell, Jack LaBarge, Norman Boyd, Jane Lamont, Fred Lanoue, Kris Kirkwood, Carroll Carrey, Mary Ann & Bill Porcher, Leslie Hartman, Marty & Sharon Lang, Brigid & Allan Berger, TJ & Frankie Fox, Dennis Myhand, Drew Jacobs, Bonnie Heckman, Karen Lee Rystad, Cathy Wakefield, Katharine Dent, Jim O'Neil, Doug Schiller, Jim Gilbert, Natalie Barthleme, Priscilla Burts, Liz & Jerry Dykes, Dale Bidy, Nathan Henderson, Teri Austin, Jim Munro, and Karen Lyssy.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Calhoun County Spring Cleanup

April 9-10, 2010 call 361-552-7791 for more details or visit

<http://www.calhouncotx.org/2010SpringCleanUp.PDF>

Birds & Blooms at Camp Allen April 10-11, 2010 call 936-825-7175 or visit: www.campallen.org

Texas Bays & Estuaries Meeting

April 15-16, 2010 in Port Aransas, details at <http://web.me.com/tv951100/Site/TBEM.html>

IFA Redfish Tour in Port Lavaca April 17-18, 2010 check out

http://www.redfishtour.com/tourname/ports/details/port_lavaca_10.html

Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup

Saturday, **April 24th** 9 a.m. to noon. See details inside.

Spring Kayak Short Course

Sherrie and Rhonda team up again to introduce kayaking and teach about the estuary starting Thursday evening, April 29th. Call the Extension office 552-9747 for details.



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HAPPY EASTER!



The Legend of the Crucifix Fish

Of all the fishes in the sea, our lord chose the lowly sail cat to remind us of his misery. His body on the cross is outlined; the hilt of the sword which was plunged into his side is clearly defined. Look at the back of the fish's bone where the Roman shield is shown. When you shake the cross you will hear the dice being tossed for our Lords blood stained dress, those who can hear them will be blessed.

http://www.shellport.com/cart/index.php?route=product/product&path=37&product_id=52

From Chef Moses Cruz @ Oro Restaurant & Bar:

COLD POACHED TEXAS WHITE SHRIMP WITH OVEN DRIED CRANBERRIES KALAMATA OLIVES

3 medium sized carrots peeled, sliced 3/4-inch rounds
1 whole stalk celery cut into 3/4-inch slices, washed
2 medium Texas yellow onions
1 bottle dry white wine
2 quarts cold water
3 ounces kosher salt
1 ounce coarse black pepper
*In heavy pot bring all above ingredients to a boil for 10 minutes.

2 pounds large Texas White Shrimp peeled and deveined. Add shrimp to boiling water (above), remove when it reaches a boil again. Let sit for 2 minutes. Drain shrimp and chill in ice bath. Once cooled, remove and let air dry.

2 wheels of herbed Boursin cheese
2 ounces dried cranberries, finely chopped
1 ounces pitted Kalamata olives, finely chopped

Soften cheese, add cranberries and olives. Mix well and let rest for one hour. Form into 1-inch balls. Split cooled shrimp and arrange on platter,

tail up. Place cheese mixture in middle and serve.

<http://www.chewswise.com/chews/2008/11/takin-texas-shrimp-with-holiday-recipes.html>

Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup

MAKE A DIFFERENCE- DONATE A DAY FOR OUR BEACHES AND BAY

It's that time again, folks....the 24th Annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-a-Beach clean up will be held **on Saturday, April 24th from 9 am to noon.** This year we have several locations in Calhoun County where you can volunteer your efforts to help clean up our shores.

1. Kingfisher Beach in Port O'Connor
2. Crabbing Bridge at Magnolia Beach
3. Bayfront Park in Port Lavaca
4. Swan Point Park in Seadrift
5. Old Causeway site near Pt. Comfort

Pick your site, dress comfortably with closed-toe shoes and bring your sunscreen, gloves, hat and drinking water. You will receive cleanup data cards, pencils, trash bags, and disposable gloves when you check in with one of our local volunteer coordinators. Call me at the Extension office for more info or <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/>

Healthy Habitat Grant

Travis Middle School students in the Water Watchers group sponsored by Sherrie Krause and Brian Frank are using gravel and concrete debris to help transform a fragmented shoreline currently used as a boat ramp into a native salt marsh. They received a \$15,000 grant to

support this service-learning project that will benefit wildlife and the environment.

You can be a part of the excitement on **Saturday, April 24th** at the Port Lavaca Bayfront Park. After the "beach" cleanup is completed at this location, the students will need help from the community to plant smooth cord grass and other marsh vegetation in the area that they have prepared. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day! You can learn more about their project on their facebook page http://www.facebook.com/pages/Service-Learning-Texas-Healthy-Habitats/160358328621#!/pages/Service-Learning-Texas-Healthy-Habitats/160358328621?v=app_10442206389

Tax Time Tip for Boaters

Recreational boat owners, who paid state sales taxes on a boat purchase, or those who secured a loan to finance a boat, may have some tax deductions available when filing their 2009 federal income tax return. Learn more by visiting <http://www.boatus.com/pressroom/>

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