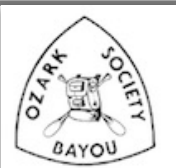




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March 2021

Calendar of Events

March

- 13 St. Patrick's Day Paddle - contact is Marian Howard at marianehoward@comcast.net
- 16 Monthly Meeting - Visitor Center at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge. Speaker is Master Naturalist Daniel Mills. He will be leading a walk and talk focused on wild plants and foraging. The program will begin at 5:30. Business meeting will follow at 6:45. More info on page 4.
- 27 Moonlight Paddle and Taco Bar - Red River South Marina - contact is Sarah Philyaw at philyaws@gmail.com

April

- 9-11 Hiking/Camping at Petit Jean State Park, AR - contact is Sherri Teer at Sherriteer@gmail.com
- 16-18 Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance - contact is Roy O'Neal at royoneal2@gmail.com
- 20 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm in the Visitor Center at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge

May

- 1 Annual Crawfish Boil and Picnic - Steve and Grace Eyler's place - contact is Marian at marianehoward@comcast.net
- 8 Intro to Kayaking on Lake Caroline - contact is Sarah Philyaw at philyaws@gmail.com
- 15 Webster Parish Tourism paddle - Dorcheat Bayou contact is Sarah Philyaw at philyaws@gmail.com
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Our monthly meetings are held at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows. Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.



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OWL Center Trail Maintenance

By: Wayne Kiefer

Another outstanding event at the OWL center by the Bayou Chapter! Our February 26-27 Trail Maintenance went very well. Friday the rain held off and a handful of BCOS members, a guest and an OWL employee worked for about 2 hours clearing a new section of trail we have not worked before. It had not been used in several years by the riders. It was quite grown over with small brush and had several very large trees blocking the path. GONE !!

After we had a bonfire and cooked on the grill. Only a few people hung out for the evening. The weather stayed perfect at 60 degrees and no rain. Armadillos were chased and Jackie L, a guest and journalist did some historical interviews.

Saturday we had about 14 folks to start the remainder of the trail. David P. brought light rain and no one complained. Just kidding David. We had Tyler J and his dad from Shreveport come help also on Saturday. They are great workers. Matt C brought donuts and Sam from the Owl made blueberry muffins to start the day. After the sugar high, we began having 3 guys cutting with chain saws and the rest of our crew chopped and lopped their way through the trails. Amazing bunch of folks worked so well to complete the trail that was very nasty in spots. Looks great now. We finished by noon, way ahead of schedule. The sun came out and we went to lunch. Our friends at the OWL had pizza, sandwiches, cookies and drinks for us.

Thanks to our BCOS members and guests who worked so hard and got the job done. Also thanks to Sam and Trey at the OWL Center for having us again with such great hospitality and gratitude.

I personally appreciate the entire membership for their attitude towards community service and conservation the entire time I've been fortunate enough to be around you. God Bless and safe travels!



Duck Pond Clean Up (DPCU)

By: Roy O'Neal

The acronym DPCU (Duck Pond Clean Up) was started some time ago just to avoid writing, or typing, the entire description of the efforts of many BCOS (whoops, another one) events.

After this past Saturday's DPCU, I wonder if it should not be changed to "Dedicated People Cleaning Up". The 18 people that showed up at the Duck Ponds on East Kings Highway, were not only happy to see many friends that they may not have been able to spend much, if any, time with since the changes COVID-19 brought to all our lives. But they were there and happy to have a reason so be outside again.

Dick Maxwell, Anna Livengood (Anna was recently a bride and I can't remember her new name, but Bill is a great guy, and very lucky) and yours truly got an early start with breakfast and a great visit at Strawn's. Just in case you wondered why there was so little trash on either bank of the pond visible from the library, it was due to Anna having picked up two bags full on her lunch hour from the library. By the way, on a positive note for the library system, Anna told us that they continued to receive their normal pay all through the pandemic, even though the libraries were closed quite a bit of the time, and continue to be on limited use and staffing needs.

We should make a special shout out to Steve and Grace Eyer who brought twin grandsons to help with the clean up. Handsome young men and if you could not tell them apart, don't feel bad. Steve and Grace can't tell them apart either.

Speaking of grandsons, Tere Alexander brought 3 of her grands. They were very personable, and surprisingly knowledgeable in many areas. Thanks to them, yours truly was entertained by the boys while waiting to take care of other "picker uppers" arriving a little late. In addition to conversing with the boys, I also got to time them in a few races in the parking lot. Any of you remember those days when you ran just to be doing it? Yeah, me too!

Shucks, might as well give the other BCOSers that showed up a little ink too. No, not a tat, just a mention. Here goes – Wayne, Barbie, Gail, Marian, Robyn and Sandy (these two were in such a hurry to get started that they jumped in a tandem canoe and took off) and finally, but in no way the least, Anne Gibson. Okay, so Ann is not the tallest person in our group, but we were very happy to see her at the duck pond. She is certainly one of the most dedicated members and is willing to help in any way she can. She has been a little under the weather lately so having her there was especially pleasing.

Oh, by the way, the group picked up 25 bags of trash, and a few other items that did not fit in a bag. Not as many very interesting items as after a Mardi Gras parade, but still a few that drew some interesting comments.

P.S. - Our distinguished Byline editor, Marian Howard, asked me to write something "quick" about the DPCU for the newsletter. Ha! She knows me better than that. Not to worry, she will "edit" where necessary.



Left - Anne Gibson working the banks

Above - Sandy and Robyn cleaning up the water

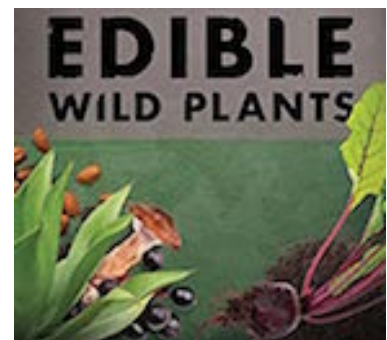
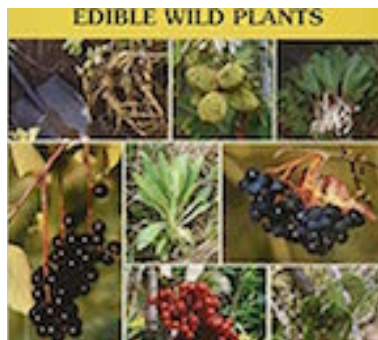
March Meeting - Program on Wild Edibles and Foraging

Smilax, Greenbrier, Hogbrier...edible. Hard to believe but in the early spring, smilax sends up a tender shoot that taste sorta like asparagus. The berries can be made into jam. The root, though chosen last by wild hogs, because it's not easy to harvest, can be pound into a flour like substance, and boiled or roasted like any root vegetable.

Daniel Mills, Master Naturalist, will talk us thru a walk March 16, looking for edibles at Red River Wildlife Refuge. He has been a favourite ranger at Walter Jacobs for he is an encyclopaedia on foraging, including some of the medicinal values of wild plants. He is now working maintenance for the parish, keeping parks in better condition in Caddo Parish where we enjoy trails and Cross Lake.

Country Roads Magazine had a great article on foraging in Louisiana: <https://countryroadsmagazine.com/> and a Facebook page "Louisiana Wild Edibles, Foraging, and Wild Medicinal Plants" that is very informative for more self study.

Emma Gatewood ate Vienna sausage and foraged not once but twice walking the Appalachian trail! So join us Tuesday March 16 @ 5:30 pm to hear how Grandma Gatewood could have possibly gotten up the AT on canned meat and wild edibles!



Owl Center Trail Maintenance

HAVING A BALL IN THE SNOW!!!!



Cathy Little's snow angel grandbaby - born 12-23-20 - Stevie Dee Williams



A little older snow angel - Henry Ann Burton



Barbie, Dee Jaye, Tammy, Sonya and Terre - Barbie's Grandkids



Steve



Kayaking in the snow at Matt's



Steve and Grace

March "Special" Days

March 1 - Kathy Kramer-Hill's Birthday

March 2 - Stephanie Parks' Birthday

March 3 - Sara Coleman's Birthday

March 7 - Wayne Kiefer's Birthday #62

March 14 - Perry & Kathy Hill will celebrate 28 years together on this day
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS! Roll your clocks forward at 2:00 AM.

March 16 - John Fortune's Birthday

March 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY. If You aren't Irish, sorry to hear it. Better wear the Green anyway, unless of course getting pinched is one of your possible once-a-year delights.

March 28 - Mary Ann Bowie's Birthday. Full Moon. No, not for, or by, Mary Ann. Just a notice of the lunar event.

March 30 - Grace Eyler will find herself married to an even older man. Yep, this day is Steve's Birthday.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those noted above.

If we missed your special day, please let Roy know - royoneal2@gmail.com



Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

If you have any **equipment** you want to sell or give away, get in touch with Roy O'Neal. 318-272-0259 or royoneal2@gmail.com or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

Time to renew dues for 2021! Bring your \$30 renewal dues to Treasurer Dick Maxwell at the monthly meeting or mail to: THE OZARK SOCIETY, P.O. Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203 Here's an online option of paying dues for folks that like to use credit cards. <https://www.ozarksociety.net/membership/>



Duck Pond Cleanup

Left - Barbie and Wayne

Right - Sandy and Robyn in canoe, Wayne in kayak



Caddo Lake Facts and Trivia

By: Wayne Kiefer

Jefferson and the surrounding area has quite a history going back many years. I thought I would post some notable facts for when you visit Jefferson or Caddo Lake area.

- The oil boom occurred in 1905. Oil discovery was years before but had been ignored.
- 25,000 were employed in the Caddo oil industry initially.. Before the boom, land was 50 cents an acre. It quickly rose to \$500 an acre after the boom began.
- 1933 produced the "Beer Boats" of Caddo Lake after the 18th Amendment was appealed allowing states to control alcohol sales. These were in Marian County on Caddo Lake since Harrison county stayed dry. They were 70x80 foot pontoon boats. No outboard motors on that ! Cost a nickel for a water taxi for a ride out to the boats. Hopping places eventually became anchored buildings in the lake.
- 1909 The Pearl industry began on Caddo. Mussel produced freshwater pearls and still does. A Japanese pearl diver made \$3,000 back then diving for them. Mr. Murata later was a diver for the US Navy. 21 species of mussels now live in Caddo Lake.
- The "First artificial gas" was produced in Jefferson Tx. Pine wood was heated in large drums ,called retorts and piped out to fuel the street lamps. 1867 Who knew ? Jefferson Light company began 1869/70.
- Confederate Gunpowder Magazines can still be seen outside of town on Big Cypress Bayou. Brick buildings were built to house gunpowder made in Tyler and Marshal. They weren't built near town for a reason . Black powder was very easily ignited. 1863
- The Hatchet Lady, Carrie Moore Nation was an early resident of Jefferson. On June 5th of 1900 she received a vision. She was arrested 30 times in the next ten years for "smashing" alcohol bottles and slamming her hatchet in wooden bars as she reprimanded patrons for the sins of alcohol.

Hope you enjoyed the tidbits. I took the details from a book named. "Jefferson - The History and Mystery of the City on the Bayou." Very interesting stuff.



Cleaning up the Duck Pond

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Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year, January-December, and they include a subscription to the Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at www.ozarksociety.net. Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

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