

BAYOU BYLINE



November 2022

Calendar of Events

November

- 12 Duck Pond Cleanup contact is Roy O'Neal at royoneal2@gmail.com CANCELLED!!
- 15 Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm Officer Elections Kim Cox will talk on folk lore regarding predicting winter weather (such as persimmon seeds)
- 19 Monkey Trail Hike at Eddie Jones Park contact is Marian at <u>marianehoward@comcast.net</u> - 8:30 am Bring water and snacks for the trail. We'll do the 6 mile loop and cook hamburgers when we finish.

December

- 4 BCOS Annual Christmas Party Red River National Wildlife Refuge. 4:00pm 8:00pm Contact Sandy Roerig at sandra.roerig@lsuhs.edu or Marian Howard at marianehoward@comcast.net See enclosed flyer on page 2 for more info
- 10 Caney Lake Hike 8:30 am at the boat launch Contact is Marian at <u>marianehoward@comcast.net</u> Bring water and snacks for the trail. We'll hike the Sugar Cane Trail and Kona's Run (total of 7 miles) and have lunch at Los Compos in Dixie Inn after the hike.

January

- 1 New Year's Day Hike at Bodcau Meet at 10:00 am Contact is Kim Cox at <u>kcox@bpcc.edu</u> - We'll hike the shorter trail and should be finished around noon.
- 17 Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm Come out to the Red River Refuge and support our new officers for 2023 -Speaker TBA



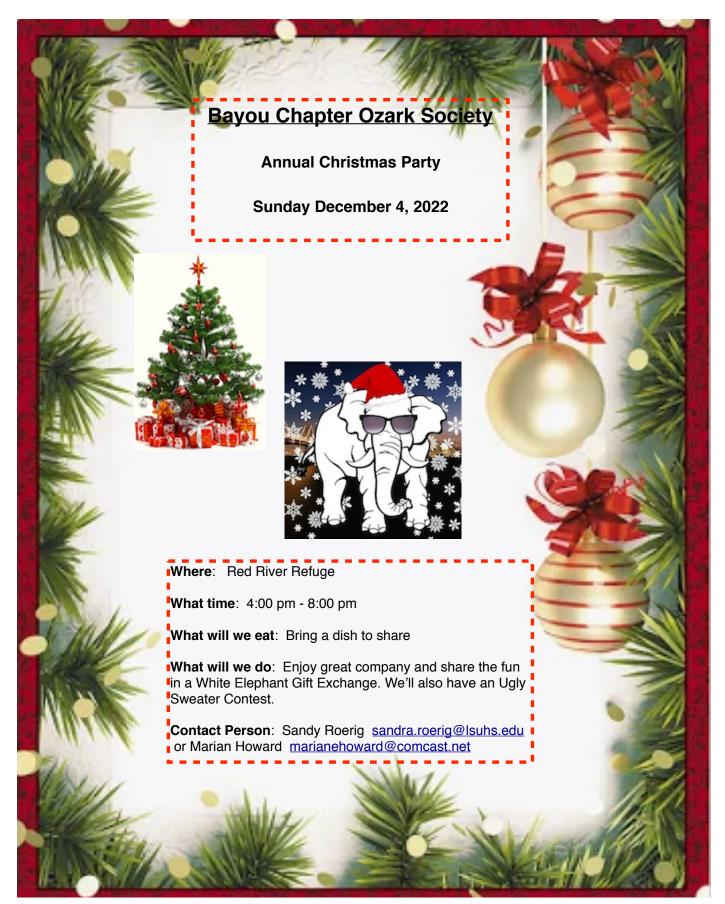
Our monthly meetings are held at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112.

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 food and socializing.



Officer Elections for 2023

Also, Kim Cox will talk on folk lore regarding predicting winter weather (such as persimmon seeds)



BCOS Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2022

By: Secretary Kristen Tilbury

Kim Cox, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Twenty people were in attendance. Guests and new members were recognized.

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

Sandy Roerig made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. Kim seconded the motion. September minutes were unanimously approved,



Treasurer's report

Treasurer Dick Maxwell reported \$5200.00 (approximately) in the accounts.

Upcoming events:

Ozark Society Fall General Membership Meeting in Lake Claiborne State Park

Marian Howard and Sandy discussed plans for the upcoming meeting at Lake Claiborne. They made a call for help on Saturday. Sandy gave an overview about the help that Mike Rech will need in preparing the breakfast.

Three people are needed for registration, and there was also call for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Attendees are required to sign up at registration table even if they have pre-registered for the event. Marian has the list and book of people who have pre-registered. Sandy discussed the upcoming election for Ozark Society Board officers for the next two years, as well as Ozark Society's goals.

Athens Big Fork Trail Maintenance

Perry Hill gave detailed instructions for the Athens Big Fork Trail Maintenance on November 5th. He urged people to sign up as soon as possible. Everyone should meet on Saturday morning.

Conservation Report

Sandy gave the conservation Report on the nascent glass recycling industry. A glass collecting/processing organization, "A Glass Half Full – New Orleans" endeavors to mitigate the level of waste dumped in landfills.

Past Events:

Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day

There were 15 BCOS member volunteers who assisted 180 event attendees in paddling kayaks or canoes in Bodcau Bayou. A new member was recruited to BCOS.

River Rat Challenge

The Bayou Bandits took home nine medals and were labeled as "the most spirited group." The "I Smell a Rat" paddle trophy was signed by all members.

D'Arbonne Hike

Thirteen hikers were present for a 4-mile hike on 10/15/2022.

National Wildlife Refuge Celebration Day on Oct. 15th

Dick brought the BCOS kayaks to the event, and the Red River National Wildlife Refuge provided canoes. Eleven BCOS members volunteered to assist with kayaking/canoeing activities.

Youth Grants

The Ozark Society awards youth grants every year. A few local entities were awarded grant money last year, and youth are always encouraged to apply. The grant application deadline is-Saturday.

Liability Waivers

Each chapter may take more consideration in preparing archived liability waivers for events. These sign-up sheets will be passed out at every BCOS event. It is important to document that we have educated each participant on the risks of each activity.

Activity Ranking Levels

There is some interest in providing ranking difficulty level information for each hiking or paddling event. This is currently in the beta stage, but this would give participants a clear indication of how difficult each activity is. Sandy suggested we should consult with members of the Highlands chapter to discuss this in more detail.

October Minutes - continued

Dutch Oven Presentation

Mike gave a discussion about various cooking utensils used in Dutch oven cooking.

Officers for 2023

Nominations for officers for 2023 will take place at next month's meeting. A call was made for members to volunteer a nominating committee. We will investigate this at next month's meeting.

Regulations to ByLaws

Regulations were recently added to the bylaws to guide how we spent money. The Executive Committee may approve or deny any expenditure less than \$250.00. Any expense over \$250 must be given approval at a meeting of BCOS members. Sandy made a motion to earmark \$300 for costs of food provided by BCOS for the Ozark Society upcoming General Membership meeting on October 15. Becky Evans made an amendment to the motion to earmark \$400. Kim seconded this motion. Questions were taken just in case we went over the budget. Marian will purchase the food. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy seconded it at 8:01 PM.

Classy Ads and Other Stuff......

For sale at the November meeting............ 1-XL - GOLD short sleeve shirt -\$15.00

2-L - YELLOW short sleeve -- \$15.00

1-M - GOLD short sleeve --- \$15.00

1-L - GOLD hoodie ---- \$25.00

Also for sale are bandanas from the Ozark Society Fall Meeting at Lake Claiborne - \$6.00



Hikers at Ozark Society Fall Meeting at Lake Claiborne - October 22, 2022



Ozark Society Fall 20222 General Membership Meeting



By Sandy Roerig

All members of all chapters of the Ozark Society were invited to the Fall General Membership Meeting on October 21-23, 2022. The Bayou Chapter hosted the meeting at Lake Claiborne State Park near Homer, Louisiana. Members of four of the seven Society chapters were represented, 1, from Buffalo River; 6, from Highlands; 8, from Pulaski, and 27, from the Bayou Chapter. Some attendees stayed overnight in cabins or at campsites in the park and some drove in for the daytime activities.

Attendees enjoyed a full schedule of activities, starting with the Board meeting on Friday night. This was followed Saturday morning by a complete breakfast, cooked outdoors by chef Mike Rech and his crew of Bayou Chapter volunteers. Also, on Saturday morning, all attendees registered for the meeting and received bandanas designed by Marian Howard and Jenny Hackman as well as samples of mayhaw jelly made by Marian, Marsha and Jack Land and Steve Tolson. Susan Rameres, Karen Pitts, Kathy Kramer and others assisted with the registration process.

After breakfast, President David Peterson opened the meeting of the general membership. The first order of business was the election of new officers for two year terms, starting January 1, 2023. The slate of officers was developed by the Nominating Committee as follows:

President: Brian Thompson (Highlands Chapter)

Immediate Past President (ex officio): David Peterson (Pulaski Chapter)

Vice President: Tim Mason (Highlands Chapter)

<u>Treasurer</u>: Kay Ewart (Pulaski Chapter) Secretary: Sandra Roerig (Bayou Chapter)

Conservation Co-Chairs: Alice Andrews and Tom McClure (Pulaski Chapter)

Community Engagement Chair: Lowell Collins (Sugar Creek Chapter) Communication/Membership Chair: Carolyn Shearman (Pulaski Chapter)

Education Chair: Fred Palliet (Highlands Chapter) Archival Chair: Stewart Noland (Pulaski Chapter)

Missouri State Directors: Jennifer Ailor (Schoolcraft Chapter) and Brenda Crites (Mississippi Valley Chapter)

Louisiana State Directors: Karen Pitts and Perry Hill (Bayou Chapter)

<u>Arkansas State Directors</u>: Laura Timby (Buffalo River Chapter) and Mary Schlatterer (Pulaski Chapter)

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Tom Perry (Highlands Chapter) made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Linda Vanblaricom (Pulaski Chapter) seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. These officers will serve for 2023 and 2024.

Janet Nye (Pulaski Chapter) presented an award, a painting of a section of the Buffalo River, to Laura Timby (Buffalo River Chapter) who had initiated the Chapter and served as its Chair until last year. She was an active Board member, making many contributions to the discussions about the Buffalo River.

The proposal from the Bayou Chapter to share the costs of trail maintenance tools was discussed and approved unanimously.

Ozark Society Fall 2022 General Membership Meeting Recap - continued

David discussed the recommended use of liability waiver forms for all hike and paddle events led by Ozark Society members. A template form is available from the Highlands Chapter.

David also discussed the finances of the Ozark Society – how funds from membership and donations are allocated and spent. There was also a short discussion on the use of e-bikes on hiking trails.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am. There was a short break, then Bayou Chapter Chair, Grant Perkins, welcomed the attendees and described the schedule of activities for the rest of the day.

Next, Brian presented a talk on the recent battle to save the Buffalo River from contamination by a hog farm. David presented a talk on the effects of climate change on the Buffalo River.

There was a break for lunch around noon and during this time Tammy and David Jernigan gave a presentation on making boudin at home. Fortunately, they provided plenty of samples of this delicious food. Dee Jaye Teutsch also cooked her version of boudin balls. Excellent!

Afternoon activities included a short hike on park trails and a short paddle on Lake Claiborne, both led by Kim Cox. Mike Rech then provided a Dutch oven cooking class in which several groups were instructed in making luscious desserts.

The much-anticipated pot luck dinner, which included gumbo made by Marian as well as the above-mentioned desserts, began at 5:00 pm. Everyone enjoyed the wide variety of food, then visited, relaxed and danced to music provided by DJ Ron Webb..

Attendees packed up and left for home on Sunday morning. Some had up to a 6-hour drive, so needed an early start.

A huge "Thank You" to the many volunteers who made this event a big success. Special thanks to all who pitched in to set up, wash dishes and clean up afterwards.

Once again, the Bayou Chapter members showcased their best Southern hospitality and all attendees enjoyed it immensely!









Red River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration

By: Sandy Roerig

Saturday, October 15, 2022 was clear, warm and sunny – a perfect day to celebrate our local National Wildlife Refuge, one of more than 500 in the country. In the past, members of the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society have participated in this annual event by helping visitors enjoy a paddling experience on Lake Caroline. This year was a particularly good celebration because for the past two years there has been no celebration due to the viral pandemic.

As usual, Bayou Chapter members willingly participated – fitting all sizes of people into PFDs, providing quick paddling/safety instructions, and helping people into and out of canoes and kayaks. Visitors seeking a paddling experience ranged from 3-year-olds to those older generation individuals wanting to add this event to their life experiences. More than 80 participants enjoyed the special environment of Lake Caroline during the 4 hour event. For some young people, this was their first experience in a kayak and I heard more than one of them say they plan to ask for a kayak for Christmas.

Special thanks to Larry Moore, Becky Jutze, Mark Robinson, Dick Maxwell and Dee Jaye Teutsch for paddling safety boats and giving instructions right on the water. Also, special thanks to Marian Howard for bringing a pop-up tent and cookies and to Anne Gibson for bringing more cookies. We are especially grateful to Dick Maxwell for bringing the Bayou Chapter kayaks and providing his unique kibitzing skills. Others who helped in many ways were Tom Thompson, Susan Ramares and Sandy Roerig.

The RRNWR depends on the Bayou Chapter for professionally handling this popular event at the Celebration and Bayou Chapter members have a good time sharing their love of paddle sports with others. Everyone wins! Hope to see you there next year!



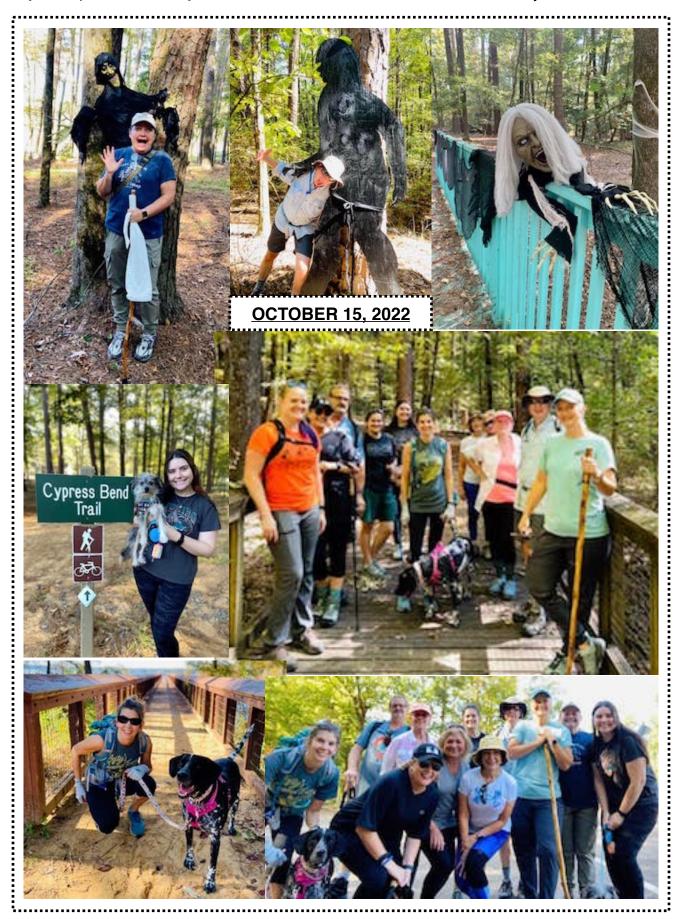
A Spooky, Sasquatch-Hunting, Lake D'arbonne Adventure 10/15/22

By: Kim Cox

On Saturday (10/15/22), 12 BCOS hikers + 2 adorable 4-legged companions (Luci and Oscar) met at Lake D'arbonne State Park (near Farmerville, LA) to hike, picnic and enjoy the park's special October features (the Spooky Trail and some Sasquatch hunting). We convened for a group picture at the boat launch and then hiked to the Spooky Trail near the picnic pavilions. That trail was decorated with a variety of scary dolls and animated features that Luci the dog did NOT care for at ALL, but that the rest of us really enjoyed photographing! We continued, following the Cypress Bend Trail, past the park's "glamping tents"/yurts (very cool!), through the campground (where a Dutch Oven cooking contest was underway and a live band was playing!) and took our first break on a pier with a very scenic overlook of the lake (gorgeous!). The hike progressed from there along the Woodland Trail, Big Horn Trail and Tall Pines Trail through woods and terrain more consistent with Arkansas than with Louisiana.

We were a little too "chatty" to encounter much wildlife but multiple group members reported seeing deer on the way into/out of the park that day. During the hike we tried to keep our eyes peeled for any sign of Big Foot (he's moved to a new location in the park daily and the first to find him each day wins a prize). We were nearing the end of the hike with no sighting to report until a friendly passer-by hinted at his location. Sure enough, after just a little back-tracking, there he was hiding behind a tree 20 or so yards off-trail! We all took advantage of the photo-op, still giggling with excitement and pleased with ourselves for our keen tracking skills haha! At the end of our adventure we settled around some picnic tables to enjoy our well-earned sandwiches and snacks. We had beautiful weather, heart-healthy exercise, and excellent conversation and fellowship. Days like this are good for your body, mind and soul!! THANKS to all who were able to join in on the fun!!





Mena Fall Leaf Color Weekend - October 29-30, 2022

By: Marian Howard

Thirteen BCOS members braved the torrential rains on Saturday October 29th to head up to Mena, Arkansas for a fun weekend. On Saturday we hiked Harris Creek Trail, located off of Hwy. 278, approximately 9 miles east of Wickes. This 3.5 mile trail featured easy to moderate walking that passed through six different habitats that ranged from a dry open shale pit to a mature shortleaf pine/hardwood forest. Halfway thought the trail there was an overlook that offered a spectacular view of the Cossatot River as it winds its way through the Ouachita Mountains.

We spent the night in Mena and got up Sunday morning and headed to the Talimena Scenic Highway. We caught a slight glimpse of the spectacular leaf colors but unfortunately there was a cloud cover that afforded about 50 yards of visibility so we stopped at the Wilhelmina Lodge, hoping the cloud cover would dissipate. But it did not so we headed off the mountain to the Blue Zip Line Farm where we had a great time soaring thru the forest. Most of us had never zip lined before and had a fantastic time.

Never let the weather deter you from your plans. October 29th started off a little dicey with the rain but ended up being a great weekend!















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Revised August Meeting Minutes to be voted on at November Meeting

By: Sandy Roerig

At the September BCOS meeting, we voted to not vote on accepting the August meeting minutes because there were so many changes that were necessary. We voted that the August meeting minutes would be published in the October newsletter so we could vote on them at the October meeting. Since this did not happen last month, we will vote on this at the November meeting.......

Grant Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with 29 in attendance at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center. Guests and new members were recognized.

The previous monthly meeting minutes were accepted. No additions or corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Maxwell reported that there is \$6,741.75 in the checking account.

Membership Report: Dick reported that the membership numbers decreased from 148 to 147.

Guest Speaker: Becky Evans talked about how to avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke on outdoor excursions.

<u>Conservation Report:</u> Sandra Roerig gave a sequel report to "Leave No Trace." She described the conservation principles regarding setup and departure of campsite grounds.

Old Business: Sandra read the proposed changes to Bylaws that had been discussed at the meeting last month. The term "nonprofit" was deleted because of specific tax implications. Changes were made to the deadlines for dues, date of election of officers, method of approving expenditures and standing committees. The duties described in the current Bylaws under Publicity Committee, are now being performed by the Membership Committee. The proposed bylaws changes had been sent by e-mail to all Bayou Chapter members more than three weeks before this meeting, as required by Article XIII of the current Bylaws.

A motion was made to accept amendments. The motion was seconded and there was a short discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

An "Events" committee is currently being considered.

New Business: Tammy Jernigan will send an email and create a group for the River Rat Paddle Challenge race to be held on the Ouachita River on October 1. She would like to obtain ideas for a new motto. Travel arrangements will be made. This event benefits horse assisted therapy.

Tammy proposed a cleanup before Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day event.

<u>Past Outings:</u> Reports and photos of outings had been published in the Bayou Byline newsletter. Several members also mentioned these outings:

Pop up paddles

Dorcheat Moonlight Paddle

Safety Boats for River Cities Triathlon

C Bickham Dickson Park Paddle

Red River Night Paddle.

Upcoming Events:

Louisiana Hunting and Fishing Days at Bodcau

Ozark Society Fall Membership Meeting on Oct. 21-23 at Lake Claiborne State Park.

Athens Big Fork Trail Maintenance on November 5th

August Minutes - continued

Planning meeting TBA. Tammy met with members of Bossier Arts Council for the possibility of holding the event in their meeting room.

Additional Information on Ozark Society Fall Membership Meeting (Oct 21-23):

The event will begin with registration and the passing out of name tags. A Dutch oven breakfast will be served by Mike Rech. This will be an excellent opportunity for BCOS members to meet Ozark Society members from other chapters.

Ozark Society Officers for 2023-2024 will be nominated and voted on. These officers include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary as well as Chairs for various permanent committees and State Directors for Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri.

A possible speaker will give a lecture on climate change. More information will soon be available. BCOS will reimburse a speaker's travel expenses. There will be a slide presentation, as well as activities. There is an orienteering meeting that morning. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch, but there will be a potluck dinner that evening. Live music may be featured, as well as additional activities. The Ozark Society will reimburse us for breakfast and the use of the building. There is an open call for volunteers.

RRNWR Fall Festival:

The annual Red River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration will be held on October 15. The Bayou Chapter has been asked to, once again, provide oversight and instruction for giving Celebration visitors the opportunity to experience paddling a canoe or kayak on Lake Caroline.

New Items:

Dick announced that right now, he is the only individual who has signing authority for funds for the chapter – which includes writing checks. Marian Howard volunteered to also obtain signing authority so she will be able to cover Dick's duties if necessary. A motion/vote was made to allow Marian signing authority on the Capital One BCOS bank account. Motion passed unanimously.

Marian and Jenny Hackman have been working on ordering bandannas for the Ozark Society fall membership meeting. The cost for each bandanna will be approximately \$5.75 each and will be covered by registration fees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING







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November "Special" Days

- Nov. 7 John Joyce's Birthday
- Nov. 8 Election Day! Get out and vote, yours does count. Remember "No Vote, No Complaining."
- Nov. 10 The United States Marine Corps was established on this day.
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day in the USA
- Nov. 14 Steve and Grace Eyler have been hitched for 24 years. Happy Anniversary!!
- Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving!!
- Nov. 27 Harvey Kennedy will celebrate his 74th birthday. (I don't believe it either but Harv swears he really will be 74)
- Nov. 29 John and Cathy Joyce will be celebrating their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

Please let the Byline staff know of any "Special Days" that you would like to share with the BCOS family.





The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal

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