

Board supports CNC&F's pursuit of its mission

It is hard to imagine that what started in 1988 as a few friends coming together, along with the City of Boerne, to clean up Cibolo Creek, restore the marsh and construct a nature trail and boardwalk in Boerne City Park, has evolved to what is known as the Cibolo Nature Center and Farm(CNC&F) today.

Open to the public since Earth Day 1990, the nature center is a prime example of community caring.

Thanks to thousands of volunteers' dedicated work, the community is preserving its natural heritage for future generations. And right at the forefront of this group of volunteers is the CNC&F board of directors.

When the nature center's board was established in



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1991, they first and foremost were committed to carrying out the mission of the CNC&F by interpreting the organization's work and values to the community while carefully guiding the future of the organization through strategic planning and financial oversight.

Although there have been many milestones along the way, the board has continued to be integral as the nature center continues its pursuit in the mission: the conservation of natural

resources through education and stewardship.

The board plays a vital role with its primary function to review the organization's mission, vision and direction; to ensure the financial health of the organization, fundraising, to direct organizational operations and to ensure effective community relations.

"It is often said that an organization is only as good as its board of directors," CNC&F Executive Director Carolyn Chipman Evans said. "In our case, this could not be closer to the truth as our board has always been a representation of many different industries all with a true love for children, education and the great outdoors. This common denominator has translated

to an unwavering support of our mission.

The 2016 Cibolo Nature Center & Farm: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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The CNC&F Board of Directors at a recent meeting at the Herff Farm.



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CNC&F Happenings

MOTHER NATURE'S STORYTIME: AUTUMN!, Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m., CNC Visitor Center. It's getting colder, the leaves are turning colors and things are changing! Join us as we focus on what is happening to nature in the fall! For preschoolers and their caregivers. \$5 per family.

THIRST FOR NATURE: MYTHICAL CREATURES & MOSCOW MULES, Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CNC auditorium. Join us for Moscow Mules and a fascinating talk about the mythical and uncommon creatures of Texas. Jonah Evans, the state mammologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife, will explore why people claim to see mythical creatures, such as chupacabras, as well as uncommon animals that just aren't there. \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids, free to kids under 6. Register at www.cibolo.org

WATERCOLOR YOUR WORLD, Thursday, Nov. 17, and Friday, Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Join us for the Art In Nature Series with Jeanette MacDougall. Infuse the organic richness of water into your impressions of the Herff Farm's natural and historic vistas. \$150, all materials will be provided. Space is limited-pre registration is required at www.cibolo.org.

FARMERS MARKET AT THE CIBOLO, Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Herff Farm. Enjoy fresh air and delicious local produce, live music and more at the only Farmers Market in Texas on the grounds of a historic 1850s pioneer farm. Buy fresh local vegetables and farm-fresh eggs, original arts and crafts, homemade breads, jams, jellies, pastries and locally produced honey.

A WALK IN THE WOODS, Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon, Herff Farmhouse and Herff Ranch. Landowner Bill Kennon will discuss a new perspective on cedar management in the Texas Hill Country and lead a walking tour to the pinnacle of his property - the historic "Malakopf," where Dr. Herff and his family often held their picnics. The program will present the case for preservation of old growth cedar in the Hill Country from one rancher's unique perspective and 20-years of experience in ranch restoration in Boerne. Cedar has been vilified by ranchers for encroachment on grasslands, consumption of water and causing erosion. Recent research has provided new information that counters some of these long-held beliefs. The day will begin with a short presentation at the Herff Farm's historic homestead, followed by an informative walk to the top of Malakopf Hill. \$15, register at www.cibolo.org.

The Cibolo Nature Center is at 140 City Park Road, the Herff Farm is at 33 Herff Road, both in Boerne.

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