

## Gardeners of Blanco County

**Next Meeting: November 8, 2011  
Blanco First Baptist Church  
2:00 p.m.**

**Coordinator/Refreshments: Betty Mucha  
Program: Permaculture Design with Patricia Michael**

### *Patricia Michael, MFA Landscape Designer and Permaculture Consultant*

As a consultant, Patricia Michael is a teacher. She will teach you what is possible, give you language for that possibility, and help you make it happen.

Patricia's experience – over twenty years – gives her a deep understanding of ecological design. She works closely with you, your architect and contractor to design your site for beauty, utility and sustainability.

Patricia is an artist who works in four dimensions: the three dimensions of space and the dimension of time. Her landscapes change through the seasons and years to provide you with ongoing beauty in your surroundings.

Check out her website: <http://www.patriciamichaeldesign.com>



### **Pedernales Falls Plans Night Sky Theater**

Around 30 members met at the park to oooh and aaah over the bird watching stations before the meeting began on Oct. 11. Then Assistant Park Ranger ..... showed the group plans for the open air theater which is already under construction, using white limestone. It resembles Stonehenge in design and will be oriented to the sun and moon. We are already planning to meet there next spring when it is complete.



Rising full moon through mesquite branches at Pedernales Falls State Park.

## **2012 Officers Elected**

The following slate of officers was presented in September and will be elected at the October meeting:

President: Betty Mucha  
Vice President: Cindy Stomburg  
Secretary: Georgia Warren  
Treasurer: Keith McClellan

### **Changes in By-Laws**

After being presented at a meeting and in the newsletter, the two proposed changes in the by-laws were passed at the October meeting. Officers are working on the wording of the changes.

1. The Secretary will be elected and the newsletter person appointed, separating the two jobs. The secretary will send a synopsis of the minutes in the newsletter.
2. A Program Committee will be appointed as an additional standing committee to help the Vice-President plan and secure programs and locations.

### **Brian and Shirley Loflin at Author Day**

The Loflins, who twice conducted classes for our interns, were at Author Day at the Blanco Library on Oct. 8. You will remember their wonderful books on Texas grasses and Texas cacti. They have been commissioned by A & M Press to produce a book on Texas wildflowers and hidden treasures to be out this spring. Several Master Gardeners were in the audience.

Brian is willing to conduct a photography class in Blanco if there are 6-8 interested people.

### **Meet the New Agri-Life Assistant**

Next time you are in Johnson City, go into the Agri-Life office and take time to meet Jared Stonebreaker, Todd's new assistant, taking Karen's place.



From Wayne & Martha Gosnell" <[gosnelltexas@gmail.com](mailto:gosnelltexas@gmail.com)>:

Here's the info on the November 19th Stars in the Park event at Blanco We'll have a promo tent set up at the Blanco Market Day on October 15 to create some buzz....telescopes on display, astronomical info, perhaps a sun scope in operation, event reminder cards. The Austin Astronomical Society has been great to support all this and we're looking forward to a fine event. All are welcome!

November 19, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Blanco State Park Pavilion

Park admission: \$4/adults (12 and under free)

Wayne attended our Oct. meeting at Pedernales Falls State Park.

#### Program Plans for the Rest of the Year

Nov. 8, 2 pm— Patricia Michael on Permaculture Designing--Blanco First Baptist Church-- [Patricia@PatriciaMichaelDesign.com](mailto:Patricia@PatriciaMichaelDesign.com)

<http://www.patriciamichaeldesign.com>

Dec. 13, 7 pm—Holiday Party—Peggy Welch's

Chelita has asked that the persons who sign up to provide refreshments also act as meeting coordinators. They will have these responsibilities:

Contact speaker and confirm any audio-visual or other needs

Get key and open facility if needed

Set up room (table and chairs)

Write a thank-you note to the speaker

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*See you in Blanco at the First Baptist Church at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8. Let's learn about permaculture designing!*



*Happy Thanksgiving—and don't forget to Give Thanks!*

