

Master Naturalist-Hill Country Chapter Monday, July 23, 2012

TOPIC: “The Oasis Pipeline Wildfire and Recovery”

Scott Richardson, current President of the South Llano Watershed Alliance, will speak Monday, July 23rd, at 7:00 pm at the monthly meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist. Richardson will detail the devastation which took place in April of 2011, when a wildfire burned through nearly 10,000 acres just south of Junction, Texas. His focus however, will be on the marshalling of efforts and techniques by The South Llano Watershed Alliance, Texas Parks and Wildlife and other local organizations and businesses to address the effects of the fire. The fire scene became a laboratory for developing recovery initiatives to mitigate erosion due to rains they knew would come. The results of those efforts will be discussed.

Scott Richardson is a native of Fort Worth, Texas, who has lived in Junction since 1980. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University, with a degree in Forestry, later earning a teacher certification from University of Texas-Arlington, in Biology and Math. He has worked as a land surveyor; taught science and math at Junction Middle School, from which he retired in 2004.

In 2004, he along with his wife Martha, co-founded the Western Edwards Plateau Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist. Together they helped organize training classes for the Chapter for three years while also volunteering for various local projects. He is a member and has served as a Director for the Kimble County prescribed Burn Association; has been a Director of The South Llano Watershed Alliance since it was founded in 2009, and currently serves as its President.

Scott and his wife reside on 25 acres just outside Junction, where they have applied what they have learned, using best land management practices, to encourage a diversity of native flora and fauna. These practices have increased rainwater retention on the property resulting in the proliferation of native grasses and forbs.

The meeting will be held in the lecture hall of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority building, 125 Lehmann Drive, in Kerrville. The meeting is free and the public is invited to attend. More information is available by calling Tom Hynes at 990-5750.



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