



NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

A New Season Begins!

The gate is working overtime as our Winter Texan family heads south to their winter home here at Natures. It is wonderful to see all our friends again!

The Fun Association has had its first meeting, and Ken and Patty and various coordinators of events gave everyone an outline of what lies ahead this season. It looks to be an interesting, busy and fun season! So, family, if you are not here yet, Come On Down! You don't want to miss any of the fun!

This amazing schedule of events and activities does not just happen or fall into place. A lot of work has been done over the summer by our Fun Association Board. Although they were all away for the summer, they have been in constant contact with each other as they have planned and plotted to make a wonderful schedule that we can all enjoy. Thank you Board Members! We are most appreciative of all of your hard work and the time that you put into ensuring that this will once again be a wonderful season enjoyed by all.

With all the events it should be remembered that hosts and helpers are needed to make each event a success. If you have never hosted an event you might wish to do this. There are always many people willing to help you so you will not be alone at the helm and you will probably find that you make some new friends during the process! Also there are guidelines and many people who have hosted events who will show you the ropes.

In past years Bruce & MarySue were very active in heading up many events: The Hidalgo Lights, Bike rides, Dance Lessons, Bible Studies, Blood Drives, and sponsoring a number of families in Monte Alto for Christmas. We are very grateful to them for the active part that they have played in making each season successful and fun. However, they have moved on to the next chapter of their lives, and are now living permanently up north closer to their family. Thank you Bruce and MarySue! We wish you well in this new phase of your life.

Their leaving leaves a huge void at Natures. We now have a number of events that we have all enjoyed and appreciated in the past that now have no host or organizer. If you are interested in taking over one of these activities, please talk to one of the Board members. We would all be so grateful for your help. They were also involved with recycling, running the Google Group and putting out a birthday & anniversary list each month. We are most grateful to the people who have volunteered to keep these projects running smoothly.

And so a new season starts! Bingo is running again, water aerobics is in full swing, water volleyball is scheduled for 2 p.m. every day. The shrieks of fun can again be heard when our N.U.D.E. Wii bowlers are playing, the clack of tiles on the table can be heard during Mexican Train and Crafting in the Corner is a wonderful place to spend a Friday afternoon in the company of other crafters.

So, if you are not here yet, pack your things and head south. Your friends are waiting for you at Natures! Travel Safely!

Tidbits from the Spirit of Speckles.

Every year it is the same! I get this excited tingle of excitement as I watch and wait for all my friends from up north to return. And every day more and more come through the gate. I'm so happy that you are back!



- I thought that we were all finished with fixing the roads, but I saw Richard, Big Bill and Al using some nifty gadgets that Bill made as they repaired some cracks and blemishes! It's great that Bill can make such cool tools to make any job easier!
- The fall decorations in the clubhouse are all up now, and it looks wonderful! Thanks to those who took down the summer decorations and those who decorated the clubhouse for fall. What talented quilters we have at Natures! Thanks for sharing your works of art with us.

Special thanks to Steve, Lot 37, and Willis, Lot 33, who 'invented' and put up the hanging rail in the clubhouse. Not only did this make it possible to hang the quilts without damaging them, but it also opens up a whole new realm for decorating in the future!



The Clubhouse Looks Amazing!

- Richard never stops working! He and Big Bill replaced one of the French doors in the clubhouse that were showing some wear and tear. Thank you for continually making sure that our park looks nice.
- The new season has started and once again we are having our Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Cake & Ice Cream celebrations. Many thanks to those who bake the cakes, serve them and do the clean up afterwards. Our volunteers are AWESOME!
- I am very sad that the cheerful face of Hugo is no longer here at Natures. In the meantime Albert is back and helping us out. He and Richard have pressure washed the pool fence, the gazebo and the paths. Those areas look great now.



Richard and Albert Pressure Washing the Path.

- Jay & Lee were away for a week so Patty & Julia stepped in to help by running Bingo during their absence. Thanks to Jay & Lee and Patty & Julia! We love our Bingo!
- What a lot of wonderful costumes for Halloween! Some were quite scary, even for a little spirit like me! DJ Steve had the dance floor full all the time, and Ken & Terri did a wonderful job of hosting the dance.

With the return of all my Winter Texan family more and more of our activities are starting up again. I'm going to be a very busy little spirit keeping track of all the going's on.

That's all from me! Have a purrrrrfect Thanksgiving!



Weekly Activities

- Bingo:** 6:15 p.m. Signup begins
6:45 p.m. Signup ends
7:00 p.m. Bingo starts
- Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday. Sign-up required
- Campfire:** 5:00 p.m. Friday Bring your own hotdogs etc and something to drink.
- Crafting:** 1:00 p.m. Friday. Bring whatever you are working on or just stop by for a chat!
- Darts:** 7:00 p.m. Saturday
- Exercise:** 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday
- Happy Hour:** 4:00 p.m. Wednesday
- Mexican Train:** 6:45 p.m. Wednesday
- Petanque:** 2:00 p.m. Every Day
- Pickle Ball:** 9:00 a.m. Every Day
- Water Aerobics:** 10:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Water Volleyball:** 2:00 p.m. Every day
(Check Impromptu Board for more information)
- Wii Bowling:** 3:45 p.m. Tuesday

November Special Events:

Events may be added to this schedule, so check the bulletin board regularly and/or sign up for the Google Group Activities notifications.

- 2nd Blood Drive.** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please sign up to donate a pint of life saving blood
- 5th Ladies Day** 12 noon in the clubhouse
- 5th Karaoke/Open Mic** 7:00 p.m.
- 8th Pickle Ball** begins. 9:00 a.m. Every day.
- 8th Birthday celebration** 6:30 p.m. Join us for cake and ice cream
- 9th 30 Year Heart Celebration with Jay & Lee.**
6:30 p.m. Gathering. Slide show and newspaper clippings. Snacks provided.
8:00 p.m. Dance music provided by Ruthi. *Everyone is invited!*
- 11th Veterans' Dance** 7:00 p.m. Music by DJ Cassandra
- 12th Trivial Pursuit** begins. 7:00 p.m. every Thursday
- 14th Beer, Wine & Brats Festival.** 3:00 p.m. Please sign up by November 8th.
- 16th Celebration of Life for Mike** (Julia). 10:30 a.m. Memorial Garden. *Please note: As a courtesy to Mike's family who are not nudists, this will be a clothed event.*
- Garage sale**
- 17th** Volunteers needed to price merchandise
- 18th** In house garage sale in Clubhouse
- 19th** Sale outside on Monte Cristo
- 21st Membership Meeting** 9:00 a.m. If you are at Natures you are a member and are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss upcoming fun activities and special events. Complimentary coffee and donut
- 23rd Dance** 7:00 p.m. Music by George & the Texas Outlaws
- 26th Thanksgiving Dinner**