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What's happening around TOWN

March 2010

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Mission Statement



What is T.O.W.N.'s mission?

To provide all women the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in a safe, non-threatening, and supportive environment.



Seafood Recipe of the Month

Courtesy Terri Hudgins



TOWN Float Earns Trophy at Oysterfest Parade!

TOWN Rockport earned a 7th place trophy for our debut entry in the 2010 Oysterfest Parade. There were a total of 85 entrants in the parade. Our float represented a mixture of outdoor panorama depicting our organization's mission while promoting the "Women in the Wild" event scheduled for May 1st and 2nd. Member participants included Leslie Kenfield, Kim Pendergraft, Shirley Laurence, Denise Cervantes, Terri Hudgins and her daughter Jordan. Supporting recruits included Jimmy and Talon Kenfield and Ryan Pendergraft. These brave men graciously pulled our Wild Women through the parade route without a hitch.

Baked Shrimp

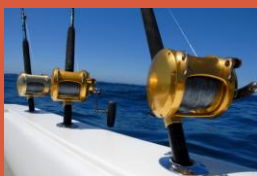
4 pounds of shrimp (washed, headed and peeled)
4 cloves fresh garlic (sliced & diced)
1 (or 2) bottles of white table wine
¼ cup of butter or butter substitute
¼ cup of panko bread crumbs or smashed up ritz crackers
2 tablespoons chopped parsley (or not - doesn't matter)
Salt and Pepper.

Preheat Oven to 425 degrees
- middle rack in place

In a 9 x 13 baking dish
Thoroughly combine the shrimp, chopped garlic, and 2 tablespoons white wine.
Season with salt and pepper.
Mash the bread crumbs or ritz crackers into the softened butter (best to use a bowl)

Spread the crumbly butter mix on top of the shrimp and sprinkle with the parsley (or not - doesn't matter)
Bake for 15 to 18 minutes - or two glasses of wine
Use hot pads to remove and let set for 5 - 7 minutes (another glass of wine)

Serve with warm French bread and a bag of salad - or not; doesn't matter.
Serves 4



"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn." ~Chuck Clark



*Spaces Still Available (but going quickly!)***Women In the Wild 2010**
Cost is now \$150

It's back! Women in the Wild has returned for it's 2nd Annual event. This fun-filled women's only event will take place over the weekend of May 1-2 at The Lodge. Each of the participants will participate in four hands-on classes over the weekend. Top-notch instructors and volunteers from the Coastal Bend area will help the participants in their goal to be Women In the Wild. This is a first come first serve basis on both the entry into the event as well as for the classes. Space is limited and registration will fill up fast.

The event will be held in two half days starting at 8am and ending shortly after lunch each day, adjusting only for inclement weather. A mixer will be held Saturday evening to allow more networking and comradery. Expect to have a great time with like minded women as you participate in a variety of classes. This event is offered to women ages 18 and over only. The cost \$125 if you register by 3/15. For more information click on the Women In the Wild link on www.townrockport.org.

Concealed Handgun Class Postponed until Summer

With so many activities for this time of year we have decided to postpone the CHL class. We will be asking for checks, from those who wish to attend, in June

Kim Pendergraft received the free Women in the Wild entry from our Membership Drive. Thanks to all of you who helped recruit and those who became new members!



Landscape/Garden Tip

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Preparing for Growing Season

Now is the time to perk up landscapes and get them prepared for the growing season.

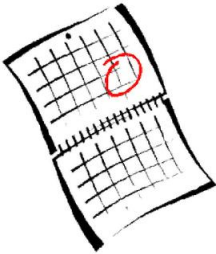
A few basic maintenance activities now will ensure a beautiful, successful landscape throughout the year. An application of a controlled-release fertilizer on landscape plantings will provide a great kick-start.

I recommend a 18-6-12 (or equivalent) blend with a 6 month feed. Lawns also need a fertility application as well. For lawns, a high nitrogen application is best. I prefer a 23-0-11 fertilizer blend with a 4 month controlled-release. Supplementing controlled-release fertilizer

with a monthly application of Medina HastaGro Plant or HastaGro Lawn will keep landscapes and lawns thriving and vigorous throughout the growing season.

While fertilizer will enable optimum plant growth and is one of the most important maintenance activities in the spring, an application of mulch in landscape beds is also a beneficial. Mulch aids in moisture retention and control of soil temperatures. I suggest an all-natural mulch such as an all-bark cedar. Mulch should be installed at a thickness of 3"-4".

If uncertain on how to get your landscape and lawn prepared for the growing season or looking for a materials source, contact your landscape professional or retail garden center experts for more information. The Texas Nursery Landscape Association website (www.txnla.org) is a great resource to locate landscape and nursery professionals. To obtain more horticultural and landscape tips visit Aggie Horticulture (www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu).



Upcoming Events

3/19: Third Friday Fishing - Copano Causeway South (license required)
3/23: Chapter Meeting - Speaker Tim Springer of Dynamic Retrievers
3/27: Overnight Trip Matagorda Bay
4/3: Sand Castle Lessons in Port A
4/9: First Friday Social Hour (moved to 2nd Friday due to Easter) Paradise Key
4/9-11: Weekend Trip to Comfort
For more information on an event go to www.townrockport.org

Chapter Meetings

Don't forget to join each month for our chapter meetings at Poor Man's Country Club. We have some great upcoming speakers. Social time 6-6:30p, Meeting 6:30-7:30p.

Upcoming Dates:

March 23 - Tim Springer of Dynamic Retrievers

April 27 - Brandi Reeder will speak on Boat Operations

First Friday Social Hour

First Fridays are back in full swing for 2010. Friends and family are always invited. Come join us next time! For more information contact events@townrockport.org.

April 9 - (2nd Friday due to Easter) @ Paradise Key

May 7 - Poor Man's Country Club

June 4 - Moondogs

Monthly Fishing Nights

Each month we will have a family fishing night for the group. On designated dates we will have extra rods and reels available for people to borrow if they do not have one. Instruction will also be provided on these designated dates. For more information contact ceciliacreighton@hotmail.com. Please note there is a cost for entry into these locations.

March 19 at Copano Bay Pier-South 6:30pm (must have a fishing license in order to fish here)

April 16 at Goose Island 6:30pm - no license needed

Overnight Events

We have two overnight trips being organized for the March/April time frame. There is more information to come in the following weeks. Here is some basic info.

March 27: Overnight camping trip on Matagorda Island. If interested please contact Sharron Flood at skflood@yahoo.com.

We are limiting this event to 20 campers. The cost is \$60 and includes transportation to/from the island and meals. As of 3/16 we have 8 participants registered. Payment is due by March 23rd Chapter Meeting

[Check here](#) for more info.

April 9-11: Karen Wiatrek is putting together a camping trip to her deer lease in Comfort. She will be taking 15-25 TOWN members. Cost will be around \$25. Please [click here](#) for more info and to sign up

For more information contact Leslie at info@townrockport.org to be connected to the appropriate person.

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