

## TOPIC: Kronkosky Property Donation to Texas Parks and Wildlife

The January meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of Texas master Naturalists will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a program detailing the ecological significance of the property conveyed by the late Albert and Bessie Mae Kronkosky to Texas Parks and Wildlife. The property is located in Bandera and Kendall Counties, off Highway 46 between Boerne and Pipe Creek.

Rufus Stephens, who was active in the assessment and acceptance process for the gifted property, will provide details of the plant and animal communities found on the 3700 plus acres, including rare and endangered species characteristic of the streams and canyons of the Texas Hill country.

Mr. Stephens will also discuss the possibilities of how TPWD might steward the property (e.g., State Park, State Natural Area, Wildlife Management Area, etc.) and opportunities for volunteer service there by Master Naturalists, Nature Centers, or other interested organizations or individuals.

As an interesting aside, in 2011 Mr. Stephens appeared in an Emmy award winning documentary entitled *Bridge to War Eagle*. The seed money for the film was provided from memorial funds honoring Mr. Stephens' son and features an iconic grist mill and old steel bridge on a wild stream in the Ozark Hills.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Join us at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 in the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's lecture hall. The lecture hall is located at 125 Lehmann drive in Kerrville, Texas. For more information, please call Tom Hynes at (830) 990-5750.



Texas Spiny Lizard

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Leaves of Bigtooth Maple  
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Fallen maple leaves in springfed stream  
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