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**Dallas Sierra Club**  
Lone Star Chapter

## Dallas Sierra Club News - May 2019

### Remembering Helen Bush

Helen Bush, long time Dallas Sierra Club member, Executive Committee member and Club Secretary passed away on Sunday, April 21st. Her passing was sudden and unexpected. Helen's commitment to the environment and to the Dallas Sierra Club was unwavering and she will be sorely missed.

Helen was born on January 19th, 1946 to William Jasper and Mary Lillian McClure in Washington, D.C. She spent her childhood in Knoxville, Tennessee and Indianapolis, Indiana. She graduated from Broad Ripple High School in Indianapolis and attended Indiana University. She settled in Dallas, Texas in 1973 and worked for many years at Southern Methodist University and was a substitute teacher in the Dallas and Richardson School District. She was proud to have obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History from Southern Methodist University in 2008 at the age of sixty-two. In addition to enjoying spending time at her church, Helen was an avid crusader for environmental causes, served as secretary of the Dallas Sierra Club and was certified as a Master Naturalist.

She is survived by her son and daughter in law Matt Bush and Anne Bush; her son Benjamin Bor, her sister Mary H. Kendrick, her brother William McClure and her grandchildren; Jackson, Ashley, and Andrew Bush.

Donations in remembrance may be made to the Dallas Sierra Club or Highland Park United Methodist Church.

### General Meeting Program - Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### Yellowstone – More Precious than Gold!

Join Yellowstone author, tour guide, backcountry expert, and park defender Tom Carter, for a deep dive into the world's first national park – from the Yellowstone Supervolcano and the 1988 fires to the current environmental threats and opportunities that face the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The lively two-part PowerPoint presentation and interactive discussion using websites, maps and APPS, seeks to enable participants to: (1) plan your own Yellowstone adventure; and (2) defend this unique and wondrous place for generations to come.

#### City Council Runoff Election

David Griggs, Chair of the Dallas Sierra Club's Political Committee will give an update on the important Dallas City Council runoff election.



**Everyone is welcome. FREE!** You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. The meeting takes place at Brookhaven College. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

### **Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter Environmental Awards**

The Dallas Sierra Club is proud to announce that three of the Lone Star Chapter's Environmental Award winners are from Dallas. Please join us in congratulating these deserving winners. Here are the award winners:

[read more](#)

### **Dallas Sierra Club Outreach Speakers Program - Speakers for Your Group**

The Dallas Sierra Club has started a Outreach Speakers Program to provide outdoor and environmental education in the form of entertaining and informative presentations. To find out how the Dallas Sierra Club can provide a speaker for your group, [please follow this link](#).

### **Videos of Our General Meetings**

We have started posting videos of selected General Meetings on YouTube. Visit our [General Meeting Page](#) to find links.

### **Limerick of the Month**

I'm amazed by the trees that I saw.  
They're magnificent; down drops my jaw.  
It is hard to convey  
How I feel; there's no way.  
I'm entranced . . . overwhelmed . . . I'm in awe.

By Kirk Miller

If you would like to submit an environmental limerick for our Limerick of the Month feature, send it to [editors@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:editors@dallassierraclub.org).

### **Calendar**

**May 14 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Tom Carter tells about visiting Yellowstone National Park, and David Griggs talks about the runoff election. Everyone is invited. Full details will be on our home page soon.

**May 15 (Wed) NO Outings Committee Meeting this month**

There will not be an Outings Committee meeting this month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, at Whole Foods. Organizer: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446

**May 19-21 (Sun-Tue) Exploratory backpack trip in White Mountains Wilderness, New Mexico**

For many years our Memorial Day bus trip alternated between White Mountains Wilderness, near Ruidoso, and Bandelier National Monument, near Los Alamos. Then wildfire devastated both, and it's been years since we've been back. But fire is a natural part of forest ecosystems and they do recover. It's time to go back and see what the new White Mountains are like! We'll meet Sunday morning, check out trailheads, and spend two nights in the back country to see how trails have recovered. Wednesday we'll check out some other BLM and historic sites in the area. It's a scouting trip so expect plans to be fluid! Much of our backpack trip will be on the Crest Trail, which features some of the best views to be found anywhere. Leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

**May 21 (Tue) Climate Change Walk**

6-8 PM. A two-mile narrated tour of downtown describing what has changed and what we expect to change in Dallas because of the climate. Reserve your spot in the hike [here](#). Leader: Chris Guldi [Send Email](#) 972-239-5878

**Jun 2 (Sun) Basic First Aid and CPR class**

The Dallas Sierra Club has arranged a Basic First Aid/CPR class on this date from 1:30 until approximately 5:00, with emphasis on first aid situations experienced while hiking or camping. The class is recommended for outings leaders who need to gain or maintain first aid or CPR certification. This class is not required for leaders who have completed a Wilderness First Aid class within two years. The class fee is \$70. The Dallas Sierra Club will reimburse the entire fee for its leaders upon leading a hike or other outing within six months. Call for location information. Contact: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

**Jun 5 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets upstairs at Whole Foods Market, southeast corner of Preston Road and Forest Lane, in Dallas at 6:30 pm. Contact the Dallas Group Chair for more information.

**Jun 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Speakers not booked yet. If you have ideas for a Sierra Club General Meeting speaker, or would like to help plan General Meeting speakers, please contact [programs@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:programs@dallassierraclub.org). Everyone is invited. Full details will be on our home page soon.

**Jun 19 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

The Outings Committee meets on most third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to plan outings and events. Anyone interested in outings is welcome to attend and participate. Come upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Reply to Bill to be added to

the advance agenda email list or to suggest an agenda item. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#)  
214-526-3733

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