

## **“Sustaining the Hill Country — Now and for Future Generations”**

Friday, February 26, 2010 — Tour at 4:30 p.m. — Reception at 5:30 p.m. — Becker Vineyards, Stonewall

### ***Reception honoring David K. Langford* & Presentation of the *Inaugural Keystone Award***

Join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres as we honor David K. Langford of Comfort, Texas, for his years of dedication to the conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat and his championship of the Hill Country.

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Saturday, February 27, 2010 — 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — Fredericksburg Inn & Suites, Fredericksburg

### ***What Do We Love about the Hill Country?* — Robert Potts, Dixon Water Foundation**

### ***Hill Country Natural History: Myths, Legends, and the Record* — Eric Lautzenheiser, San Antonio Parks & Recreation Nature Areas**

#### ***State of the Hill Country Today:* a panel**

- Land Trends and Fragmentation — **Neal Wilkins**, Texas A&M University Institute of Renewable Natural Resources
- Water Resources for the Future — **Robert Mace**, Texas Water Development Board
- Wildlife and Habitat — **Bill Armstrong**, Texas Parks & Wildlife, retired
- Riparian Systems — **Steve Nelle**, USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### ***Land Stewardship and Public Policy:* a panel**

- Valuing Open Space: Public Benefits of Private Lands — **David K. Langford**, Texas Wildlife Association
- Incentives for Good Stewardship: Department of Agriculture and NRCS Programs — **Phillip Wright**, USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### **Luncheon Keynote**

**The Changing Face of Texas: 95 Percent Privately Owned and 80 Percent Urban** — **Carter Smith**, Texas Parks & Wildlife

#### ***It's Your Home! Stewardship for Living:* a panel**

- Landscaping for Wildlife — **Rufus Stephens**, Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Wildlife Pests?: White-Tailed Deer, Feral Hogs, Fire Ants, and Exotics — **Kory Perlichek**, Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Brush Management Practices and Benefits — **Mark Moseley**, USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Habitat Conservation Plans — **Robert Gulley**, Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program

#### ***Broadening Options and Securing Goals:* a panel**

- Wildlife Valuation and Management Responsibilities — **Ken Thigpen**, Plateau Management
- Conservation Easements — **Thomas Hall**, Braun & Associates
- Nature Tourism, Agri-Tourism, and Hunting — **Stan Meador**, X Bar Ranch

#### ***Wrap-up and Q&A* — Dean Bibles, Green Spaces Alliance, moderator**

Host organizations: the Bexar Audubon Society, Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, the Hill Country Alliance, the Texas Wildlife Association, and the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. Sponsors as of 1.9.10: *Natural Awakenings, San Antonio/Hill Country; Edwards Aquifer Authority; Edwards Region Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative; Lower Colorado River Authority; Becker Vineyards.*

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