



# The Jester Warbler

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## The President's Corner

The Jester Homeowners Association, Inc. 2011 annual meeting will be held on February 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church, 6909 West Courtyard Drive. The meeting will be in the same room in the facility as last year. We will have reports on development along the RM2222 corridor and from our committees, and we will have an open discussion period to hear the questions and concerns of our neighbors. The one action item will be the election to fill several open board of director positions. Please plan to attend.

JHA is a volunteer organization working to keep our neighborhood safe and clean - a place we can all be proud of! We maintain the entranceways, organize and support social events, and enforce the deed restrictions. Of course we also publish this newsletter and maintain the JesterNeighbors.com website. We welcome articles from any of our neighbors about subjects of general interest to folks in Jester.

An important area of interest to the neighborhood is development along RM2222. Glen Brown is JHA's representative on a coalition of homeowner associations along RM2222 called CONA. This gives us strength in numbers when dealing with city hall and others about issues along RM2222. Please support Glen and CONA. They need financial support and sometimes they need some of our time as support at city hall meetings.

*Until next time,  
Philip Kolman*

## JHA ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, February 22**

6:30 pm

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It was great seeing our neighborhood lit up this holiday season! Thanks to everyone who decorated their homes and yards...the festive atmosphere you created in our neighborhood really helped everyone get in the holiday spirit!

Congratulations to our 2011 winners, Norman & Pamela Gelfand of 7314 Jester Blvd, who won gift certificates totaling \$250. (see below). Their yard was beautifully decorated and lit up with an array of lights, providing enjoyment for all who drove by.

Selecting just one winner was a tough task for our 5 judges. Everyone that participated in our contest put a lot of time into decorating their homes and lawns, and the entire neighborhood appreciates their efforts. They are all winners in our eyes! THANK YOU for brightening up our lives during this holiday season! We encourage all of you who read this to enter the holiday lights contest next year.

Please support these businesses who donated prizes for our lights contest. We appreciate all they do for our neighborhood!

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## Welcome Committee News

It's really hard to move over a holiday, but the Welcome Committee found that most of the new buyers from November had moved in before Christmas. Congratulations to them on their new home and quick move! They even had Christmas decorations up early, putting to shame many of us who have lived here a long time! Deliveries of Welcome Packages to November buyers were to:

- John and Susan on the 7200 block of Holly Fern
- Rex and Vanessa on the 6700 block of Tree Fern Cove
- Rachelle and Pete, with son Colin on the 7100 block of Rusty Fig

In addition we also left one package on the doorstep of a new November resident on the 6800 block of Beauford. We only leave packages if it's clear the house is inhabited, and there's a safe place to leave it.

During the holidays we were also able to deliver a Welcome Package to Selena and Brent, with son Garret on the 7400 block of Beauford Drive. They closed in October, but December was the first time we found them home.

Please make an effort to greet any new neighbors you have. Jester has a reputation of being a friendly neighborhood, but it's easy to get too busy to welcome new residents. It makes a huge difference to new residents when close neighbors make an effort to know them.

We hope to be able to catch up next month on several deliveries we've tried to make in the past few months. If you're interested in joining us, please contact JoAnn Welles at 512.346.0349 or joann-welles@sbcglobal.net. Also contact JoAnn if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a package but not found you home!

*(Pics on Page 3)*

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*By Julie Stoakley, Jester Resident*

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### Hill New Parent Tours

- Jan 25th at 10am
- Feb 24th at 10am
- Mar 9th at 10am
- Apr 15th at 10am
- May 23rd at 10am

### Kindergarten Playdates

- Feb 8th at 2pm - Library Storytime
- Mar 29th at 2pm - Main Playground
- Apr 21st at 12:30-1:30pm Hill Harbour Playground
- May 13th at 2pm Main Playground
- August 20th at 10am Main Playground

**Kindergarten Round Up:** Tues May 3rd at 9am Hill Cafeteria.

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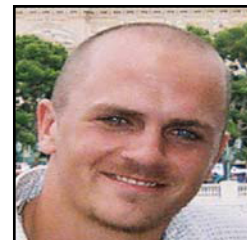
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## NATURE WATCH

### *Fronds of Ferns*

More often associated with mossy, moist, old-growth forests in the Northeast or Northwest, many are surprised to learn that ferns do exist in Texas. In fact, unlike other western states, Texas has a large and varied set of fern flora, although they are mostly concentrated in three regions: the Trans-Pecos of West Texas, the Edwards Plateau of Central Texas, and the Pineywoods of East Texas.

Ferns are a fascinating subject, due to their ancient lineage and distinct biology. The oldest fossil remains of ferns have been dated to 250 million years ago, and they were at their height, both literally and figuratively, during the Carboniferous period. Many species were tree-like, but the ferns of today are herbaceous and much smaller in stature. Fern structure includes the root, also known as rootstock or rhizome, the stalk or stem, and the fronds, also known as leaves or blades.

Differing from flowering plants as they reproduce not by seeds but through spores, fronds of ferns can be fertile or sterile. Only the fertile ones produce the spores, which are formed in groups of four and are most often found clustered on the back of the fronds. These clusters are called 'sporangia', and their patterned arrangement is usually associated with the veins in the frond. In return for their reproductive ability, the fern provides each group of sporangia or 'sorus', a distinct protective covering. The branching and shape of the fronds, the shape, size, and placement of the spores, as well as the shape of the protective covering are the features most used in fern identification.

One of the commonest ferns found on the Edwards Plateau is the Purple cliffbrake (*Pellaea atropurpurea*). Rather small and evergreen, its Greek name means 'dusky' and refers to the dark stems. This fern prefers rock ledges, cliffs, and canyon walls, often seemingly growing out of rock in partially shady areas. It is sporiferous from March to November. Often associated with the Purple cliffbrake is the Alabama lipfern (*Cheilanthes alabamensis*). Also common, this fern is found on shady, protected calcareous rock slopes, ledges, and cliffs. Small and evergreen, its Greek name refers to 'lip-like' shape of the spore covering. Alabama lipfern is sporiferous most of the year, but mainly from March to November.

Southern Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum cappillus-veneris*) is a delicate rock-inhabiting fern of shady stream banks and moist wooded slopes, usually growing in seepage along streams and in canyons. Its ancient Greek name means 'unwetted', relating to the foliage being repellent to raindrops. Sporiferous from May to January, it has fine, lacy foliage, giving it a



Purple cliffbrake (Photo: Mary S. Henderson & Mary Hall)



Alabama lipfern

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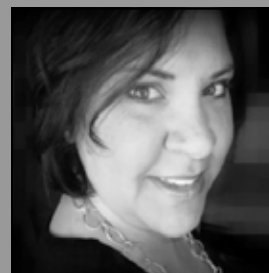
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delicate, graceful character. Growing 6 inches to a foot in height, this fern goes dormant during droughts. Almost always associated with Southern Maidenhair fern, Wood fern (*Thelypteris kunthii*), is also known as River fern or Southern shield fern. The latter name comes from the shield-shaped membrane covering the spores. This fern is found on the shady edge of sandy creeks, low woods, deep canyons, and especially at the base of dripping limestone bluffs. Sporiferous from April to November, this semi-evergreen fern has gracefully arching fronds that grow up to three feet and take on a bronze color as winter approaches.

Ferns drop millions, if not billions of spores during their lifetime, and while many can be carried great distances through air currents, very few ever land in spots suitable for growth. While well-understood, the lifecycle of ferns is quite complicated. Even today, those who study ferns can agree on four main classes of ferns, but debate still exists on which are true ferns and which are fern allies. Regardless of their classification, one can still enjoy their verdant beauty! Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, look for our book, *NatureWatch Austin*, to be published soon by Texas A&M University Press. - **By Jim and Lynne Weber**

Southern maidenhair fern  
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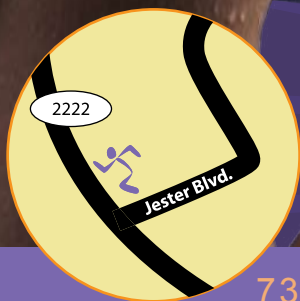
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5. **May Lower Property Values** – streets packed with vehicles make a neighborhood look less inviting to prospective buyers.

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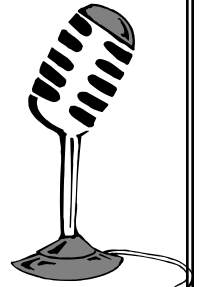
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**BUNKO** - If you'd like to join or be put on the list as a sub, contact Christi Taylor at christina.taylor@zurichna.com. 342-8984 They are a lively group and play on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 pm.

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**DINNER CLUB** - Join our new dinner club. Meet friends and enjoy great food! Contact Diana O'Connell at 767-0573 or dianaconnell@yahoo.com

**HILL KINDERGARTEN YAHOO GROUP** - This group is helping connect Jester families with others who also have children entering Hill Kindergarten in the Fall 2010. Email JesterHill2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to subscribe.

**JESTER DOG LOVER'S GROUP** - Put a smile on your dog's face and a wag in his tail — sign up now to be a founding member of the Jester dog lovers group. Contact Carol Powell at 340-0321 or email her at carolpowell@austin.rr.com

**JESTER KIDS YAHOO GROUP** - This group is helping Jester parents connect with other parents who have children with similar ages or interests! Email jesterkids-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to subscribe.

**JESTER PAGE TURNERS** - Check out the Jester Page Turners, a neighborhood book group that meets the second Wednesday evening of each month. Contact Valerie Walley at vwalley@randomhouse.com. 372-4077

**JESTER UNCORKED** - Wine lovers of Jester, unite! Join our ever-growing group of wine lovers. Contact Tonya Andrien at (512) 795-0086 or tandrien@yahoo.com.

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**NETWORKING GROUP** - Are you a resident who owns a business or provides a service? Build your business by referral! One individual or company per professional category. Contact Paul (Griff) Griffiths at 241-1644 or griff@albioncomputergroup.com

**ROWING** - Interested in sweep rowing and sculling? Contact Julie Donnie at 340-0432 or JulieDonnie@yahoo.com.

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP** - Interested in developing relationships and sharing spiritual life experience? Contact Jim Irwin at jimirwin@austin.rr.com or 502-0797

**WELCOME COMMITTEE** - Darla Rowan and JoAnn Welles are co-chairs of this committee, which is designed to welcome new residents to Jester, including newborns. Volunteer to help by emailing JoAnn at joann-welles@sbcglobal.net or call her at 346-0349

**WOODWORKING GROUP** - Join our woodworking group to share knowledge and techniques! Contact John Parker at 345-6991 or JParker84@austin.rr.com


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## Fitting in Fitness: Making Time for Exercise

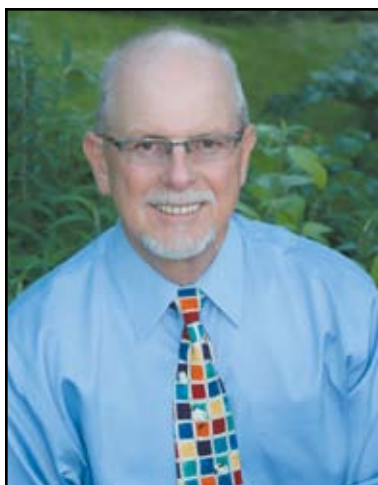
By Sarah S. Jordan, MS

Finding time for exercise can be an ongoing challenge in our busy lives. We know that exercise will benefit our bodies and minds in many ways and that we should do it. But actually finding the time and making it happen can be difficult.

### Here are a few tips to help you fit in fitness in the New Year.

- Remember that any movement is better than none. If you only have 15 minutes each day to go for a power walk, those 15 minutes will equal 105 minutes (almost two hours) by the end of the week, 420 minutes (seven hours) of exercise each month and 91 hours of exercise a year! Small things can add up to big victories over time.
- Find what works for you. For some people, a gym membership is very convenient. For others, it may not be convenient to their location, budget, job, or family. If that is the case, see if your neighborhood has any exercise groups, hire a personal trainer that will come to you, or start your own lunchtime workout group for added camaraderie and accountability.
- Schedule exercise into your week. Workouts are much more likely to happen if we put them in our calendars. Schedule workouts as you would important business meetings or doctor appointments.
- Remember that sometimes, the hardest thing to get is going. Many times, just getting our shoes on and getting out the door is the hardest part of a workout. Once we are moving, endorphins kick in and we feel great for moving.
- Make use of the early hours. I used to dread getting up at 5:20 every morning. But now I love it, because after I get ready for work, it guarantees me a few minutes to myself before anyone else is awake. Similarly, getting workouts in before the busy day kicks off ensures that they happen, and the day will be better because of it.
- Take the kids along. My baby and I have logged countless hours with the jogging stroller. But I know that if I didn't take him with me, the majority of those workouts would have never happened. Pack up the kids and remember that pushing the kids will mean more calories burned.
- Don't give up. If you are not reaching your goals, determine what is not working and create a roadmap to resolve it. Remember that fitness is a lifestyle and it goes through ups and downs, but always benefits us if we persevere.
- Make the time that you do have count. If you have just thirty minutes three days a week, step up the intensity of those workouts to get the most you can for your time. Add intervals and hills, or find a fitness class or DVD that offers a combination of cardio and strength training.

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## February Events

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Feb. 4	<b>Blues at the Crossroads</b> <i>Featuring Big Head Todd and the Monsters with guests Hubert Sumlin and Cedric Burnside &amp; Lightnin' Malcolm</i>	The Paramount Theatre 474-1221 <a href="http://austintheatre.org">austintheatre.org</a>
Feb. 5 - 6	<b>Symphony of Clouds</b> <i>The childhood story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i>	AustinVentures StudioTheater 476-2163 <a href="http://balletaustin.org">balletaustin.org</a>
Feb. 11	<b>Jerry Jeff Walker</b> <i>An American music legend and one of the forefathers of the outlaw/progressive country sound</i>	One World Theatre 330.9500 <a href="http://oneworldtheatre.org">oneworldtheatre.org</a>
Feb. 11 - 13	<b>La Sylphide</b> <i>A classical masterpiece - a romantic story about the insatiable human desire to find true love</i>	The Long Center 457-5100 <a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a>
Feb. 17 - 20	<b>Sesame Street Live</b> <i>Full-blown Broadway-quality show</i>	Frank Erwin Center <a href="http://uterwincenter.com">uterwincenter.com</a>
Feb. 18	<b>Gladys Knight</b> <i>One of the most recognizable and loved voices in music</i>	Paramont Theatre <a href="http://austintheatre.org">austintheatre.org</a>
Feb. 22 - 27	<b>Blue Man Group</b> <i>Best known for their wildly popular theatrical shows and concerts which combine comedy, music, and technology</i>	The Long Center 457-5100 <a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a>
Feb. 25	<b>Jerry Seinfeld</b> <i>America's premier comedian is hitting the road in a return to his first love – stand-up comedy.</i>	Bass Concert Hall 471-2787 <a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a>
Feb. 27	<b>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie &amp; Other Story Books</b> <i>You won't want to miss this fun and enlightening musical!</i>	The Paramount Theatre <a href="http://austintheatre.org">austintheatre.org</a>

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