BLANCO COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT SKY

Formed in August, 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE LAST YEAR

119 supporting households – 31 Lifetime supporters – 13 Business Supporters
Website applauded throughout the U. S. with thousands of hits per month
1,198 Facebook Group Followers – 578 Instagram Followers
Published newsletter for 5 years and 10 months with distribution of 635 people
175 member signs displayed in Blanco County

- December 6: Display booth at **Blanco State Park** star party
- November 30: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 69) via email to 635 individuals
- October 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 68) via email to 636 individuals
- October 25: The Wizard Of The Night Sky presented at the **City of Liberty Hill** celebration for becoming an International Night Sky Community
- October 24: Awarded $200 to Blanco Middle School Art Department for participation in the 2025 Night Sky Art Contest
- October 14: The Wizard Of The Night Sky presented to the **Kendall County Commissioners Court** in Boerne
- October 5: Sponsored a hole at the Senior Women's West Texas Championship golf ornament at **Vaaler Creek Golf Club**
- October: Awarded Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition certificates to **The Feed Store** in Blanco and the **Blanco Library**
- October: Blanco County, Johnson City, and the City of Blanco issued **Night Sky Month Proclamations** in conjunction with Hill Country Alliance Night Sky Month
- September 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 67) via email to 630 individuals
- September 28: The Wizard Of The Night Sky presented to members of the **Blanco Valley Wildlife Management Association**
- September 18: Mike Green and Elizabeth Miller presented certificates of compliance to **Mark Dean, DDS** and to Christophe and Sandra Barbee Zaleski, owners of **419 Bistro**
- August 30: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 66) via email to 628 individuals
- August 8: Wayne Gosnell gave talk to a group onsite at the **Dungeness River Nature Center** in **Sequim, Washington**. The topic was *How to start a grassroots night sky advocacy group*
- August 5: **Buchanan's Coffee House** and **Relax In Blanco** became Blanco Night Sky Friendly Businesses
- August 2: Barbara Hudson tended a BCFNS table at a **Johnson City Back To School** event
- July 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 65) via email to 628 individuals
- July 3: SQM BC14 was installed at the Science Mill in Johnson City as a part of the Blanco County SQM Cluster
- June 29: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 64) via email to 626 individuals
- June 20: First cycle of readings of all SQM's in Cluster
- June 18: Samuel Lartigue became Project Manager for the Blanco County SQM Cluster
- May 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 63) via email to 626 individuals
- May 22: BCFNS was a co-host for the **Hill Country Alliance Dark Sky Leadership Conference** at Gem Of The Hills in Blanco. Wayne Gosnell (assisted by The Wizard Of The Night Skytm and The Fiddler Of The Night Sky) gave a presentation of our programs.
- May 21: Samuel Lartigue joins Board Of Directors

- May 21: Second ad run in both county newspapers as part of **3rd Annual Educational Media Blitz**
- May 15: BCFNS paver in front of **Blanco High School Arts Center** displayed at inaugural event
- May 13: Dee Hardiman did presentation to **Blanco County Master Gardeners**
- May 10: Display booth at **Blanco State Park** event
- May 7: First ad run in both county newspapers as part of **3rd Annual Educational Media Blitz**
- May 2: Mailed ***All Creatures*** 6" x 9" postcards to all 8,173 mailboxes and post office boxes in Blanco County as part of **3rd Annual Educational Media Blitz**
- May 1: The Wizard Of The Night Sky accompanied by Bernard Mollberg and Wayne Gosnell presented to the **Highland Lakes Master Naturalist** class at the Methodist Church in Blanco
- April 30: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 62) via email to 614 individuals
- April 29: The annual ***Membership Gathering*** was held at the ranch audio studio of Terri and Larry Seiler
- April 29: Winners of **5th Annual School Art Contest** announced
- April 11: Held planning meeting for **Plan Of Action** at Texas Regional Bank in Blanco.
- April 7: Exhibit table at **Blanco CoAPT's 8th Annual Wellness Fair** at Blanco High School
- March 31: The first 13 SQMs have been installed as a part of the Blanco County SQM Cluster.
- March 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 61) via email to 612 individuals
- March 22: Display booth at the **2nd Annual Blanco Founders Day** including a sunscope for public viewing and a demonstration SQM unit.
- March 7: The **Wizard Of The Night Sky** plus 3 **Hill Country Astronomers** helped Ranger Katy at the Blanco State Park with a **Stars In The Park** event
- March 4: As part of the Blanco County SQM Cluster, BC04 was installed at a residence in the City of Blanco
- March 2: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 60) via email to 603 individuals
- February 15: Bi-monthly SQM data sent to **DarkSky Texas** and **Globe At Night** at the University of Hong Kong
- February 8: Announced winner of the 4th Annual BCFNS Facebook Group Poetry Contest
- January 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 59) via email to 598 individuals
- January 31: The 4th Annual BCFNS Facebook Group Poetry Contest began
- January 28: Bob Heinonen made presentation on the **Blanco County SQM Cluster** at the Community Educational and Social Gathering of **Blanco County Conservation Initiative**
- January 27: Wayne Gosnell completed and submitted a 49-page annual International Dark Sky Community report for the City of Blanco to maintain its certification
- January 20: As a part of the Blanco County SQM Cluster, SQM BC02 was installed at Selah Bamberger Ranch Preserve
- January 16: BCFNS received a $2,500 grant from the Hill Country Alliance for the Blanco County SQM Cluster
- January 15: The 4th Annual BCFNS Facebook Group Poetry Contest began
- December 31: Sent out monthly newsletter (Issue 58) via email to 590 individuals
- December 28: The **Wizard Of The Night Sky** plus 3 **Hill Country Astronomers** helped Ranger Katy at the Blanco State Park with a **Stars In The Park** event
- December 9: Bi-monthly SQM data sent to **DarkSky Texas** and **Globe At Night** at the University of Hong Kong