



# BIG THICKET DAY

Big Thicket National Preserve Field Research Station  
16890 FM 770, Saratoga  
October 13, 2012

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9:00 Coffee

9:15 General Membership Business Meeting  
Mary Catherine Johnston, President Presiding

## BIG THICKET PROGRAM

10:00 BTA President's Annual Report  
Mary Catherine Johnston, President

Thicket National Preserve Update  
Douglas Neighbor, Superintendent

Awards Presentations: Rose Ann Jordan

Jonathan Gerland, Director of the History Center in Diboll; Editor, *Pine Bough*  
Big Thicket History: The Neches River – Lumber – Oil - Railroads

Mr. Gerland is Chairman of the Angelina Historical Commission. He was formerly the Archivist at Tyrrell Historical Library in Beaumont, Archives Professor/Research Assistant at Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center, State Library & Archives, in Liberty. Mr. Gerland received his MA & BA in History at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Conservation Update: Bruce Drury

Thicket of Diversity: Wendy Ledbetter

Memorials/ Tree Planting: Mary C Johnston

Entertainment: Locally provided

12:30 Lunch - \$6.00 Donation

Book Sales & Signing

1:30 Rosier Unit Field Trip



Neches River, photo by F.E. Abernethy