

**Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m.** Writer Mary O. Parker and nature photographer Jeff Parker will appear as a lively husband-wife team to share tales of creating their book, <u>Explore Texas: A Nature Travel Guide</u>. There will be plenty of Jeff's gorgeous images along with fascinating facts about featured Lone Star flora and fauna.

Mary is known for popular articles on travel, family, nature, conservation, and education. She received the 2015 Gabriele Rico Award in Creative Nonfiction and was short-listed for the Barry Lopez Prize for the 2016 Creative Nonfiction. She's currently completing a novel.

Jeff, who has done two programs for BCAS before, leads photography outings to far flung locales including Costa Rica, Patagonia, and Brazil's Pantanal, but does nature photography workshops in Central Texas as well. His photography has appeared in <u>Audubon Magazine</u>, <u>Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine</u>, <u>Texas Wildlife</u>, the American Airlines magazine, and the <u>Cenizo Journal</u>.

Signed copies of their book will be available for purchase.

Location: First National Bank at 489 Highway 71 West, in Bastrop, 2nd floor meeting room. Members are invited to dine with the Parkers at Cedar's Mediterranean Grill at 5:00. RSVP for dinner to ssimon1221@yahoo.com.