Artist Boat and CITGO are proud to announce that we will be hosting volunteer workdays at the Coastal Heritage Preserve! Volunteers will help Artist Boat staff and agency partners steward the land by inspecting the land for invasive fire ants and treating the mounds, trimming back and managing the invasive Macartney Rose, and restringing the fence line surrounding the Preserve’s borders.

**Fire Ant Hunt**

Thursday, October 8th, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

And

Thursday, October 22nd, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Managing Macartney Rose**

Friday, October 16th, 2015 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM

**Fence Line Friday**

Friday, October 30th, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Coastal Heritage Preserve is a 360-acre collage of estuarine wetland, palustrine wetland, tidal flat, freshwater pond, and coastal upland prairie habitat located on the southwest side of Galveston Bay. This area represents critical barrier island habitat for many economically important fish, shrimp, and crab species. It is a favorite spot for migratory and native birds, including great blue herons, roseate spoonbills, brown pelicans, and great egrets to name a few. Additionally, the wetlands at the Preserve provide flooding and erosion control for the surrounding coastal community. By volunteering your time and talents, you’ll be ensuring that this ecosystem continues to provide these benefits for many years!

**Important information:**

* Directions and additional details will be provided to registered volunteers via e-mail a few days prior to the event
* Volunteers will meet at the Coastal Heritage Preserve parking corral unless told otherwise.
* Stewarding this land can be physically demanding, so physical fitness is necessary.
* All equipment (dibbles, gloves, etc.) will be provided to all volunteers.

If you’re interested in learning more about these volunteer work days or would like to sign up for this event, please contact Nate Johnson at [njohnson@artistboat.org](mailto:njohnson@artistboat.org).