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Meet Dick Schoech!

Dick Schoech, CTMN Class of 2010, has a very impressive life story! Learn more about him in the Meet-A-Member section, and don't forget to nominate for next month!



In Memoriam

This article is dedicated to recent CTMN members who dedicated their time to educate, teach others, steward the land, and make the world a better place: Larry Norris and Molly Hollar.

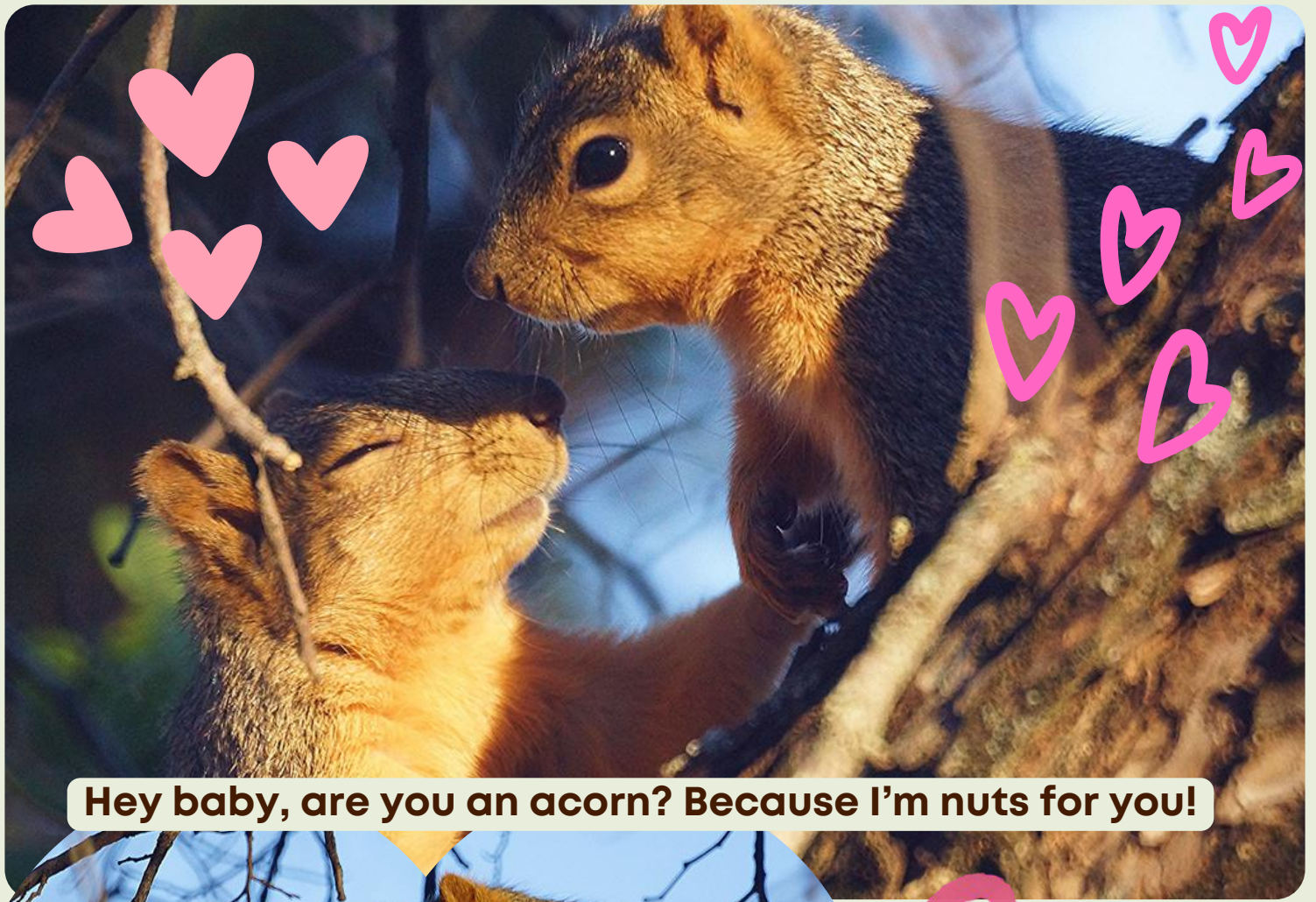
February Speaker

"Monarch Butterflies - Tagging, Tracking, and Providing Habitats for Monarchs"

by Kakkie Cunningham, CTMN Member Class of 2012
CTMN Chapter Meeting
February 19 at 7 pm
Social Time at 6:30 pm
Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Rose Room or Via Zoom

Guests are welcome!





Hey baby, are you an acorn? Because I'm nuts for you!



Are you bird seed? Because I could eat you right up!

Photos by Eleanor Pate

x *President's Pen*

Molly Hollar—Master Naturalist Hero **February 26, 1928—January 17, 2024**

Texas Master Naturalists and native plant enthusiasts lost a mentor and hero recently, the original Molly Hollar. As a member of the Class of 2006, I was fortunate to meet Molly during our Urban Wildlife field trip. Many of you knew her very well, as you volunteered with her for years at the Wildscape in Arlington's Veterans Park, named in her honor. For those who did not know Molly, the following is excerpted from Julie Thibodeaux' article in **GreenSource DFW**, February 1, 2024, with the author's permission.



“A local environmental pioneer is gone but her legacy lives on in the hundreds of people whose lives she touched as well as the engaging outdoor classroom she helped create — 30 years after she spearheaded its launch.

Molly Hollar, who for decades was the driving force behind the Wildscape at Veteran's Park in Arlington that bears her name, died in January at her home at Trinity Terrace in Fort Worth. She was 95.

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In 1994, Hollar was 66 years old when she took on the project that would become her masterpiece.

She had agreed to help her cohort **Julia Burgen** of the Arlington Conservation Council start a “wildscape,” part of the back-to-native plant movement that had a niche following in Texas. She made a three-year commitment — just to get it off the ground.

John Davis, now retired from Texas Parks and Wildlife, met Hollar the year they were getting the Wildscape started. The **Texas Wildscapes certification program** was brand new and TPWD had offered grants to generate interest in the program. Davis and Hollar hit it off right away and Davis served as the unofficial advisor to the Wildscape.

“And so very quickly, I just knew, I love this lady. And I want to work with her as much as possible.”



Over the next 25 years, under Molly's guiding care, the Wildscape grew from a half-acre demonstration garden to five acres that now includes a wooded trail, a riparian ecosystem, a compost demonstration area and signage throughout extolling environmental lessons.

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In 2005, the Wildscape was officially named the Molly Hollar Wildscape, in recognition of her impact.

“Never in a million years would I have dreamed on that that day when I met her that this would still be going on some 30 years later,” Davis said.

“I have to say that of all of the projects in my career that I worked on in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the Molly Hollar Wildscape is the strongest and most enduring of any of them. It's still going on. And it's still strong.”



Molly married and raised six children before beginning work on the Wildscape. After they were grown, she began a new phase in life. Perhaps because of her West Texas upbringing, she understood water was precious. She was an early adopter of drought-tolerant plants.

When the Wildscape project came up, she embraced her new undertaking. She began spending every day at Veteran’s Park watering and weeding, many hours a day, even in the hot sun.

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“If we wanted to spend time with her, we’d have to go out and see her at the Wildscape,” her daughter Susan joked.

Molly kept the pace going through the years. When she was into her 80s, you could still find her working in her jeans, rolling a wheelbarrow up the hill.

Hollar was a gentle but tenacious leader. She oversaw a steady stream of volunteers who helped keep the garden in tip-top shape and host field days for Arlington students. “She brought out the best in people always,” said Susan.

Molly was quick to credit others for the enterprise's success. When she learned they were going to name the Wildscape after her, she thought they were joking and had a hearty laugh, according to **Ann Knudsen**, a longtime Wildscape volunteer [and member of CTMN].

Molly teared up when she learned it was no joke. “It should be named after all the volunteers,” she said.



As Molly approached her 90s, she was laid up with health issues that kept her from working outside for several weeks. After defying the aging process for so many years, she knew it was time to turn the reins over to someone else. *continued ->*

She mentored Knudsen, a Texas master naturalist and member of the Texas Native Plant Society and Arlington Conservation Council, to take over, which Knudsen did in 2019.

Knudsen had met Molly back when the Wildscape was just getting started. “She’s the one that got me started on landscaping with native plants,” said Knudsen. “My life would have been totally different if I hadn’t met her.”

“You want to do things for her just because she’s so positive and makes you feel so important,” she said. “She did that to everybody.”

Knudsen said one of the most important things to Molly was teaching others.

“She really wanted people to understand the importance of native plants,” Knudsen said. “She’s inspired so many people and convinced so many to become stewards of their land. So I mean, her influence — it's just spread so far.”



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Donations: In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Friends of the Molly Hollar Wildscape, 1015 Glenwick Lane, Arlington, TX 76012 or at **[Donate to Friends of the Molly Hollar Wildscape.](#)**

<https://greensourcedfw.org/articles/namesake-molly-hollar-wildscape-be-celebrated-saturday>

Editor's Note - Ann, you are by far one of the most kindest people I know, I'm very glad to have met you and I know that Molly left the Wildscape in very loving and compassionate hands. I've never known a world without the Wildscape.

Thank you Molly, for everything you have done for Arlington, and nature, and the people that care for it.



CTMN Announcements



Be Award of Online Scams!

Chapter officers, directors, or board members will **NEVER** ask you for money or items of value through email or by text. Like other Texas Master Naturalist chapters, our names and email addresses can be spoofed, leading to you receiving unauthorized requests for gift cards, donations, even bank account access!

When in doubt, contact the individual who purportedly sent the email, but not by hitting reply on the email you received! Call, text, or contact another member.

For more information, see <https://us.norton.com/blog/online-scams/email-spoofing>, which is the source of this graphic.

Email Spoofing Explained



Email spoofing is a practice used in scams and phishing attacks to **deceive people into believing the message came from a known or trusted source.**

Help Us With “Mini-Bioblitzes” at Sheri Capehart Nature Preserve

Michael Smith

The Friends of Sheri Capehart Nature Preserve will be providing monthly walks in the Arlington preserve to “Know Your Nature Neighbors.” Not only do we want to add to the 17,758 iNaturalist observations from the preserve, we want to help nearby residents get acquainted with the place and appreciate (and support) it in its natural state.

These walks will begin March 9, then we’ll do it again April 27 as a participation in City Nature Challenge (<https://www.citynaturechallenge.org>).

In most months we will do this on the second Saturday from 10:00am to 12 noon. The address is **5201 Bowman Springs Rd., Arlington, TX 76017.**

We’ll meet at the picnic tables off the parking lot at the preserve, introduce ourselves. You can walk with the group leader(s) or explore on your own. We will meet back at the picnic tables at 11:30am to review what we found and be done by 12:00.

For more information, contact Michael Smith at info@scnppriends.org or masmith.tx@gmail.com.



Texas spiny lizard - Michael S.

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Hi Mineral Wells State Park Pollinator Garden Volunteers,

We need your help recruiting and volunteering. Please spread the word and come and help :)

We are meeting on **Saturday, February 17th, from 9-11** to work on the pollinator garden. We need volunteers. Please forward this email to other groups and friends (i.e., TPWD, native plant society, CTMN, Master Gardeners, neighborhood associations)

We meet every **3rd Saturday of the month**. If the temperature is below 40 or it is raining/snowing - we will not meet.

Please bring your gardening tools and a bucket for collecting weeds and debris. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you

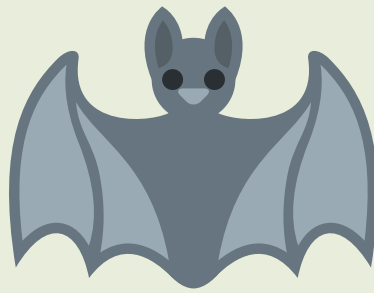
Vicki Brooks and Cindy Crump

Chandor Nature Trail Spruce-Up days will be on the last **Sunday of each month** from **noon until 2:00** until warmer weather.

Chandor's address is **711 W. Lee St., Weatherford, 76086**.

For questions or requests, contact **Christie Tull** at **817 307 9307** or email **greenwoodfarminc@aol.com**.

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Texas Nature Trackers Bat Acoustic Monitoring Project

Bat Acoustic monitoring (BAT) Roles for Master Naturalists

BAT Chapter Coordinator(s)/Leader(s)

Acoustic Monitor Field Deployment Volunteers

Data Review/Analysis Volunteers

Optional Role (TBD) Acoustic Monitor Programmer

PLEASE [Click Here](#) to take my survey - I need someone who can help me get in contact with Friends groups of natural areas or city parks, possibly private residencies, etc. and someone willing to help put the cameras out. I can handle all the data on my own if we can just gauge interest.

[TMNT Video](#)

[PDF of Slides](#)

[TNT Survey](#)



You give me butterflies, valentine!!

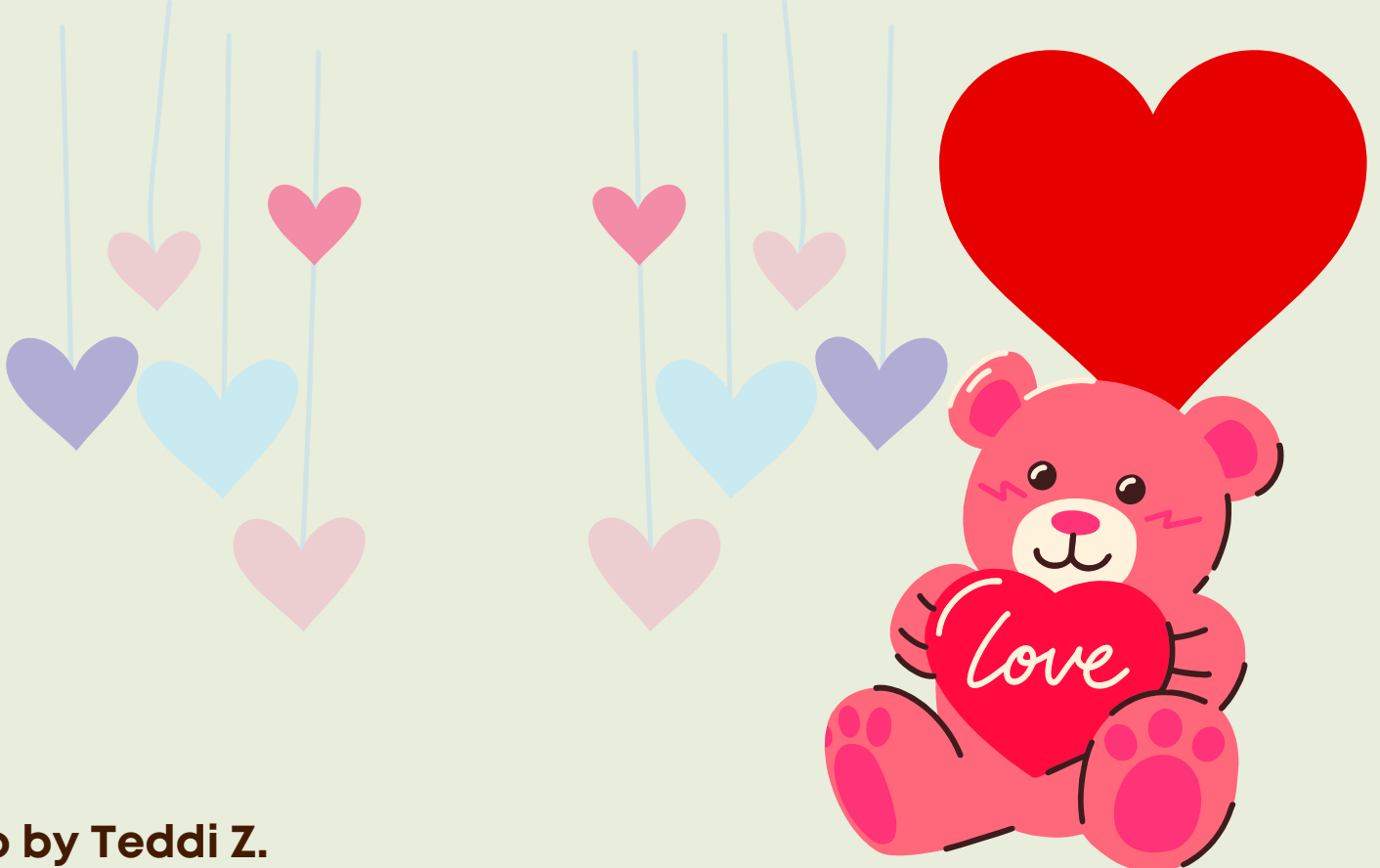


Photo by Teddi Z.

Speakers



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Next Month's Meeting

CTMN Annual Award Ceremony to celebrate Class of 2023, people who certified in 2023, milestone achievements for 2023, and the 25th year Anniversary of CTMN!



TMN Tuesdays

On the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00pm Central Standard Time, the TMN State Office offers an hour-long virtual advanced training event – with fantastic new and returning guest speakers.

This Month's Speaker



February 2024
Speaker Series

#TMNTuesdays

**Chip Ruthven,
Natural Resource
Specialist and Project
Leader**

presents

“Rattlesnakes”

February 13, 12pm



[Register Here](#)

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[View Past #TMNTuesday
Presentations Here for
Advanced Training Hrs.](#)

Meet-a-Member

Meet CTMN Dick Schoech!

What year did you become a master naturalist?

An environmentalist from birth, I was born the middle child of 5 on a sustainable dairy farm in North Texas, South of the Red River. Our family had a large garden and raised chickens, rabbits, pigs, milk cows, cats, dogs, and at time a horse and goat. Farm work was second nature and supported by a windmill, rain water tank for washing clothes, a wood and iron pile for reusable materials, and an outhouse until the 1950s. Almost nothing was thrown away. My mother made my clothes from 50lb baking flour sacks which had a pattern on the front. I was in the CTMN Class of 2010.



What is your work career?

Following my PhD dissertation in 1978 on the future of technology in the human services, I taught 33 years at the UTA School of Social Work. I taught courses on management, community practice, and technology. I worked with Computer Science faculty on research projects applying technology to solve human service problems. An example was working with students at an Arlington Alternative school to design a computer tablet and web-based game to prevent drug abuse and relationship violence. Teams of students competed to design the most drug and relationship violence free weekend for a 13-year-old. After students selected an activity like going to a movie, they were presented challenges like seeing their boy/girlfriend at the movie with another girl. They would then get feedback and points on their response.

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Meet CTMN Dick Schoech!

Where do you like to earn your volunteer hours?

I have several ongoing projects. I help Donna Piercy monitor 17 bluebird nestboxes in Tierra Verde, the Audubon certified golf course in Arlington. I also help Josephine Keeny and Carol Marcotte in Randol Mill Park with pollinator gardens, privet removal, plant sales, plant rescues, trash pickup, erosion control, bluebird monitoring, and many other tasks to keep the park in good shape for its many visitors. I also volunteer at O.S. Gray park and Village Creek Natural Area. Finally, I am President of the Arlington Conservation Council (ACC) which works to protect Arlington's natural environment through education, community service, and advocacy for a sustainable future. One recent ACC project involves quarterly meetings between the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department and FAUNA (Friends of Arlington's Natural Areas) to discuss issues and solutions like privet eating goats. Email me for more information at dschoech@sbcglobal.net.



What are your interests outside of naturalist activities?

I maintain water barrels and compost piles for my garden, work on carpenter projects like building bluebird nestboxes, and hike when I have time. Recent environmental travel destinations were Big Bend, Costa Rica, a walking safari in Kruger National Park, South Africa, and white water rafting in the Zambezi River, Zambia.



Fall Foliage Colors: Beautiful and Functional

by Ray Conrow

Over coffee on a late Fall morning, we were talking about the colors of leaves on our trees. Some colors were vibrant and some muted, but all contributed seasonal beauty. Our east-facing kitchen window is adorned with prisms that cast rainbows around the room. The rainbow colors complement the leaf colors. Then, our dog Maribel wandered in and sat down. Lo and behold, a rainbow appeared on her, forming a colorful necklace that dressed up her tawny coat! Her steady, patient gaze said: it's time to learn about leaf pigments. Thanks, Maribel!



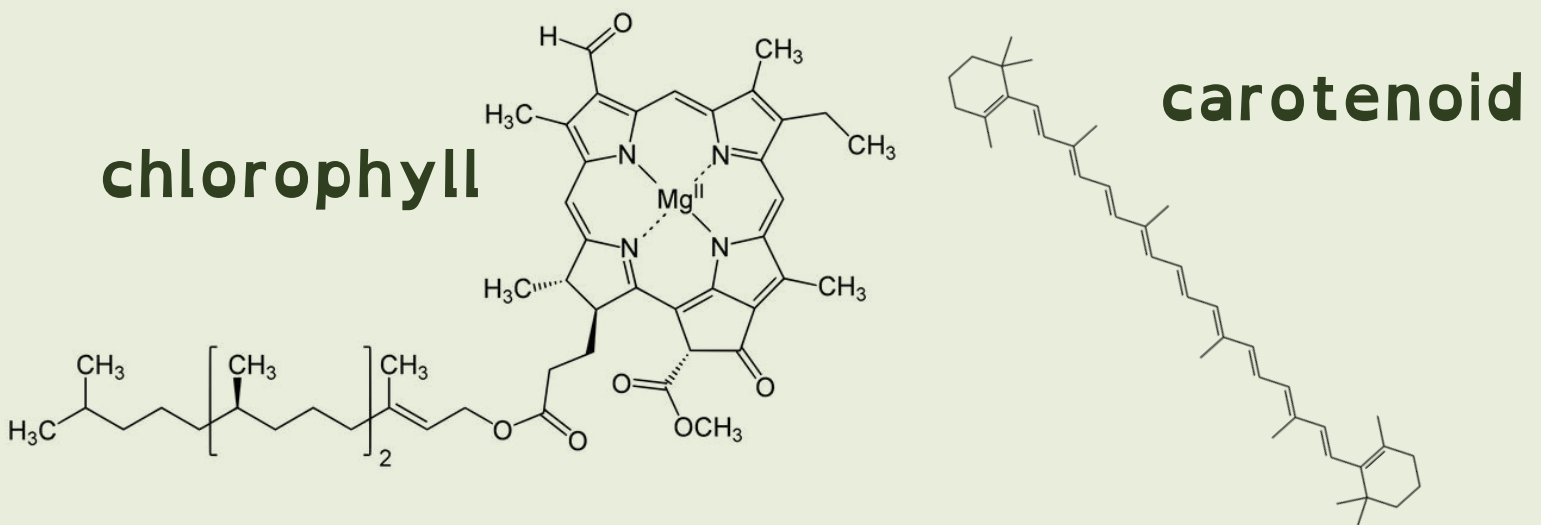
Maribel (*Canis lupus familiaris*, var. "Carolina Singer")

The colors of leaves arise from four types of organic compounds: chlorophyll, carotenoids, anthocyanins and tannins. Chemists began studying these substances almost 200 years ago, aided by their abundance in nature; working out their role in life processes was one driver in the development of biochemistry. For those interested, the chemical structures of these pigments are shown in their Wikipedia entries.

Chlorophyll, the most abundant pigment in plants, absorbs mostly blue and red light: the wavelengths of energy that drive photosynthesis. The unused, reflected green light is the leaf color we see, until Fall when the-

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plant dismantles the chlorophyll and repurposes the fragments. Photosynthesis dates back more than half the age of the earth, and chlorophyll-like molecules must have been involved all along. This is amazing because chlorophyll has a complex structure: a flat template with four nitrogen atoms arranged in a square that anchor a metal ion, magnesium, in the middle. How did all that come about? No one knows. And for a fine example of nature using a successful pattern in different roles, a similar four-nitrogen template occurs in heme, the oxygen-transporting molecule in blood; the metal is iron which when bound to oxygen produces a bright red color. In vitamin B-12 the four-nitrogen framework appears again; the metal is cobalt and the color is deep red.

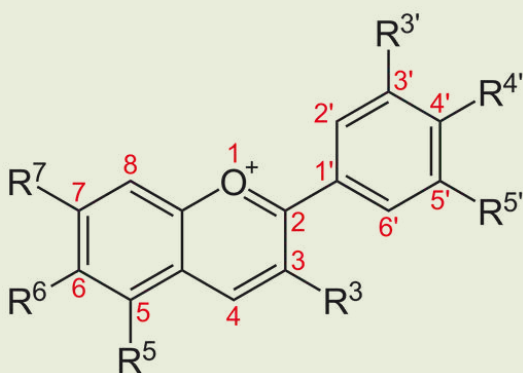


Carotenoids are oily compounds that absorb mainly blue and green light, so they impart yellow-orange colors to leaves and other plant materials such as carrots for which they were named. They are present during the growing season playing a supporting role in photosynthesis, but are not seen until the green chlorophyll color fades. They serve other purposes, notably repelling predatory insects, either directly or by attracting competitors. In animals, dietary carotenoids are the source of retinol (Vitamin A) which is incorporated into light-sensing cells in the eye; absorption of light by the linked vitamin is the first step in vision. In different species, modified retinols have evolved to absorb the most favorable light wavelengths for survival. It turns out that humans (and chickens) are not very efficient at processing carotenoids to retinol, so the excess accumulates in fat giving it a yellow color!

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Anthocyanins are water-soluble pigments that absorb mainly green light, so reds and purples are reflected, giving many fruits their colors. In leaves these pigments are formed late in the growing season, peak in Fall, and have a protecting effect against very bright sunlight in cold weather, potentially delaying dormancy. Anthocyanins and carotenoids play another important role as antioxidants, quenching the damaging, highly reactive forms of oxygen such as peroxides and hydroxyl radicals that are absorbed from the environment and also form in the course of metabolism and other cellular processes.

Last, we consider **tannins**. These yellow-brown to reddish-brown pigments, which are widely distributed in nature, are responsible for the final beauty of autumn leaves, persisting after the carotenoids and anthocyanins have decomposed, and remaining in dried fallen leaves. Tannins have long been known to have various preservative properties: antibiotic, antifungal, insecticidal, and antioxidant, in varying proportions. Fallen leaves afford necessary overwintering habitat to many creatures, and we can surmise that these have adapted to, and benefit from, these protective properties of tannins.



anthocyanin

Sources:

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The American Brown Pelican

by Eleanor Pate

The American brown pelican in its winter plumage is not as brown, as it is blue. On a chilly mid winter morning on the Texas coast, their lores, bills and gular pouches of respectable size absorb all the hue of the cool water's depths, literally merging in color with the waves of the Gulf of Mexico. On the brown feathers there is the same elegant, bluish patina. The whole bird looks like a gorgeous piece of art, whether flapping in the skies, enjoying its meal or taking a sunbath on the shore. I just fell in love with this blue hue - not only because it's not typical to see among marine birds and blue is my favorite color--but also because the different shades of indigo, mineral blue and yellowish turquoise provide sophisticated camouflage, like a flow of water reflecting sky with a golden finish of sparkling sunbeams. Even though brown pelicans don't have a lot of natural enemies, perhaps this color of the bill and the pouch - a powerful tool for catching prey - helps them succeed in the fishing process.



Brown pelican - Eleanor P.

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Brown pelicans are not as abundant on the Texas coast as in Florida or in Louisiana, but still fairly common. Most of the people who come to enjoy the beach don't pay much attention to them. But for me it was different. Even though that day I only had encounters with females and juveniles, I was excited to finally see them in their natural habitat. Growing up in Siberia, I saw these birds only in the photos and drawings from bird guidebooks, and they seemed almost unreal with their oversized bills and enormous pouches, that can hold up to three times more, than their stomach.

Even though it's the smallest of the pelicans around the world, it is a very respectable, heavy bird, which can weigh up to 5 kg (11 lb).



Brown pelican - Eleanor P.

Their size is a good protection from enemies, yet it played a negative part in the fact that the whole species almost went extinct in the 1960s. Pesticides, such as dieldrin and DDT that were broadly used in the U.S., were consumed by pelicans with their main food, fish. The dosage wasn't high enough to affect an adult bird, but its accumulation in the body led to changes in calcium metabolism and as a result of that, caused pelicans to lay eggs with thinner shells. Pelicans incubate their eggs with the skin of their feet, essentially standing on the eggs to keep them warm. Because of the considerable mass of the bird, these thinner shells couldn't withstand the pressure and would crack under the weight of incubating parents.

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For several decades, brown pelicans were on the brink of extinction because of the lack of breeding success. They were listed under the United States Endangered Species Act from 1970 to 2009. Luckily, after nearly disappearing from North America, they made a full recovery thanks to pesticide regulations (in 1972 the use of DDT was banned in Florida, followed by the rest of the United States). But it's important to remember it, so history wouldn't repeat itself in the near future.

Unfortunately, there are not a lot of such happy endings in the history of mankind, and many species in the 21st century we can observe only in the museums or from old tapes, but I want to believe that every year there should be more of them, because hopefully we learn from our mistakes, draw conclusions and treat nature with more care and thought, than our predecessors.





Native of the Month



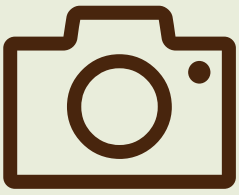
Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

by Madison Gover



The Eastern Redbud is native of the month this month because it always reminds me of Valentine's Day. It has heart-shaped leaves and varying shades of beautiful purple or pink blooms. This is around the time of year the first bloomers of Spring begin to appear, and this includes the Eastern Redbud.

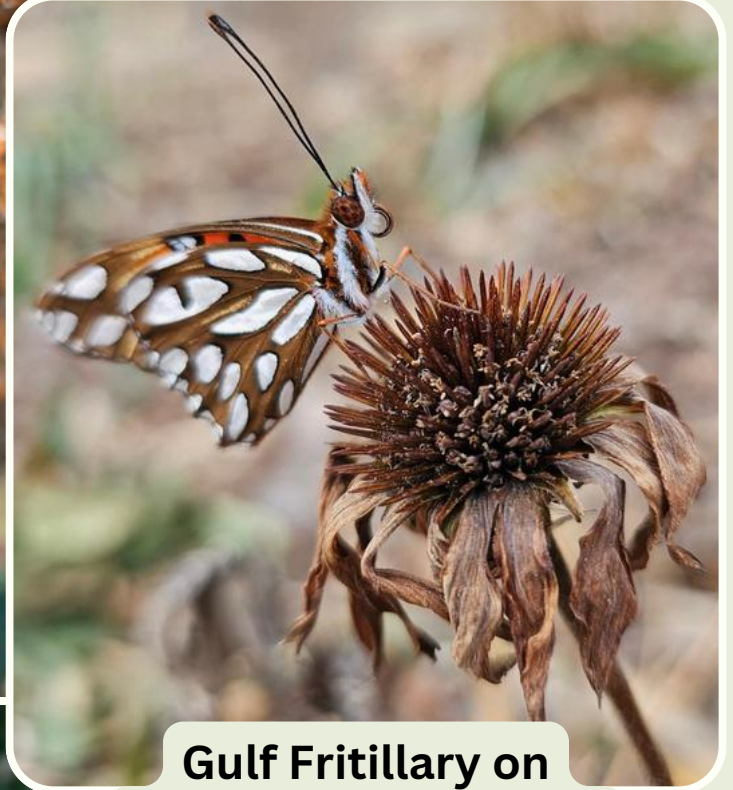
The Eastern Redbud is a great native alternative to other ornamental trees such as crepe myrtle. The redbuds don't get too terribly tall and are a great spectacle for your front yard. It provides woody cover for wildlife and can be made into a shrub or small tree. If you live in a neighborhood that has lost a few oak trees here and there, the eastern redbud does wonderful in the understory of much larger trees. Be aware that this tree's vibrant blooms have inspired different cultivars. Make sure you buy from a reputable nursery!



Art & Photography Gallery



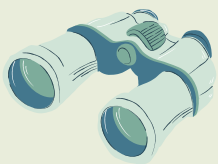
Goldfinch - Teddi Z.



**Gulf Fritillary on
Coneflower - Teddi Z.**



Cardinal - Teddi Z.





Current Events

Volunteer Opportunities

SCNP “Mini-Bioblitzes” - “Know Your Nature Neighbors.”

March 9 & April 27, 2024

Second Saturday from **10:00am - 12 PM**

5201 Bowman Springs Rd., Arlington, TX 76017

Sponsored by Friends of Sheri Capehart Nature Preserve

Led by Michael Smith & Participants!

Lake Mineral Wells State Park Pollinator Garden

Saturday, February 17th

every 3rd Saturday of the month - **9AM - 11AM**

Lake Mineral Wells State Park

100 Park Rd 71, Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Sponsored by TPWD

Led by Vicki Brooks and Cindy Crump

Chandor Nature Trail Spruce-Up

Last Sunday of each month - **noon until 2:00**

711 W. Lee St., Weatherford, 76086

SCNP Glade - Michael S.

Field Trips

Gus Engling WMA - Monday, April 22nd

Rare opportunity to botanize and search for rare plants with Jeff Quayle and TPWD Wildlife Biologist Taylor Garrison.

Please text or email reservations for all hikes to Jeff Quayle

Cell 817-729-0283

email squaylei2000@gmail.com

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John Bunker Sands Wetland Center

655 Martin Ln, Combine, TX 75159

Tuesday, March 5th

9am - 12pm

Hike #4 in Amy Martin's Wild DFW, page 210

Jeff's 60th Birthday Bash

Colorado Bend State Park

1201 Colorado Park Road

Bend, TX 76824

Tuesday, March 12th

11am - ?

Meet at the trailhead to Gorman Falls

*Option for birthday dinner afterwards - email him for details

Lake Mineral Wells State Park

Penitentiary Hollow Wild Walk

100 Park Road 71

Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Saturday, March 16th

10am - 1pm

*Optional lunch afterwards - Natty Flat Smokehouse



Now is the time to gather your team and register for the **28th Annual Birding Classic!** The event will offer participant favorites that teams return for year after year, as well as a new regional version of the popular Sunrise to Noon Tournament.

So, gather your friends, family, fellow bird or nature club members, and colleagues to join your team for the 2024 **Birding Classic!**

Registration deadline: April 1

Tournament Dates: April 15-May 15 (your choice of day).

Novice birders, expert listers and everyone in between are welcome! There are many categories to choose, including both regional and statewide options. There are half day, full day, and weeklong tournaments and categories for a "dispersed flock" or an "intact flock" to allow you to bird solo or in a group.

REGISTER NOW!

**Calling
All
Volunteers!!**



Nature Center & Refuge

Nature Con...servation



Saturday, April 20th 9-3pm

Donate your time and enjoy this exciting event that benefits the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge!



A variety of volunteer opportunities are available:

- Registration
- Canoefest
- Roving Naturalist
- Family activities

...and much more!

For more information, please contact:

Kenneth Nalley at 817.392.7411 or

kenneth.nalley@fortworthtexas.gov



**We need as many volunteers as
we can get!**

RIVER LEGACY NATURE CENTER

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

SATURDAY | FEB. 17

10AM-2PM

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**



- 🐦 Specimen Tables
- 🐦 DIY Bird Feeders
- 🐦 Observation Stations
- 🐦 Children's Activities
- 🐦 Guided Family Walks
at 11am and 12:30pm

**GREAT BACKYARD
BIRD COUNT**

SATURDAY | FEB. 17
10AM-2PM

LIGHTS OUT, TEXAS

#LightsOutTexas
tx.audubon.org



COMING SOON
Spring migration
March 1 - June 15

Barn Swallow / Patrick McDonald / Audubon Photography Awards



In Memoriam



Embraced by Everlasting love, **Larry Edward Norris** passed away New Years Eve.

Larry was born and grew up in Grand Prairie, Texas. He was liked by all who knew him, he lived by his motto, "Live and Help Live". His smile continued even through his final months.

Being a great nature lover, he became a master naturalist, a citizen lonestar, a master composter who taught adult and children's classes, and served for years as president of The Fort Worth Rose Society. Having given so much time and dedication, he received the Texas State Volunteer of the Year Award.

He is survived by Patricia Norris, his wife of 23 years; sons; Carson Shayne Wright and James (Day) Christopher Wright, Sister; Martha Sue Estoll (Dennis), brother; Rick Norris and four grandchildren; Jason Wright, Jeralyn Wright, Jacob Wright, and Elaine Dulaney. He is preceded in death by his parents Sue and R.D. Norris.

We are so grateful for his life. He was one of God's best, and many happy memories will keep him close.

His funeral service is at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist on Saturday, January 6th, 2024 located at 2414 Hitson Lane Fort Worth, TX 76112



Molly Ann Pinkston Hollar, 95, of Arlington Texas, passed away peacefully in her home at Trinity Terrace, January 17th 2024, with her family. She was born in Lubbock Texas on February 26th, 1928, to the late Louis and Mary Pinkston. She graduated from Vernon High School, and attended Texas Tech University, where she met and married James Lee Hollar, in Vernon Texas.

Soon after marriage, they moved to Borger Texas, and over the next 14 years, had 6 children. Molly was a consummate mother, focusing all of her energy on her family, providing a home full of enrichment, creativity, and unconditional love. Additionally, she influenced her family and others throughout her life, to make nutrition a priority. She also gave to her community, by developing childhood programs at the First Methodist Church in Borger Texas, teaching Red Cross swimming lessons, and later, infant and toddler swimming in Arlington, Texas, where the family moved in 1969.

After her children were grown, she spearheaded the creation of the Wildscape at Veteran's Park, which now bears her name, The Molly Hollar Wildscape. She worked, tirelessly, leading volunteers in the installation and maintenance of native plants on 5 acres. The Wildscape serves as a demonstration for the community in the use of native plants, organic gardening methods, and water conservation. She received numerous awards from local, state, and federal conservation organizations. Her passion through all of these endeavors, was to leave the world a better place, now, and for future generations.





Board Members

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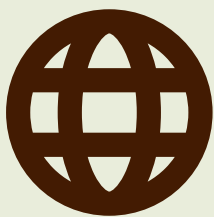


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