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Holiday Pictorial Edition
**MASTER NATURALIST GIVING GIFTS TO THE
 COMMUNITY THAT KEEP ON GIVING**

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MASTER
 NATURALIST™
 Elm Fork Chapter



Theresa Page and Louise Wyss, project managers, along with Don Page, are hard at work revamping the garden at Ray Roberts Lake Isle du Bois – looking good!

**Garden
 Undergoes
 Makeover**



Special points of interest:

- 12th Annual Conference
- 2011 class photos
- December holiday meeting
- Elm Fork education center
- Raptors
- Photos – entomology training
- Isle Du Boise garden makeover
- Bald eagle Challenger

• Guest contributor Jim Frisinger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Photos courtesy — Doug Chadwick





December 15, 2011 — *You are invited* —
Holiday meeting, potluck lunch, gift exchange

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AgrILIFE Extension Office



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Reporting AT & Service Hours. We are closing in on the end of 2011. Thanks to all those members who have kept up reporting your hours on a regular basis. For those of you who are behind, please make a concerted effort to get caught up. If you can't get to the December meeting or to the office to turn in your hours, please fax the forms to Donna, 940-3492881 or scan them into PDF files and email them to Rob Roy at robt_t_roy@msn.com, copy Donna at donna.wolfe@dentoncounty.com. All hours for this year should be recorded by December 31, 2011.

Thanks,
Rob Roy
214-668-3233

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

If you have any changes in your contact information (name, address, telephone number or numbers, and/or email address) you want the chapter and members to know about please send the changes to:

Monica Chaffin chaffincasa@gmail.com; **Donna Wolfe** donna.wolfe@dentoncounty.com; & **Rob Roy** robt_t_roy@msn.com.

Betty Zajac is urgently asking for project photos for the 2011 Chapter scrapbook. Please get them to her by, or before, the December meeting.

EAZ805@aol.com



Save the dates for the next GBBC!
The next Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) takes place Friday, February 17, through Monday, February 20, 2012. We're looking forward to it and we hope you are too! The National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada will keep you informed of all the latest developments as the big event gets closer.

During this February's GBBC, participants submitted more than 92,000 online checklists and identified nearly 600 distinct species.
www.birds.cornell.edu

We inventory the resource rooms in January. Please return any items you have checked out to the resource by the end of the year.

If you have any items to donate now is the time, so it can be included in the inventory. If you need a tax receipt for your donation contact me.

Some items we can use in the resource room:

Hair dryer
blender
field guide books
wire hangers
kids craft supplies



I have plenty of TP rolls, wax cartons, egg cartons, and plastic containers you can recycle these items.

Please remember to reserve items on the calendars in the resource rooms. And, sign items in and out on the check out list, if you are taking them from the building. If you need something for a booth or program let me know as soon as possible and I will help put together what you need.

Happy Holidays,
Jan Hodson

Send chapter messages to **Monica Chaffin** chaffincasa@gmail.com; web-site info to **Sharon Barr** sharon-barr@charter.net; newsletter to **Wanda Odum** wodum10043@aol.com



Volunteer Hours Recognized

Ron Fellows accepts certificate of appreciation from Rob Roy, vice-president, for 3500 hours of voluntary service while Marian Kester, secretary, looks on.



Ron, from the class of 2008, hit the ground running and hasn't stopped since. Thank you for all you have contributed to Elm Fork Chapter in time, spirit, and expertise!

Photo courtesy
Van Elliott



Congratulations also in order for other recently attained milestones

- 3000 Jan Hodson
- 2000 Joanne Fellows
Katy Jo Hammon
- 1500 Judi Elliott
Van Elliott
- 500 Hilton Dickerson
Susan Kilpatrick
Ruth Ann Morrison
- 250 Susan Tartaglino

*Elm Fork Chapter Master
Naturalist keeps racking
them up!*



ELM FORK CHAPTER GUIDES FOR 2012

Rob Roy	President
Susan Pohlen	Vice-President
Diane Kohlhasse	Secretary
Kay Crowe	Treasurer
Doug Chadwick	Member-At-Large

2012 CHAPTER DUES

Elm Fork Chapter Texas Master Naturalist membership dues are payable at \$25 through January 31, 2012, and \$30 thereafter. Kay Crowe, treasurer, has made available a payment form that includes the Hold Harmless statement members are required to sign before participating in volunteer service. Make checks payable to Elm Fork Chapter Texas Master Naturalist and give to Kay or mail to her at: 3320 Dunes Street, Denton, TX 76209.





ELM FORK EDUCATION CENTER



The University of North Texas Elm Fork Education Center works closely with school districts to provide a science-based field trip for students kindergarten through fifth grade. Children have age-specific lessons in archeology and aquatics, they visit the planetarium and the exhibit hall, and they learn the natural history of animals native to Texas. The Center provides this experience to 20,000 children a year.

Currently, five Master Naturalists volunteer to act as Guides, leading groups of 15-20 children and their adult chaperones between activities conducted in and around the Environmental Sciences Building on the UNT campus. This is a fun opportunity for people who like to interact with children or those who want a structured environment without heavy physical demands. The children are terrific.

Guides do not have any teaching responsibilities and can choose how much interaction they have with the children. There are opportunities for Guides to have short discussions with children about environmental or general science subjects, but only if the Guide is comfortable doing so. Teachers remain responsible for supervision of the children.

Guides meet their group of children at 9:30 a.m, then every 30-45 minutes, the group is guided to their next activity. Guides are free to visit or read in the lounge while waiting to move their group, or they may stay with the children during their activities. The field trip ends at 1:30 P.M. Most Guides volunteer to serve one day a week, with some helping out every other week.



Although the staff depends heavily on volunteer help, they are very understanding when a volunteer cannot come in due to other obligations or has to arrive late or leave early. Because there are only two non-teaching staff members, the need for volunteer Guides is always acute and we are treated very well. The coffee is always fresh and the candy jar is always full!

Project Coordinator: Peggy La Point
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Center provides experiences for 20,000 children a year





SPECIAL REPORT ON 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE— *Article and photos from Jan Deatherage*



W

hat better way to be immersed into the Texas Master Naturalist organization than attending the Statewide Annual Meeting? The road to immersion rambled through the beautiful back roads of Central Texas, across the Brazos, Colorado, San Saba, Llano and the Pedernales Rivers. Not too far from the Enchanted Rock in Fredericksburg, the path meandered west past Kerrville. And from there, it was a most spectacular game of tag with the Guadalupe River. Having never experienced the annual ritual of “tubing” down the Guadalupe, I could just imagine all the fun that Texans have enjoyed in that beautiful setting. But I digress.

The entrance to Mo-Ranch (no real history or nuance to the name) was on the left, so I made my turn after dodging a small band of white-tailed deer. They were everywhere. A quick registration with a bag full of goodies and I was on my way.

Here’s a list of classes. Imagine yourself there, trying to choose just five.

- Land Stewardship Ethics for the Master Naturalist
- Citizen Science and the Texas Master Naturalist
- Establishing Biological Assessment Teams
- The Camera as a Tool for the Master Naturalist
- Times and Audiences – They are Changing
- If You Can’t Name It, You Can’t See It: Plant ID Tour
- Interpretation Made Easy for the Master Naturalist
- Intro to TWA and the LANDS Program
- Establishing White-tailed Deer Herd Composition, Population Estimates & Trends
- The Wonders of Galveston Bay and Gems of the Sea
- Instream Flows in Texas
- Enviroscope Watershed Model Demo & Training
- Stars of the Texas Night Sky and other Daytime Phenomena



Donna Wolfe with Sonny & Liz Arnold



And that was just Friday afternoon and evening.



Diane Weatherbee, Marian Kester & Susan Pohlen

- Advanced Rainwater Harvesting for Wildlife
- Integrating Turning Point Technologies into TMN Training and Education
- Understanding Creeks and Rivers
- The Carbon Cycle & Global Changes for TMN
- Tracking Hummingbirds across Texas
- History and Value of Prescribed Fire
- Intro to the Cultural Resources of Central Texas
- River Critters Workshop-Amphibians & Turtles
- TX Stream Team Certified Water Quality Monitor Training
- Brush Busters –Tactical Brush Management Technology for the Landowner
- Bryo-Texana: A comprehensive Inventory of Mosses, Liverworts & Hornworts in TX

(That one sounded like a Harry Potter class to me.)



And now for Sunday:

- Real Questions? Real Science: Using field investigations to build scientific skills
- Journey North/Journey South-Tracking Signs of the Seasons
- Monitoring Habitat for Quail and other Grassland Birds
- Invaders of Texas Citizen Science Workshop
- Bumblebees of Texas

In addition to the classes there were several sessions and presentations. Laura Huffman of The Nature Conservancy of Texas eloquently made the Keynote Presentation, "Conserving Texas".



*Dale, Laurie, Michaelanne,
Judi and Van*

Recognition was given to Attendees of the Elm Fork Chapter for Service Hour Milestones.

Attendees at 500 Service Hours: Judi Elliott, Van Elliott

Attendees at 1,000 Service Hours: Judi Elliott, Van Elliott, Marian Kestor, and Diane Wetherbee.

Speaking of Diane, you will all be proud to know that her project for LLELA won Third Place among all chapters. She accepted the award on behalf of the Elm Fork Chapter and all the people who have helped her bring this project to life.

There were other significant accomplishments noted. Here is a brief summary:

Through December 2010, with combine efforts of 42 recognized local chapters, the Master Naturalist program has trained 6,737 volunteers.

Master Naturalist volunteers dedicated over 256,157 service hours in 2010, resulting in a cumulative total of 1,482,329 hours of service to date.

The economic impact of the 2010 program is valued at \$4.995 million and \$29 million to date.

TMN volunteers also obtained 37,980 advanced training hours in 2010.

TMN volunteers conducted over 2,700 outreach, education and technical guidance events in 2010 with over 70% of those being direct contact programs to nearly 170,000 people.

Program volunteers have impacted or conducted projects on areas of land that involve roughly 155,000 acres of habitat while developing or maintaining 1,350 miles on interpretive trails.



Van, Diane & Sharon Barr

30 International, National, State and Local Awards have been received for the TMN program, chapter and individual volunteers' efforts to date.

Over 70% of Texas Counties (178) are served by a recognized Texas Master Naturalist Chapter.

You are all in very good company. I left the meeting feeling a part of something very positive and powerful. All in all, it was a delightful 3 days in the beautiful hill country of our glorious State of Texas.

Elm Fork Chapter Attendees to the 2011 meeting were:

Donna Wolfe (class 1998)
Diane Weatherbee (class 2000)
Marian Kester (class 2007)
Susan Pohlen (class 2007)
Sharon Barr (class 2008)
Van and Judi Elliott (class 2009)
Dale Meyer (class 2011)
Michaelanne Cangelosi (class 2011)
Laurie Heming (class 2011)
Jan Deatherage (class 2011)

Save the date!

2012 Statewide Annual Meeting
& Advanced Training
October 26 – 28, 2012
Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas



white-tailed deer welcomed Jan to the ranch



Thank you **Jan Deatherage** and **Sharon Barr** (see November newsletter) for such outstanding reporting—makes those who were not there wish we had been!

Challenger takes flight during the Bald Eagle Recovery and Final Delisting ceremony held at the Jefferson Memorial, June 28, 2007, as Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne (right) stands with his hand over his heart. (photo by military personnel & in public domain)



CHALLENGER

He is the first Bald Eagle in U.S. History that learned to free-fly into stadiums, arenas and ballrooms during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. "Challenger" is his name (in honor of the lost space shuttle crew) and is cared for by the non-profit American Eagle Foundation (AEF).

These resources, including the two videos of Challenger, are provided by the Foundation:

1. Video "This is America" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOZF4vTAF2M>
2. Video "When Challenger Flies" at <http://www.youtube.com/baldeagleinfo>
3. AEF Web Site, "Challenger, The Free-flying National Anthem Eagle" at <http://www.eagles.org/about/Our-Special-Eagles/challenger.php>
4. American Profile Magazine Article of July, 2011, "Challenger Eagle Flies Over Events" at <http://www.americanprofile.com/articles/challenger-eagle-sporting-events/>
5. Tennessee Wildlife Magazine Article, "Challenger Opens Doors" at <http://www.eagles.org/assets/files/pdf/Challenger-BobHatcher.pdf>
6. Audubon Magazine article, "NASCAR Conservationist" at <http://www.audubonmagazine.org/features0601/nascar.html>
7. Book Availability, *Challenger - America's Favorite Eagle* at <http://eagles.org/shop/php>

"You and your constituents are also always welcome to utilize the educational and other resources, to the extent feasible, of the:"

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Thank you, **Cheryl Kesterson**, for making the newsletter aware of the [YouTube](#) video featuring the bald eagle, **Challenger**. The American Eagle Foundation has given Elm Fork Chapter carte blanche to use any of the photos from their website (www.eagles.org) — some of which are on the following page.



Photos courtesy American Eagle Foundation, www.eagles.org, Copyright 2011 — permission for use of photos & videos granted 12-1-2011



George Steinbrenner first personally requested Challenger's appearance at the 1999 World Series, and the bird quickly became a mainstay at Yankee Stadium during playoff games and Opening Days.

If you have not seen the videos, be prepared to be inspired. If you have seen them, prepare to be re-inspired.

Challenger and Richard Petty



At the invitation of the U.S. Department of Interior, Challenger participated in the official Bald Eagle "delisting" ceremony at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. on June 28, 2007.



At a Texas Rangers game in Arlington, Texas, in April 2007, Challenger soars during the playing of our National Anthem while the players are lined up along the first base line.



Special visits to schools help instill a sense of patriotism while teaching students about our Nation's National Symbol.





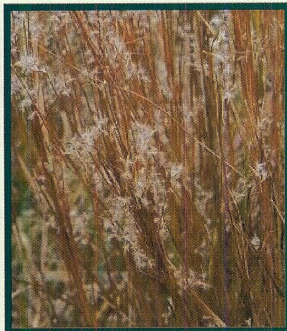
From **Van Elliott** — more about native grasses to place in your information database.—see report p. 10.

**Trinity Commons Foundation and
Girl Scout Troops from Frisco, Celina and Prosper
With the Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility
Grassland Planting
Saturday November 12th, 2011**

Common name	Species	Color
Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Blue
Eastern gamagrass	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Orange
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Pink
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Green
Maximilian sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Yellow
Sawtooth sunflower	<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>	Yellow
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Red
White tridens	<i>Tridens albescens</i>	White



Big bluestem



Little bluestem



White tridens



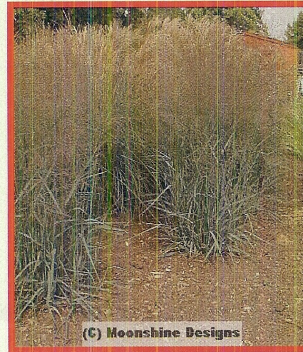
Sawtooth sunflower



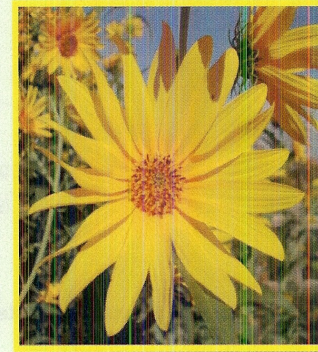
Eastern gamagrass



Indiangrass



Switchgrass



Maximilian sunflower



Master Naturalists supporting Floodway ecosystem restoration project for Corps of Engineers and City of Dallas

By Jim Frisinger
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth
District

Master Naturalists answered the call Nov. 12 to support an ecosystem restoration planting project for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and City of Dallas in a 7-acre tract along the Trinity River. Master Naturalists helped supervise dozens of youthful volunteers from the Girl Scouts from Frisco, Celina and Prosper, the Young Men's Service League (Highland Park) and the National Charity League Highlander Chapter from Highland Park during a windy Saturday.

The tract is part of the Corps of Engineers Dallas Floodway Extension Project, a partnership with the City of Dallas to lower the risk of flooding for the citizens of Dallas. An adjacent chain of 75 acres of new wetlands is already helping to drain flood water more quickly out of the Dallas Floodway and speeding them through the Great Trinity Forest. The Corps' Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility and Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area collaborated to provide the plants for the volunteers, pre-dig 450 holes and supervise the work.

This grassland zone is subject to dry (and sometimes hot) prairie conditions 95 percent of the time yet faces inundation the other 5 percent when the Trinity River floods. Native plants were selected that can thrive in this unique bottomland environment. Lynde Dodd, a University of North Texas research scientist working at LAERF, said this tract needed attention.

"This area along the Trinity River where we are planting is considered poor habitat as it is overwhelmed by non-native species such as Johnsongrass, Bermudagrass and the invasive species giant ragweed," she said. "We are planting native grassland species to change the status of 'poor habitat' to 'valuable habitat'. Predatory species such as hawks will be able to prey upon rodents or rabbits utilizing the shelter and food provided by the native grass species as well as larger animals such as bobcats and coyotes. These are species that are otherwise absent from this area because of current poor habitat conditions."



On Nov. 12, the Master Naturalists helped volunteers lay in some 450 native plants. These included Maximilian sunflower *Helianthus maximiliani*, sawtooth sunflower *Helianthus grosseserratus*, switchgrass *Panicum virgatum*, Eastern gamagrass *Tripsacum dactyloides*, white tridens *Tridens albescens*, little bluestem *Schizachyrium scoparium*, big bluestem *Andropogon gerardii* and Indiangrass *Sorghastrum nutans*.

This grassland, where IH-45 crosses the Trinity River, borders the first cell in the new Lower Chain of Wetlands that the Corps of Engineers constructed to lower flood risk. The wetlands serve two purposes: flood risk reduction and habitat for migratory waterfowl, fish and small forest animals.

"Not only is the water fed to the wetland cells by river overbanking but from treated wastewater effluent from the Waste Water Treatment Plant that is polished as it exits out further downstream," said Dodd. "In addition to floodwater conveyance, the cells improve the quality of the water as it moves through the chain of wetlands. Excess nutrients are taken out by the plants and other bacterial processes, keeping them out of the river."

Regular volunteer opportunities that the City of Dallas organizes for this flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration project connect it to the community.

"I think that it is important to involve the public in volunteer activities, such as this grassland planting event, to engage them in the actual process of restoration, to educate them about the plants, wildlife and basically, the ecology of the project so that they, themselves, may become stewards of the land," Dodd said. "We hope that this involvement and stewardship will promote further restorative efforts in other areas of Dallas and along the Trinity River."

The planting event also received financial support from FedEx Office through the Trinity Commons Foundation.



Lynde Dodd of LAERF giving instructions to the troops



Van Elliott helping out the Girl Scouts

Photos—courtesy
Jim Frisinger



How does your garden grow? — silver bells and cockleshells and bazaar *ahinahina* [Haleakala silversword] all in a row — This rare plant is found only on Hawaii (“big island”) and in Haleakala National Park, Maui, HI, and nowhere else on earth. *Smithsonian Magazine*, Dec. 2011



Photos from Wikipedia—public domain



“FIELD NOTES IN FOCUS”



Great Horned Owl — E. T.
— majestic raptor of Doris Mager



Crested Caracara — beloved
raptor of Doris Mager

Thank you, Alex Lieban.
Beautiful indeed!



A periodic feature showcasing member photographers — flora and fauna as you see them —



Photos courtesy Susan Tartaglino



Sometimes it takes a lot of pins



Colorful caterpillars



First butterflies; painted lady (left), sleepy orange, and monarch



Collecting in meadows at Connemara

Gallery Master Naturalist in training as Entomology Specialists



LaNae Colchin checking out the trap at Butterflies Unlimited

Please see November 2011 article



Dale Clark of Butterflies Unlimited. Each mesh cage holds a host plant and caterpillars



Caterpillar of the monarch butterfly on milkweed at Connemara



Diana Block pinning her collection



Joan Stanley and Janet Gershenfeld identifying their insects



Classroom scene as we all practice pinning

Susan Tartaglino pinning her first butterflies

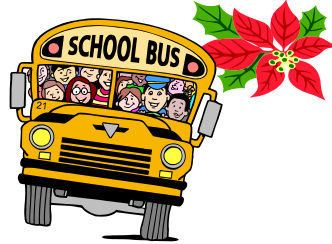


Photo diminished sharpness **not the fault of photographer**—occurred in the conversion. w. odum



CLASS of 2011 goes to school

Photos
courtesy
Van & Judi Elliott



Carol Fegan, Ruth Ann Morrison, mentor coordinator and Judi Elliott making good stuff happen for class 2011 and chapter



Kelby Bridwell, April McCool, Norma Wilkerson, Val Beardsley and Jan Deatherage participating in class



Carol Fegan, Mentor, talking to class member Michael Anne Cangelosi and Laurie Hemming



Peg LaPoint and Alex Lieband recording 2011 class



Owen Richards giving Dale Meyer advanced training on LLELA mowing equipment

Sorry, Rob Roy, looks like your boots aren't the only unique footwear—Rosemary Carrizales' feet "steppin' out"!



April McCool and Norma Wilkerson taking a break



CLASS of 2011 makes the grade

Thanks to the support of the Training Committee members and the Mentors who participated in their year's program Elm Fork Chapter now has fourteen new Interns as of November 15, 2011! All of the Students in the 2011 Class have completed their Basic Training and are now venturing out into projects. Please make their acquaintances as your paths cross – you'll be glad you did. This is an exceptional group of people who bring a variety of talents to the Chapter. Many have already begun to contribute to the Chapter efforts as they find their niches. Two have written articles for the Newsletter, two have volunteered to participate on the Publicity Committee and others are committed to LLELA, LAERF and the Interpretive Center at Lake Ray Roberts. They are off and running! Congratulations to each of you! Class 2011 Rocks!



Photo &
article
courtesy
Judi Elliott



CLASS OF 2011

Back: Dale Meyer, Kelby Bridwell, Vin Merrill, Chuck Thetford, Laurie Hemming, Michi Harper and Linda Maxwell.

Front: Valerie Beardsley, April McCool Bridwell, Jan Deatherage, Michaelanne Cangelosi, Rosemary Carrizales, Faith Fielder and Norma Wilkerson.



RAPTOR MANIA with DORIS MAGER—November 17, 2011



Doris Mager and E T warming up the crowd

Photo V. Elliott

Janet Gershenfeld holding E T



Photo V. Elliott

Photo V. Elliott



Kim McKibben, holding Cara, with Duane Reeves and Doris Mager watching

Photo V. Elliott



Laurie Hemming holding E T and Doris Mager giving a demonstration on birds eyes



Crested caracara in flight

Photo A. Lieban



Doris Mager with American Kestrel

Photo A. Lieban



Photo A. Lieban

Susan Pohlen and friend

Susan Pohlen reports that Master Naturalist ponied up \$1,000 for Ms. Mager's foundation—S.O.A.R. 'tis the season!



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Education, Conservation, Preservation, Restoration



OUR MISSION . . .

“to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our community”



Great Horned Owl—
photo courtesy Van Elliott

Members of the Board

- PRESIDENT—George Kragle
- VICE-PRESIDENT —Rob Roy
- SECRETARY—Marian Kester
- TREASURER—Kay Crowe
- CLASS REPRESENTATIVE—Deborah Estes
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE—Doug Chadwick

BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Communications—Monica Chaffin
- Projects—Susan Pohlen
- Publicity—**OPEN**
- Training—Van Elliott

ADVISORS: Janet Laminack, Extension Agent
Patrick Shutz, TP&W

Monthly Chapter Meetings

9:30 a.m. preceded by a social time at 9:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Chapter meetings are open to the public.

Next meeting: December 15, 2011 —

Holiday meeting, potluck lunch, gift exchange

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: AgriLIFE Extension Office



Annual Awards and installation of officers—January 19, 2012

Board Meetings

The Board meets each second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m., Denton County AgriLIFE Extension Office. The Board last met December 8, 2011. Annual Board Meeting is January 12, 2012

Board meetings are open to members.



I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.

~John Muir

—carpe diem—