



Italian



Multiple languages



Each month as I plan for and begin work on the Naturalist News, I experience near panic that there will be nothing under the sun that has not been done or seen before; however, you always come through. My appreciation for all of you who have contributed and those who have taken time to read our newsletter throughout 2013 is beyond measure! Thank you.

In whatever way you chose to celebrate the season, my warm wishes and goodwill go with you.

w. odum, editor



Jewish



Spanish



Polish



Czech



Dutch



French



Islamic



African-American



Hungarian



Greek

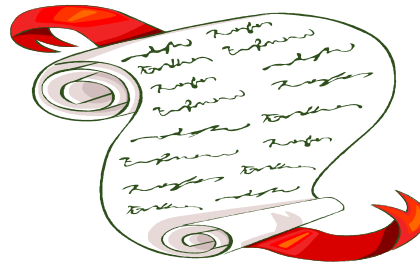


German





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WORD —



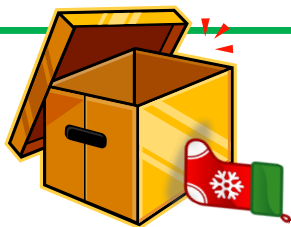
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If you would like to get your Christmas wish list forwarded to the jolly ole elf, these two beauties might know someone!

Doe and fawn courtesy Alex Lieban from a hike at Lake Ray Roberts



If you have a "last word", please send to wodum10043@reagan.com



After all's said and done — there's still family business to tend

Final 2013 Hours Reporting Deadline



Please take time now to submit any of your unreported AT and volunteer service hours for 2013 as soon as you can. The final date to file hours for 2013 is **Monday, January 6, 2014**. Unfortunately, any 2013 hours reported after then will not be counted for recertification in 2013 or toward major milestones. The date is necessary because the data has to be put into the master file, calculations made, and compiled to add to the chapter's annual report to the state which is due in early January.

As reported in earlier newsletters and in emails, it is very important to the Elm Fork Chapter and to the Texas Master Naturalist program to report our hours each year. The hours are used to support requests for Federal grants to help the Texas and our chapter's programs. So please submit your hours very soon if not already.



Go to website www.txmn.org/elmfork to print a copy of the BRIT Membership card that entitles any EFCTMN member to:

1. 10% discount on programs at BRIT [<http://www.brit.org>]
2. 10% discount on purchases at Marshall's Grain in Grapevine or Fort Worth [<http://www.marshallgrain.com/aboutus.asp>]
3. 10% discount on purchases at any Calloway's Nursery [<http://www.calloways.com/stores-calloways>]
4. 10% discount on purchases at Redenta's Garden Shop [<http://www.redentas.com/shops-locations.php>]

Member must have a copy of the BRIT membership card and show their EFC Master Naturalist badge to qualify for the discounts. This card expires October 31, 2014.

Any questions about the membership card should be directed to **Tammi Crowel, BRIT Membership advisor**, at 817-332-4441 x 222



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www.txmn.org/elmfork

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.

Meeting December 12, 2013—**Holiday Lunch & Festivities**

Location: **Joseph A. Carroll Bldg., 401 W. Hickory Street, Denton, TX 76201-9026**

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Board Meetings

The Board meets each second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The Board last met December 5, 2013. Next meeting will be January 9, 2014.

Board meetings are open to members.

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”

***Our vision.** . .in our community, Elm Fork Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program will be recognized as a primary source of information, education and service to support natural resources and natural areas today and in the future.*

