



—Projects on the Go—

The **Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2016** was on display at the Denton Center Senior during the month of November. The artwork received many compliments and the staff reported that everyone loved it. The colorful paintings seemed to brighten everyone's day.

It will be exhibited at the Blagg-Huey Library at Texas Woman's University during December and January. The library's normal hours vary between semesters and during the holidays. Please check their website or call to verify their hours. The library is a beautiful facility and their staff always does a wonderful job displaying the artwork prominently in the main lobby. Don't miss this opportunity to see the exhibit.



Volunteers Sandy Stickane, Mary Cissell, Nadine Beall, Janice Goetz, Fritz Poppe, and Brenda Maston starting to work.



Fritz Poppe and Nadine Beall hard at work.

Photos are from the Denton Senior Center.
Marilyn Blanton, project manager



Marilyn Blanton and Dorothy Thetford admiring the artwork.



Val Beardsley (our own Vanna White) showing off the artwork.



The finished exhibit!

—Recognizing Achievement, November 16 Meeting—



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Speaker Rachel Richter,
"Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016"



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Initial Certification: Susie Bailey

Re-certifications: Sharon Barr; Cheryl Ellis; Faith Fielder; Dave Ford; Diana Hatch; Shelby Kilpatrick; Denise Remfert; Chuck Thetford; Nancy Waldo

250 hours – Mindy Anderson; Shelby Kilpatrick; Larry Legg; Becky Rogers

1000 hours – Judy Guthrie

2000 hours – Jan Deatherage

2500 hours – Marion Kester

3500 hours – Wanda Odum (also receiving Naturalist News 1st place award from State Conference)

Photos courtesy Denise Remfert



Entomology Student Discovers New Bee Species in Dominica

Posted on May 10, 2016 by Rob Williams

Shelby Kilpatrick's experience studying abroad in Dominica has led to a very exciting and memorable learning experience as she discovered a new species of halictid bees during a recent trip to the country in 2015.

What turned out to be an insect collecting and identification study for Kilpatrick, a junior Entomology major, ended up being part of the study that was [featured in a paper](#) by Jason Gibbs of Michigan State University and a species being named in her honor of her new discovery.

The paper titled *Bees of the family Halictidae, Thomson, 1869 from Dominica, Lesser Antilles (Hymenoptera: Apoidea)*, was recently published in the European Journal of Taxonomy.

Kilpatrick's discovery was a separate study, but was featured in the paper, which recognized total of 11 species of halictid bees and also recognized seven newly discovered species, which included *Lasioglossum (Dialictus) kalinago* sp. nov., *L.(D.) dominicense* sp. nov., *L. (D.) kilpatrickae* sp. nov., *L. (Habralictellus) roseauense* sp. nov., *Sphecodes diabolinus* sp. nov., *S. albifacies* sp. nov. and *Habralictus antillarum* sp. nov., and *Microsphecodes dominicanus*.

Kilpatrick said that her research work helped her to expand her knowledge of bee morphology, taxonomy, and behavior and will help to contribute more valuable information about bee species in Dominica and would help future entomologists and students studying abroad to understand the biodiversity and potentially expand on the project.

“Entomologists and future students studying abroad can use the information to identify bees on the island and potentially build on my project, as well as with their own studies,” she said.

Kilpatrick heard about this opportunity to study the bees after interviewing for the Dominica trip with Dr. Woolley and talking to Dr. Gibbs in 2014. She said that Gibbs was interested in examining the halictid specimens and needed someone to help him obtain additional bees from the island.

