



Photo courtesy Dave Rowley

Photo courtesy Dorothy Thetford



Hiking and planting grass with Denton County Probation teens.

He has been a long time outdoorsman into rafting, canoeing and kayaking. He is a proficient river guide and has taken numerous river trips. He is also a proficient photographer and artist. He will fit in Colorado.

Alex will be missed!

Dorothy and Dave



Here he is with Marilyn Blanton and Dave Rowley making himself useful. Photo courtesy Dorothy Thetford

Footnote from wanda odum:

When we were both relatively newbies from class 2005, Alex and I served on the publicity committee together for 2 or 3 years. Every meeting with our committee was loaded with laughter. We even managed to get some work done! He would enthusiastically jump into a project with a ton of suggestions for things we could do or how to go about some of the things we already had going.

Alex moved on to “loftier” positions in the chapter, and I, about 5 years ago, became Naturalist News editor. From the beginning, I depended on Alex’s photos for newsletter, and he has been a faithful contributor. Always when I send an SOS to him, he immediately responds with a “passel” of gorgeous pictures. It is an understatement to say that he will be missed terribly.

So, au revoir. It has, indeed, been good to know you.



Class of 2015 Greenhouse Project Workday January 19, 2016

First of all I would like to thank the volunteers who donated material for this project today. Nellie Nelson donated cardboard boxes and newspaper, which were used to construct the compost layer for the pocket garden. Cindy Ross donated 10 pallets from Lost Oak Vineyard in Burleson. Sometimes we don't think of all the materials needed for a project and every donation is greatly appreciated.

Our fearless leader Jonathan Smith has used his past experience to divide and conquer. The motley crew of volunteers was divided into 3 groups:

Team Table: Jon Reynolds, Mike Danner, Dan Prins, Cecily Pegues

Team Seed Sort: Theresa Page, Brenda Maston, Cindy Ross, Sherrill Campbell, Denise Remfert

Team Lasagna: Mary Cissell, Kim Harvey, Bruce Babcock, Kaye Jackson, Nellie Nelson, Becky Bertoni, Larry Legg, Bill Coleman, Denise Thompson

This week veteran Master Naturalists Mike Danner and Jon Reynolds joined Project Greenhouse to weatherproof the back doors of the greenhouse. This crucial element has now been completed.

Thank you Mike and Jon!



Mike Danner and Jon Reynolds

Cecily Pegues proves that Women Can Use Hand Tools and builds more tables with her team partner, **Don Prins**

Team Lasagna used the expertise of veteran Bill Coleman to construct a compost layer consisting of newspaper, cardboard, and hay for the new 20x20 pocket garden. This team had the most players . Follow-up on the moisture content of the cardboard is vital for the success of the compost layer.

*Bill Coleman, Denise Thompson,
Kaye Jackson, Becky Bertoni*

**Bill Coleman, Kaye Jackson,
son, Jonathan Smith**



**Kaye Jackson, Becky Bertoni,
Nellie Nelson**



Dr. Larry Legg

Team Seed Sort was the wimpiest and stayed inside the building and out of the cold. Crushing seed clusters and pods is not a hard job, but seeds harvested from the site must be processed before the cycle of reseeding the Prairie can begin. There were a few mystery seeds and among the seeds processed were Maximillian sunflower, aster, basket flower, scotch flower.

I want to thank veteran TMN's Sherrill Campbell and Theresa Page for helping Cindy Ross and I at the sorting table. Nice job Ladies!



Brenda Maston and Theresa Page



Cindy Ross and Brenda Maston

The **Class of 2015** is focused now on the Pocket Garden located on the Prairie Trail at Clear Creek. Project Greenhouse is open to all volunteers and workdays will be listed each month with Plan Your Week and Clear Creek emails.

Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2015

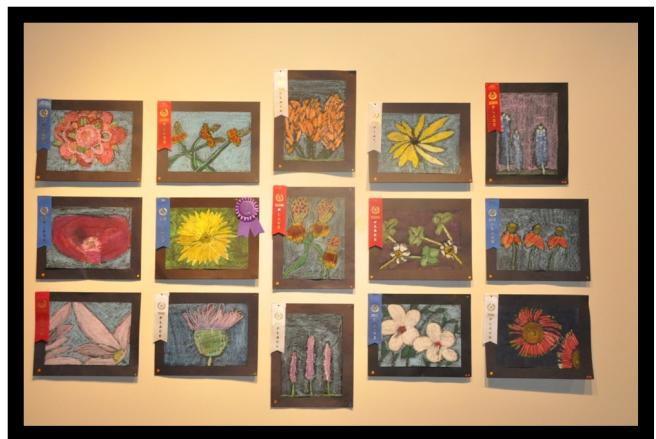
The art exhibition is now on display in the Eagle Exhibit Hall in the EESAT Building at UNT. The exhibit will be there through the month of February. All of the award winning paintings (166) are on display. For the month of March, the artwork will be on exhibit at all three of the Denton Public Libraries and at the Lake Forest Good Samaritan Village. The artwork will also be shown at the Redbud Festival in April.

The Appreciation Reception to recognize the fourth grade students that created the paintings, their art teachers, sponsors of the project and display site hosts will be on April 13 at the DISD Professional Development Center from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed and are always welcome to join our committee. Please save the date and plan to attend even if you have not been involved with the project. Attending the reception will be another opportunity to view the artwork, support the project and our chapter and especially to show our appreciation to the students and their art teachers.

Thank you,

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Some of the artwork displayed at UNT



Shay Shepherd, class 2015

