

# Texas Master Naturalist, Elm Fork Chapter

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## Newsletter

*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.*



### WHERE HAVE ALL THE WOODPECKERS GONE? COMPELLING EVIDENCE LEFT BEHIND . . .

Photo— Karen Schoeve

#### Special points of interest:

- \* Bylaws & operating handbook update
- \* Annual meeting highlights
- \* Silent auction leader
- \* Work at LLELA
- \* A day in Roanoke



**T**hese interesting photos of **woodpecker tracks** are from Karen Schoeve who stated she believes they were made by a red headed woodpecker but did not have a photo available.

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**A**lthough once prolific, the woodpeckers are no longer in the tree outside her bedroom where she could hear them busily pecking away!



Red Headed Woodpecker

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Photo— Karen Schoeve



## SUSAN'S SPIN

It was so nice sharing your collective accomplishments at our Awards meeting in January, thank you! Now it's time to set our sights on the year ahead.

Since receiving its charter in May of 2000, Elm Fork Chapter has made great strides in building a strong base. Consequently, most of our time and energy has been spent on establishing committees such as projects, publicity, hospitality, and others, as well as defining procedure and roles through our Bylaws and Operating Handbook. We will always have to put time and energy into the things that help us keep the chapter running smoothly. However, the chapter is ready to embrace more responsibilities.

Over the last few years I've heard the request for a common chapter vision and goals that the general membership can embrace. This year during a productive and exciting January Planning meeting, the Board of Directors (BOD) voted to move the chapter toward the next level of community involvement. We reviewed the list of suggestions you provided at the November meeting in addition to heeding the call for a common vision.

The first step was for voting BOD members to decide whether or not the chapter was ready for a vision statement. This decision was made through consensus, which means that every voting member supported the idea, or at a minimum, could go along with the idea. The second step was selection of a vision statement, also done by consensus. We felt a common vision was necessary in order to set meaningful long term chapter goals. A vision statement helps shape our understanding of why we are here. It communicates both the purpose and the value of our organization. After considerable discussion the BOD chose this vision statement:

*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.*

After agreeing on a vision statement, the BOD collectively agreed and voted on the following short and long term chapter goals:

### SHORT TERM GOALS

#### Appointment of Training Committee Chair

#### Ecological practices at all meetings/training

- Recycling containers at meetings

- Reusable cups, napkins, etc. for guests

#### Improve internal communication

- Display vision & goals at business meetings

- Send out weekly event bulletins via email

- Encourage announcements from project managers at business meetings

- Utilize Skype when necessary at meetings

- Consider distance learning under special circumstances

#### Project Reevaluation

Continue developing rapport/involvement with other TMN chapters

Photo—D. Thetford



**LONG TERM GOALS**

**Speaker's Bureau development**

- Workshops to train members for public speaking**
- Increase membership involvement for educating public groups**
- Develop rapport with local HOAs**
- Identify other public outreach opportunities**

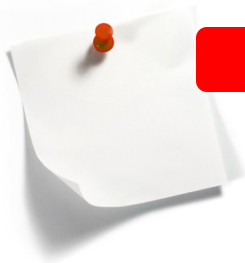
**On-line system for service and AT hours**

**Develop/publicize AT on-line opportunities**

**Develop Marketing Plan/Plan for expansion**

- Build community interest through programs**
- Advertise AT to general public**
- Workshops for public**
- Recruit through adult education**
- Grow our base**
- Recruit younger people**
- Grow resources**
- Develop fundraising opportunities**

**Developing a vision statement and setting long term goals is significant from a historical perspective of Elm Fork Chapter. We realize some of these goals are ambitious and will take years to achieve. Our hope is that it will provide direction and inspire each of us to do what we can in an effort to increase our value to community and personal self-worth.**



**NOTICES**



**Bylaws and Chapter Operating Handbook Review**

In accordance with our chapter operating handbook, the board of directors will conduct a review of both the operating handbook and the chapter Bylaws this year. I would like to encourage each of you to review them as well. Please submit your comments or suggestions to me or any member of the Board of Directors no later than April 1st for consideration in this year's review. Thank you!  
Susan

**Save the date: *Prairies, Lakes, and Timbers* Regional Conference of Texas Master Naturalists**

**M**aster Naturalists throughout North Texas are invited to the *Prairies, Lakes and Timbers* Conference April 12 through 14, 2013 for advanced training. Members of the Blackland Prairie, Elm Fork, Cross Timbers, North Texas, Indian Trail, Bois d'arc, and Bluestem Chapters are planning a weekend of fellowship and educational opportunities at the Collin County YMCA Adventure Camp in Anna, about an hour's drive north of Dallas. Many hikes and workshops will focus on topics local to the North Texas area, and will take advantage of the many trails and outdoor facilities at this beautiful camp. Spring wildflowers, milkweeds and wild onions, Hexalectris orchids, birding, recent trends in mammal and herp populations, prescribed burns, bison as a land management tool, mussels, snakes, and alligators...these are just a sampling of the advanced training opportunities planned, as well as astronomy, night hikes, and campfire in the evening. There will also be special sessions on chapter management and leadership, and a keynote address by John Davis, Wildlife Diversity Director at Texas Parks & Wildlife.

**A**pril weekends are a busy time for Master Naturalists, so save the date and don't miss this opportunity to commune with members of neighboring chapters. The cost is \$125 per person and includes meals and housing from Friday evening through Sunday noon. Online registration will be available soon. Watch our Facebook page for updates: <http://www.facebook.com/PrairiesLakesTimbersConference>

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Prairies, Lakes & Timbers



**HEADS UP!**



1) Plans are afoot for Master Naturalist meetings to be more **recycling conscious** by implementing greener measures i.e. limiting, as feasible, the use of paper, Styrofoam, plastic and any similar materials. More to come!

2) The **Newsletter** is now a "teenager" and in need of a proper name so be thinking, thinking, thinking. The best name chosen might even get a surprise! More on this to come!

3) In case some of you may need to make long range scheduling plans, meeting dates in December 2013 have been changed to: **Board Meeting—December 5; Regular Meeting—December 12**

**\*LOOK FOR DETAILS ON ALL OF THE ABOVE IN COMING MONTHS\***



**WANT TO HELP?****HERE'S YOUR CHANCE**

One of the more frequent comments made by our members is that they would like to help more, but they want specific information before committing. Well, we could use your help with the upcoming **silent auction**. Just to refresh your memory, the **Elm Fork Chapter** is responsible for the **silent auction** at the state annual conference in New Braunfels Oct 25th – 27<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter will receive 20% of the proceeds, so it is in our best interest to ensure a productive **silent auction**.



Ideally, we should have someone in charge of the **silent auction** who would basically be a go-to person to answer all questions consistently. The responsibilities will include: scheduling a team member to assist and monitor activities Friday afternoon and Saturday morning as items are brought in for the auction; scheduling multiple team members to collect money when the auction ends Saturday evening; securing the money and giving it to Michelle Haggerty for the night; retrieving the money Sunday morning and scheduling a team member for last minute silent auction pick-ups; giving all money, bid sheets, etc. to Michelle Haggerty. ***Please let me know if you will lead the silent auction team.***

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO** set up or take down tables at the conference since that is done by the conference center. You don't have to worry about tax exemption forms or bid sheets because those are provided by Michelle Haggerty. You won't have to send messages to all the state chapters because Michelle will do that for us.

Finally, **if you can't attend the annual conference you can still help**. Many of you are very talented, so this is your chance to shine. Please donate some of your creations! If you aren't especially talented, consider asking a talented friend for one of their donations, or purchase something that would be appealing to a Master Naturalist. If you itemize on your tax returns you can get credit for your donation.

In addition to the team leader, we need a reliable team to help the process go smoothly. You would help the team leader by making sure entrants locate and complete a bid sheet on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Most importantly, however, is the collections process on Saturday evening. You will collect cash, checks, and credit card payments. This team needs to be confident in making change, ensuring checks are written correctly, and completing necessary paperwork for credit card transactions.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me: [pohlensusan@gmail.com](mailto:pohlensusan@gmail.com) or call **940 686-5739**.

Suggested Plants for  
Hill Country Style Garden

**March 12 Field Trip****Upper Trinity Regional Water District  
Headquarters**

As a demonstration project for customer entities, Upper Trinity maintains a Water Conservation Garden to showcase the beauty and practicality of water-conserving landscape. Located adjacent to Upper Trinity's administrative headquarters, the garden uses earth-friendly techniques to create a beautiful outdoor landscape that is in harmony with our north Texas environment.

*From Peg La Point*

The **Water Conservation Garden** includes more than 100 varieties of plants that are either native to Texas or are well adapted to the area. There are gardens planted in the traditions of the English, the Japanese and Texas Hill Country. The plants and garden practices allow the landscape to thrive under drought conditions, and attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on March 12 at the administrative office at 900 North Kealy Street, Lewisville, 75067.

Jason Pierce, Manager of Watershed Protection and Contract Services will present an overview of Upper Trinity's Watershed Protection Program. Then we will tour the extensive demonstration gardens with Nancy Tam.

There is no sign-up sheet for this AT activity. If you have questions, contact Peg La Point at [tnplapoint@msn.com](mailto:tnplapoint@msn.com)

## Meeting February 21, 2013

### Christopher Churchill

#### Zebra Mussels in the Upper Trinity River Basin

(see January 2013 newsletter)



March 21 Program on The Trinity River Lower Chain of Wetlands will feature **Dr. Gary O. Dick** — complete profile in next month's newsletter

**LaNae Colchin**, EFCMN class of 2009, lost her battle with esophageal cancer on Thursday, January 24. LaNae was diagnosed last year and spent many months undergoing treatment. She loved being a Master Naturalist and especially enjoyed activities involving birds. LaNae was the chapter Project Manager for Project FeederWatch. She also assisted as a judge at the Texas Native Plant Art Exhibit. LaNae continued to provide service to our chapter as much as possible, and recertified in 2012 in spite of her illness and challenges. Her lifetime total hours of service to the chapter was 210.5, which is significant for the length of time she was a member.

Eleven chapter members attended the service at which LaNae's husband, a sister, and two daughters all spoke to the guests and read personal letters and books on nature. LaNae's continued interest in nature apparently made a strong impact on her family.

In lieu of flowers the family requested that, in LaNae's name, donations be made to Texas Master Naturalist, Elm Fork Chapter.



LaNae as judge in art exhibit in 2011

Photo—M. Blanton

## Memories

On Thursday January 17, 2013 the annual awards ceremony was held at the Steven E. Copeland Government center. What a fun day it was and as usual there were munchies and lots of socializing.

**Rob Roy**, Past President, opened the ceremonies by introducing the 2013 Board of Directors and then turning the ceremonies over to Susan Pohlen, 2013 President.

**Susan** was assisted by Van Elliott, Vice-President and Rob Roy, Past President & Membership chair, as hostess and hosts for the event. Out of 100 active members 69 attended and there were 2 visitors for a total of 71 attendees.

**Sixty-two** of our members received recognition for their efforts in 12 different categories. The people who received awards will be listed individually as an attachment to the General Meeting minutes which will be posted on our website. The award categories were:

1. 2012 Class Graduation
2. Initial Certification
3. Milestones reached in December 2012
4. Milestones prior to December 2012
5. 2012 Re-certifications in December 2012
6. Re-certifications prior to December 2012
7. 200 + hours in 2012
8. Certificates of Appreciation
9. Volunteers of the Year
10. Most Service Hours in 2012
11. Most Volunteers Hours by intern 2012
12. Outstanding Projects [3] in 2012



The 2012 class recognized the 2011 class by providing a chocolate covered, white cake with the class mantra of “**Class of 2011 Rocks**” in red letters. It was large enough for all attendees to have a piece or two. It was a very colorful and tasty treat.

**Thank** you much for the very good memories and the hope that 2013 will be as big of a success or bigger than 2012.



Article by Van Elliott – Photo  
courtesy Owen Richards



Photos courtesy **Owen Richards**;  
 captions **Van Elliott**, Vice President;  
 presenting certificates—**Susan Pohlen**, President

## ANNUAL MEETING SERVICE AWARDS—“doing us proud”!

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2 RECIPIENTS



#### Peg La Point

Peg works tirelessly with the UNT Environmental Education Building representing Elm Fork Chapter. This is a very important outreach program and Peg is a constant there. Peg also works for the Chapter in arranging our monthly speakers. Thanks to her efforts we have enjoyed some enriching and entertaining programs. She is conscientious in listening to Chapter members and seeking speakers who will meet their expectations. Peg lives her commitment to our environment. She encourages Members to bring their own drinking vessels to meetings and she tirelessly furnishes dishes and silverware which she maintains for the Chapter.

#### Randy Kimbal

Unable to attend—shown here in working uniform



Randy is from the Class of 2010. He doesn't say 'no' when anyone asks for help, he simply says, "Sure, I'll do that." A perfect example of what a contributing member should be.

Whether we ask Randy to repair a hundred year old spinning wheel at LLELA or teach a class, he always says yes. The antique equipment at LLELA's log cabin had not worked in years when Randy was asked to repair it.

He researched the tool, handcrafted the missing parts and had it in working order, ready to demonstrate. He served as a Mentor in 2011 and also was asked to present a session on mammals.

Again, he did his research and presented a superb lesson. So much so he was asked to return in 2012 and again he earned the highest ratings on the evaluations. Randy leads the way in volunteer variety!

### OUTSTANDING PROJECTS OF THE YEAR—3 RECIPIENTS



#### (1) Benthic Monitoring - John & Adelaide Bodnar - with other chapter members who participated

##### Left to right:

Claire Kamego; Adelaide Bodnar; Theresa Page; Abigail Miller; Kay Crowe; Marilyn Turnage; Faith Fieder; John Bodnar; Raquel Bryson; Becky Rogers & Vin Merrill



**(2) Denton City Hikes - Dorothy Thetford with other committee members**



Dorothy Thetford

**Left to right:**

Peg La Point; Marian Kester; Susan Pohlen; Dave Rowley; Dorothy Thetford; Alex Lieban; Joan Stanley; Joanne Fellows; Dave Ford; Fritz Poppe and Ron Fellows



**(3) Pocket Pollinator Garden at LLELA - Rose Carrizales & Michi Harper [who was unable to attend]**

**Left to Right:**

Rose Carrizales with chapter participants Deborah Meyer and Dale Meyer



Michi and Rose

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION - 11 RECIPIENTS**

Certificates of appreciation for those who have done much for our organization this year.

**Left to right:**

- Donna Wolfe - All things administrative that help us arrange meetings, file reports, make copies, key control and a variety of behind the scenes activities that happen in our behalf.
- Jan Hodson - Resource Room Management, packing & moving. Consistent contributor to our chapter
- Doug Chadwick - Member At Larger - 2011 & 2012
- Linda Cox - Hospitality; food logistics for remote meetings n 2012
- Jan Deatherage - Publicity & \$5,000.00 grant for video promotion of our organization
- Kaye Crowe - Treasurer 2011 & 2012
- Marian Kester - Project coordinator 2012
- Janet Laminack - Coordinate new space for chapter at Carroll Courts & moving from Agrilife building



**Unable to attend:**

- Sharon Barr - Webmaster from 2010 to 2012
- Diane Kohlhasse - Secretary 2012
- George Kragle - Treasure 2008 - 2009 & president 2010 - 2011

**LARRY BRENNAN CLASS OF 2012 [4 AWARDS]**

Although there is no category for most awards won, Larry Brennan would surely have been the winner. This man is an absolute treasure to have in our chapter.

He was recognized for

- 1. Initial certification for the same year as he took class [2012]  
Two other people in his class also got these awards but were not present. Kevin Frerich & Martha Peet
- 2. Milestone - December - 250 hours
- 3. 2012 recertification -  
Two other people in his class also got these awards but were not present. Kevin Frerich & Martha Peet
- 4. 200 + hours of service - he had 421



**2012 CLASS RECEIVING INITIAL CERTIFICATION AWARDS — 12 PARTICIPANTS**

**Left to right:**  
Shelby Kilpatrick; Claire Kamego; Ryan Hochstatter; Diane Blais; Larry Brennan; Becky Rogers; Margaret Lange and Susan Myers

**Unable to attend:**  
Cheryl Ellis; Kevin Frerich, Georgann Johnson & Martha Peet

**MOST VOLUNTEER HOURS BY INTERN**



Dale Meyer—415

**MOST VOLUNTEER HOURS 2012**



Ron Fellows—1,187



**MILESTONES THROUGH DECEMBER - 6 RECIPIENTS**

They were:

- Larry Brennan - 250 hours
- Sherrill Campbell - 1500 hours
- Kim McKibben - 250 hours - did not attend
- Betty Mullenweg - 1500 hours
- Owen Richards - 2500 hours
- Louise Wyss - 250 hours - did not attend



Owen Richards



Larry Brennan



Sherrill Campbell



Betty Mullenweg

**MILESTONES PRIOR TO DECEMBER—4 RECIPIENTS**

There were 4 awards in this category:

1. Hilton Dickerson - 1000 hours
2. Laurie Hemming - 250 hours
3. Dorothy Thetford - 3500 hours
4. Doug Chadwick - 250 hours



Hilton Dickerson



Laurie Hemming



Dorothy Thetford



Doug Chadwick



**200+ SERVICE HOURS IN 2012 - 26 RECIPIENTS**

There we 26 people who had 200 plus hours in 2012:

**Left to right:**

Van Elliott -1,046; Dale Meyer - 415; Wanda Odum - 514; Back Row-Laurie Hemming - 243; Rose Carrizales - 428; Back row-Larry Brennan - 421; Jan Hodson - 400; Adelaide Bodnar - 241; Ron Fellows - 1,187; Back Row-Richard Johnson - 269; Joanne Fellows - 671; John Bodnar - 237; Back Row-Hilton Dickerson - 372; Carl Patrick - 289; Susan Pohlen - 260; Back Row - Vin Merrill - 393; Judi Elliott - 877; Owen Richards -1,019; Marian Kester - 279; Back Row - Joan Stanley - 200; Katy Jo Hammon - 209; Back Row - Rob Roy - 648.



**Unable to attend:**

Janet Gershenfeld - 305; Michi Harper - 225 & Louise Wyss - 201

**2012 RE-CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO DECEMBER - NINE RECIPIENTS**



**Left to right:**

Alex Lieban; Theresa Page; Bill Hammon; Katy Hammon; Dorothy Thetford & Doug Chadwick

**Unable to attend:**

Susan Kilpatrick; Carol Fegan; Don Morrison

**2012 RE-CERTIFICATIONS IN DECEMBER - 10 RECIPIENTS**

**Left to right:**

Cindy Schlaht; Larry Brennan; Diana Hatch; Rose Carrizales; Faith Fielder; Deborah Estes

**Unable to attend:**

Kevin Frerich; Kim McKibben; Carolyn Norgaard & Martha Peet



## UNSUNG HEROES

Article and photo from  
Van Elliott

**W**e are fortunate to have a great group of Master Naturalists, each contributing in their own way. We have acquired many assets, like computers, projectors, PA systems, charts, maps, exhibits etc. And another bonus is that we have a member who is helping us manage these assets very well. At any given time our Resource Room is in excellent shape and it is easy to find needed materials.

**J**an Hodson has willingly taken on these managerial duties and is one of the best around. Not only does she manage our inventory, but she is very active with the Junior Master Naturalist program. In 2012, She conducted 33 programs reaching 424 children and 139 adults in addition to maintaining the Resource Room for Master Naturalist and Master Gardeners. The contribution Jan makes to our organization is truly beyond description because of the magnitude.

**2**012 proved to be a year of challenges for our organization because of a move from the AgriLife building to the Carroll Courts building. Probably the best description for what happened to our assets is they all went into a mobile mode, which makes it much more difficult to track. Still, members were able to continue checking out equipment. In a recent conversation with Jan, she commented she was proud of the Master Naturalist group because most all of our inventory could be accounted for at any given time.



**Richard Johnson and Jan Hodson  
setting up the new Resource Room  
at the Carroll Courts Building**

**Note: The smiling faces**

**T**he move has officially been made and Jan, along with **Richard Johnson**, have begun the setup of the Resource Rooms on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Carroll Courts building where we have plenty of storage room. As usual it will be clean and neat. There will be locked security storage for our Audio / Visual equipment.

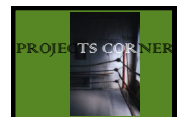
**J**an had helpers along the way like **Marian Kester** and **Beverly Lyttaker** to help with packing. For the most part she and Richard have done the lion's share of the set up work reassembling cabinets and arranging in the new space. So when you see these folks please let them know you appreciate the work they do for us.



**... and the work goes on ...**

Grass planting at LLELA were Carl Patrick,  
Susan Myers, and Kevin Frerich

Photo—Owen Richards



Article and photos  
from Jan Deatherage

## Roanoke Elementary – Hope for Healthy Habitats

You're eight years old.

You're sitting on the floor of the school library.

Seated next to you, in 7 neat rows of 20 kids each, are your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classmates.

You've all been given the following assignment:

**"As students of Northwest ISD, you will need to plan and present a proposal to the school board that explains the effects of rapid development on ecosystems within our district, and suggest how to preserve the ecosystems around these areas when construction occurs."**

Sound intimidating? Not if your teachers have recruited **Texas Master Naturalist, Elm Fork Chapter** speakers to help you understand what is an ecosystem, a habitat, and provide some ideas of how to preserve and protect them.

Susan Pohlen, Peg La Point and Andy Krofina stepped up to that challenge on the afternoon of February 8. Curious eyes were opened and inquiring minds were expanded.

Some of the students' questions went like this:



Our 3 presenters fielding questions

"How many habitats are in one ecosystem?"

"Do chemicals have an effect?"

"What do you do when a dangerous animal tries to harm you?"

"What do damaged habitats look like?"

"How can we move more animals to a safe place?"

"Can we build habitats for them?"

"How can people be protected from animal infestation when there is construction?"



Peg La Point describing watershed



Andy Krofina demonstrating a natural habitat

And, we're pretty sure there were several interesting conversations around the family dinner tables that night. Hopefully, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders of Roanoke Elementary will have a successful experience presenting their ideas to the school board. They all seemed pretty enthusiastic about the challenge.



## The Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2012

Article and photos by **Marilyn Blanton**

The **Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2012** is now on display at UNT at the Elm Fork Education Center in the EESAT building. The watercolors are the work of the fourth grade students at McNair and Newton Razor Elementary Schools. The paintings were made in recognition of Texas Native Plant Week which is the third week in October.



The exhibition is sponsored by the Texas Master Naturalist, the Native Plant Society of Texas and TWU. The art teachers, Jodi Dallas (McNair) and Kristin Williamson (Newton Razor), teach their students about native plants and why they are important as they do their artwork. The teachers are provided with information about native plants to help students know what plants are native and why they are a part of our natural heritage.

The artwork was judged by TWU art students and then by members from the Native Plant Society and Master Naturalist. First, second and third place ribbons were awarded for each classroom. One watercolor was selected as the Grand Champion from each school.



The artwork will be on display at UNT until March 15. It will also be displayed at the Redbud Festival on April 20 and then be showcased at the Emily Fowler Library before being returned to the students. Each student that participated will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment. ***As the project manager, I would like to thank everyone that has helped with the project.***



Master Naturalists Marian Kester, Marilyn Blanton, Fritz Poppe, and from Native Plant Society, Mike Mizell



## Home For Another Winter



**T**his **Eastern Screech Owl, *Megascops asio***, has made its winter home in the nest box we made for a Common Flicker. Not the right size box, but this small owl seems to be cozy and comfy. It has returned every October for the past 3 years. It leaves in spring, usually around first of May. It usually sits for a time with its head out of the hole when it returns early in the morning and again at dusk.

“If a mysterious trill catches your attention in the night, bear in mind the spooky sound may come from an owl no bigger than a pint glass. Common east of the Rockies in woods, suburbs, and parks, the Eastern Screech-Owl is found wherever trees are, and they’re even willing to nest in backyard nest boxes. These supremely camouflaged birds hide out in nooks and tree crannies through the day, so train your ears and listen for them at night.” Attribution: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern Screech-Owl/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Screech-Owl/id)

The Hungry Owl Project has Owl box information: <http://www.hungryowl.org/nesting-boxes.html>



**“FIELD NOTES IN FOCUS”**

*FROM THE GALLERY OF  
PAULA MCCORMICK*



**Smug!**



*Featuring Master Naturalist photographers—flora  
and fauna as you see them*



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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"*



Photo—Dorothy  
Thetford

*At sunset Nature  
is painting for  
us...day after  
day...pictures of  
infinite beauty.  
John Ruskin*

## Members of the Board 2013

PRESIDENT—Susan Pohlen

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT—Rob Roy

VICE-PRESIDENT—Van Elliott

SECRETARY—Judi Elliott

TREASURER—Jeri Marold

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE—Martha Peet

MEMBER-at-LARGE—Marian Kester

### COMMITTEES:

Communication: Martha Peet, Monica  
Chaffin, Wanda Odum

Projects: Dale Meyer

Publicity: Jan Deatherage

Training: By committee

### ADVISORS:

Janet Laminack, Extension Agent

Kelly Lauderdale, TPWD

## 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 February 21**—Christopher Churchill on Zebra  
Mussels in Upper Trinity River Basin

**Meeting March 21, 2013**—Gary Owen Dick, Lower  
Chain of Wetlands on Trinity River

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

## Board Meetings

The Board meets each second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The  
Board last met February 14, 2013. Next meeting March 14, 2013.

Board meetings are open to members.

*A very special thanks to those who contributed to  
this newsletter with photos, articles, and suggestions.  
Without you, we wouldn't be!*

