



FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM—YEAR 2013

Information comes from Van Elliott

Photo courtesy Larry Brennan



New family members— class of 2013

Photo courtesy V. Elliott



Winding things up —Brett Johnson, TPWD urban biologist, speaks to 2013 class on urban ecology.

BACK: Bob Ross, Larry Jackson, Jacob Lohse, Ivy Doak, Brad Forrester, Charles Martin, Bill Coleman, Penny Bell, Nadine Beall and Gregory Anderson

MIDDLE: Veronica Ruangskul, Don Fikes, Jonathan Smith, Diana Warrendorf, Kim Hawk, Maggie Dodd, Ellen Ryfle and Kim Orlandella

FRONT: Sandra Pepper, Shari Brand, Susan Burke, Amesha Morris, Lisa Prier, Rita Lokie and Suzanne McDonald—Not pictured: Donna Coleman

No halting first steps here—off and running

FYI, member of the 2013 class is already handling outreach for the Argyle Ladies Garden Club. Rita Lokie was asked to speak about her master naturalist training and things she was learning in the class. Master Naturalists at work again. Yea, Rita!

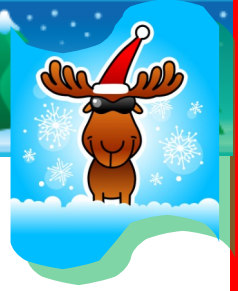


Photo courtesy Becky Rogers

Margret Lange (class 2012), Rita Lokie (class 2013) and Becky Rogers (class 2013) were busy spreading the Master Naturalist word at Argyle Ladies Garden club. The items displayed in the photo are the curriculum, one of our brochures and one of the Master Naturalist bookmarks. How cool is this?



FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM *cont'd*



LAST FIELD TRIP FOR CLASS OF 2013

The Class of 2013 finally got to go on our field trip to LLELA! It was rained out in October and rescheduled for December 3rd. The weather was perfect this time.

Photo courtesy Clyde Camp

We started the day out at the nursery. There we saw the new greenhouse being installed as well as all the native plants that they grow to restore the prairies. Next, we hopped on a hay ride and travelled out to see the bird banding station.



Then we travelled around to the Bittern Marsh trail and hiked down the trail for a little while. Ken Steigman led us and talked about the trees and how forests grow. We went to the High Blind on the marsh and saw all the aquatic plants growing there. We learned that the High Blind is built up so high to keep it above the flood waters. The only problem was that it wasn't high enough when the last time a flood came.

Front row: C.J. Solberg [mentor], Rita Lokie, Lisa Prier, Suzanne McDonald, Sandra Pepper, Van Elliott, Dr. Ken Steigman [LLELA] & Larry Brennan [mentor & photographer]

Back row: Donna Coleman, Susan Myers [mentor], Penny Bell, Susan Burke, Bob Ross, Veronica Ruangskul, Bill Coleman, Ellen Ryfle, Jacob Lohse, Ivy Doak, Don Fikes, Diana Warrendorf, Gregory Anderson, Kim Orlandella, Jonathan Smith, Shari Brand, Brad Forrester, Vin Merrill, Richard Freiheit [LLELA]

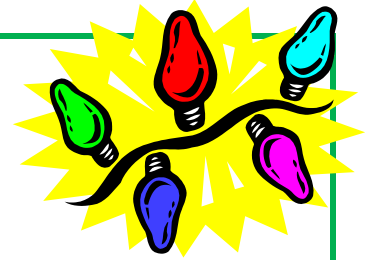
Our next stop was the Stewart Creek where we learned about the problems of privet and how that even little cub scouts can take out and successfully remove a privet invasion.

We saw the Prairie Starter Plots where they plant lots of native prairie plants in a concentrated area so that it will spread out more and more each year.

Our last stop was at the camping area where we had a quick graduation ceremony to celebrate finishing up our basic training. As Ken Steigman put it, "This is not the end, it's the beginning." Now our class gets to join the ranks of Elm Fork Chapter Master Naturalist, and I am very proud to be a part of such a great group.

*From Jonathan Smith
Class of 2013*

Family Photo Album cont'd



FAMILY MEMBERS TRAVEL TO NEW BRAUNFELS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Photos from Van Elliott (plus one)



Marian Kester & Susan Pohlen at silent auction set up

Van Elliott, Vin Merrill, Deb Estes taking \$ at the silent auction



Cheryl Ellis & Judi Elliott at conference



Marian Kester, Rob Roy & Judi Elliott



Judi Elliott, Susan Pohlen, & Donna Wolfe setting up silent auction



FAMILY TAKES IT INTO THE COMMUNITY



Van Elliott speaks to Cub Scouts at Cross-roads Bible Church, Flower Mound on 11-18-13. The topic was Sharing Your World With Wildlife, Cub Scout Conservation Award, Achievement No.5. The scat and pelts from our resource room were wonderful props and helped to convey the message. Photo by Judi Elliott



Judging for school-wide art contest —

photos courtesy Dorothy Thetford



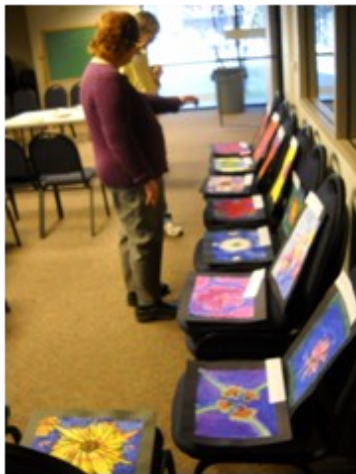
Mike Mizell with Marilyn Blanton, project manager



Cheryl Kesterson with Cecil Carter



Dorothy Thetford and Polly Carter



Polly Carter and Marian Kester

Betty Mullenweg managed to be just outside camera range while calculating totals.

