



FROM THE FRONT PORCH —  
knowledge is awareness

In this case, it is the Florida home of Dale Meyer! Dale is now far away, but we enjoy hearing from him and Deborah through his photos...thanks, Dale.

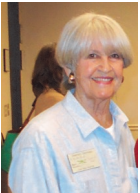


**Sandhill cranes**—  
attacking a snake in  
the bushes that  
turned out to be a  
stick! Bravery counts.

**Red-tailed hawk** had  
better luck. He has a  
firm grip on a black  
snake.



**“FIELD NOTES IN FOCUS”**



*Sunset from Dorothy Thetford*

**FROM THE GALLERY OF OUR HEARTS!**

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





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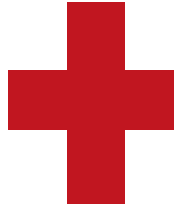
Please remember that the deadline for **Naturalist News** submission is the Wednesday immediately preceding the monthly board meeting. Anything received after that will be held over to the following month (if appropriate).

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

### First Aid course for Master Naturalists

**When:** Saturday, August 23 from 9:00 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Carroll Building  
**Presenter:** Dr. Betsy Schenck

Are you prepared? Do you know the best practices for prevention and treatment of common outdoor medical emergencies? The victim may be you, a fellow master naturalist, or a project participant. Come to this presentation to learn strategies for dealing with wounds and injuries and illnesses cause by cold, heat, bites, stings, plants, dust and water. Know what to do after you call 911, and understand your legal responsibilities and protection. Learn what should be in your medical emergency kit, and what should be in your MN project emergency kit. You will be given a comprehensive handout after the presentation.



**Dr. Betsy Schenck**, Physician, Board Certified in Emergency Medicine, Retired from Denton Regional Medical Center, Emergency Department, Past President of the American Academy of Emergency Physicians. After 21 years of Emergency Medicine, I am currently practicing clinical medicine and travel medicine at the University of North Texas, Student Health and Wellness Center, Denton. Member of the Elm Fork Chapter of TMN, since 2006.

Contact her at:  
[bschenck2@verison.net](mailto:bschenck2@verison.net)

### Trophy Club Camp —still time to help—

The remaining schedule for the camp to be held at the middle school at 601 Medlin in Trophy Club from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. is:

July 2nd  
July 9th

July 16th  
July 25th  
July 30

Questions or need directions: Please contact Veronica [vruang-skul@hotmail.com](mailto:vruang-skul@hotmail.com)

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### Need Advanced Training hours? Look no further!

The **Blackland Prairie Chapter of Master Naturalist** is providing a series of presentations at the Heard Museum in McKinney on the 3rd Saturday of the month through September or October, for which you can earn 2 to 2-1/2 hours of Advanced Training. The presentation in June on Native Bees was outstanding.

On July 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Dana Wilson will present a program on Common Vines of the Metroplex. Since it is some distance, carpooling would be a very good option. For those of you who have not visited the Heard, please plan to do so as it is a great place to visit and learn. There is a charge to tour the museum but no charge for the Advanced Training sessions. The training is held inside the building in Laughlin Hall.

Plan for some inspired and inspiring Advanced Training for both interns and seasoned members!

*Rita Lokie*



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## ZERO HOURS

**A**s of 7/3/2014, twenty four (24) members have not reported any hours of service or AT. We know many of you are volunteering service and obtaining AT but the hours haven't been reported for some reason. Please take the time to report your hours.



You can see how important this is for the TPWD. For each hour you report the potential for Federal grant money increases by \$19.50. For the members who meet the minimum of 40 hours of service (plus 8.0 hours of AT) to recertify the value is **\$780**.

For those of you who have reported your hours regularly, "Thank you." For those behind in reporting your hours, please take the time to do so soon. **It can make a difference!**

It is critical for continuing your certification. To recertify at least 40 hours of volunteer service and eight hours of AT are required. It also is very important to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for us to report the chapter's hours each quarter and for the year. They add our hours to those from other Master Naturalist chapters and other volunteer groups, then calculate the value of those hours using nationally accepted rate for each volunteer hour reported.

If you have any questions or are having trouble with the forms please contact Rob Roy. His email is [robt\\_t\\_roy@msn.com](mailto:robt_t_roy@msn.com); his cellphone number is 214-668-3233.

"So what?" you ask. The TPWD applies for Federal grants to support the work they do, including sponsoring the **Master Naturalist** program, state parks, etc. The Federal program awards grants to the agency with our service, plus service from all other chapters, used as an in-kind match. Last year we reported **18,310** volunteer service hours. Each hour you document at TMN Service time is valued at \$19.50 as per the terms of the grant. At that rate our 2013 service was valued at **\$357,045!**

*Rob Roy*

### Getting Information to Chapter

Items to website: Martha Peet [marthawpeet@gmail.com](mailto:marthawpeet@gmail.com)

Email messages to chapter: Donna Wolfe [master.naturalist@dentoncounty.com](mailto:master.naturalist@dentoncounty.com)

Items for newsletter: Wanda Odum at: [wodum10043@reagan.com](mailto:wodum10043@reagan.com)

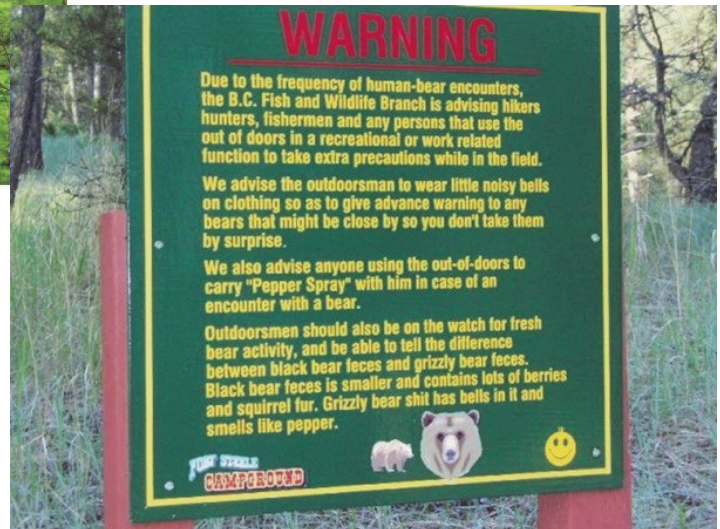


HEED THE SIGNS—  
serious knowledge

— LAST



WORD —



Translation: **WARNING**

Due to the frequency of human-bear encounters, the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch is advising hikers, hunters, fisherman and any persons that use the out of door in a recreational or work related function to take precautions while in the field.

We advise the outdoorsman to wear little noisy bells on clothing so as to give advance warning to any bears that might be close by so you don't take them by surprise.

We also advise anyone using the out-of-doors to carry "Pepper Spray" with him in case of an encounter with a bear.

Outdoorsmen should also be on the watch for fresh bear activity, and be able to tell the difference between black bear feces and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear shit has bells in it and smells like pepper.

*If you would like a "last word", please send to [wodum10043@reagan.com](mailto:wodum10043@reagan.com)*



From the archives--Alex Lieban

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## 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 July 17, 2014 — Walt and Isabel Davis,  
Exploring the Edges of Texas

Meeting August 21, 2014 — Annual Membership Roundup

Location: Joseph A. Carroll 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 July 10, 2014. Next meeting August 14, 2014. Board meetings are open to members.



*Don't forget to thank a Naturalist News contributor—after all it could be you! Thank you for contributing this month. Oh, what's that? You d-i-d-n'-t? Then, we look forward to your contribution next month...?*

## 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"*