



Naturalist News

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*"Crown'd with the sickle,
and the sheaten sheaf,
While Autumn, nodding
o'er the yellow plain,
Comes jovial on." - James
Thomson, Autumn, 1730*



1. Single Annual Chrysanthemum—
Chrysanthemum Carinatum
2. Pyrethrum—C. Coccineum
3. Oxeye Daisy, White Wedco—
C. Leucanthemum
4. Irregular Chrysanthemum
5. Pompon Chrysanthemum
6. Japanese Chrysanthemum
Incurved Type
7. Japanese Chrysanthemum
Recurved Type
8. Ostrich Plume

Historical painting of chrysanthemums from the *New International Encyclopedia*, 1902

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"

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.

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Fall begins to emerge as Little blue stem puts on a classy show and ...



Photo courtesy Dorothy Thetford

Photo courtesy Dorothy Thetford

a Monarch visits Frostweed on its journey south.



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Special points of interest:

- Catch a monarch throughout!
- Christmas festivities December 11, 2014
- Learn about White-faced ibis
- Conference recap



November 20 program — What is a Naturalist?



Barney Lipscomb

What is a Naturalist looks at the personality and character traits of Texas and other naturalists that help us understand the making of a naturalist. The program examines some well-known naturalists of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries to understand what naturalists have in common. Mr. Lipscomb looks at early and modern day naturalists and discusses commonalities and qualities of being a naturalist. Discover some of the greatest naturalists and learn ten psychological and character traits that describe or make a naturalist. In the end, we will look at several reasons you might be a naturalist, if...

Presented by Barney Lipscomb, Leonhardt Chair of Texas Botany and co-author, *Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas* (1999), *Illustrated Flora of East Texas, Vol. 1* (2006), and *The Ferns and Lycophytes of Texas* (2014). Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth.

Peg La Point

This program is visually exciting and resonates with voices from the past. It is sure to delight everyone and anyone with a curiosity for natural history.

Photos — LeeAnn Weaver

"It's very nice to see when somebody who wanted to work hard and is willing to put the work in gets rewarded for it."

Ivan Lendl

Hours earned and recognized — October meeting



Veronica Ruangskul
- 250 hours



Cheryl Ellis
- 500 hours



Deborah Estes
- 500 hours



Scott Kiester
- 1,000 hours



Speaker- Derek Broman



Jan Hodson -
4,500 hours



Carolyn Richard, Sharon Barr,
Betty Mullenweg, Diane Blais,
Becky Rogers & Cheryl Kesterson
- recertifications



Karolina Blaha-Black
— recertification



TRAPS AWARD RECOGNIZES EFTMN MEMBER AND CHAPTER

(TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY)

The Denton Senior Center (DSC) Healthy Snacks program was initiated by center manager Jeff Gilbert after some of the DSC patrons collapsed due to diabetic comas.

Mr. Gilbert began shopping every Sunday for produce using sales ads brought in by DSC volunteers. Each morning staff members and DSC volunteers arrive at the DSC and prep fruits and vegetables for daily consumption by DSC patrons.

Before this program the normal morning fare for the DSC patrons were cookies, cakes, donuts and muffins donated by Kroger and Wal-mart. Now they enjoy fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grain snacks.

Early on Mr. Gilbert formed a community partnership with Ken's produce. Each week Ken's produce would donate produce in exchange for an ad in the DSC monthly newsletter.

After Ken's Produce closed its doors, Mr. Gene Gumfory from Shiloh Field Community Gardens was invited to share fresh produce to the DSC healthy snack program. Their donations have provided fresh blackberries and various other in-season vegetables for the DSC members.



Dorothy Thetford with center manager Jeff Gilbert

In 2012 the Denton Senior Center added a beautiful courtyard ADA raised bed garden to its facility. In 2013 staff coordinated with the Agri Life Elm Fork TX Master Naturalist, i.e., Dorothy Thetford, to begin raising fresh vegetables that can be served as healthy snacks. This year tomatoes, banana peppers, cucumbers and green beans have been grown by Elm Fork Master Naturalist and Denton Senior Center volunteers to add to our healthy snacks trays.

Since the introduction of the healthy snacks program the Denton Senior Center has not had any more instances of our patrons collapsing in our center.

Tracy Durmick
Recreation Specialist
Denton Senior Center

Dorothy in the garden



Raised bed



In the garden



Judging Artwork – Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2014

From Marilyn Blanton

Master Naturalists and members of the **Native Plant Society of Texas** judged almost 300 paintings of Texas native plants that were entered in the Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2014. The paintings were created by fourth grade students from local schools. The art teachers at the participating schools were given information about native plants so they could teach their students about native plants as they worked. The judges meet on two afternoons to determine the winners. First, second and third place ribbons were awarded to each classroom and a best of show entry was selected for each school.



Cecil Carter, Marilyn Blanton, Marian Kester, Martha Peet, Michi Harper, Veronica Rungskul, Polly Carter

The artwork will be displayed at various sites and special events from mid-November through April. The main display sites are TWU, UNT and the Denton Public Libraries. A reception for the students and their art teachers will be hosted by the Emily Fowler Central Library in the spring. For more information about the project and display sites and dates, contact Marilyn Blanton, Project Manager. marilynblanton@verizon.net



Marilyn Blanton

Marian Kester, Marilyn Blanton



Cecil Carter, Veronica Ruangskul, Polly Carter



Working the room

Photos by Marilyn Blanton & Dorothy Thetford



Michi Harper, Dorothy Thetford, Veronica Rungskul



Dorothy Thetford