



Hello Friends of Keep Texas Beautiful,

We are trying to notify as many Texas communities as possible about the funding opportunity below. Would you would consider posting the message below to your website, share in an upcoming newsletter or email listserv? Please let me know what works best for you, we appreciate your consideration! I have also attached a link to the press release as another option to share the information. <http://ktb.org/assets/2014%20GCAA%20Announcement.pdf>

Texas Communities Encouraged to Apply for Prestigious Statewide Award

Is your community making strides in areas such as litter prevention, beautification or waste reduction? Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is excited to kick off its 2015 awards season and we invite you to take part! All Texas communities are eligible to apply for the Governor’s Community Achievement Award (GCAA), and the 10 winning communities will share \$2 million in landscaping awards. Want to learn more about the application process? Awards training is available to help you through the process whether you’re a first-time applicant or you just need a refresher! Topics include tips and tools for writing award applications, understanding the judging process and how to effectively organize and present your community’s award application. Sign up for an awards training today!

The Governor’s Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) is a program managed by Keep Texas Beautiful and funded by the Texas Department of Transportation. Applications are due February 3, 2015.

Thank you very much for all you do to *keep Texas beautiful!*

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Texas Perspectives – Water

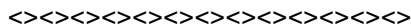
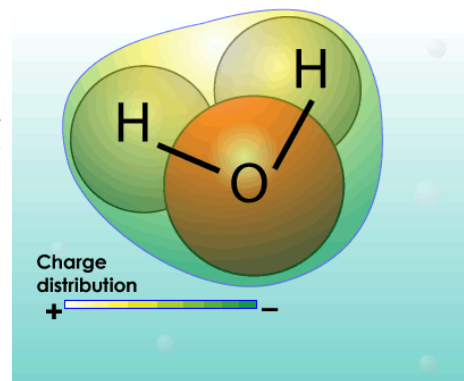
From Bob Ross

How Water Works ©2007 HowStuffWorks

“Texas Perspectives – Water” is an informative video about how we are managing, conserving and projecting our future needs for our precious water supply in Texas.

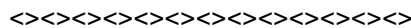
The program originally aired October 22nd, on KERA (PBS). It is approximately 56:45 in length. It is an important topic for all of us.

<http://video.klru.tv/video/2365345995>



Here is a camera where everyone can view **LIVE** two bald eagles nesting at John Bunker Sands Wetland Center. They are in the nest now.

<http://john-bunker-eagles-nest.click2stream.com/>



Texas Invasives

<http://texasinvasives.org/invaders/>

Citizen science website all about the impacts of invasive species on Texas, how to monitor them, also offer workshops.



Texas Pollinator PowWow

Saturday, November 15, 2014
Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts,
1110 W Debbie Lane, Mansfield, Texas 76063.
For registration: <http://txpollinatorpowwow.weebly.com/>

Birds and bats, bees and beetles, butterflies and bugs, and more! Come learn about Texas plants and their pollinators, the conservation challenges they are facing, and how YOU can help! Our first annual TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW 2014* brings you topics ranging from native plants and bees, to hummingbirds and honey bees, to urban and rural land management best practices by experts from around the state. We will also have a great group of exhibitors on hand all day to answer questions, provide resources, and showcase their organizations. There will be live exhibits featuring butterflies, caterpillars and the precious bat 'ambassadors' from Bat World. Desirable pollinator-related items will be available by raffle at the end of the day (your presence is required to win).

Our steering committee of like-minded individuals is pleased to present to you some of the best and brightest of minds and committed professionals in pollination conservation today. It is our desire that the general public be edified, educated and entertained, and that conservation staff and volunteers be enabled to network with others outside their narrow focus while being provided with a popular venue to share their missions with the community at large.

*Please look soon for more information about TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW 2015 at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas.

Welcome and Purpose—Carrie McLaughlin, Texas Master Naturalist and Moderator

Overview of Native Bees of Texas— Michael Warriner, Nongame and Rare Species Program Leader, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Bumble Bees in Urban Places - Jessica Beckham, Ph.D. Candidate, University of North Texas

Activist Notes from The Urban Beekeepers/North Texas - Susan & Brandon Pollard, Bee Whisperers, Texas Honeybee Guild

Eat The Yard - The Pollinator's Importance to the Urban Farmer - Steve Smith & James Jeffers, Eat The Yard Organics (a veteran-owned enterprise)

Luncheon sponsored by Kinetic Solutions LLC

Pollinators and Natives: An Ancient Marriage - Randy Johnson, Dallas Zoo Horticulture Manager, Randy Johnson Organics

Birds as Pollinators - Mark Klym, Wildlife Biologist and Author, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

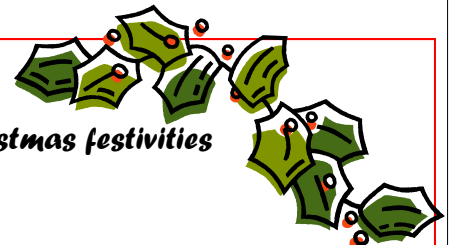
Chiroptera: The Environmental Cornerstone - Kate Rugroden, Director of Bat World Mid-Cities, Wildlife Rehabilitator and Author

Conservation Practices to Protect Bees on Your Property - Anne Stine, Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Xerces Society

Farm Bill Programs & Plantings for Pollinators - Ricky Linex, Wildlife Biologist and Author, Natural Resources Conservation Service



YOUR INVITATION IS IN THE MAIL: Chapter Christmas festivities
December 11, 2014, 10 a.m. / 12:00 noon





Heard Museum Field Course
GEOLOGY On The Bus!

Sulphur River Fossil Hunt-- Sat. Nov. 15

COST: \$25

Don't miss this chance to collect and keep fossils! Take a comfortable bus trip with the Heard to collect fossils in the Sulphur River near Ladonia! This site is famous for great collecting opportunities. Fabulous finds are not unheard of.

During the drive, geologists Keith and Diane Brownlee will talk about the geology we are passing through, and discuss the river system we will be hunting in. We will stop for lunch in Ladonia (BYO Lunch or visit a Ladonia café), then drive to the edge of the river. At the Ladonia Fossil Park, we will head out for our adventure! In the Ladonia city park, we will ID the discoveries.

- USGS Texas Geology maps will be available for purchase (\$8).
- A simple and clear fossil ID book, "Texas Fossils: An Amateur Collector's Handbook" is available from the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology for \$5 online. Click [here](#) and type the title in the search slot in the upper right-hand corner.

The bus will leave from the Heard Museum, 1 Nature Place, McKinney, TX 75069

Trip leaves at 8:30 and returns at 4:30 Adults only please.

General Cancellation Policy: 100% refund up to 2 days prior to class; NO REFUND available after that time.

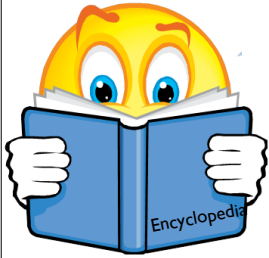
Trip Gear:

- Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes that can get wet or bring boots.
Warning – River access is steep and requires sturdy shoes or boots – No Flip Flops
- Consider bringing change of dry footwear and pants
- Bring hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Bring backpack, sharpie, pencil and plastic bag for specimens
- Bring small trowel, hiking staff and camera if desired

Contact for Questions: Diane Brownlee dbrownlee10@gmail.com 972-931-1502

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Register online: <https://heardmuseum.wufoo.com/forms/geology-enrichment-workshops/>



— LAST WORD —

From Bob Ross

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all have had the good fortune to be around people who have given us a different spin on life with some of their words.

Here are a couple of examples.

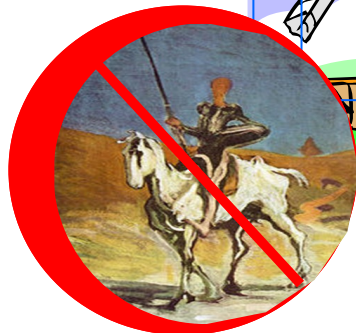
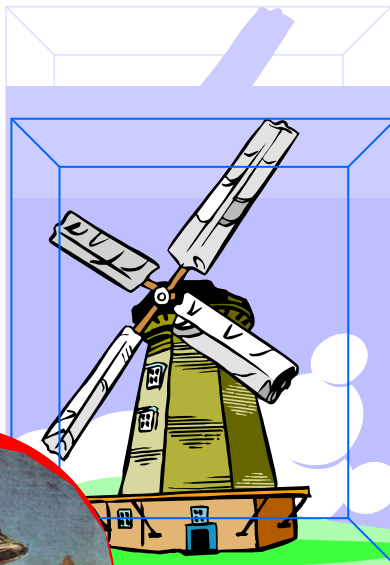
A Texas Tech University alum recently died who was one month short of being 107 years of age. One of his claims to fame was that when the initial campus of Texas Tech was being built, this alum could not understand why they were building so far out of town. Nowadays, the campus is in the middle of the urban sprawl. I knew a post-WWI graduate of Texas Christian University who would speak about how the TCU campus was sitting out on a hill southwest of the town of Fort Worth. Again, today the campus is in the middle of the urban sprawl. He claimed when he was attending TCU it consisted of one building, on a bare hill, with horny toads running around everywhere. Even today, the university mascot is Horned Frogs. Obviously, he or the school never received the memo from Rob Roy about the **Horned Lizard**.



TPWD e-newsletter

If you would like a "last word", please send to wodum10043@reagan.com

Editor's philosophy



everything will be ok in the end if it isn't ok it's not the end — hope to see you next month again!



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www.txmn.org/elmfork



*Photo — Monarch (top) and
Queen on Frostweed — Dorothy
Thetford*

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.

Meeting November 20, 2014—"What is a Naturalist?" presented by Barney Lipscomb

December 11 meeting will be Christmas party and lunch.

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Board Meetings

The Board meets each second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The Board last met November 13, 2014, 2014. Next meeting December 4, 2014.

Board meetings are open to members.



Honor our Veterans