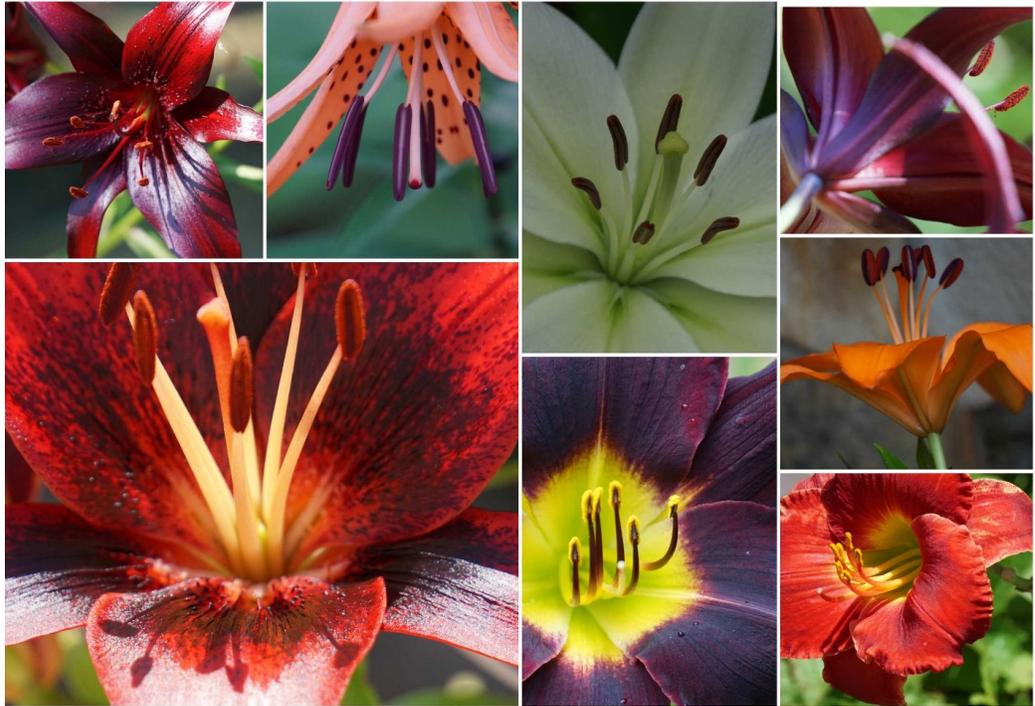


From the Album

Picture stories

Mary Morrow



ANTHERS AND PISTILS AND STAMENS, OH MY!

Jonathan Reynolds

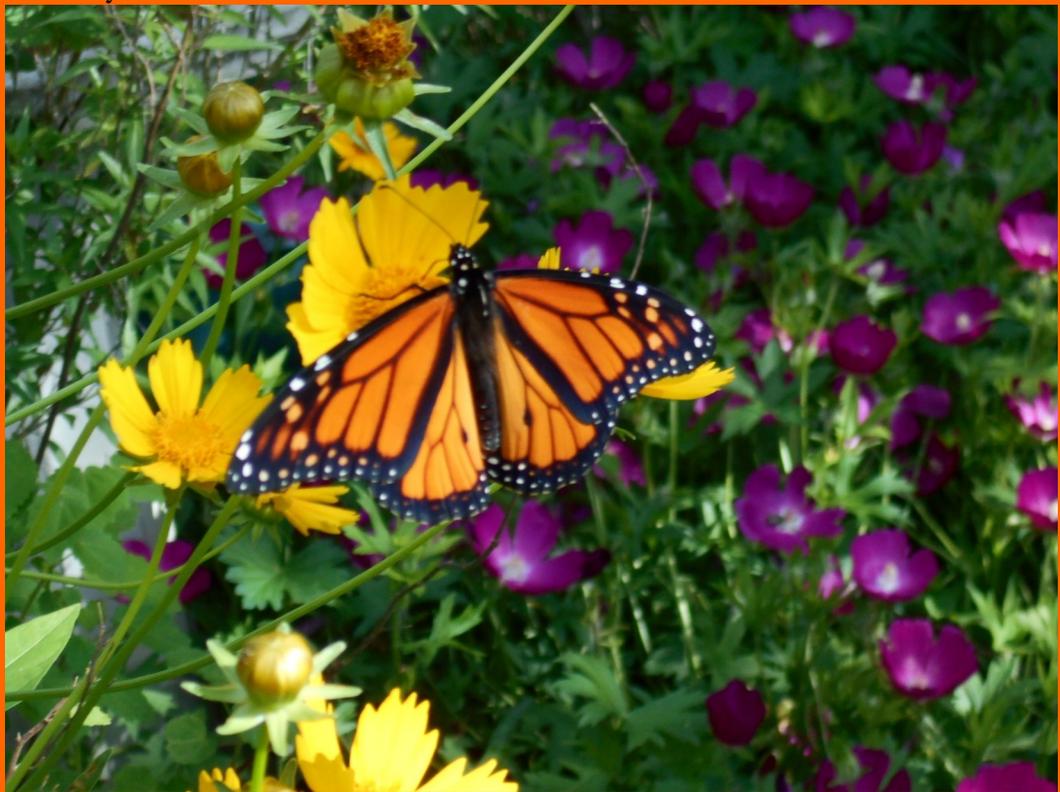


Black-eyed Susan

Scientific name: *Rudbeckia hirta*; Family: Aster (Asteraceae)

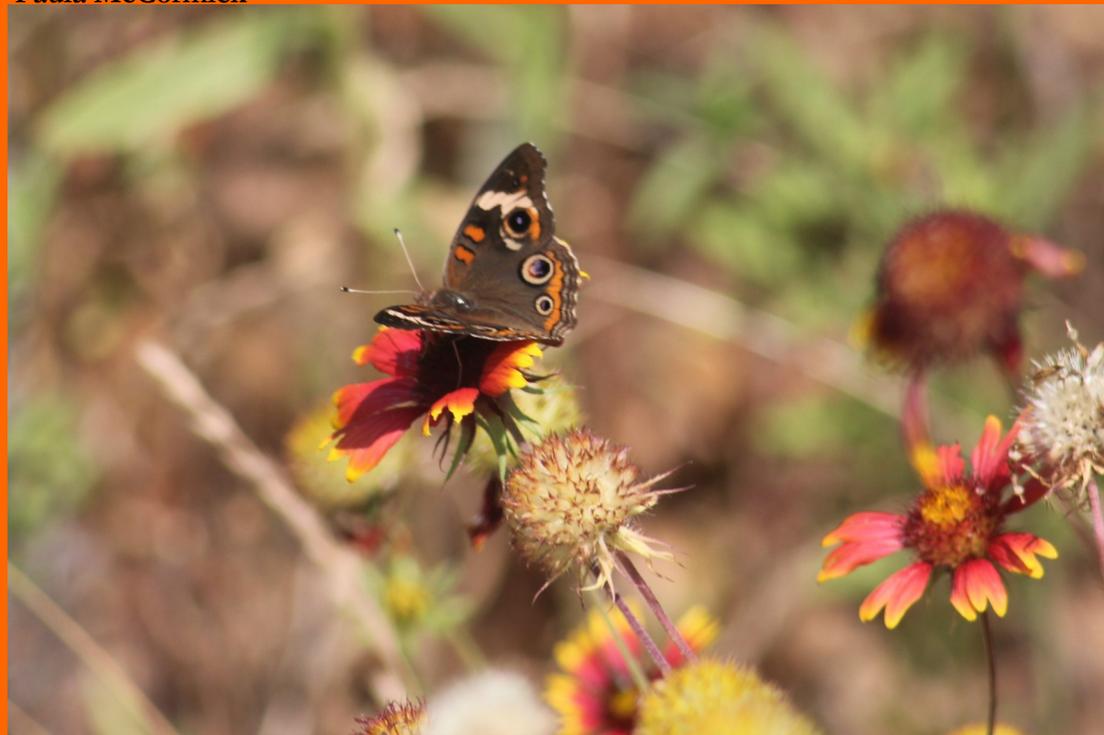
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Dorothy Thetford



Monarch butterfly on Lance-leaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)

Paula McCormick



Buckeye on Indian blanket *See Note p. 16

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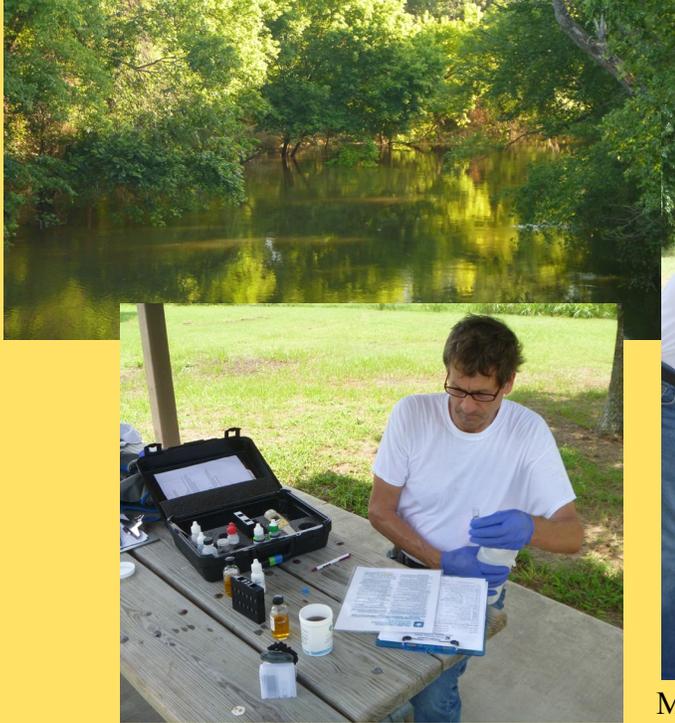
Susan Pohlen



Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the green deep woods. Here grow the wallflower and the violet. The squirrel will come and sit upon your knee, the logcock will wake you in the morning. Sleep in forgetfulness of all ill. Of all the upness accessible to mortals, there is no upness comparable to the mountains. **John Muir**, *Atlantic Monthly*, January 1869



At Elm Fork



MN Chuck Thetford, and Matthew Hendrix, of the City of Denton, testing water quality in the Elm Fork

Below—at Lake Ray Roberts



Lost bench

Rick Torres of TPWD gave me a tour of Isle du Bois. Lots of work to be done but if all goes well, the park may open in September sometime.



Play area



Lost deer

SUMMER IS

From Marilyn Blanton

The noisy buzz of a robber fly
The scuttling of a lizard near by
The morning dew on a spider web before it dries
The sound of leaves when the breeze makes them sigh
The red flash of a cardinal when it flies
The soaring grace of a vulture way up high
The quick silent dash of a dragonfly
The twittering of chimney swifts in the sky
The dazzling beauty of a butterfly
The sharpness of a lone hawk's cry
The swiftness of a hummingbird zipping by
The cheerful sunflowers standing high
The hidden bird's nest that I spy
The little fledglings learning to fly
The playfulness of a squirrel so spry
The hungry caterpillar munching on his food supply
The fuzzy bumblebee buzzing by
The jarring sound of a cicada's reply
The spider waiting for a meal so still and sly
The tree's shade when the sun is high
The hope for rain when clouds gather in the sky
The glimpse of a skink as it hides or tries
The bold shriek of the bluejay's cry
The toad ready to catch a bug coming by
The ceaseless chorus of insects as evening draws nigh
The twinkling of stars in the warm night sky





Take notes



Meet your . . .

2014 Class Representative— “Super” Ray Kreutzfeld



Every new class of The Elm Fork Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists elects a “class representative”. The representative attends Chapter Board of Directors meetings and coordinates the class project. A fun task is to deliver a celebratory cake at the Chapter meeting following the end of class for the previous year’s attendees. Not specified as a responsibility but an essential element of being the class representative is promoting cohesiveness and communication.

While the Chapter has a monthly meeting and newsletter, not all class members are able to attend meetings. The class representative helps people stay connected to the chapter and involved in the class project. Our class has a Facebook page for the class project and one for class socializing. Anyone in the class can post to these pages

The 2014 EFCTMN Class Project is creation of an educational trail at the Lewisville Independent School District Outdoor Learning Area (LISDOLA) called The Fossil Trail. This trail highlights the existence of ammonite and other types of fossils from the Cretaceous Period in Lewisville’s geological history. It will serve to direct the interest of grade school students to fossils, geology and related concepts.

As class representative, I am enjoying working with classmates, chapter members and Suzanne Barnard of LISDOLA to bring this project to reality. There are many tasks that allow a great portion of the class to contribute.

I first learned of the TMN program in 2000 and joined in 2014. I am retired after several careers, the last being with Fidelity Investments for 18 years. I have two adult children and 3 grandchildren. I am originally from Ohio and am a proud graduate of The Ohio State University. I have lived in the Dallas area since 1974. Texas is my home.