

This month's Naturalist News helpers. . .

Elm Fork Chapter's "crème de la crème"



Mary Morrow, class 2014, p. 11

Joanne Fellows, class of 2008,

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Jonathan Reynolds, class of 2014, p. 14

Judi Elliott—class of 2009,  
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Shari Brand, class 2013, p.  
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Ray Kreutzfeld, class 2014, p.16

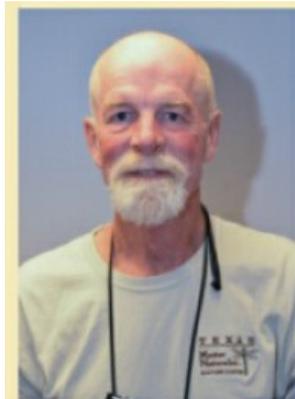
Susan Pohlen, class 2007, p.13



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Marilyn Blanton—class  
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Larry Brennan, class 2012, p. 4



Jan Deatherage, class of  
2011 p. 4



The video of Jessica Beckham's wonderful presentation is now available in our YouTube channel.

### Bumble Bees

Jessica Beckham, currently a Ph.D candidate in environmental science at the University of North Texas gave a wonderful presentation on the Bumble Bees in our area. Missed it or want to see it again? Her presentation has been added to your Elm Fork Chapter video library, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkqFk3UWfW5CFfjgPBgCMw>

Or.....

#### **Conservation of North Texas Bumble Bees by Jessica Beckham**

<https://youtu.be/85fNu6LVLRS>

Bumble bees are important pollinators in both natural and agricultural systems. Unfortunately, they are declining worldwide; in Texas, five of our eight documented species have experienced range reductions in other parts of the United States. This program includes information on the natural history of bumble bees, identification of common species in north Texas, ongoing research at the University of North Texas, and ways that individuals can help to conserve these vital resources.

Want to see even more about Bumble Bees? Check out Jessica's YouTube Video at: <https://youtu.be/1-0PzhNKaGU>

*From Joanne and Ron Fellows*



\*Note from p. 10 Paula McCormick, a former member, has moved on but I still have some great photos from her that I use when appropriate to the subject. NN Editor.

## Upcoming Events



**TMN Program Video Contest 2015!**  
Don't forget our annual TMN Program Video Contest! We're currently accepting entries through September 18<sup>th</sup>! Learn more about the Video Contest at: <http://txmn.org/event/2nd-annual-video-contest/>



### Recruit for our 2015 MN Class!

Our open house is **Thursday August 20th** which is also the deadline for applications! Classes start on **September 1**. More information can be found about the upcoming class, our informational open house and the class curriculum on our website: <http://txmn.org/elmfork/join-our-chapter/training-information/> Share your passion! Invite your friends and family to learn and become a part of our great chapter.

### TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW 2015

**September 19-20, 2015**

**Schreiner University, Kerrville,  
Texas**

For information: Carrie McLaughlin  
TEXAS POLLINATOR POWWOW 2015, Coordinator

<https://www.facebook.com/texaspollinatorpowwow>  
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10 more trees on your street could make you feel 7 years younger, study shows-  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/how-living-on-a-street-with-lots-of-trees-helps-you/2015/07/27/9093a916-320d-11e5-8353-1215475949f4\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/how-living-on-a-street-with-lots-of-trees-helps-you/2015/07/27/9093a916-320d-11e5-8353-1215475949f4_story.html)

Scientists have discovered that living near trees is good for your health- (well duh!!)  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/07/09/scientists-have-discovered-that-living-near-trees-is-good-for-your-health/>

Stanford researchers find walking in nature can lower depression-  
<http://news.stanford.edu/news/2015/june/hiking-mental-health-063015.html>

How we build cities affects air quality-  
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/06/11/how-the-way-we-build-cities-and-communities-affects-the-quality-of-the-air-that-we-breathe/>

What dose of nature do we need to feel better-  
<http://dirt.asla.org/2015/06/03/what-dose-of-nature-do-we-need-to-feel-better/>

Respectfully,

Steve Houser  
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*Field Notes in Focus*

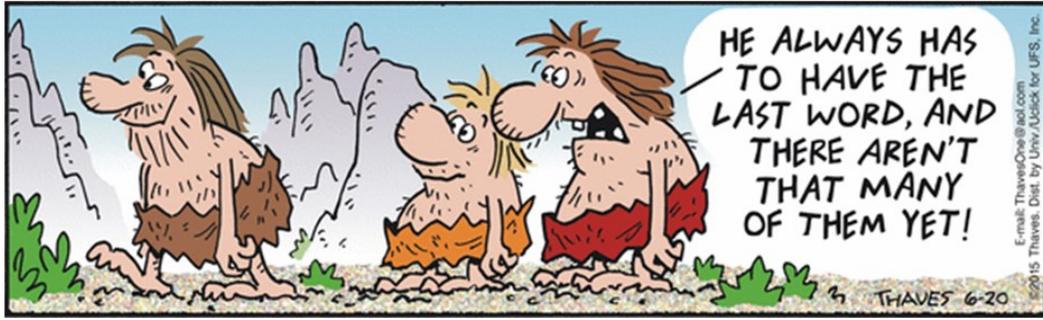


*Partridge pea (Chamaerista fasciculata)*  
— *From the gallery of Dorothy Thetford*

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

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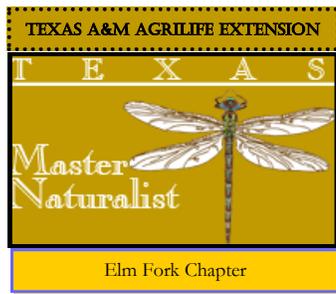
### Fun Raccoon Facts

- The raccoon's scientific name, *Procyon lotor*, means "washer dog" although it is a closer relative to the bear family.
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- Population densities of raccoons in urban areas can be 20 times higher than for raccoons in rural environments.
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- Raccoons have a large array of vocalizations. They purr, whistle, growl, hiss, scream and even whinny.
- Raccoons have been kept as pets (President Coolidge and his wife had one named Rebecca), and while young, seem happy to be in human company. As they mature, especially during mating season, they can become increasingly destructive and aggressive.
- A raccoon's hands are so nimble they can unlace a shoe, unlatch a cage and deftly retrieve coins as thin as dimes from your shirt pocket.

<http://www.thejunglestore.com/Raccoons>



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*”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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**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. **\*August meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting August 20, 2015 — Roundup activities

Meeting September 17, 2015 — Katrina Nuncio, President  
 Tarrant County Archeology Society

**701 Kimberly Drive, Denton, TX 76208**

**Elections /Technical Building**

**Denton County Admin Complex**

**Board Meetings**

**The Board meets each second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The Board last met August 13, 2015. Next monthly meeting September 10, 2015**

**Board meetings are open to members.**

