



Three new videos from the January General Meeting are now available to everyone on our youtube channel.

### **YouTube Channel: Texas Master Naturalists Elm Fork Chapter**

**President's Message 2015** - Jan Deatherage      <http://youtu.be/sV3rsxAHGtw>

**Engaging In Volunteering** - Marti Lathrop      <http://youtu.be/4-aAeevZVro>

**General Meeting** - January 2015      <http://youtu.be/VO9Q9f7ZTrw>



#### CLEAN UP AFTER EFCMN MEETINGS

Sometimes we forget that Denton County does not have paid staff to clean up after our meetings whether they are our monthly chapter meetings, board meetings, committee meetings or training workshops or seminars. Anytime we use a meeting or training room in the Joseph A Carroll Admin Building, we should clean up after ourselves. If we use Room 115 on the first floor, here are some special instructions from Kami:

We are incredibly shorthanded in the office right now and normally we (office staff) would be setting up Room 115 before any meetings other than the General Chapter meetings. This includes rearranging the chairs to the design posted on back of the partition that separates the kitchen from the main room, cleaning up any coffee in the kitchen area, taking down the table and chairs outside in the hallway.

We are asking the Master Naturalists and Gardeners to set up Room 115 according to the design posted on back of the partition that separates the kitchen from the main room when they are done with their meetings. Clean up so far consisted mostly of the refreshments table and the kitchen.

Basics:

- Columns arranged in a 5 & 5 setting, rows number about 8, with an aisle down the middle, using only the blue cushioned chairs. For aesthetics, we have decided on straight columns of chairs.
- Refreshments and sign in tables cleared off completely. We don't need the pens or flyers as we usually end up having to either bring it back into the office or dispose of them.
- No food left in the fridge; if it's someone's intention for the office staff to eat it, usually gets forgotten (unfortunately). Hence, science projects in the fridge have been happening.
- Wipe down the counter in the kitchen, clean the coffee pot.
- Fold down the table that's out in the hallway and stack with the others in that back little room with the paper shredder-see diagram.

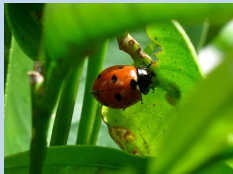
**SWAt ( Science with Attitude) Planning and Work Days—Volunteers Needed!**

**Feb. 26:** 1pm-4pm, 6th Floor, Resource Room

**March 5,12,19,& 26** 1pm-4pm, 6th Floor, Resource Room

**April 23** 1pm-4pm, 6th Floor, Resource Room

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**Entomology Specialist Training Sept 28- Oct 2! - AT**

This year's program which will be held September 28 through October 2 in Conroe, TX. We will make use of the excellent facilities at the Monroe County Extension Office, the site of our 2009 training.

We are not yet set up to take registrations, but I wanted to let you know so you can save the date.

To read more about the program, see my recent blog post <http://citybugs.tamu.edu/2015/02/03/save-the-date/> and visit the MVES website <<http://agriflife.org/insectspecialist/>>.

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**— PHOTO CONTEST**

The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is hosting a photo contest to promote our Project Noah biodiversity project.



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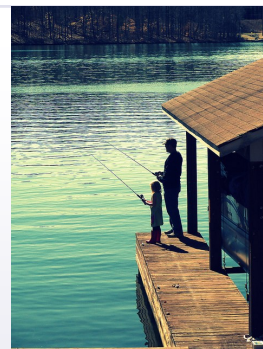
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No natural resource is more important for our future than water. Water is what we do.

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### Become a certified TPWD Angler Education Instructor:


One of the greatest gifts my father ever gave me was teaching me how to fish, because that lead me to the wonders of exploring the woods. Dad would take me fishing. When the fish weren't biting and I would get bored I would explore the outdoors.



Give the same gift to others. Become a Angler Instructor! We have angler events at Ray Roberts Lake, LLELA, and South Lakes park in Denton. There are other opportunities with scouts and other parks, just to mention a few.

March 10th, 12 - 4:30 pm, Carroll Courts Building, room 507. The class will be limited to 30 students Contact Jan Hodson to register [janhodson@ntin.net](mailto:janhodson@ntin.net)

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**Naturalist News needs nature photos and articles**

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### This month's Naturalist News helpers. . .

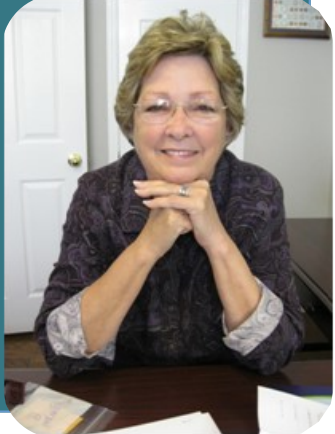


Joanne Fellows — class of 2008 see p. 10



Don Fikes—class of 2013, see pp. 11, 13

Judi Elliott—class of 2010, see p. 2 (and proofing all)



Elm Fork Chapter's "crème de la creme"

### This month's Naturalist

*"Sounds of the wind or sounds of the sea  
Make me happy just to be."*—June Polis



**Dorothy Thetford—class of 2001, see p. 22**

*Van Elliott—class of 2010, see p. 2, 20*



*Bob Ross—class of 2013, see pp. 8, 12*

*"You don't take a photograph. You ask quietly to borrow it."* — Unknown

*Marilyn Blanton, class of 1999, see p. 9*



**Peg La Point — class of 2008, see p. 7**



*Alex Lieban—class of 2005, see p. 5*

*Beggar man says:*



**Naturalist News editor needs articles, photos, announcements and whatever else you will share. PLEASE send photos & other stuff.**

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**To this month's contributors: "couldn't do it without you"— thank you!**

**“FIELD NOTES IN FOCUS”**



*Great horned owl — from archives  
of the gallery of Van Elliott*