



### Regular Meeting Dates with some changes to note:

Below is the Master Naturalist schedule of room reservations for the new meeting location at the Elections & Technical Building. There was a conflict of scheduling and new meeting dates shown in red.

03-19-15 - Thursday (no change) ✓

**04-15-15 - Wednesday** - Conflict with 04-16-15 meeting date and the other group reserved in January.

05-21-15 - Thursday (no change)

06-18-15 - Thursday

07-16-15 - Thursday

08-20-15 - Thursday

09-17-15 - Thursday



**10-14-15 - Wednesday** - Elections training was already scheduled for 10-15-15

11-19-15 - Thursday (no change)

**12-10-15 - 2nd Thursday** - moved for Christmas season

Dear Tree Talkers,

A great deal of tree related research was recently released:

Trees fight climate change: <http://www.smithschool.ox.ac.uk/research-programmes/stranded-assets/Stranded%20Carbon%20Assets%20and%20NETs%20-%2006.02.15.pdf>

Trees and green infrastructure are key to climate smart cities: <http://dirt.asla.org/2015/02/03/green-infrastructure-for-resilience/>

Trees reduce the need for antidepressants: <http://mentalhealthdaily.com/2015/01/25/living-near-trees-linked-to-less-antidepressant-prescriptions-in-london/>  
<http://www.citylab.com/housing/2015/01/londoners-living-near-street-trees-get-prescribed-fewer-antidepressants/384559/>  
 Benefits of green infrastructure: <http://www2.epa.gov/smart-growth/enhancing-sustainable-communities-green-infrastructure>

Benefits of large old hollow trees: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0099403>

Research on the link between human health and greenspace: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/47694>

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/publications/reports/2015/the-impact-of-green-space-on-heat-and-air-pollution-in-urban-communities/>

I will email a test next week to be sure you read it all ☺

Respectfully,

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The following is a reprint from March NN because your editor left out the introductory paragraph. My apology to Bob!



Texas Bluebells– Wikipedia

## ***Palo Pinto Mountains*** *From Bob Ross*

**T**exas is home to more than 90 state parks, with 15 of them in or near North Texas. Be prepared to add one more to the list in our area. The new state park will be Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, located two miles west of the community of Strawn on FM 2372, which is 92 miles southwest of Denton.

The State purchased the land, 4000+ acres, in October of 2011. It is located in the Western Cross Timbers Ecoregion and is centered between Fort Worth and Abilene from the east to the west,

and Wichita Falls and Brownwood from the north to the south. The park is in the planning stage now, with the preparation and development stages to follow later. Tentatively, the park is schedule to open in 2018. Once opened, TPWD is projecting 100-150,000 annual visitors. One of the major draws in the park will be Raptor Ridge, located in a migratory route for falcons, hawks and other birds.

Although the park is not officially opened, events are planned begin-



<http://keranews.org/post/take-sneak-peek-newest-state-park-texas>

ning next month on the property. The first Equestrian Trail Ride will take place April 11, 2015. The ride will be limited to 60 riders. The trail ride will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by a short break for lunch and another ride at 2:00 p.m. Camping will be permitted Friday night, but no electricity or water hookups are available. The fee is \$20 which includes a BBQ lunch. A second event will be a Star Party taking place on April 18, 2015 and is free to the public. Members of both the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas and the Fort Worth Astronomical Society will be there with telescopes visitors can use to view stars and constellations, or bring your own telescope.



Joanne Fellows, class of 2008, p. 6

Adelaide & John Bodnar, class of 2007, p. 9



Judi Elliott, class of 2009. pp 1 – end (our proofreader)



Elm Fork Chapter's "crème de la crème"



Alex Lieban, class of 2005, p. 7



Dorothy Thetford— class of 2001, p. 22



Bob Ross—Class of 2013, pp.5, 10, 18



Peg LaPoint, class of 2008, p 4

Jan Hodson, class of 2002, p. 20



Susan Pohlen, class 2007, p.

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*Leopard frog – from the gallery  
of Jan Hodson*

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