

Elm Fork Chapter's "crème de la creme"

This month's Naturalist News helpers. . .



Joanne Fellows, class 2008



Dorothy Thetford, class 2001



Jan Deatherage, class 2011

Judi Elliott, class 2009



Mary Morrow, class of 2014



ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

NOT PICTURED:

Risa Bender

Cindy Maloney

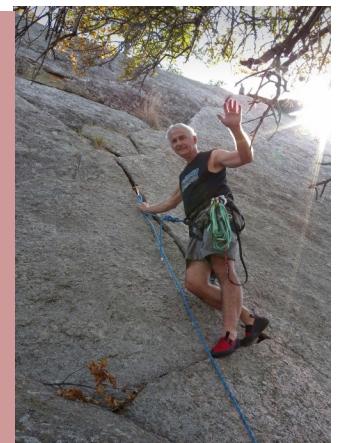


Marilyn Blanton, class 1999



Jan Hodson, class of 2002

Jon Reynolds, class 2014





N E E D Y! Naturalist News received NO feature articles for November. We republished one of Joanne’s excellent articles; but if you don’t want to read “fish stories” next time, please consider contributing flora and fauna articles!

Gone Fishing...
Be back with fish stories



Deadline for December Naturalist News is December 2.



Editor’s error

The photos of Rain-lily (*Cooperia pedunculata*) in October NN did not identify the photographer and information as coming from **Dorothy Thetford**.



(1) This month we are introducing a new section from Dorothy Thetford who is planning to visit project sites with her camera to highlight workers behind the scene.

(2) Then, starting in January 2016, Judi Elliott and Jon Reynolds are going to give readers another new feature to help members learn more about each other. Jon is planning to take his camera into the field to capture photos of selected members on project sites and Judi will write a biographical sketch of each.

Naturalist News hopes our readers will enjoy a little something new! After all, projects and the people volunteering their time and resources is what Master Naturalist is about.

Going Undercover with Dorothy Thetford

This month NN is starting a new segment from Dorothy Thetford who is going far and wide to get photos of chapter members on project sites in order to remind readers of the numerous project hours expended by workers behind the scene.



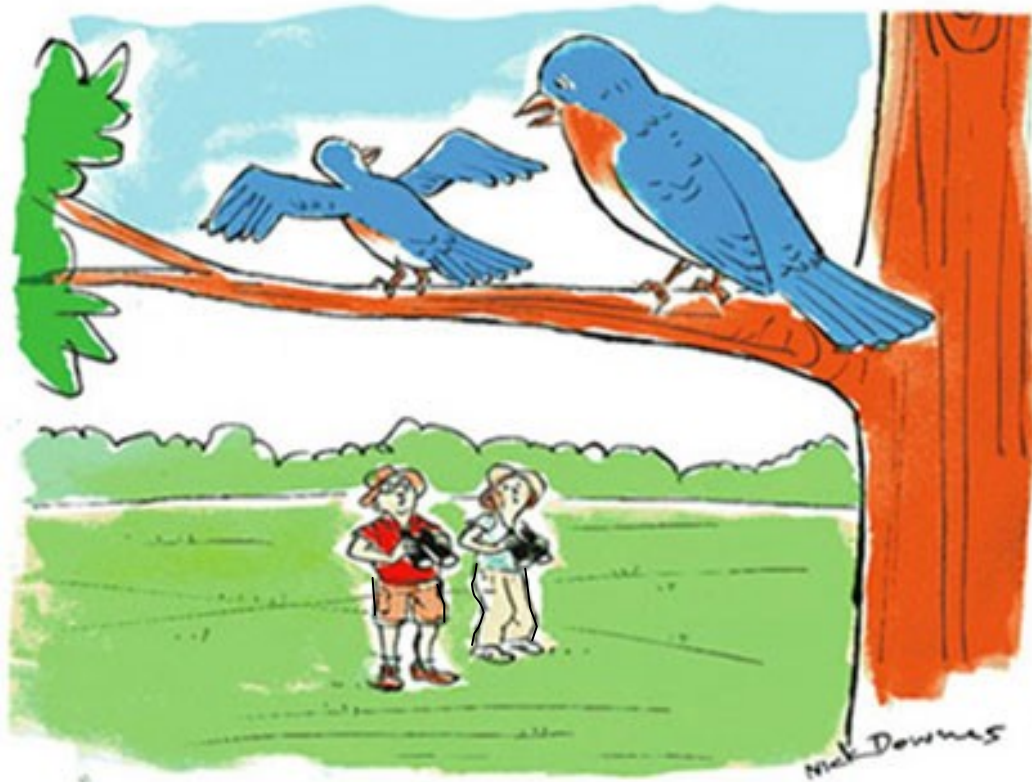
Dorothy was looking for a subject when she came upon Master Naturalist Carl Patrick quietly but diligently working behind the scenes at LLELA. Carl was repotting grass divisions for transferring to the prairie at a later date. Note length of the roots. Carl is from the class of 2010.

Then with trusty camera in hand, Dorothy, who is a member of the project's committee, couldn't resist this scene during one of the work sessions:

Stationed in the back corner of the art-work judging room, Betty Mullenweg (class 2001) is documenting, labeling, sorting, categorizing and recording hundreds of pieces of artwork from 13 local elementary schools as committee members judged the work by school, art teacher, and classroom.

The project featured 4th grade art students' paintings entered in the Texas Native Plant Art Exhibition 2015 MN project. Marilyn Blanton is Project Manager for this annual contest and judging.





**“Not yet. Don’t fly off until the moment
they raise their binoculars.”**

— LAST WORD —

Be like the bird in flight . . . pausing a while on boughs too slight, feels them give way beneath her, yet sings
knowing yet, that she has wings.

Victor Marie Hugo

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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.”*

Fall colors—Risa Bender, was in the class of 2002



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 19, 2015— It’s Turtle Time with Carl Franklin as the speaker

Meeting December 10, 2015—Christmas luncheon

701 Kimberly Drive, Denton, TX 76208

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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 12, 2015. Next monthly Board meeting is December 3, 2015

Board meetings are open to members.

