

Updates

KFMB Spring Trash Off & Environmental Fair

**April 2, 2016
8:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**Home Depot Parking Lot
852 Long Prairie Road
Flower Mound, TX**



We Appreciate Our Sponsors!

Atmos Energy • Best Buy •
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• Home Depot • Shred It •
Sprouts Farmers Market
Town of Flower Mound
Waste Management

Native Plant Society of Texas Plant Sale: Over 60 Plant Species!

Environmental Fair

- 10: 00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Booths will promote environmental lifestyles.
- Kids activities, Workshops, Inflatable Slide, Rockwall.
- CCA will be collecting lightly used clothes and housewares.
- Carter Blood Care will sponsor a Blood Drive.
- Document shredding for all Flower Mound residents.
- Best Buy provides small electronic waste recycling.



Community Clean Up

- 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- T-shirt giveaways for the first 300 volunteers to register.
- Lunch provided
- Prizes for most trash & recyclables collected plus door prizes.

From Peg La Point—Rat poison often takes several days to kill the animal, while it bleeds to death by degrees. What is worse, many animals, such as foxes, owls, raccoons, hawks, cats, eagles, coyotes, and pumas that eat poisoned rats (or an animal that eats the rats) are made sick or killed.

If you set out poison, I sincerely hope you will read this really informative article. The conclusions at the end might help you find alternatives to poison.

<http://www.urbancarnivores.com/poisons/>

From Peg La Point—Plastic in the Sea: <http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jan/19/more-plastic-than-fish-in-the-sea-by-2050-warns-ellen-macarthur>



OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW...

IN NOV 2015 THE PROCESS BEGAN WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF VMS. STILL MAINTAINING EXCEL HOURS, WE TRAINED 60 EFC MEMBERS HOW TO LOG THEIR HOURS INTO VMS.

ON JAN 1, 2016 WE SAID GOODBYE TO EXCEL HOURS AND WENT FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH VMS. TO DATE ONLY 32 EFC MEMBERS HAVE YET TO BRAVE THE NEW STORM AND BEGIN THE CHALLENGE.



MANY MINI TRAINING SESSIONS AND ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS COMFORTABLE USING THE NEW SYSTEM. WE ARE ALL LEARNING AND WHILE MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE ALONG THE WAY, WE ARE ALL GETTING IT!

THE VMS TEAM CONSISTS OF ROB ROY, JUDI ELLIOTT, VAN ELLIOTT, IRENE HANSON, MIKE HATCH, RAY KREUTZFELD, MARY MORROW, BRENDA WELLENREITER AND DONNA WOLFE. THEY WORK HARD APPROVING HOURS, ANSWERING EMAILS, RESOLVING QUESTIONS, TRAINING MEMBERS.

VMS

IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL THAT SAYS 'VMS HOURS CORRECTION' TAKE A LOOK...IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN EMAIL THE VMS TEAM AT EFCTMN.VMS@GMAIL.COM.



Of interest at BRIT

I Spy an Ecosystem!



Do you like volunteering with school groups? The Butterfly School Program at BRIT has curriculum written, schools booked, and now all we need are volunteers. The positions for the School Program Volunteers will be Conservatory, In the Mayan Jungle, Butterfly Life Cycle, and Butterfly Behaviors. If you are interested in helping with school-age children in this hands-on learning environment, there is an additional training one of which you are required to attend:

- February 17, 10 a.m. - noon at BRIT
- February 25, 10 a.m. - noon at BRIT

Upcoming BRIT Brown Bags:

February 2, 2016 - Robert O'Kennon & Kim Norton Taylor

Flora diversity of the LBJ National Grasslands.

March 1, 2016 - Gail Manning

Supporting Monarch Butterflies.

April 5, 2016 - Amy Hays, Hugh Aljoe, Mike Proctor

Moving Forward in Sustainable Management of Natural Resources – the Noble Foundations relationship with innovative producers, applied research, and partnerships.

April 26, 2016 - Dwayne Estes

The Pennyroyal Plain Prairie: A vision for restoring a forgotten ecosystem

May 3, 2016 - Dan Caudle

Acadian Adventures - Natural Resource Management in Cajun Country

May 10, 2016 - Denis Benjamin

The edibility of wild mushrooms; some common adverse reactions - incidence and mechanisms

May 17, 2016 - Brooke Best

Up There in the Air: BRIT's Living Roof

May 24, 2016 - Jason Best, Tiana Rehman, & Peter Fritsch

Out of the Cabinets: characterizing the contents of the BRIT herbarium

May 31, 2016 - Peter Fritsch

Cryptic species in North American redbuds (*Cercis*) and the search for Madrean-Tethyan links



For detailed information go to: <http://www.brit.org/events/lecture-series>



DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK



SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

7AM-5PM

Master Birder-led Bird Walks • Exhibitors & Vendors •
Dinosaur Talks • Kids Crafts • Presentations on
Hummingbirds, Raptors, Dragonflies, Monarchs, and
more!

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