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September Meeting

**Does Nature Matter?
The Importance of Parks
for Nature Education**

**Sam Kieschnick,
Nature Education Specialist,
City of Mansfield**

**Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm
Fielder Museum, 1616 W. Abram St
(corner of Fielder and Abram)**



Sam will discuss the new nature education programs being offered in Mansfield, the role of the new Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park in this educational effort, and how Mansfield is using the nature park as an outdoor classroom and venue for citizen science projects.

Sam earned a Master's degree studying genetics of pocket gophers at Tarleton State University. He has held a number of nature-related positions in the area and is a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas and Cross Timbers Master Naturalists.

To Bee or Not...

In these days of concern about bumblebee decline, it was good to spot one in the unauthorized wildscape next door. But no, it was a moth, probably a snowberry clearing-wing, mimicking a bumblebee — and also bits of a hummingbird with its little hummer tail. A wonderful creature, of course, but where are the bumblebees?



Today's Inspirational Moment



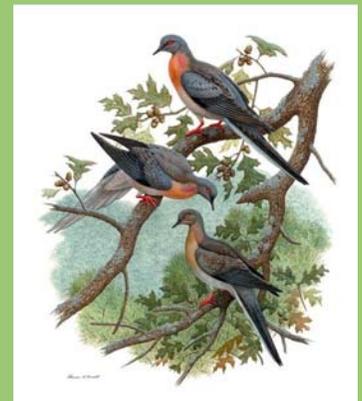
Moral codes adjust themselves to environmental conditions.

Will Durant

RIP

The last passenger pigeon died at the Cincinnati Zoo on September 1, 1914. The species was the most abundant bird in North America (maybe 3 to 5 billion) in the 19th century. And through hunting and habitat loss we killed them all.

Who's next?



From the President **Danny Kocurek**



Pavilion. We will be expanding into a 20x30 tent and adding a display on native plants and eliminating turf, to be hosted by the Wildscape volunteers. The city was very appreciative of our work last year, hence the larger tent.

There will not be as much preparatory work (thank god) this year since most of the displays can be reused, but we really need to increase our volunteers for the day of the event. We had several people put in 12-hour work days last Eco-Fest, and I would like to spread out the work a little more.

We will need volunteers from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm to assist visitors. We will also need help with setup and take down. You do not

need any special training to volunteer. Everything is written in front of you and is designed to be performed by people with no mechanical skills or knowledge.

We had several volunteers last year from UTA and River Legacy who showed up not knowing what they were volunteering for and were doing a great job 10 minutes later.

We will get you oriented and help you with any questions before you start. You can volunteer for as long as you like but we recommend at least two hours.

Please let me or a board member know if you are able to help.

Thank you.

ACC will be presenting a bigger and better version of our accolade winning exhibit, Fix it Green, at Eco-Fest on September 20 at Levitt

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Preserves Update Jan Miller

Native Prairies Association of Texas – Fort Worth and Dallas area chapters

New chapters have formed in both Fort Worth and Dallas. Join the FW area chapter (including Tarrant county) meetings:

September 8 (2nd Mondays)
6:30 p.m.

West Side Presbyterian Church
8700 Chapin Rd, Forth Worth, 76116
(~0.75 mi. east of I-820W)

Many activities are being planned, especially in observance of Prairie Month in October. If you'd like to be involved, contact joacollins@gmail.com.

Blackland Prairie Nature Preserve

No 3rd Saturday Stewardship workday in September: Plan to see everyone at the Fix-It-Green booth at EcoFest.

Southwest Nature Preserve Friends of Southwest Nature Preserve

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 pm

Lake Arlington Branch Public Library
4000 W. Green Oaks Blvd.
(just north of Pleasant Ridge Rd, next to St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church)
**This event is not sponsored by the Arlington Public Library*

SWNP Workdays:

2nd Thursday
September 11, 9:00 am – noon

4th Saturday
September 27, 9:00 am – noon

In addition to the routine workdays above, a large number of volunteers from a local church group will be tackling many and varied projects on 2nd Sundays, September through December. The volunteers make for a fabulous opportunity, but team leaders familiar with the preserve are essential. Please contact info@swnp.org if you can help on one or more of these days:

2nd Sundays
9/14, 10/12, 11/9, and 12/14
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

In addition to the volunteer workday projects (invasive plant management,

trail management, erosion control, etc.), there are many other ways to participate (communication, Web site, public outreach, organizational planning, and more) or if you'd just like to be part of the Friends group or for more information, please contact info@swnp.org.

Don't forget: Fall elections are coming.

After researching and casting your own informed vote, the most important thing you can do is to encourage someone else to register and vote. With our historically low voter turnouts, your vote has even greater significance, and state and local elections have the most impact on local environmental and other issues.

Important dates:

Last day to register for this fall's elections: October 6
Early voting: October 20 – 31
Election day: November 4

Focus14

Nature Photo Contest for Young People in Grades 3 – 6 (in Fall '14)

Cash Prizes \$50 1st, \$35 2nd, \$25 3rd, \$15 4th for each grade

Details on the Internet: acctexas.org/focus

Arlington Conservation Council — Naturally Fun Arlington Parks & Recreation

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are good for one year, renewable each January. Your dues go directly to our public education efforts.

Membership Information

Name _____	First-year member \$10.00	
Address _____	Individual \$15.00	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	Family \$25.00	
Phone _____	Supporting \$40.00	Renewing member <input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail _____	Sponsor \$100.00	
	Lifetime Individual \$250.00	
	Other \$ _____	

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