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Dear friends:

Hello and Happy New Year!

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our chapter meeting last week! We had a full house at Brookhaven, and it was great to see so many familiar faces! HUGE thanks to Laura Johnson, Executive Director of the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, for sharing with us some of the incredible work they do around habitat restoration, medical rehabilitation, public education and general information on the raptors of North Texas!

You can review the December Camera Roll Announcements [HERE](#)

You can find the Presidents' Announcements [HERE](#)

You can watch the presentation about the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center [HERE](#)

There is a new exciting VH project that we wanted to promote last week: [SEED SCHOOL](#)

Seed School's new location is the perfect palette for a Master Naturalist project - just enough invasives to conquer, and plenty of wild natives and open space to cultivate. We have a large field behind St. Francis Anglican Church ([3838 Walnut Hill Ln.](#)) to turn into a wonderland nature area and garden for the Seedschool children and for the community. Initial projects include taming a woody area, removing privet and poison ivy, and pulling hedge parsley. Then we get to have fun! There are many native plants in place on the property. Trees include Bur Oak, Live Oak, Red Oak, Pecan, Elm, and Bois d'arc. This is an ongoing project that you can fit into your available time. There will be opportunities for working directly with the children and with the community.

The next informational meeting to introduce the project is Saturday, 1/17, 11:00 to 12:00.

Please email Kate Stuart at jkstuart@sbcglobal.net or text 214-546-6214 to sign up for the meetings. Seedschool is approved for VH under Schools and Community Habitats. Visit our Instagram [@seedschoolbus](#) to see what we've done so far!

And we can't forget to mention Shelby Smith's incredible owl attire!



We are both so excited for this New Year with NTMN, and are looking forward to getting out and learning more about what you all are doing with individual projects all around North Texas! Please reach out to either of us any time, and thanks to all of you for making NTMN such an important and fun community to be a part of!

Thank you!

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P.S.

A few reminders...

Bruce Stewart sent out a Nomination Survey for several open committee roles via email.

You can complete that here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfn6NxXvLNeRI1vYRHrmm3A6ArDI3s0BruEtfhsKyKJW2zi6Q/viewform>

Our winter banquet will be held on Saturday, February 1 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm at the AgriLife Water Building at 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252. You can sign up to volunteer to bring something yummy for the potluck here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/DMKDY>

You can sign up to volunteer to help decorate tables

here: <https://volunteersignup.org/YT8AM>

Please join our chapter's NTMN iNaturalist project! This is only for our chapter, and can be a great way to get to know other members and see what kinds of cool things everyone is seeing outside - we're already up to almost 160,000 observations! Your observations can be automatically added to the project by joining here:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/north-texas-master-naturalist-chapter> Please

contact Josh Ebright with any questions or if you have trouble joining:

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Please review the announcement links at the top of this message, which lists lots of volunteer opportunities as well as our short introductory presentation. You can also find them on the home page of ntmn.org.



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