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Bluebirds—one nestbox at a time

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (November 7, 2013) – Featuring beautiful photography, Linda Crum reveals the charm of bluebirds at *Attracting Bluebirds to Your Garden*, a free *Walk in the Woods* Nature Lecture presentation on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at McCullough Junior High School, 3800 S. Panther Creek Drive, 77381.

Vibrant blue, Eastern bluebirds are returning to Texas due to the efforts of birding enthusiasts like Mrs. Crum with the Texas Bluebird Society. Recipient of the organization's Blue Feather Award for her conservation efforts, Mrs. Crum has inspired hundreds of homeowners in the area to add bluebird nestboxes to their landscapes.

"Bluebirds were in a lot of trouble during the early part of the twentieth century, not just from habitat loss, but from competition with house sparrows, a non-native species," said Mrs. Crum. "The aggressive bird can still be a threat, but specially constructed nestboxes provide a home and help to safeguard the Eastern bluebird."

The rewards of adding a nestbox to the home landscape are many. Courtship, nest building and rearing of young are easily observed. Social charmers, bluebirds seem to form some type of relationship with humans, according to Mrs. Crum.

Learn about the behaviors and life stages of bluebirds along with how to attract them to your landscape. Nestboxes will be available at the presentation with a \$15 membership to Texas Bluebird Society. Organized by The Woodlands Township, the program receives sponsorship from The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N., Waste Management and Hilton Garden Inn. For more information, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov or call The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department at 281-210-3800.

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PHOTO: A male bluebird, more colorful of the species, selects a nestbox and displays to attract a mate. Learn more about bluebirds at the next *Walk in the Woods* Nature Lecture on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at McCullough Junior High School, 3800 S. Panther Creek Drive, 77381.

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