



Blue Thumb—In Pictures

December 2018



Volunteer Makes a Difference

You can make a huge difference within the community when it comes to non-point source pollution. Don't believe us? Just ask Karen Chapman! This Super Blue Thumb Volunteer monitors Bishop Creek in Norman, as well as spends hours cleaning it up, using Blue Thumb tools and activities to educate others, and talks to council and board members about preserving one of the world's most precious resource. It is no wonder that she received Keep Oklahoma Beautiful's Champion Volunteer Award. Congratulations Karen! You are a great example of what it means to walk the walk and truly helping to keep Oklahoma beautiful!



Karen proudly shows off her Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Champion Volunteer Award. We are so proud of you, Karen, and all the work you do!

So Many Creeks, So Little Time

The end of the year is generally slow for Blue Thumb, but that doesn't mean there isn't work to be done! With all of the new trainings this past year, the number of volunteers interested in monitoring a creek has increased. These tenacious volunteers have braved the cold and wind to get established on a site. Way to go, everyone!

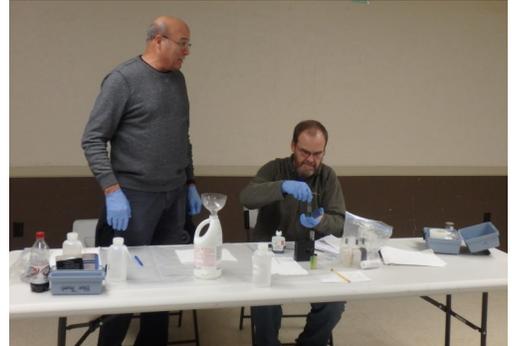


Until Next Year, Bugs

December wrapped up this season's bug picking. Sessions were held in Wyandotte, Tulsa, Hugo, Howe, and several people even braved the icy conditions to come out to Norman. Volunteers also participated in their quarterly Quality Assurance (QA), to assure that they were performing to the best of their ability and that their equipment was operating correctly. Cheryl also gave a small presentation about what volunteers can do to educate the public about non-point source pollution and the important work that Blue Thumb does.



Volunteers braved the ice and snow to pick their bug samples at a bug picking and QA session in Norman.



These students had a blast performing their QA and picking through their bug samples at Wyandotte High School.



Education, Education, Education

December for most people means holidays, cold weather, hot chocolate... but not if you're a Blue Thumber! Education about non-point source pollution doesn't stop for any weather. Whether it just be informational brochures or actual activities and tools, Blue Thumb staff and volunteers always deliver. Snow or shine, we go wherever they are needed (sort of like a certain jolly man dressed in red...).



Jean took some benthic macroinvertebrates to Langston High School's Career Fair to teach students about what Blue Thumb does and why it's important.



Gabriel from Tulsa County Conservation District joined Cheryl at the Tulsa Farm Show to inform interested and happy folks how Blue Thumb can help them.