



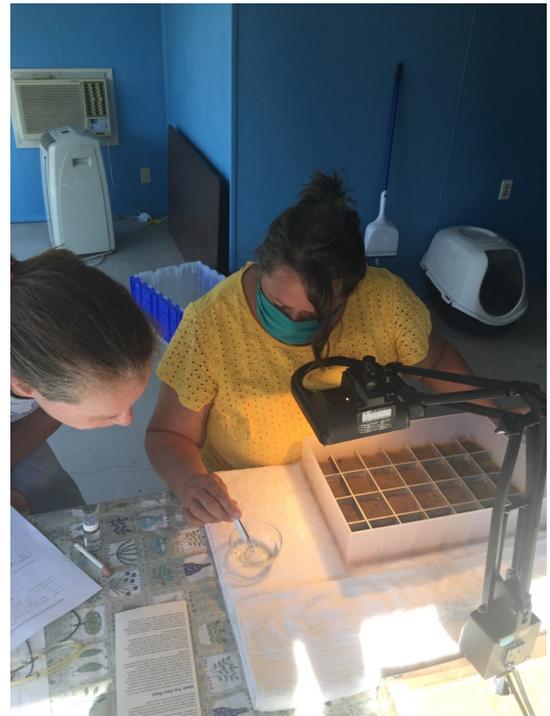
# Blue Thumb—In Pictures



## April 2020

### Unique Problems Call for Unique Solutions

April usually means staff are running around, trying to be in three places at once, whether it be education events, bug pickings, trainings, or anything else. But with the current situation with COVID-19, a lot of those events have been cancelled or postponed. That doesn't mean that we haven't been busy, though. We are still meeting with volunteers who feel comfortable, wearing masks, and maintaining proper social distancing to get stuff done!



Top left: Candice, Cheryl, and a volunteer practice social distancing as they sample on Caney Creek in the Illinois Watershed.

Top right: Kim helps a protected volunteer identify a bug during a bug pick held in her sampling partner's home.

Bottom left: Rebecca films Cheryl and volunteer Kim Watson talk about the creek they monitor near Tulsa while maintain six feet of distance.

## Education, Education, Education

In light of the unique situation with COVID-19, many of our education events have been cancelled or postponed. But we have discovered a new way to continue educating people from the safety of their own homes. We have been very busy filming and putting together videos for fish and bug identification, outreach materials, and Project WET activities that people can use.



Top left: Kim, Rebecca, and Shelby Burrige (OCC Environmental Projects Coordinator) film a video for fish ID at Elm Creek in Norman.

Middle left: Cheryl explains how to make a homemade rainfall simulator from things right at home for an upcoming educational video.

Bottom left: Kim holds up a good sized Largemouth Bass as she explains some important characteristics for people to identify it on their own.

Top right: Cheryl and Candice, in cooperation with the Illinois River Watershed Project, seine Flint Creek in Delaware County to see what fish they can find (and film).

Bottom right: Rebecca has her monitoring partner, Dana, film her collecting water samples during the monthly monitoring to post on social media.