



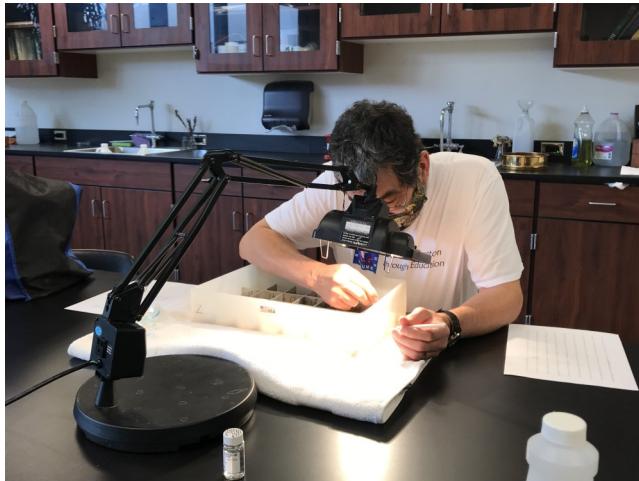
Blue Thumb—In Pictures

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Small Bugs, Small Pickings

With many restrictions still in place due to COVID-19, we continue to practice social distancing and work mostly from home. That doesn't mean that we aren't getting out and about, however. We are still working on getting the bug samples we collected over the winter picked, but instead of mass gatherings, one-on-one meetings with volunteers are taking place, and only with those who feel comfortable doing so. All of the equipment is cleaned before and after use, and masks are encouraged. We had a lot of new volunteers this winter season, and many of them are chomping at the bit to see what they managed to kick up in their creeks this season! (The volunteers in the lower right hand corner are a family group, so close contact is okay!)



Education, Education, Education

Virtual Education has taken up the majority of staff's time in lieu of face-to-face education. We have been very busy working on videos to share with everyone via several social media platforms. But we have also been out and about, slowly and carefully, to interact with a small number of volunteers to help educate the public about the importance, now especially, about keeping pollution out of our watersheds.



Top and bottom left: Cheryl helps Blue Thumb volunteers Brian Bovard and Kim Watson prepare educational videos for the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliances virtual teacher workshop that will take place this summer.

Top and middle right: Blue Thumb has taken steps in the Crow Creek Watershed to get educational signage out. Citizens who live in the watershed "check out" one of two styles of signs. The goal is to keep the signs moving within the watershed so that more people will learn about the Crow Creek project.

Bottom right: Cheryl Cheadle poses for a photo with canine gal-pal Abby after filming an educational video at Zink Park.

