



*"Bluebirds Across Texas ...
one nestbox at a time"*

Still Part of the TBS Family



Honorary Lifetime Membership

Certified Nestbox Builder,
Jerald Mowery



Meet Jerald Mowery

Jerald Mowery is one of the four original nestbox builders certified by Don Lawrence in 2014. Jerald's interest in woodworking began in the seventh grade. He is happy to report that all these many years later, he has "a very nice shop."

After 45 years in the furniture business (retail, wholesale, and manufacturing), Jerald is always interested in opportunities requiring his woodworking skills and use of his workshop. Jerald and his wife, Mary Lou, are adamant about taking care of wildlife, especially birds. They have 6 bird feeders, 6 suet feeders, 8 hummingbird feeders, 3 wood duck nestboxes, 6 bluebird nestboxes and 2 deer feeders. Building bluebird nestboxes was a perfect match for their lifestyle!

Jerald shares the nestbox building fun with Mary Lou, and four lady friends. He appreciates the help of his building crew, known as Jerald's Bird Babes. Friends definitely make building more fun, and there is no denying that it really does take a lot of measuring, cutting and tightening screws to make 250 nestboxes at a time. It is the work of wonderful volunteers like Jerald and the Bird Babes that allow TBS to continue helping bluebirds across Texas.



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Jerald Mowery

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Certified Nestbox Builder,
Donald Mitchell



Meet Donald Mitchell

Don spent 15 years with Otis Elevator followed by 25 years with the International Union of Elevator Construction. The intricacies of mechanics and electricity are second nature to Don and have a part in other areas of his life - like restoring antique cars and all types of woodworking projects.

Don began his nestbox building career by providing neighbors with nestboxes and feeders so all could enjoy the local birds. He “googled” and joined TBS in 2010. Don noticed the request for nestbox builders in an issue of TX Blues and volunteered to become one of the first participants in the Nestbox Builder Certification process. Now his nestbox building has expanded from just a few to batches of 250 at a time.

TBS is lucky to have Don and his friends on the nestbox construction team. They make it look easy, but it is a complicated process that requires strong organizational skills to manage the process from start to finish.



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Shannon Ramsey



Meet Shannon Ramsey

Shannon spent 39+ years in the oil industry, starting as a pencil and paper accountant and moving on to develop and implement computer systems technology for Valero's retail stores. Whether he was manually creating spreadsheets or developing highly complex computer systems, Shannon followed a guiding principle for success: standardization and consistency. On paper or in a program, he knows that following specific steps in a specific order creates a quality product.

Shannon explains why the Nestbox Certification is so important, "The nestbox is a standardized and consistent item. It should not make any difference who builds the nestbox; each and every nestbox should be exactly the same regardless of any other consideration."

Our builders are asked to build a batch of 250 nestboxes. Shannon standardized his process during his first run and has been tweaking the process ever since. A lot of measuring, cutting, and assembling translates into a solid 50 hours of work to create a batch. Shannon is definitely a fast builder of quality nestboxes!



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Blue Feather Award

The Blue Feather Award

is a service award given by Texas Bluebird Society in appreciation for exemplary service benefiting our organization.

In early years, nominations came from previous recipients.

In recent years, a volunteer within the ranks rose to the top, as noticed by the president and approved by the EventPlans Team.

It is our group's "significakudo" to an individual who has made extraordinary efforts and given countless hours of service to Texas Bluebird Society.

2019 Blue Feather Award

Pat and Roland Nail



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Bluebirder of the Year Award

*In recognition
of initiatives and accomplishments
that support the mission of the
Texas Bluebird Society*

2019 Bluebirder of the Year

Donna Honkomp

