

# TN Bluebird Newsletter

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Welcome Sights This Spring and Summer

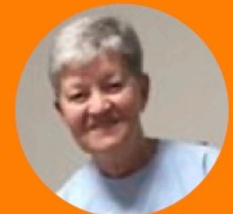


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## President's Corner



**Don Hazel, TBS President**

We are living in tough times right now. The COVID virus has disrupted our lives and for many, our livelihoods. We will get through this like tough Americans always have, but in the meantime, it is not much fun.

While many daily chores require a mask and social distancing, one activity that keeps a smile on many faces is the weekly monitoring of our bluebird trails.

For one new TBS member, a new initiation into bluebirding had a special significance this year. "Anna's" mother, age 93, lived out of state, in an assisted living facility, and until the virus restrictions, Anna was able to visit her mother every few months.

When she was no longer allowed to visit her mother, she was still able to talk on the phone and send and receive text messages. Anna sent her mother photos of her new bluebird box, and then photos of eggs, babies, and the development of the young birds. The two shared their excitement, and Anna's mother was happy and amazed by the bluebirds. Anna's mother shared the photos with her caregivers. Those Tennessee bluebirds brought happiness to a lot of people.

Then, unfortunately, in May, Anna's mom died. Although she couldn't visit her mother, Anna said she treasured the times that she was able to share in the excitement of the bluebirds during the last weeks of her mother's life.

Anna said that she hopes that other bluebird enthusiasts will remember to share the wonderful experiences that bluebirds offer with others, both near, and far away. She said it was a blessing for her, and bluebirds will always hold a special place in her heart for bringing joy to her mother near the end of her life.

Bluebirds are sometimes more than just bluebirds. Share your bluebird experiences!

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**Bluebird Factsheets** are now available on the [North American Bluebird Society website](#). The one titled **Getting Started with Bluebirds** is a great way to familiarize yourself and others with the joy of monitoring bluebirds and promoting healthy habitats for them.