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In his book, *The Devil's Highway*, **Louis Alberto Urrea** describes the ordeal twenty-six Mexican men suffered while crossing the border east of Yuma, Arizona. Fourteen of the men died in the desert. The rest barely survived. Urrea notes that US Border Patrol agents have several in-house nicknames for the Mexicans and Central Americans they track and apprehend. One is *tonk*, derived from the sound a border agent's flashlight makes when it hits an immigrant's head. The sound of metal hitting a human skull. *Tonk!*

Jesus was a *tonk*.

Like many immigrants today, **Jesus** was a poor person caught crossing the borders that more powerful people didn't want him to cross. By radically interpreting Jewish Law and tradition, rubbing shoulders and breaking bread with sinners, reaching his hand out to touch the flesh of unclean outcasts, and speaking truth to self-centered power, Jesus repeatedly stepped over the line. Recognizing the sole authority of God, Jesus refused to submit to Rome or the Jerusalem elite, which sent their agents to arrest and detain him. They didn't hit his head with a flashlight. They nailed him to a cross. *Tonk! Tonk! Tonk!*

Jesus was a *tonk*, not only because an Imperial power caught him and punished him for his transgressions, but because he identified with all the other *tonks*. *Tonks* are essentially people who suffer hard lives, long for better ones, and constantly run into the obstacles that more powerful and privileged people put in their way. In **Jesus'** day, *tonks* included small subsistence farmers in Galilee and Judea who couldn't make a living on their land because Rome and the local elite bled them dry. *Tonks* included all the suffering poor we encounter in the gospels: blind men on the side of the road crying out for mercy, sick women taken advantage of by their physicians, outcast lepers and prostitutes, the possessed, oppressed, and exploited. *Tonks* were the ones to whom **Jesus** said, "the Kingdom of God belongs to you."

Jesus was a *tonk*, and it's because he was a *tonk* that his resurrection from death was so unbelievable. *Tonks* didn't get resurrected.

In **Jesus'** day, resurrection wasn't everyday news, but it wasn't completely unheard of either. People occasionally heard claims regarding the resurrection or deification of a hero or powerful person, someone like Hercules or Caesar. It happened. People may have believed it literally or mythically, or just realized it was propaganda. But the claim that **Jesus** of Nazareth was resurrected was particularly strange and unbelievable because **Jesus** wasn't a great hero or a powerful man. He was a poor man whom Rome had captured, publicly humiliated, and crucified on a cross. In the eyes of Rome, and in the eyes of many of his fellow Jews, **Jesus** was just a criminal, fanatic, or nutcase. He was just a *tonk*. And *tonks* didn't get resurrected!

Biblical Scholar **Stephen Patterson** puts it this way: "Ancients, for the most part, had no problem in believing in resurrection per se...For ancients, resurrection is quite possible. It is what happens to the sons of gods and heroes. But **Jesus** did not fit into this fraternity. Ancients readily believed in resurrection; they just would not have thought **Jesus** to be a likely candidate. His death was not heroic. He was born a peasant and died a criminal. Yet his followers said of him what others said of Hercules, Aesclepius, or Caesar."

In his book *Power/Knowledge*, French philosopher **Michel Foucault** calls for "an insurrection of subjugated knowledges." An awkward term, I know, but what are *subjugated knowledges*? They include the knowledge of poverty that poor people carry in their hearts, minds, bodies, and souls because they live it every day. They include the suffering that hungry, hurting, sick, and dying people know in their bodies; that gay and lesbian people know when straight people discriminate against them, exclude them, and bash them; that Mexicans and Central Americans know when they've got to decide whether to stay in a rural village or an urban shantytown where there's no work, money, opportunity, and future, or to migrate north illegally, cross a dangerous border, and search furtively for something that'll enable them to survive. Subjugated knowledges include all the knowledge the deciders, definers, and gatekeepers of "official knowledge" suppress, smother, ignore, mock, and deny. They include all the knowledge that Imperial and Corporate Power casts aside as it disseminates the "official story" in its press releases describing the poor, the migrants, the *other*, and all the problems they're creating for *us* and the empire.

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You begin to scratch the surface of subjugated knowledges when you read a book like *The Devils Highway*. You get even closer when you hear immigrant workers from Mexico or Central America share their personal stories, or talk to street kids at Front Porch Lunch and Freeze Night Shelter.

Subjugated knowledges are *tonk* knowledge, and Jesus was a *tonk*.

The gospel claim that Jesus is risen from the dead and that Jesus lives is the ultimate “insurrection of subjugated knowledges.” The resurrection of Jesus is God’s refusal to allow God’s voice—speaking through a *tonk* and for all *tonks*—to be killed, silenced, and forgotten. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s refusal to allow the powerful to suppress the voices of the dominated, oppressed, and suffering. With the resurrection of Jesus, God unleashes an insurrection of hope and a passion for that day when the sound *tonk* is no longer heard, the word *tonk* no longer spoken, and the memory of being a *tonk* long forgotten.

Holy Week and Easter Service

On **Good Friday** (April 6), we’ll gather at 7 pm in the sanctuary for a service marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. During this service, we’ll read the story from scripture, share Holy Communion, and reflect on Jesus’ suffering and death as members of our trio play contemplative pieces. On **Easter Sunday** (April 8), we’ll gather on the north shore of Lady Bird lake at 7 am for our Easter Sunrise Service (sunrise is at 7:11 am). The instructions to the site are included below. At 11am, we’ll continue celebrating Jesus’ resurrection with our service in which the cross comes alive with flowering life.

Easter Sunrise Service FESTIVAL BEACH PARK



NORTH shore of Lady Bird Johnson Lake, just **EAST** of I-35.

From I-35 heading SOUTH: Heading south on I-35, get off Exit 233 and get into the far right hand lane of the exit service road. You’ll get off the service road before going over the lake by taking the right hand exit near the Holiday Inn at the sign that says Lady Bird Lake. Once at ground level, follow this road as it loops around under the I-35 bridge towards the left, then take a right on to Nash Hernandez Sr. Rd. (look for a sign to your right that says Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach). After about 2/10 of a mile on Nash Hernandez Sr. Rd., at the corner of Comal St., take a right into the parking area. We’ll be gathered just east of the parking area in the Memorial Grove.

From I-35 heading NORTH: Heading north on I-35, get off Exit 233 B and get into the far right hand lane of the service road. Immediately after crossing the river, take a right onto Flores St. (at the CITGO station), then take a quick right on to Waller St, and then a left on to Nash Hernandez Sr. Rd. (look for a sign to your left that says Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach). After about 2/10 of a mile on Nash Hernandez Sr. Rd., at the corner of Comal St., take a right into the parking area. We’ll be gathered just east of the parking area in the Memorial Grove.

Cesar Chavez Option from I-35 heading SOUTH: Heading south on I-35, take the Cesar Chavez—Holly St. Exit 234 A. Take a left on to Cesar Chavez and pass under the I-35 bridge. Continue on Cesar Chavez to Comal St., take a right on to Comal St., and head south toward Lady Bird Lake. After several blocks, cross Nash Hernandez Sr. Road and proceed into the parking area. We’ll be gathered just east of the parking area in the Memorial Grove.

Holly Street option from I-35 heading NORTH: Heading north on I-35, take the Holly St. Exit 234 A and continue on the service road over the Lake past the CITGO station until you reach the first traffic light at Holly St. Take a right on Holly St., pass through a neighborhood for several blocks until you reach Comal St., then take a right on to Comal St. and head south toward Lady Bird Lake. Cross Nash Hernandez Sr. Road and proceed into the parking area. We’ll be gathered just east of the parking area in the Memorial Grove.

From MOPAC: From MOPAC, take Cesar Chavez east. Pass under the I-35 bridge and continue east several blocks. Take a right on to Comal St. and head south toward Lady Bird Lake. After several blocks, cross Nash Hernandez Sr. Road and proceed into the parking area. We’ll be gathered just east of the parking area in the Memorial Grove.

Personals by Pat Oakes

Matt Blackstock is enjoying cards and phone visits with friends at home and he and Mary get out of the house occasionally. Matt had a procedure done on Friday, March 23rd, implanting 4 sand-sized grains of gold around a major metastasis in his right lung, preparatory to undergoing 5 sessions of a cyber-knife treatment (no incisions) to shrink or remove entirely the growth. That will start on April 9th. With the gold in his lung, Matt is pleased to report, "I am now worth an extra hundred dollars or so!!" The sessions are outpatient, being done at Brackenridge Hospital. \Please continue to keep Matt and Mary in your prayers—and keep those cards, letters and calls coming in.

It was a joy to see **Dick Jackson** and **Mary Sinclair** at church on **March 4**. They made a trip from Canada to visit with their good friend Matt Blackstock and also had a chance to see many old friends at the service on Sunday



Don Brown, Dick Jackson and Mary Sinclair visiting from Canada, Mel Oakes, Lynne Lemley.

morning. Mary has been back several times in the eight years (can it really be that long?) since they moved, first to Colorado and then to Heidelberg, Canada (near Toronto). It was Dick's first time back and he was very glad to see everyone.

Don Miles says plans are on schedule for "Cinco de Mayo Weekend" in Austin. His nonprofit group will stage a dinner dance on Friday night, May 4, at the **Holiday Inn La-**

dybird Lake, and reenact the Battle of Puebla on both Saturday and Sunday, **May 5-6**, at **Camp Mabry**. (Go to <http://www.BattleofPuebla.com> for details.) It looks like a lot of fun!!

Carol and John Burlinson report that their son **Jake** and his National Guard company finally finished their long run up to their deployment and left for **Afghanistan on Monday, March 13**. They've been told they probably won't hear from him for up to a month - this is normal. Of course, they are very concerned about recent events in Afghanistan which have made the situation there even more volatile. If anyone would like to write to Jake they could send mail to Carol and she'd be happy to forward it: **Carol Burlinson**, 4502 Andalusia Dr. Austin, TX 78759.

Barbara Sterling reports that it seems so long since she and **Bob Brander** have been in church. She hadn't been feeling really well after they came back from the holidays, but blamed her tiredness and shortness of breath on allergies and "overdoing." She finally went to her doctor to see if her lungs were okay (so many allergies), and after "going the rounds" through the cardiologist, nuclear stress test, and heart catheterization, she ended up getting two stents. She is doing fine and is now in cardiac rehab -- getting back in shape. During all this time, one grandson got engaged, and another grandson announced that he and his wife are about to make her a great-grandmother! Barbara didn't think she was that old, but she is very excited. She and Bob hope to be back in church before spring is over!

Julia Deisler is thrilled to announce that her first product from her new food company **Gypsy Grove Foods** is now in the store! If you go to **Wheatville Co-op at 3101 Guadalupe**, you will find Julia's Caesar Salad Dressing rockin' the produce department shelf (next to the other refrigerated dressings.) w o u l d appreciate show of Buy a bot- and give reason to more right (and keep dressing on shelves for many years to come.)



An interesting history note about the church: this is not the first salad dressing launched by a church member. During the ministry of **Fred Cole** in the 1950s, a parishioner developed **La Martinique** salad dressing and prepared it in the church basement!

Jason Quisenberry just returned from two weeks of work travel to India in mid-March. He got to see the **Taj Mahal**, but the most interesting part was the long drive to get to this wonder. **Shannon Quisenberry** had surgery on her foot which hopefully will alleviate a chronic pain problem in her 2nd metatarsal and is healing well. Twins **Juliet** and **Scarlett**, their own wee Irish Step Dancers, were in high-demand for the St. Patrick's Day season. They were featured dancers in the adult number in front of several hundred people in San Antonio for the Irish Heritage Day festival and also danced in the Central Market St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th. Juliet dedicated a song to her daddy, "because he made me Irish."



Scarlett and Juliet Quisenberry watering plants in the church garden on March 4.

Barbara Burnham had a wonderful time at the latest quarterly meeting of the **Jane Austen Society of Austin**. They met on March 11 to discuss "Pride and Prejudice," the first time they have discussed that book since she has been a member. Usually someone presents a little paper, but this year they are doing something different. The presenter is charged with preparing some scenes from the book to be read dramatically by members of the club. Barbara had the good fortune to read Elizabeth Bennet's rejection of Mr. Darcy's first marriage proposal. She did try to put some expression into it, and it must have been successful, because by the end, people were fanning themselves! To paraphrase Austen, it was most gratifying. At each meeting there is also a quiz, and this time the test was designed to be a doozy, considering that they all knew the

book so well (supposedly). There was one question that no one got right: Which character in the book said that if he had Mr. Darcy's money, he would drink a bottle of wine every day? They had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the summer meeting, which will center on "Emma" and include a Box Hill picnic. *P.S. The answer to the above: Charlotte Lucas's brother.* In other news from Barbara, she greatly enjoyed a visit from son **Robin** and his wife **Julia** and their adorable 6 month old daughter **Samantha**. There was a lot of oohing and aaahing at church on Sunday the 18th when they made an appearance.



Florence Castle, Robin Rosson and Julia Ross with their daughter Samantha and her paternal grandmother Barbara Burnham at church on March 18th.



We said goodbye to Fred and Carol Scott on March 18th. (Joe McMillan, ?, and Tommie Pinkard in background.)

A fond farewell was said to **Carol and Fred Scott** at church on Sunday, March 18th. They have now moved back to their home near Kansas City, Missouri. They made the long trek from Georgetown nearly every Sunday and will be greatly missed.

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Paul Deisler, our correspondent in the **Texas Coastal Bend**, writes that things are peaceful there: no hurricanes (yet), no blizzards, and little excitement, politically. Many yawn when they hear the word "debate." There are the nightly murders, of course, but they are expected and do not disturb the overall peace. Visits from out-of-town family members are frequent and are always fun. On March 8, Paul and his daughter **Jane** had a far-out-of-town visitor: Paul's old boss in Compañía Shell de Venezuela, in Caracas, Mr. Ken Wetherell. His daughter Sarah and her husband live, for the moment, in Houston and Ken came to visit her from his home in Oxford, England. He persuaded her to drive him to Corpus Christi just to visit them before and over lunch. It is hard to express how very welcome that visit was with its tales of old times and reminiscences about old colleagues, some still living, many long gone but alive in their joint memories. Ken and Paul have maintained their friendship for years via correspondence, most recently via email. A face to face visit was a rare treat. Ken and Jane were glad to see each other, too. She remembers him well from Venezuela, especially for a trip, on foot and in a dugout canoe she, Ken and Paul made through the jungles of far southern Venezuela. Jane has also, for years, sought and found rare books for Ken as he followed his retirement hobby of translating Spanish histories of Colombia and Panama into English. She also marketed his works, including a massive, four-volume history of Colombia, via her online bookstore. Jane and Sarah hit it off as Ken and Paul rambled on. Both Jane and Sarah own multiple dogs and that fact was food for much talk between them. After their wonderful visit, Paul says he is back to normal but with a bit of a sense of uplift. Paul and Jane made a trip to San Antonio in late March to visit their spouses' grave sites.



Rambie and Fran Briggs with Tommie Pinkard and Mardie Oakes on Sunday, March 11.

Mel and Pat Oakes had a bunch of company come visiting over the past month--a cousin from **Michigan** for a day, Pat's niece and nephew-in-law with their 2 children 9 and 3 1/2 months, plus daughter **Mardie** came for 5 days from San Francisco. **Mardie** and her husband **Tony** are

expecting their first child in early May. Tony could not get away from work, but Mardie was able to come home and see old friends and come to church on Sunday morning.

Marilyn Gaddis and George Carruthers departed from **San Marcos** on **Amtrak** on **February 13th**. They headed west to visit friends, relatives, and to participate in a very interesting **Road Scholar** program, "The Great Gray Whale Migration and Baja's Natural Wonders." Some 50 years ago, Marilyn's interest in whales was piqued by a UCLA graduate course on marine life. She finally realized her dream when their shuttle bus from **Guerrero Negro** drove through the **Exportadora de Sal** (salt plant) to **Scammon's Lagoon**. After boarding a small fishing boat (a panga), they raced out to the area for a three hour observation of the grey whales and their calves. The tour guide indicated that there were more whales this year than had been observed for several decades. Yes, the moms and babies did come up to the boat and allowed them to stroke them. Marilyn says there is no other experience like seeing a whale eye to eye! The skin on the babies was smooth like a dolphin (their cousin) but the mamas had barnacles on their backs - one had to be careful! The program included another visit to **Scammons** and a visit to **San Ignacio Lagoon**— a 40 mile trip over a very rough road. The lagoon is designated as a biosphere reserve with the viewing limited to a certain area. Marilyn's dream was realized several times over! Other aspects of the program included visiting the **Tijuana Museum** of the Californias, taking colorful walks in the desert (it had rained recently), bird-watching, climbing to a cave to view ancient paintings, and watching secondary school students perform area dances in preparation for a national competition. While passing through **San Diego**, they called and talked with **Yoshi and Setsuko Kaneda** who sent their regards to everyone!

Jason and Kristen Parkhill and big brother **Caleb** (age 4) are delighted to announce the arrival of **Zooley** (rhymes with Joey) Jane who arrived on Thursday night, March 15, 2012, weighing in at 7 lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long. They were home and getting settled in by St. Patrick's Day and hope to be back at church in a few weeks. (see photo on page 7.)

A group of stitchers has been working on making repairs to the tapestry which has hung in the sanctuary for more than 30 years. Among the stitchers are **Sara Ross, Christie Kuhner, Nancy Edison, Lynne Lemley, Jaime Hadley, and Pat Oakes**. The hope at this writing is that it will be reinstalled by **Easter Sunday**. (see photo on page 7).

Brazos Association News

March 2012

by Liz Nash

National Youth Event Transportation: The Brazos Association will be giving out scholarships for Association youth and adults for travel expenses to the **UCC National Youth Event (NYE), July 10-13, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.** Several of our Association churches are planning to send groups. Each year, our association has set aside money to help our youth attend. The **South Central Conference** anticipates reserving two buses to take our youth and chaperones together, leaving Texas on July 9 and returning July 15, with a travel cost of approximately \$200 per person. (This amount will be finalized when we know how many people are confirmed to go.) Our association will pay \$140 of this cost. To reserve spaces for your youth group on the Conference bus(es), churches should send \$50 per person to the South Central Conference by April 15. Reservations are first come, first served, meaning that, if our bus capacity fills, the earlier reservations will be accommodated first. Even if you will not be traveling on the Conference bus, churches must register their youth (pay the \$100 deposit – see below) for **National Youth Event** and let me know by **May 1st** in order to receive our association travel scholarship money. Contact me at lizknash@gmail.com or at 512-231-0045 to let me know how many have registered for National Youth Event from your church or with questions. You can learn about this outstanding event and register for it at <http://www.ucc.org/youth/nye/>. The fee for the event, \$415 (with a \$100 deposit per church required as a registration deposit) covers food, room, and activities at NYE and is paid to the national UCC.

The Brazos Association Spring Meeting will be held at **Friends Congregational UCC in College Station on Sunday, April 22**, from 3 pm through dinner. At this meeting, we will be fulfilling one of the most important responsibilities of the Association as we hold the **Ecclesiastical Council of Beth Gleason**, who is in discernment (in care) at Congregational Church of Austin. We also anticipate holding a second Ecclesiastical Council that is not yet finalized. An Ecclesiastical Council is when the Association receives the ordination paper of a candidate who has been recommended for ordination by our Church and Ministry Committee after a substantial period of preparation (usually with a Master of Divinity degree from a seminary) and, after questioning the candidate, prayerfully considers and votes on ordination approval. If approved, the candidate can be ordained after receiving a recognized call to ministry, usually in a local church or chaplaincy position. Each denomination has a different ordination process. In the UCC, this great responsibility rests with the membership of our Association churches. Thus, we need your prayerful and wise participation. Beth's (and possibly a second candidate's) ordination paper(s) will be sent to all of our churches in

time for those of you who attend to read them. We hope you will be part of this important, interesting, and vital process at our Spring meeting.

The South Central Conference Annual Meeting, with the theme "Through Resurrection Eyes," will be held **June 1-3**, at the **New Braunfels Civic Center**. Registration information has been sent via hardcopy mailing to all conference churches, and is available for download on the South Central Conference's website. Registration is due by **May 1st**, with an additional cost after that date. All SCC church members are welcome and invited!

The South Central Conference website, <http://www.sccucc.org/>, has been revised and re-activated by our new Conference office administrator, **Rev. Chris Markert**. We welcome Chris to the Conference office in Houston, and are grateful for his gifts and work in getting the website up and working.

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash
Brazos Association Minister

Crop Walk 2012

On Sunday, March 4, **Megan Goff, Reuel and Liz Nash**, and members of the **University Christian Church** walked together to benefit the **2012 Crop Walk**, a program of Church World Service, which benefits many poor and hungry people. According to **Kevin Murphy** at the local office, the Congregational Church raised \$415, more than last year, and so far, local churches and contributors have raised \$64,000. He believes the final total will be over \$80,000 after all the money has trickled in. Many worthy causes are helped by this offering, including the **Capital Area Food Bank, Micah 6, Urban Roots** for gardening project, and several other food banks and refugee assistance entities. Thanks to the walkers and all who sponsored them with their contributions!!

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Kristen and Jason Parkhill at church the Sunday before their due date of March 8, 2012, awaiting the arrival of Caleb's baby sister.

Spring Retreat at Slumber Falls Camp

Mark your calendars for the Spring **Retreat at Slumber Falls Camp, New Braunfels**, Friday evening through Saturday evening, **May 4 & 5**.

This year we are planning a fun retreat, featuring **movies and music**.

Do you have a film that you think everyone should see? One that you saw and keep thinking about and would like to discuss? Is there a movie that we should all sing along to or heckle at? Are there hymns that you want to sing, and maybe don't get to sing them often enough in church?

Please send your suggestions to someone on the **program planning committee** -- Dennis Murphy, Barbara Burnham, Bill Beardall, Tom VandeStadt, or me.

We hope to include a **children's program** this year, so if you think your family would enjoy time out of doors and watching movies, please let me know as soon as possible.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help with meal planning and other preparations -- contact me about that, too!

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One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1080 and Counting

Once a year our church joins with **UCC** and seven other denominations to fund refugee and disaster aid and development projects around the world. CCoA members and friends have donated \$1080 to this year's campaign -- so far! The "official" **OGHS** Sunday occurs in March, but donations can be made on-line year-round at <http://www.ucc.org/oghs> or through our church (make the subject line "OGHS").

Last year OGHS helped with recovery from the Bastrop fires, the Japanese tsunami, and ongoing efforts in Haiti. Some projects included trauma awareness and recovery services in Sierra Leon, a school in the Philippines, children's playgrounds in Middle Eastern refugee camps, a hospital in India, and wells in several communities. The web site above is a great place to visit, with lots of details about how much money is raised and where it goes, plus videos and stories about the people we serve.



Christie Kuhner and Sara Ross working on the tapestry.

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Return Service Requested

Deadline for May Visitor—April 23

Hildegard Kuehne Everett was a long time member of the church--and her father **Dr. J. M. Kuehne** was an early member of the church and on the Department of Physics faculty at UT. Her family was part of the early German community here in Austin. Many years ago she taught me how to make Easter eggs the way the early German settlers in Fredericksburg did — using bluebonnets and onion skins.



You will need the papery part of onion skins (yellow or red—I have never tried white—don't know if that works!) or 5-6 bluebonnets per egg--plus as many uncooked white-shelled eggs as you would like. You will also need strips of cloth and straight pins. Carefully holding an egg in one

hand, arrange the papery onion skin around the shell, holding it as tightly as you can and covering as much of the egg as you can. Take a strip of cloth and wrap it as tightly as possible around the egg, covering the onion skin and the shell. Secure the end of the cloth strip with a straight pin, taking care not to pierce the egg! Place the eggs (onion ones in one pot and bluebonnet ones in another). Cover with cold water, bring to a boil, boil a minute or so and

then let them sit in the boiling hot water for 30 minutes or so. Run cold water over the eggs and remove the cloth strips. The onion-dyed eggs will be lovely shades of yellow, gold, and brown and the blue-bonnet eggs will be a pale greenish/gray/blue with imprints of the flowers in delicate blues and greens and flecks of pink or purple.