



Glad Tidings

Celebrating Our Volunteers in 2023

Congratulations to Training Class graduates who received their Initial Certification green dragonfly pin in 2023:

- Karen Dean
- Marvelyn Granger
- Jim Kelley
- Scott Maddox
- Debra Salcedo
- Carey Soderstrom
- Barry Zeluff

The 2024 recertification pin depicts a coiled Western diamondback rattlesnake.



Texas Master Naturalist Mission

To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

Recertifications Show Dedication



In Texas Master Naturalist terms, 2023 was the year of ecoregions. Chapter members who recertified in 2023, giving 40 hours of their time volunteering and earning 8 advanced training hours, received this Texas-shaped pin to add to their bling. For many of our members, the pin joins the lightning wheelk, side oats grama, bumblebee, warbler, ocelot, turtle, bass, bluebonnet, armadillo, monarch, and many more!

Congratulations and thank you to all those **recertifying** for 2023 and earning the colorful ecoregions pin:

- Chuck Babb
- Marcia Braun
- Mark Brown
- Patti Brown
- Lori Buffum
- Peggy Cadenhead
- Carol Daniels
- Karen Dean
- Jaci Elliott
- Ken English
- Linda Esco
- John Gardner
- Karen Gardner
- Carol Gaskamp
- Vicky Greene
- Debra Healy
- David Hessel
- David Itz
- Julie Itz
- B.R. Koehler
- Charlene Koehler
- Chuck Linton
- Frank Michel
- Chris Morrison

- Donna Mueller
- Cathy Nolte
- Betsy Palkowsky
- Jennifer Prihoda
- Tim Rackley
- Swee Leng Rapatz
- Ann Ray
- Cindy Rodibaugh
- Susan Scanio
- Tom Scanio
- Betty Scardino
- Dottie Schoeneberg
- Connie Shortes
- Nita Tiemann
- Denise Turner
- Susan Vanderworth
- Jon Watkins
- Belinda Weatherly
- Jim Weatherly
- Sheri Wilcox
- Jim Wilson
- Karen Woods
- Barry Zeluff

As of December 6th, 85 chapter members have given 5,953 hours of volunteer service to the Texas Master Naturalist Program. Those hours are worth more than \$136,900 to our sponsoring agencies, TPWD and AgriLife Extension. Keeping ourselves educated, we've recorded 1,451 advanced training hours.

Milestone Awards Recognize Commitment

Year after year, chapter members volunteer their time furthering the mission of our organization. When a member accumulates a certain number of all-time service hours, the accomplishment is honored with a special dragonfly pin and a place on our website milestone page: <https://txmn.org/glc/about/glc-milestones/>. Here are GLC members who achieved **milestone awards** in 2023. Congratulations to all!



250 Hours – Bronze Pin

Chuck Babb, David Hessel, Swee Leng Rapatz, Connie Shortes, Denise Turner



500 Hours – Pewter Pin

Mark Brown, Peggy Cadenhead, Ken English, John Gardner, Susan Scanio



1,000 Hours – Gold Pin

Marcia Braun, Nita Tiemann

Our Program is Celebrating 25 Years!

Learn more about the anniversary storytelling project and this beautiful artwork at

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/25th-anniversary-storytelling-project/>

