



The GLC Tidings



Coming soon: This “Grit” pin (illustrated above) will be awarded to master naturalists who completed 8 hours of advanced training and recorded a volunteer hour in 2020. This once-in-a-lifetime pin honors our dedication to the Texas Master Naturalist program throughout the challenging year of the pandemic.



2021 is the year of our native state grass, Sideoats Grama.

Who will be the first in our chapter to add the new bling to their collection? It could be you!

A Special Edition to Honor Our Volunteers

In Texas Master Naturalist terms, 2020 was the year of the American Bumblebee. Chapter members who recertified in 2020, giving 40 hours of their time volunteering and earning 8 advanced training hours, received this bee pin. For some of our members, the bird joins the warbler, ocelot, turtle, bass, bluebonnet, armadillo, monarch, bat, lizard, duck, salamander, sage, shrimp, and cactus – and that takes us back to 2006 when our chapter began!



Congratulations and thank you to all those **recertifying** for 2020 and earning the bumblebee bling:

Barbara Boucher	Mark Brown
Lori Buffum	Peggy Cadenhead
Steve Capan	Carol Daniels
Judy Deaton	Jaci Elliott
Ken English	Linda Esco
John Gardner	Karen Gardner
Ellis Giles	Mary Helen Giles
Randy Hegemeyer	David Hessel
Lori Hessel	Annette Holdeman
Jan Hughes	Julie Itz
Royceanna Kendall	B.R. Koehler
Charlene Koehler	Jamie Lee Manning
Ellen Morris	Chris Morrison
Donna Mueller	Betsy Palkowsky
Jennifer Pihoda	Ann Ray
Terry Rooney	Susan Scanio
Tom Scanio	Betty Scardino
Tom Shaughnessy	Dottie Schoeneberg
Marty Schoenemann	Nita Tiemann
Susan Vanderworth	Jon Watkins
Belinda Weatherly	Jim Weatherly
Sheri Wilcox	Jim Wilson
Charles Winker	

Recertifying for 2019 (after 12/4/2019) and earning the warbler.

Steve Capan	Karen Mahoney-Woods
Betty Scardino	

Graduates of the Class of 2019 or 2020 who received their **Initial Certification** dragonfly pin in 2020 are:

Barbara Boucher	Norbert Dittrich	Ken English
Ellis Giles	David Hessel	Lori Hessel
Ellen Morris	Denise Turner	

Milestone Awards Recognize Dedicated Volunteers

Year after year, our chapter members volunteer their time furthering the mission of our organization. When a member accumulates 250, 500, 1000, 2500, 4000, 5000, and 10,000 service hours, his/her accomplishment is honored with a special Dragonfly pin. We congratulate members who have achieved milestone awards in the last year! For a full list of all chapter members recognized under the highest milestone achieved to date, we invite you to visit the Milestone pages on our chapter website: <https://txmn.org/glc/about/glc-milestones/>. **Congratulations to all!**

250 Hours – Bronze Pin



Karen Gardner	John Gardner	Jan Hughes
Charlene Koehler	Jon Watkins	

500 Hours – Silver Pin



Marcia Braun	Tom Hobbs	Royceanna Kendall
Sheri Wilcox	Charles Winker	


Introducing the 2021 Recertification Pin:



Sideoats Grama
Bouteloua curtipendula


- State Grass of Texas
- Found across much of Texas
- Adapted to most soil types in Texas
- Provides excellent livestock forage
- Seed available for restoration
- Should be grown by all for Texas





In 2020, our chapter members gave 5,638 hours of volunteer service to the Texas Master Naturalist Program. WOW! And, we recorded 1364 advanced training hours.

Thanks to all for your dedication in a difficult year. We are "Gideon Linccum proud." Now let's see if we can beat those numbers in 2021.



Please join us, virtually, on January 23rd at our chapter meeting, so we can celebrate together.