



The GLC Tidings



Celebrating our chapter members' accomplishments from January 1 through September 18, 2021, we wish you a **Fantastic Fall** and hope this special edition will inspire every Master Naturalist to earn this year's "bling" as we persevere to carry out the mission of our organization.



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

Graduates of the Class of 2021 (or before) who received their **Initial Certification** dragonfly pin in 2021:

- Patti Brown
- Cathy Nolte
- Joanna Hagler
- Chuck Linton
- Tim Rackley
- Swee Leng Rapatz

A Special Edition to Honor Our Volunteers

January 1, 2021 through September 18, 2021

Perseverance through the Pandemic

In Texas Master Naturalist terms, 2021 is the year of Sideoats Grama. Chapter members who recertify in 2021, giving 40 hours of their time volunteering and earning 8 advanced training hours, receive this grass pin to add to their bling. For some of our members, the pin joins the bumblebee, 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 2021 so far and earning the sideoats grama pin:

Marcia Braun	Mark Brown
Lori Buffum	Peggy Cadenhead
Carol Daniels	Jaci Elliott
Ken English	Linda Esco
David Hessel	Annette Holdeman
Julie Itz	B.R. Koehler
Charlene Koehler	Chris Morrison
Donna Mueller	Betsy Palkowsky
Ann Ray	Tom Scanio
Betty Scardino	Dottie Schoeneberg
Nita Tiemann	Jon Watkins
Belinda Weatherly	Jim Weatherly
Ginny Welch	Sheri Wilcox

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 2021 (as of September 18th)! 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

Peggy Cadenhead Annette Holdeman Jamie Lee Manning Ann Ray



500 Hours – Silver Pin

Julie Itz B.R. Koehler Jennifer Prihoda Jim Wilson



1,000 Hours – Gold Pin

Jaci Elliott Belinda Weatherly



2,500 Hours – Polished Silver Pin

Lori Buffum

Getting to know 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





So far, in 2021, our chapter members have given 4,096 hours of volunteer service to the Texas Master Naturalist Program. WOW! And, we recorded 933 advanced training hours.

We are well on our way to beating the numbers for 2020. Let's finish off the year with a flourish.



Please join us on November 20th at our chapter meeting, so we can celebrate together.