



The GLC Tidings

A Special Edition to Honor Our Volunteers

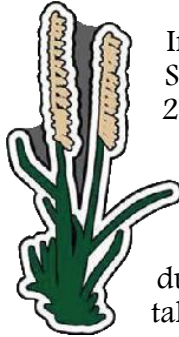


Celebrating our chapter members' accomplishments for the tumultuous year of 2021, we wish you a **Tremendous 2022** and hope this special edition will inspire every Master Naturalist to earn this year's "bling" as we carry out the mission of our organization.

Congratulations to Training Class graduates who received their Initial Certification green dragonfly pin in 2021:

Chuck Babb
Patti Brown
Joanna Hagler
Clay Kartye
Chuck Linton
Cathy Nolte
Tim Rackley
Swee Leng Rapatz
Connie Shortes

Recertifications Show Dedication



In Texas Master Naturalist terms, 2021 was the year of Sideoats Grama. Chapter members who recertified in 2021, giving 40 hours of their time volunteering and earning 8 advanced training hours, received 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 and earning the sideoats grama pin:

Barbara Boucher	Chuck Linton
Marcia Braun	Jamie Lee Manning
Mark Brown	Chris Morrison
Lori Buffum	Donna Mueller
Peggy Cadenhead	Betsy Palkowsky
Steve Capan	Jennifer Prihoda
Carol Daniels	Tim Rackley
Norbert Dittrich	Ann Ray
Jaci Elliott	Terry Rooney
Ken English	Susan Scanio
Linda Esco	Tom Scanio
John Gardner	Betty Scardino
Karen Gardner	Dottie Schoeneberg
Ellis Giles	Tom Shaughnessy
Mary-Helen Giles	Nita Tiemann
Randy Hegemeyer	Denise Turner
David Hessel	Susan Vanderworth
Lori Hessel	Jon Watkins
Annette Holdeman	Belinda Weatherly
Jan Hughes	Jim Weatherly
Julie Itz	Ginny Welch
B.R. Koehler	Sheri Wilcox
Charlene Koehler	Jim Wilson
	Charlie Winker

Milestone Awards Recognize Commitment

In 2021, our chapter members gave 5,624 hours of volunteer service to the Texas Master Naturalist Program. That translates to \$162,000 worth of service. And, we recorded 1,420.5 advanced training hours.

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. Here are GLC members who achieved milestone awards in 2021. For a full list of milestone awards, visit our chapter website: <https://txmn.org/glc/about/glc-milestones/> . **Congratulations to all!**



250 Hours – Bronze Pin

Peggy Cadenhead Annette Holdeman Jamie Lee Manning



500 Hours – Pewter Pin

Julie Itz B.R. Koehler Jennifer Prihoda Ann Ray Tom Shaughnessy Jim Wilson



1,000 Hours – Gold Pin

Jaci Elliott Belinda Weatherly Sheri Wilcox



2,500 Hours – Polished Silver Pin

Lori Buffum

Introducing the 2022 Recertification Pin



The Lightning Whelk (*Busycon perversum pulleyi*) was designated as the state shell of Texas in 1987. Named for Dr. T.E. Pulley, a well-known Texas naturalist and teacher, it is one of the few that is “left handed”, and one of the first shells to appear on a US postage stamp.



Recognizing the challenges of remaining an active member during the COVID pandemic, the state is again awarding a special “Service Against All Odds” pin to the **59** GLC members who logged at least 8 AT hours and 1 volunteer hour in 2021. The pins will be awarded in March.